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# NEWSLETTER

## SUPERBOWL POOL WINNERS



L to R, John Barston, Jim Long \$25, Bob Martella \$100, Bill Helman \$50, David Devere \$25, Bill Bellis

### *Message from the President*

We are having a very good year at the Senior Men's Association. Speakers for our weekly meetings have covered a wide variety of subjects, and it is clear that good speakers/good topics equate to good attendance at our meetings. Our recent trip to the Museum of Moving Images and the three course meal that followed were very successful. The Super Bowl pool went well, and anticipation for the NCAA basketball pool is building. Tom Lom's group has had its first brain storming session on ideas to revitalize the Association, and is planning its second meeting before the middle of



planning its second meeting before the middle of March. We have a number of new members, as evidenced by the brief bio's that are included in this newsletter, and dues have been collected from all but a small handful of members. Perhaps best of all, Winter is winding down, and the promise of a bright Spring is on the horizon, and our tennis and golf activities can resume in earnest. While waiting, don't

. While waiting, don't forget our other activities, bowling, bridge, computers, woodworking, and the book group. Meeting times are on page 4 in your directory. Be prepared, March Madness is just around the corner!!  
Remember, we are also a volunteer service group. The Spring town cleanup, where we help clean at the railroad station and Mechanic Street, and helping the USPS food drive are coming up.

**Bob Ready, President**

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to Bob Ready, twenty-nine calls were made to members who still had not paid their dues for 2013. This resulted in 16 members paying. Two members are in Florida and will pay on returning, 4 say a check is coming, and 3 resigned. The balance did not respond to our call. If you are not sure, please check your records, stop at the membership table, or calls Chick Scribner at 203-655-4830.

We have admitted 8 new members since the beginning of the year and have 3 applications for membership that we hope to admit soon. At the present time our membership is 258.

Chick Scribner, Membership Committee

### Meet our new members:

**David Bodach** was born 1949 in Norwalk, Conn., and graduated from Brian McMahon High School in 1967. He received an associate's degree from Norwalk Community College and enlisted in the United States Army serving for three years.

After military service he attended Southern Connecticut State College and received a B.S. Degree in Library Science in 1975. During his last semester, he completed an Emergency Medical Technician course at Norwalk Hospital, one of the first such courses offered in the nation.

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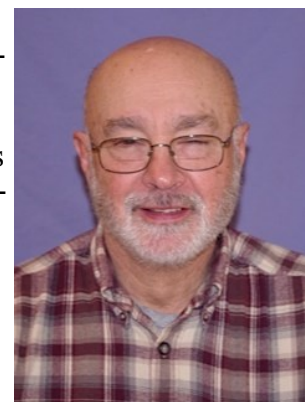


Course at Norwalk Hospital. In 1975 he joined the Emergency Ambulance Service and became a Paramedic in 1983. He retired in 2011 after 36 years of service and today is a volunteer at the hospital and teaches CPR.

Bodach and his wife Marty moved to Darien in 1977 and have two children and five grandchildren. He enjoys visiting United States National Parks, reading military history and is trying to learn golf.

**Stephen Gravereaux** was born 1941 in New Canaan, Conn. He attended the Little Red Schoolhouse, the last working one room school in Connecticut, and graduated from New Canaan High school in 1959. He received a degree in business from the University of Connecticut and skated on the University's first hockey team, receiving a letter for three years.

He then joined the U.S. Navy and served three and one-half years active duty on a destroyer followed by 24 years in the reserve. He went on to work for Citizens Utilities, Stamford, and retired from Norden Systems in 1995.



Gravereaux is past president and current treasurer of the Navy League Western Connecticut council and for 25 years was an instructor at the United States Sea Cadet Unit, Stamford, Conn. He is a member of the Town Players of New Canaan at the Powerhouse where he is a set builder and maintenance man. He also serves as curator of the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum and is on the board of the New Canaan Historical Society. He and his wife Andrea live in Rowayton and have three children; a doctor in Boston, a school teacher in New Jersey and a landscaper in New Canaan. There are seven grandchildren.

**Jim Kelly** was born 1935 in Chicago and graduated in 1953 from Highland Park high school where he lettered in golf and baseball. He received a B.A. degree in economics from DePauw University in 1957 and served in the Air Force ROTC.

Kelly began his business career with Union Carbide in Dallas and simultaneously joined the US Army Reserves. He went on to work for the Leo Burnett

advertising agency in Chicago, the Katz Agency and later Blair Television. While at Blair he transferred to New York City and moved to Darien. In 1995 he joined Kepper, Tupper and Company, a TV brokerage firm, in Ridgefield, Conn. He now works from home specializing in TV station sales. He also manages a family farm in Indiana that grows soy beans and corn.



