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# NEWSLETTER

**Happy Wanderers** on their October 18 visit to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and Museum.



## *Message from the President*

My sense is that we are enjoying a very good beginning in our fiscal year. The summer was busy with many activities continuing through the period plus a Happy Wandering north of 125th Street, a great trip to Yankee Stadium and the New York Botanical Garden, and a successful picnic at Weed Beach. With the start of meetings in September, we have enjoyed good attendance, excellent speakers, a successful trip to Goodspeed to see Carousel and all activities have been well attended. We are also enjoying an influx of new members in September and October with a total of nine new members thus far. I hope each of us can bring at least one guest to a meeting this year as our best source of new members is our present



If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so soon so that we can proceed with the printing of the Directory. I hope you will consider also joining the DCA if you are not already a member. They continue to be a very strong sponsor of our Association and, in my view, their January

lecture series alone is worth the price of membership.

Our next big event is the Annual Christmas Luncheon scheduled for December 6, with entertainment by our own Joe Holmes and his band. I hope you will make every effort to attend.

***Bob Ready, President***

## Membership Report

With the approach of November, there are still around 90 members who have not paid their dues. Our by-laws tell us all dues should be paid by November first but we usually extend that deadline because of the large number of delinquents. As we do every year, reminder emails or post cards will be sent out followed by phone calls.

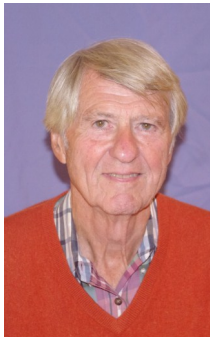
Directory preparation is underway. If you have any changes, please submit them now!!

Starting in September, nine new members were admitted with one more expected within a week or two. Our current membership is 276.

*C. Scribner, Membership Committee*

### *We welcome the following new members:*

**Wilder Baker** enjoyed a 50 year career in advertising working for agencies such as Benton & Bowles, Ogilvy & Mather and Warwick Baker O'Neill where he was chairman and chief executive officer.



He served some of the country's largest advertisers including Heineken, Maxwell House, Stop & Shop, Fruit of the Loom, the United States Tennis Association and Shering Plough.

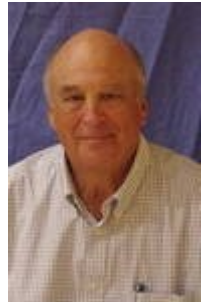
Baker also was president of the New York Advertising Club, chairman of the American Advertising Federation and director of the 4As. At the Fashion Institute of Technology he was a member of the advisory board for 20 years.

Today, Baker is active in business through his company GPS For Management that helps entrepreneurs and small business owners grow.

He is committed to education and is a trustee of the Hyde Leader Charter School in the Bronx. In Darien, he served on the Youth Commission and the TV79 board.

Baker lives with his wife Vanda in Darien. Between them they have five children and nine grandchildren who live in Darien, Rowayton, Boston, and San Francisco. Born in 1931 in Washington, DC, he received a BA degree in political science in 1953 from Yale University.

**Frederick Conze** was born in 1944 in New York City. He grew up in Greenwich and graduated from Kent School in 1962. He received a B.A. degree in journalism in 1966 from Rutgers University.



He then joined the U.S. Navy and served as a lieutenant in the Assault Craft Division in California and Vietnam from 1966-1970.

Conze began his business career with Chase Manhattan Bank in 1970 in corporate finance and later joined Citibank in real estate finance.

In 1980, Conze formed Royle Associates, Inc. in Darien, which provides real-estate related services, including construction, project management, legal and regulatory entitlement, and property management.

He has been a member of the Darien Planning and Zoning Commission for 19 years, serving as chairman since 2006.

Conze and his wife Carol live in Darien. They have two children and four grandchildren who live in Darien and Kensington, Md.

His interests include golf and clocks.

He is a member of the Silvermine Golf Club and the Darien YMCA.

**Terry Gaffney** was born in New York City in 1951, grew up in Bayside, N.Y., and graduated from Locust Valley, N.Y. High School in 1969. He received a B.A. degree in arts from Manhattan College in 1974.



