

NEWSLETTER



SUPER BOWL POOL WINNERS FLANKED
BY Bill Bellis on left and John Barston on Right

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All is well with the SMA..Weather cancellations were disappointing, but programs have been rewarding thanks to John Podkowsky and his team, as well as all of you volunteers who keep things on track.

Some highlights and kudos :
our budget shows a favorable balance as it is well managed by Bob Ready. Your refreshment donations have helped a lot—keep them coming please !
The trip to interesting museums in New York led by Bill Winship was a smash success.
Ben Briggs and Ed Mulock are revitalizing our web site (<http://sma.darien.org>) with current speaker schedules and activities.

Photo by Michael Poler

Attendance has been fine but we still have openings for new members so talk it up and sign up your friends and neighbors.John

Schachtenhaufen, with the assistance of Jim Armour and Tom Dunn, are strengthening Our Cousins/Voss fund which is used on occasion for special capital needs. As promised in the last newsletter, here are some more thanks to members who keep the ball rolling:

* To Frank Kemp for maintaining membership lists and getting out our email blasts and Newsletter labels.

* To the captains who are making sure our refreshments are out each week—

John Barston , Bill Cox, Bill Harrington, Marc Thorne, Michael Savage and Bill Stearns.

* To our video crew—Tom Thompson, George Brookner, and George Walsh- for producing excellent tapes of our weekly speakers.

Now a couple of requests—many of you volunteer for various responsibilities—Thank you. However, there are always more so please step forward when asked, or let us know what you would like to do to help run the show. And, let's make sure our new members are enthusiastically welcomed into our group—those of you who sponsor them can assist with this.

Let's enjoy the coming spring !!

Sincerely, Kirk Jewett, President

PROGRAMS

Wednesday March 2, 2011

The Beekeeper

Howland Blackiston, author of *Beekeeping for Dummies* has more than 20 years experience keeping bees. He has written many articles on beekeeping and been on dozens of television and radio programs (CNBC, CNN, NPR and Sirius Satellite Radio). Howland has been a conference keynote speaker in more than 40 countries.

Suggested and Arranged by John Podkowsky

Wednesday March 9, 2011

The State of Education in Connecticut

Dr. David Levinson, President of Norwalk Community College since 2004, will speak about education in Connecticut generally and the role of NCC which, under his guidance, recently was one of only 15 schools selected to receive a grant from the Melinda & Bill Gates Foundation. NCC has an active program, Lifetime Learners, catering to those aged 55 and over with close to 10 % of enrollees from Darien. NCC is building a Workout Center & Gymnasium to be opened later this year and open free to all students.

Suggested and Arranged by Peter Hallock

Wednesday March 16, 2011

Inside the CIA

David P. Hunt retired as Senior Officer from the Central Intelligence Agency where he served for 32 years, primarily in the Directorate of Operations. Hunt holds the Donovan Award for Excellence as well as the Agency's Distinguished Intelligence Medal. He served extensively overseas with tours in Italy, Saigon and Chief of station in Mogadishu, Somalia. His expertise was in Soviet affairs and counter intelligence.

Suggested by John Schlachtenhaufen and Arranged by John Podkowsky

Wednesday March 23, 2011

Our Man in Washington

Jim Himes, serving his 2nd term as our representative from the 4th District in the US House of Representatives, will discuss many topics of interest to members. He received an undergraduate degree from Harvard, and at Oxford was a prestigious Rhodes Scholar. He worked 12 years at Goldman Sachs leaving as a vice president. Then he worked in New York on the City's unique urban poverty challenges. Jim's presentation will be followed by an extensive Q & A period

Suggested and Arranged By Wally Pugh

Wednesday March 30, 2011

United States Coast Guard

Commander Holly Najurian from USCG Headquarters for Long Island Sound will tell us of the many responsibilities she has in this area concerning issues like navigation aids marine safety, traffic services and projects like wind turbines, spill response and, cables across the Sound and effluent or waste discharges and effects on shellfish. She is also concerned with new technologies in many of these areas.

Suggested and Arranged by Peter Hallock

Wednesday April 6, 2011

Wikileaks: What's Going On ?

Veteran CBS newsman **Al Briganti** will address concerns about Wikileaks. Can our government keep secrets in the age of the internet? Should news organizations that publish details from Wikileaks face criminal prosecution? Al Briganti, nine-time Emmy award winner, will draw upon his nearly 40 years in broadcast journalism to discuss these new challenges posed to our security and our Constitution.