Kelly and his wife Betsy have been married for 54 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. His interests include jazz, traveling, golf and tennis.

He is a member of the Connecticut State Golf Association that rates golf courses in Western Connecticut, the Woodway Country Club, the New York Athletic Club, the Connecticut Seniors Golf Association and the Good Old Boys tennis club.

**Doug Pratt** was born in 1942 and is the son of a United States Army pilot. He grew up in many different Air Force bases in the United States and overseas. His family also has extensive ancestry in Essex, Conn., and his wife Lynn's family is fourth generation in Rowayton. Both their children were born in England.



Pratt graduated from the University of Connecticut and began work at the Norden Systems Division of United Technologies while waiting to join flight school. He went on to serve 12 years as a fighter pilot from 1967 to 1979.

Returning to Norden Systems, Pratt worked on advanced radar systems for the F-22 and the F-35. He has worked on the design of over half the radar programs for military aviation for the past 30 years.

Pratt served two tours in Vietnam, one as Forward Air Controller and one as Aircraft Commander of F-111s and then went on to England for a tour in F-111s. His last two years he was stationed at Can-

Air Controller and one as Aircraft Commander of F-111s and then went on to England for a tour in F-111s. His last two years he was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

He served on the Norwalk Board of Education for 12 years and is a life time member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is an avid duffer on the links and plays bridge with a friendly level of aggression.

**Roy Marcantonio** was born 1941 in Astoria, New York, and graduated from West Hempstead High School in 1959. He attended Lehigh University, graduating in 1963 with a B.A. degree in finance.



He served in the Navy for three years during the Vietnam War as a lieutenant aboard the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga and the destroyer Orleck.

Marcantonio joined IBM in 1966 and for the next 35 years worked in sales and marketing in Allentown, PA., Poughkeepsie, New York, Kalamazoo, MI, and New York City. After retiring from IBM, he went to work in automobile sales and marketing for Jaguar and then Lexus for several years before retiring full time.

A 25 year resident of Darien, Marcantonio has been active in the Little League, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the YMCA where he served on the board of directors. Marcantonio's interests include reading, sports, and investments. He also takes classes at the Norwalk Community College and is an instructor in the AARP driver safety program. He has three adult children.

**Tom Robinson** was born 1948 in Norwalk, Conn., and graduated from Brian McMahon high school in 1966. At Norwalk Community College he received a degree in engineering in 1971 and a degree in science in 1972. He also received a degree in marketing from Pace University in 1976.

1976. He remains active at Norwalk Community College where he is alumni coordinator and a mathematics tutor. He also is enrolled in the mathematics master's program at Southern Connecticut University.

Robinson's career in industrial engineering included work at the Kanthal Corporation, Bethel, Conn., that makes electric heating elements and the Chester Jensen Company, Philadelphia, Penn., that makes refrigeration components for food and dairy processing. He also had his own business as a consultant and distributor of cooling equipment for computers.

Robinson is a scout master for Boy Scout Troop 2, Rowayton, Conn. He also is a bee keeper, a member of the Rowayton Historical Society, the Norwalk Radio Club and the United Church of Rowayton. He and his wife, Caroline, have three children.

**Terry Fitzgerald** was born 1942 in St. Albans, Vt. He attended local schools and graduated Bellows Free Academy in 1959. He attended the University of Vermont receiving a B.A. degree in chemistry in 1963 and an M.D. degree in 1968.

Fitzgerald's completed his postdoctoral training in Pediatrics, Allergy and Immunology at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA., in 1972. He then served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, Augusta, GA., until 1974. Upon leaving the Army, he moved to Darien with his wife, Jacquie, and their three children.

Fitzgerald conducted a medical practice focusing on Clinical Allergy and Immunology in Stamford, Conn., through 2002. From 1992 to 1994 he also served as Chief of the Medical Staff at St. Joseph Medical Center in Stamford. In 1997, he accepted a position as Medical Director at Oxford Health Plans and continued in that role when Oxford Health Plans was acquired by United Healthcare. He retired in 2012.



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**Robert Aldrich** was born 1934 in New Rochelle, N.Y. At Princeton University, he received B.S.E. and M.S.E. degrees in chemical engineering and played varsity football and hockey.

Aldrich began work in 1958 with Chevron Development. He later joined Union Carbide Corporation as a marketing manager and president of an agricultural subsidiary.