Gaffney began his business career in 1975 with the F. Schumacher & Co., a supplier of decorative textiles, in their New York City corporate headquarters. He opened his own agency, Integrated Textile Resources, a converter of home textile fabrics. He retired in 2007 and then “unretired” in 2011, when he joined New York Life as an agent selling insurance and financial planning services.

Gaffney and his wife Carolyn live in Darien. They have three children, a son, TJ, and two daughters. Sarah lives in Darien and Claire is a freshman at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

He serves on the Darien Monument and Ceremonies Commission, the alumni board of Manhattan College, the finance committee of St. Mary’s Church, Stamford, Conn., and is active in the Boy Scouts of America. Gaffney was a Babe Ruth League commissioner, a Little League coach and a boys’ basketball coach. His interests include coin collecting, golf, hiking and scuba diving. He is an avid reader of history and enjoys all types of card playing including bridge, poker and whist.

**Ronald S. Kahan, M.D.** retired from his dermatology practice in March 2012 and is writing a book about functioning in Medicare and the medical care system.

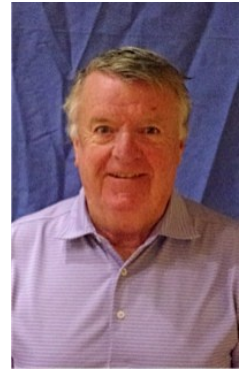


Born in 1945 in Champaign, IL, he grew up in Larchmont, NY, and graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1963. He went on to receive a BA degree in psychology from Yale in 1967. He served his residency in dermatology at Harvard Combined Hospitals from 1974 to 1977.

Dr. Kahan set up his practice in 1977 at the Dermatology Center in Norwalk. He also served on the Norwalk Hospital staff and was an associate clinical professor of dermatology at Yale.

Dr. Kahan and his wife Betsy live in Wilton and have two daughters. Jessica Dvoret lives in Manhattan with her husband and son Miles. Their daughter Rebecca is a lawyer in Manhattan.

Dr. Kahan is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the Association of Clinical Attending at Yale and the Silvermine Golf Club. Golf, bridge and the arts are among his hobbies and interests.



**Frank Lyons** was born 1942 in Stamford, Conn. He grew up in Los Angeles and graduated from the Queen of Angels High School in 1960

In 1964, Lyons graduated from St John's Seminary College with a degree in philosophy. He then studied at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, and the Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. Lyons joined the U.S. Air Force in 1968 and became a C-130 combat pilot flying in Vietnam from 1969 to 1973.

Lyons began his career in insurance in 1973 working for Marsh & McLennan where he became a senior vice president/ marine insurance broker. He later worked with Grieg Fester and Willis Re before retiring in 2004.

He and his wife Gigi live in Darien. They have seven children and 17 grandchildren.

Lyons interests include woodworking and golf.

He is a member of the Darien Country Club and the Bonita Bay Country Club.



**James Rusiackas** was born in Trenton, N.J. He grew up in Valley Stream, N.Y. and graduated from Valley Stream Central High School in 1953. He received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering in 1958 from the University of Massachusetts, where he played varsity lacrosse for three years. Later, he received an MBA in economic theory from St. John's University in 1967.



Rusiackas joined the U.S. Navy in 1959, graduated from Officers Candidate School and was assigned to the Lakehurst, N.J., catapult test site. He then transferred to the USS Constellation under construction in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Due to a major onboard fire he was assigned to the USS Midway CVA 41 out of Alameda, Calif., as an aircraft catapult launch officer and served in the Far East.

He began his working career in 1963 as a salesman with Pall Corporation, Long Island, N.Y., and joined IBM in 1967 as a salesman in New York City. After a series of staff and managerial jobs, he retired from IBM in 1996.

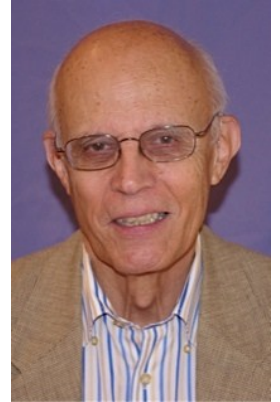
Jim and his wife Carolyn live in Darien where he is an elder of the Presbyterian Church.