Suggested by Kirk Jewett and Arranged by John Podkowsky

Wednesday April 13, 2011

Spring Entertainment

The Blue Notes, a group of local women singers who have entertained local audiences for over 50 years, will bring us their delightful presentation of Broadway hits, old Tin Pan Alley and other popular songs. Bring your dancing shoes, as they will lead us in their dancing routines.

Suggested and Arranged by Wally Pugh

Wednesday April 20, 2011

Artist, Eric Arctander

For more than 30 years Eric Arctander has created site-specific art, often in large scale, demarking specialness of place. His blue and green lines painted on Manhattan streets showed the original shoreline of old Nieuw Amsterdam. Another work placed 400 metal stars on a 30 mile route used by a Revolutionary War heroine, Sybil Ludington, to warn a militia. Eric's art has been featured in many NY publications and art history texts. He is on the faculty in The School of Visual Arts.

Suggested and Arranged by Dick Cutler

Wednesday April 27, 2011

The Connecticut Mirror

James Cutie, CEO and Publisher of this new media (as of January 2010) will give an overview on current state of news media with focus on Connecticut including the role of non-partisan and non-profit media. Emerging media and communication business models and support systems will be part of his talk. The Mirror specializes on policies and decisions specially affecting Connecticut. A weekly, the Mirror can be subscribed to on the internet.

Suggested and Arranged by Pewter Hallock

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At present the membership total is 283 with openings for Darien and out-of-town, and it is easy for new members to join. Application forms are available at my desk and are included as an insert in this Newsletter.

Charles J. Seidler, Jr., a Darien resident since 1975, received undergraduate and law degrees from Fordham University and an LTM in Taxation from New York University. He practiced in New York and lists Davidson, Dawson & Clarke as a former affiliation. Recently he was "of counsel" at a prominent NYC firm. He has broad experience in charitable private foundations as well as remainder trusts for individuals of means. Charles authored "Avoiding Problems of Owning Reversionary Interests" in Estate Planning Magazine. He is a member of NY State and City Bar Associations and sits on the board of Laerdal Medical Corp., makers of medical equipment. He serves on the Trust and Estate Advisory Committee of Memorial Sloan-Kettering. Charles and his wife Janet have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He is a member of New York Yacht Club and University Club in New York.

Robert C. George, M.D., who was born in Buffalo, NY, is an orthopaedic surgeon. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Yale with a BA degree and from Yale's Medical School with an MD. His internship and residency were at Tufts New England Medical Center hospitals in Boston. From 1968 to 1970 Bob served in the US Air Force. He then attended the Harvard Combined Orthopedic Residency program in Boston.

From 1974 to 2007 Bob had a private practice in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine in Norwalk. At Norwalk Hospital Bob was on the Senior Attending Staff, Chief Emeritus, Orthopedic Surgery and on the Board of Trustees. He was a member of various state and national medical associations.

Bob's wife Linda graduated from Manhattanville College and has a Master of Public Health from Yale. Their daughter Alison is an attorney and son Douglas is pursuing a master's degree at NYU. The Georges are interested in golf, boating, art, travel and more recently politics.

C. Flemming Heilmann was born of Danish parents in Malaya where he was raised until the Japanese invasion at the start of WW II caused him to go to Australia. After the war Flemming spent 5 years in Denmark and then attended boarding school in England earning BA and MA degrees in economics and law at Downing College and Cambridge University

As an executive and investor in branded consumer goods packaging, he worked 3-years in England and 17 in South Africa. In 1977 he came to the US to join Continental Can Co. as senior executive for their European Operations. From 1984 on, Flemming invested in and operated successfully several IPO's and turnaround projects in Canada and the United States

Along with his wife Judy, Flemming has been active in numerous Scandinavian and Danish-American organizations and with Cornell University's Graduate Studies for outstanding economic scholars from Copenhagen University. Living in Rowayton, the Heilmanns have 5 children and 6 grandsons and their interests include outdoor sports, hacker golf, classical music and boating.

Chick Scribner, Membership Chair

SOCIAL EVENTS

On January 20th a busload of SMAers and their friends journeyed to visit the Morris-Jumel Mansion and the Hispanic Society of America. Everyone raved about how interesting these two little known sites were and applauded Bill Winship for discovering them for us.

SAVE THE DATES

The next event will be a visit to Consumers Union Laboratory in Yonkers on Thursday, March 17th, where many products are tested for publication in Consumers Report Magazine. There will be two tours followed by lunch and afterwards a visit to the Historic Philipse Manor Hal, as covered by Ed Lukock's insert.

