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Super Bowl Winners Kent Haydock and Tom Dunn flanked by managers Barston & Bellis. Missing from photo Sunil Saksena. Photo by Taylor Strubinger

From the President:

The SMA Board of Directors met on February 6th. I can report that our Association is experiencing a very successful year. Attendance is very good even with a number of our members enjoying winter in warmer climes. Membership, as well as participation in SMA activities, continues at a high level. Our Speaker Programs have been well received and our Special Events fully subscribed. Financially, our cash position has been tracking slightly better than budget.

I am pleased to report on new SMA activities being organized. Marc Thorne has initiated an SMA Book Group. New Member lunches have been successful and a way of integrating new members into our Association. You may also notice orange stickers on some name badges as a way of identifying new members; please make sure you introduce yourself at our coffee break. Lastly, a new IT

committee has been formed under the leadership of Bob Smith and Ben Briggs. Their mission is to review our SMA web site as well as other opportunities to enhance our technology and upgrade our internet capabilities.

HELP WANTED: There are opportunities to join several of the SMA Committees. We are seeking volunteers to help with the morning refreshments, be part of the membership committee, post articles/photos for our newsletter, and develop favorable publicity. If you are interested, please contact me or the appropriate Committee Chair posted in our SMA directory.

John Podkowsky, President



Jerry Mucciolo, who chairs the SMA's woodworking activity, recently spoke with the SMA Newsletter team. Jerry, what do you enjoy the most about the Woodworking shop? J.M.: *I always enjoyed woodworking when I was young, and this is a great opportunity to continue that hobby. Bringing back furniture to its original condition is very enjoyable. We have some very talented regulars; four or five are retired engineers; all are handy do-it-yourself guys. We get a lot of satisfaction from seeing the finished product.*

Jerry, what are the most challenging aspects of the work? J.M.: *Working on unique projects where we have to "invent something". An example was a set project for the Darien Players. They wanted a cocktail table into which an actor could fit. We started with a simple pine coffin, added molding and finished it to look like a fine piece of cocktail furniture; it was a big hit. Fine antiques, which we do not usually do, are also a particular challenge.*

What kind of feedback do you get? J.M.: *We get very positive feedback and in some cases in the form of donations. David Campbell, CEO of Rings End, has donated wood for our Senior Center projects. While we charge a nominal amount, customers have made substantial cash contributions to the Senior Center to thank us for our work. Come join us!*

L - R, Tom Williams, Jerry Mucciolo, Tony Colasurdo, Bill Nolte. Photo by Michael Polar

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, March 7

Art Gottlieb, noted naval historian who spoke to us about Pearl Harbor in December, will return to talk about the World War II Battle of Midway.

Suggested and arranged by Bob Ready

Wednesday, March 14

John Ryan, former State Representative with long service representing Darien in the CT House of Representatives, will speak on fiscal issues facing Connecticut. **Suggested by Wally Pugh, arranged by Bob Ready**

Wednesday, March 21

Brent Colley, a resident of Redding and noted authority on Mark Twain, will talk about Twain's period of time living in Redding and will share some of Twain's humor and wisdom with us.

Suggested by Martin Skala, arranged Bob Ready.

Wednesday, March 28

Michael Twomey will discuss Nuclear Energy. Michael is an officer of Entergy and spoke recently

before the New Canaan Senior Men's group. He is a graduate of Tulane with a law degree from UConn and has spent many years in the industry.

Suggested and arranged by Bob Ready

Wednesday, April 4

Dale Kutnick, Senior VP and global head of Gartner Executive Programs, will discuss likely future directions in technology. His primary role is designing and developing innovative programs for CEOs to help them better manage and exploit the use of IT.

Suggested and arranged by Wally Pugh

Wednesday, April 11

Catherine Smith, Commissioner of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development will speak on Connecticut innovations. She is a recent appointee of Governor Malloy and formerly chief executive for ING's retirement services in Connecticut.

Suggested and arranged by Marc Thorne

Wednesday, April 18

Dr. Les de Villiers, an expert on African Safaris, will speak to us about the "Ultimate Safari". He will have just returned from Africa having spent most of the month of March there. Les grew up in the arid interior of South Africa and is the author or co-author of several books, including the South African Travel Guide.

Arranged by Bob Ready

Wednesday, April 28

Dr. Stephen Falcone, Darien Superintendent of Schools, will speak to us about education in Darien with emphasis on special education issues.

Suggested and arranged by Wally Pugh.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Every year, when dues are being collected, we end up with a number of members who fail to remit their dues. According to our Constitution, all dues should be in by November 1. In other years the collecting was usually completed by late November or early December. Here it is February and we still have over twenty delinquent members. This is unacceptable and creates a lot of unnecessary work for the Membership Committee. We have a complete listing of delinquent members so if you are not sure of paying please check your records or contact our committee.

For the month of January our meeting attendance averaged 121

We welcome the following new members.

George Gilliam was born in Brooklyn, NY in August of 1944 and grew up on Long Island. After graduating from Dayton University in 1966, he married Diane Tapley, of Huntington, NY, and moved to Darien in 1969. George worked for U.S. Plywood and Franklin International in sales and marketing until he started his own company Gilliam Sales Company, Inc. in 1986. He continues to work at GSCI and still looks forward to calling on clients he has known for decades. George enjoys gardening, golf, and bridge, as well as contributing time at the Open Door Shelter in South Norwalk.