His interests include reading about the Civil War, visiting Civil War sites and attending college Lacrosse games. He also enjoys going to Broadway plays, concerts, the New York Metropolitan Opera, women's college basketball games and spending summers in Boston.

**Alfred Mezquida** worked in broadcast engineering before retiring from ABC Television in 2000. He traveled the world covering major news events of the '80s and '90s. Today he is a consultant at the Paley Center for Media archiving

1956, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

The most exciting chapter in Mezquida's career began in 1980 when he joined the Electronic News Gathering Department at the ABC Network. For the next two decades he had a front row seat at major news event around the world as a broadcast engineer.



He worked with the top ABC news personalities including Peter Jennings and Barbara Walters and videotaped Presidents Carter and Clinton, Lucille Ball and Bob Hope. He also worked on Good Morning America, 20/20 and World News Tonight.

Today, Mezquida's hobby is big band music. He plays the saxophone in the Bob Button Big Band and the Darien Community Band. He enjoys boating and is a member of the Darien Boat Club. Mezquida and his wife Carmel have been married for 50 years and live in Darien. They have three children and two grandchildren.

**Gunnar Edelstein** was born 1949 in Albuquerque, N.M. He graduated from the Wilbraham & Monson Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., in 1968 and received a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1972.



Edelstein joined the U.S. Navy in San Diego, Calif., and served for seven years as a fighter pilot. In 1979 he joined American Airlines as a flight engineer on Boeing 727s and one year later was laid off and joined Air Products & Chemicals in sales and also served in the Massachusetts Air

flying A-10 Thunderbolts. In 1984, he rejoined American Airlines as a Boeing 727 copilot and retired from flying in 2011.

Edelstein is now in sales with Prudential Connecticut Realty. He was on the Darien Board of Realtors board for three years and was president in 2011. He and his wife Sarah live in Darien and have a son, Jeff, 26, who is a U.S. Army combat infantryman.

Edelstein is a member of the Silvermine Golf Club, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron and the Noroton Yacht Club. He enjoys golf, sailing, paddle tennis and tennis.

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## **SMA Programs, Nov. & Dec. 2012**

**Wednesday, November 7, Arthur Gottlieb**, military historian will be speaking on Civil War. Arthur, an expert on political and military history, was formerly a professional curator of naval history and technical director of exhibits at the Intrepid Sea -Air Space Museum. Gottlieb worked with veterans creating exhibits illustrating the history of 20th century warfare. From 1989 thru 1997, he coordinated with all branches of the armed services toward the preservation of historic ships, aircraft, and armor from around the world and has facilitated the recovery of scores of artifacts from warships slated for demolition from reserve fleets.

**Arranged by Bill Ball**

**Wednesday, November 14, Speaker pending**

**Wednesday, November 21, No meeting**

**Wednesday, November 28, Cindy Bigelow**, senior VP of Bigelow Tea, will speak about the development of her Fairfield based family enterprise from a regional business to a national one. She will also enlighten us on some interesting aspects of tea making from growing to brewing.

**Arranged by Martin Skala**

**Wednesday, December 5, Michael Mauboussin** is chief strategist for Legg Mason Funds and author of "Success Equation", a new book that explains how we can enlarge the "arc of skill" vs. luck in various

activities, including investing.

**Arranged by Martin Skala**

**Wednesday, December 12, Speaker pending**

**Wednesday, December 19, The Blue Notes**, a group of women who volunteer to bring the joy of music to the community both as a form of entertainment and as a form of Therapy. The Blue Notes has been part of the DCA since 2004. They take pride in providing high quality entertainment and enjoyment to audiences and the SMA takes pride in asking them back year after year to sing for us.

**Wednesday, December 26, No meeting.**

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, we bused along fall foliage roads to Haddam to enjoy a rousing performance of the classic musical "Carousel" at the historic Goodspeed Opera House. We had lunch at the Victorian- style Gelston House with views of the sparkling Connecticut River. There was also a little shopping and sightseeing to conclude a wonderful day. Christmas is coming and so is our annual luncheon at the Country Club of Darien. The date is Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Music for our dancing and enjoyment will again be provided by Joe Holmes' Swing Band. Sign-ups will start at our meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our first event of the new year will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will visit the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, have lunch and then tour the recently opened FDR Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island. Three more events are planned through May .

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