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SANTA'S ELVES CHECKING OUT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Message from the President

There are many good activities and programs going well for our Senior Men's Association. And our financial condition is quite strong. But there are also signs that we need to take action to strengthen our membership and broaden our appeal, especially to those more recently retired. For several years, the average age of our membership has held steady at 79 years.

Among our almost 280 members, we have very few under the age of 60, and too few between ages 60 and 65.

At a recent SMA Board Meeting, our Board discussed the need to rejuvenate and re-



discussed the need to rejuvenate and revitalize our Association, and discussed several options aimed at broadening our appeal to those younger and more recently retired. We decided to form a special committee of our members, headed

by Tom Lom, to identify Speakers, Activities, Outings and Community Services that would have greater appeal to recent retirees. This committee will begin its activities after the Holidays

after the holidays and also develop ideas to improve our public relations and community communications programs.

This initiative is very important for the future of the SMA, and I would like to encourage each member to come forward with ideas and suggestions to help the work of Tom's group. In addition, it would be helpful if each member could identify those more recently retired friends and neighbors and invite them to come as a guest to one of our meetings.

Bob Ready, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Recently the Membership Committee e-mailed 60 reminder notices to members who still have not paid their dues for 2013. Two without computers were mailed post cards. One e-mail bounced so another post card was sent to him.

Of the returned e-mails seven reported the check was in the mail or will pay. There were five resignations, two because they had moved out of the area, one for business reasons, one for health reasons and one simply lost interest. Presently we still have 44 delinquent members. As in past years phone calls will follow the e-mails.

As you can imagine this problem causes a lot of extra work for the membership committee. We are asking all members to help us in closing the book on dues for 2013.

Chick Scribner, Membership Committee

Meet our new members:

John Watt grew up in Lake Placid, N.Y. where he was born in 1946. He graduated 1964 from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, Mass.

Watt received a B.A. degree in Geography from Middlebury College in 1968 and an MBA from Dartmouth in 1976. He served in the U.S. Army for two years after graduating from Middlebury College.

Watt began his business career at Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City, with the utility finance group in 1976 and ten years later joined Security Pacific Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., in the same capacity.

He then went to work for the Fitch Ratings, New York City, in 1992 as a financial analyst and in 1997 joined the Bank of New York in their utility finance group. He retired in 2012. Watt and his wife Penny live in Darien. He is a member of the Middlesex Club and enjoys bicycling, New York Rangers hockey and tennis.

Pete Kenyon was born 1938 in Chicago. He grew up in Old Greenwich and attended Kent School, Kent, Conn., graduating in 1957.

While at Kent, he played football when the coach introduced the single wing formation resulting in an undefeated season in 1955. After injuring his knee playing ice hockey, he went on to serve as a student coach for football, ice hockey, and crew at the league level.

In 1962, he graduated from Columbia University's School of General Studies with a B.S. degree in International Relations. Prior to attending Columbia, he studied at Brown University, where he was on the varsity swim team and played lacrosse, and attended Mitchell College.

Pete served in the U.S. Navy for almost four years aboard a destroyer based in San Diego that deployed in the western Pacific during the Vietnam War. The ship was assigned a variety of missions, including plane guard duty, shore bombardment, amphibious task force escort duty, Formosa Patrol and intelligence operations. Released from active duty in 1966, he went to work in the reinsurance business at General Reinsurance Corporation and is currently owner of Kenyon Consulting Company. During his working career, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for 18 years and retired as



SMA Speakers—Jan/Feb 2013

Wednesday January 9

Mark Albertson is an historical research editor at Army Aviation magazine, and has been a member of the United States Naval Institute for more than twenty-five years as well as being a member of the Navy League. He has published articles on issues of history and current events in newspapers and magazines and has authored three books: 1) USS Connecticut: Constitution State Battleship; 2) They'll Have to Follow You! The Triumph of the Great White Fleet and 3) On History: A Treatise. He is currently at work on a fourth project, Sky Soldiers: The Saga of Army Aviation. Mark will give a presentation on the epic circumnavigation of the globe by the Atlantic Fleet Battleship Force in 1907; an important event in America's quest to become a global power.

SMA Contact: Bob Smith

Wednesday, January 16

Ken Delmar, author and film producer, will describe several subtle, but powerful, tactics and strategies of non-verbal communication used to enhance success in careers. He has spoken around the country about "Winning Moves", and his book on the subject won a national award and was translated into seven languages.

Among the topics are how to maintain composure, sense of trust, limit stress, look relaxed, self-assured, and confident. Imagine disarming prospects, improving your voice and allowing hostile people to backtrack with proper body language and adequate tone. Learn to look alive on camera, command a room, quell anger emotions. It is all here, and more; this is a great book.

SMA Contact: Kirk Jewett

Wednesday, January 23

David Koch is an Associate Professor of History at Housatonic CC in Bridgeport. Though a wide-ranging historian, David's specialty areas are the Civil War and Native American History. He has worked for national historical and natural sites

the reinsurance business at General Reinsurance Corporation and is currently owner of Kenyon Consulting Company. During his working career, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for 18 years and retired as a Commander in 1985. He and his wife Kathy live in Darien and have four adult children and four grandchildren, all of whom live locally. His interests include swimming, sailing, fishing, and genealogy. Pete is a member of the Middlesex Genealogy Society and the Navy League of the U.S. where he is a board member of the Western Connecticut Council. He also is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the UDT/SEAL Association and the Military Officers of America Association. He currently serves as XO of the Navy SEAL Recruiting District Assistance Council, an all volunteer NSW mentoring program, and as chairman of the Darien Environmental Protection Commission. During the 1980s, he served as Moderator of the Darien Representative Town Meeting for six terms.