George and Diane have two children: Drew, who lives in Darien, and Katy, who lives in Ridgefield. He is looking forward to helping his Cub Scout grandson, Henry, with the upcoming Pinewood Derby, but grandpa's heart (and Wed. afternoons) belongs to 4 year old granddaughter Caroline Diane.

Martin Dunleavy was born in Scranton, PA in 1946 and graduated from the University of Scranton in 1986 with a BS degree in Accounting. Marty then moved to New York to join Coopers & Lybrand, CPAs. After 10 years in NYC, he moved to Stamford and helped open the Stamford office of C&L where he worked for another 10 years as Director of Human

Resources. In 1989 he joined the Financial Accounting Standards Board in Norwalk to serve as their Director of Human Resources. Subsequently, he worked for DW Van Dyke and Company, Reinsurance Brokers in Wilton and as Business Manager of the Middlesex Club.



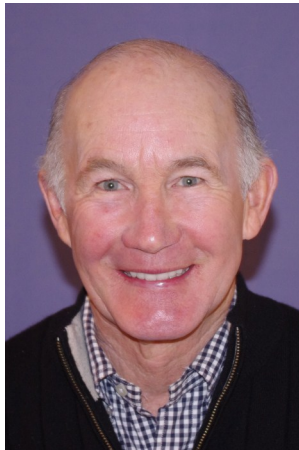
Marty and wife Marilyn moved to Darien in 1983. They have three daughters and one granddaughter.

Marty enjoys working out, playing chess, playing pool, and reading.

Roger De Bard was born in 1941 in Cleveland. After graduating from high school, he received a BS from Bowling Green State in 1963, an MBA from Case-Western Reserve in 1968 and a PhD in management/finance from the Peter F Drucker School of Management at Claremont Graduate University in 1980.

From 1973-75, Roger was a doctoral fellow in economics and policy at the Rand Corp. Graduate Institute, Santa Clara, CA

In 1965, Roger began his career in the investment management business and retired in 2000 as a general partner from Hotchkis and Wiley in Los Angeles. He is currently chairman of iGlobal capital and the DeBard Johnson Foundation, Inc.



Roger and his wife Janet live in Sun Valley ID and New Canaan CT. Their daughter Ella and husband Jeff Johnson live in New Canaan with their two children. Roger enjoys golf, tennis, skiing and participation in civic groups.

C. Scribner, Membership Chairman

SOCIAL EVENTS

On March 15, SMAers and their guests will take a docent-narrated bus tour of the United States Military Academy at West Point (see insert in this newsletter). Stopover points will be:

The West Point Museum—The oldest and most diversified military museum in the U.S. Four floors of large weapons, ancient to modern firearms, artifacts, and uniforms of historical figures and gallery displays of the history of warfare of the US Army and of American Wars.

The Main Cadet Chapel—Constructed in native granite and dedicated in 1910; its stained glass windows were executed by the Willet Studios in Philadelphia.

The Trophy Point—A scenic overlook of the Hudson River valley and location of the granite column Battle Monument and artillery pieces captured in many battles.

Also included is lunch at the Thayer Hotel, newly renovated and one of the “Historic Hotels of America”.

The cost is \$70 per person. Please contact Mel Orr at 203-655-1605 for reservations and further details.

Our next trip will be on April 10 to Hartford. We will visit the Wadsworth Atheneum air museum and tour the Governor’s Residence with lunch at Vito’s by the Park.

Our last trip before adjourning for the summer is on May 24 to the Belmont Park race track for lunch and wagering on the ponies.

*Frank Johnson,
Social Events Committee Chairman*

Join the Wagering with the Happy Wanderers!!!

Here are the rules for the ‘SMA 8 Classic’:

1. All entries to the Classic Pool must be completed and submitted by Wednesday, March 13, 2012.
2. Play in the Round of 64 starts on March 14
3. Players may select any eight teams
4. Name one of your chosen teams that you believe will be the National Champion. If your selection is the winner you get a bonus of 25 points.
5. Each time one of your selected teams wins its game, you are awarded the number of points equivalent to that team’s seed.
6. The entry with the greatest number of points is the winner.
7. Entry will be restricted to SMA members and their immediate family.
8. To reduce the score keeping load on John and Bill, the number of entries per person will be limited to four.
9. Cost is \$5.00 for each entry of 8 teams.
10. Prizes: This is a zero sum wager and all funds received are awarded as prizes. First prize will be \$100 (assuming a minimum of 20 entries). Additional prizes of \$50 each will be awarded until all entry money is exhausted.

Start looking at all the conference playoffs now to find all the hot teams. The top seeded teams are not guaranteed to win it all.



One of our long time members, John Geoghegan, was recently awarded the Wright Brothers “Master Pilot” award from the FAA for his Fifty Years of Dedicated Service in Aviation Safety. When you see John, be sure and congratulate him on the award.

From the Publisher:

In recent issues we have highlighted accomplishments of certain members such as Phil Morehouse, George Walsh, Bill Doughman. If you have a newsworthy event, please let us know and we’ll try to include it.

In the President’s Letter in this issue there is a call for volunteers to help out on various committees or think of new activity groups for the SMA. I just want to put renewed emphasis on his call. Volunteering pays dividends in personal satisfaction, and you can’t imagine all the new friends you can find when you reach out. As Phil Knight of Nike says, “Just do it”!!

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