On April 14th a trip to New Jersey will include visits to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Immigration Center and a lunch of your own choosing.

Our last trip of the 2010-2011 season will be a tour of Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington on Thursday, May 19. This Estate has a magnificent house with many paintings by Degas, Monet and Whistler. Lunch will follow at the Grist Mill overlooking the rapids of Farmington River.

Frank Johnson, Social Events Chair

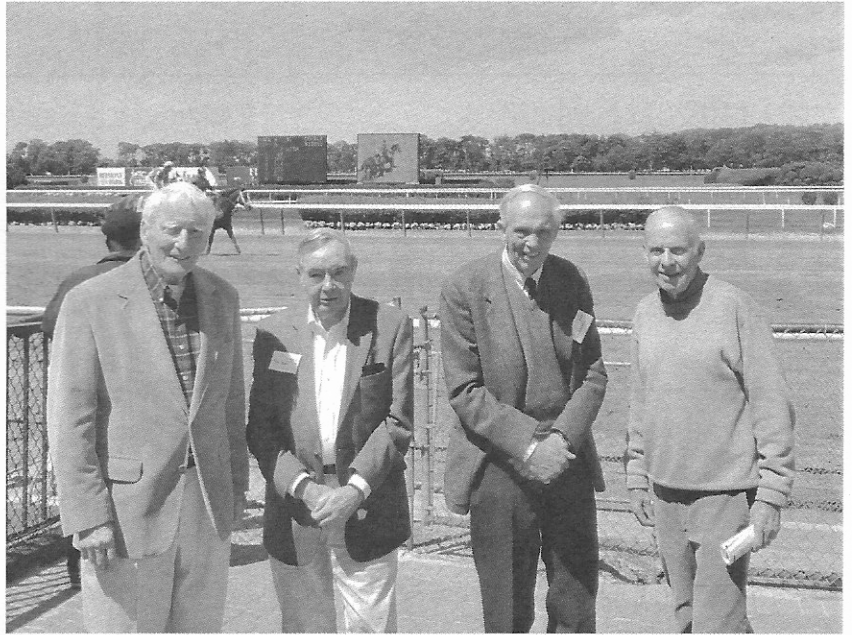


Very Special Member Fred Farwell

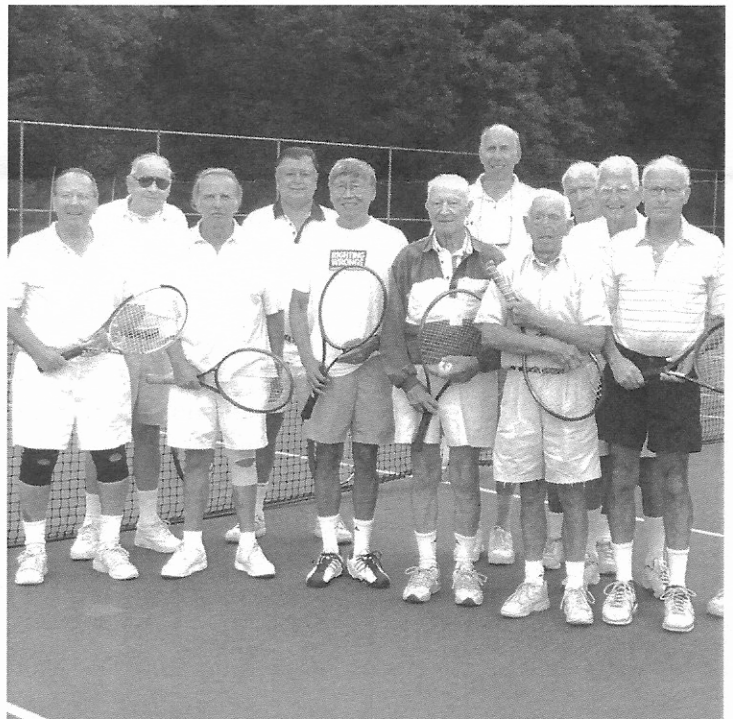
Let's Have a Great SMA Turnout for
the Memorial Service for Fred
Saturday, March 19, 2:00pm
Saint Luke's Parish
1864 Post Road, Darien

NEW MEMBERS

Please note the Insert for SMA Application for Membership in this newsletter. As President Kirk and membership Chair Chick have written, there is plenty of space for new members, so get out there and find one. You can attract them by telling of the multiple activities we enjoy at SMA as photos nearby show



Belmont Raceway Trip



Tennis at Weed Beach

Photos by Michael Poler & George Walsh

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