John F. Bartlett was born 1942 in San Antonio, Texas, and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated from high school in 1960. He received a BA degree in history from Washington & Lee University in 1967 and an LLB degree in 1967.

He retired in August 2012, after working for 17 years as a lawyer for Emmet, Marin & Martin. He began his career with the National Housing Partnership in Washington, D.C., and went on to work in New York City for two law firms and a corporation. In 1978, John and his wife Candy moved to Darien. They have two daughters and three grandchildren who live with their families in Darien and Rowayton.



He is a member of the Weeburn Country Club, the Tokeneke Club and the Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, a burgundy wine tasting society. His interests include travel and wine collecting.

promoting the nation's physical and historical heritage. He has also lectured for organizations across the country on such topics relating to different aspects of the Civil War. David will speak on Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address.

SMA Contact: Bill Ball

Wednesday, January 30

Terrie Wood, State Representative for Darien and Rowayton, will speak on the current political climate and the stasis of the Connecticut legislature.

Terrie will begin serving her 2nd term on January 5 and has been appointed by House Republican Leader Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr. to serve on three legislative committees. She will be the Ranking Member (Republican Leader) for the Select Committee on Children in addition to the Appropriations and Environment Committees. Flooding, affordable housing and efficient use of the tax dollars that we send to Hartford are Terrie's biggest concerns. Terrie wants to address the first two with a common sense approach, working with local boards and agencies to understand the specific needs of Rowayton and Darien, then approach the funding sources in Hartford with that sound information. She has an understanding of the issues that matter most to the 141st District as well as real experience in bringing people together to find solutions and make the community stronger.

SMA Contact: Wally Pugh

Wednesday, February 6

Ronald S. Kahan will talk on "Medicare Decision Making--Choosing and Using Your Coverage Wisely". While this will be a presentation, it will also have an interactive element. Since virtually every member of the audience will have had some contact with Medicare, questions and comments--both during and after the talk will be encouraged.

Ron practiced dermatology in Norwalk for 34 years and has a long interest in how seniors utilize Medicare. He is presently writing a book on mastering Medicare and today's health care system.

He set up his practice in 1977 at the Dermatology Center in Norwalk and also served on the Norwalk Hospital staff. Ron retired from his practice in March 2012 and joined the SMA in the fall of 2012.

Wednesday, February 13

Gordon G. Chang, a lawyer, author, television pundit, and will speak on the current status of the USA relationship with China. Gordon writes primarily on China, Asia, and nuclear proliferation and believes we will see discontinuous change around the world in the near future, so he is not into making long-range personal plans. He is author of two books, "The Coming Collapse of China" and "Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes On the World". Gordon is a contributor to Forbes and, on December 9, 2012, published an article in Forbes titled "Move Over, Michigan, China Is The World's Next Rust Belt".

He is a regular contributor to The John Batchelor Show, The Glenn Beck Program on Fox News, and CNN. He also appeared as a special guest on Comedy Central's The Daily Show with Jon Stewart in 2006. In February, 2010, he appeared on Al Jazeera English and argued that China does not have a lot of economic leverage over the US, and it is actually the other way around. In November, 2010, he appeared on Imus in the Morning to discuss the Yeonpyeong bombing.

SMA Contact Peter Hallock

Wednesday, February 20

Harlan Stone, chief business officer of the US Tennis Association (USTA) and Co-Founder and Managing Partner of SJX Partners. Harlan will speak on how the USTA operates and the trends in sports marketing today.

In August, 2008, the USTA named Harlan Stone as its new Chief Marketing Officer for Professional Tennis. In this role, Harlan was responsible for all advertising, marketing, promotional programs and campaigns for the US Open, the Olympus US Open Series, the USTA Pro Circuit and all USA Team events including the Davis and Fed Cups.

In April, 2011, at the end of his contract with the USTA, Harlan re-signed through 2014 with the USTA organization as chief business officer, for which he will still sell corporate sponsorships and television. While Harlan retained an USTA executive title, he jointly launched SJX Partners, a New Canaan, CT-based property representation firm. Among the first clients of SJX Partners were the USTA, along with Cirque du Soleil, the Dew Tour and Alli Sports, which operates the Dew Tour.

SMA Contact, Bill Ball

Wednesday, February 27

Karen Nisenson is founder/director of Arts for Healing, Inc. and will speak on how they provide integrated musical and art therapy for individuals with emotional or physical problems.

Arts for Healing, Inc. is located in New Canaan and was founded to serve the special needs population of children and adults living with communication disorders through integrated music therapy and art therapy. Its mission is to break through barriers that isolate them, creating a channel for self-expression through the arts.

SMA Contact Bill Ball

SOCIAL EVENTS

On December 6th, one hundred SMA'ers and their guests enjoyed a wonderful holiday party at the Country Club of Darien. We had a delicious lunch, danced to the sprightly music of the Joe Holmes' Swing Quartet, met new friends and renewed acquaintances with old. What an excellent event this was once again.

On February 7th, we will visit the Museum of the Moving Image, have lunch, and then tour the recently opened FDR Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island. The Museum's core exhibit, Behind The Scenes, is a one-of-a-kind experience that immerses you in the creative and technical process of producing, promoting and presenting films and TV shows. Occupying 15,000 square feet, it reveals the skills, material resources and artistic decisions that go into making moving images.

Our next trip will be to the New England Air Museum on March 14th. This museum consists of three hangars and an outside area. The aircraft total 66 airplanes, 26 helicopters, 8 missiles, 7 gliders, 6 balloons, 1 autogyro and 2 lighter-than-air craft. In addition, there are many historical displays. Aircraft on display are from all time periods including from pre WWI to the jet age. We will also tour the Mark Twain house in Hartford where he wrote his most important works. An outstanding example of Gothic architecture.

Frank Johnson,
Chairman

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