In 1970, he joined Chase Manhattan Bank as vice president and technical director of energy and environment. He also advised the fledgling Environmental Protection Agency. Aldrich joined White Weld in 1974 as a senior vice president and later Paine Webber. He helped develop and finance solid waste facilities in the United States and abroad. In 1983, he started a finance and development consultancy.

Aldrich joined the Teach America Program in 2001 as a math and science teacher. Today he substitute teaches in the Norwalk and Westport school systems.

After living in Rowayton 45 years, he and his wife Sandy moved to Westport. They have four children and eight grandchildren. His interests include golf, softball, hunting, fishing and singing in his church choir.

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## SMA SPEAKERS MAR/APR 2013

**Wednesday, March 6**

**Jim Cameron**, SMA member, Metro North watch-



dog, and rail enthusiast will speak about inter-city rapid transit. He has recent personal experience riding high speed rail in several cities in the Far East. He will also share his opinion about the future of high speed rail travel in the US.

**Suggested by Marc Thorne**

### **Wednesday, March 13, 2013**

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

Terrie has lived in Rowayton for five years and Darien for 30 years. She has served as President of the Darien Land Trust (2003-2007), Co-Chair of the "YES...DHS" Referendum Committee for a new Darien High School (2001), The Community Fund Allocations Panel (2006, 2007 – formerly The United Way), and Co-Founder of The Darien Environmental Group (1990). She has also been involved with the Darien Library, Republican Town Committee, RTM, Person-to-Person, The Community Fund, and worked as an active Post 53 and public school parent. Involvement in these community organizations has given Terrie 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.

**Suggested by Wally Pugh**

### **Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

**Harlen Stone**, director of marketing for the USTA will speak to us as its new Chief Marketing Officer for professional tennis. In this role, Stone is responsible for all advertising, marketing, and professional programs for the US Open, the Olympic US Open Series, the USTA ProCouncil, and all USTA events.

**Suggested by Bill Ball**

### **Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

**James A. "Jim" Himes** the U.S. Representative for Connecticut's 4th Congressional District, serving since 2009, will be the guest speaker. Jim is a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing, and Community Opportunity, and the Subcommittee on Capital markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises.

**Suggested by Wally Pugh**

### **Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

Kristen Cusato is Southwestern Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter. Kristen received her B.A in Communications from the State University of New York at Geneseo, and has 22 years working in the television industry. Her career path began at Cable 6 TV in Middletown, NY. She went on to KCBD in Lubbock, Texas and then spent 9 years at WTNH as an anchor/reporter. After spending 4 years in San Diego working at KUSI-TV, Kristen returned to Connecticut in 2009, to help take care of her mother who had been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. Kristen went back to her job as the Co-Ancor of Good Morning Connecticut on WTNH News 8. She Emcee'd the New Haven Walk to End Alzheimer's in 2010 and 2011, and late in 2011 left News 8 to join the CT Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

In her role as the Southwestern Regional Director, Kristen coordinates and implements all Chapter services and programs for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, families, professionals, and the general public. She is working towards the mission of a World Without Alzheimer's, so that other families don't have to lose loved ones to this mind-robbing disease.

**Suggested by Bob Smith**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

**Katie Koroleva** was born in Vorkuta City, Russia. Vorkuta is located in the Far North, North of the Arctic Circle. The city is best known for its prison with no walls—too cold and too remote to go anywhere. At the age of 8, she and her family moved to Nizhny Novgorod which is about 5 hours from Moscow. She completed her schooling there including her BA in Public Administration and English interpretation. After college, she came to the US, where she has been for the past eight years. After working for Toyota, she currently works in sales for Lexus. She will present some interesting insights into a youngsters' life in Russia as contrasted with life in the US, as well as her view of current Russia.

**Suggested by Wally Pugh**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

**Arthur White** will speak on his work with literacy programs improving literacy rates for inmates and their families and the relationships among families with incarcerated parent.

**Suggested by Martin Skala**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

**Joe McGee**, of the Fairfield County Business Council, will speak to us on Connecticut's Economic Competitiveness. He will update us on issues and initiatives regarding legislative actions, employment, transportation, and coping with severe weather events. Joe has a wealth of information to share with us.

**Suggested by Marc Thorne**

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**SOCIAL EVENTS**

On Thursday, March 14, the SMA is featuring a trip to the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. The two hour tour will introduce us to over 80 actual airplanes and fascinating historical exhibits. You will see:

57th Fighter Group WWII Memorial  
The Wright Brother's engine, circa 1910  
Glider Pilots of WWII  
The Lafayette Escadrille  
The Kosciuszko Squadron  
58th Bomb Wing Memorial and Missions

Time and space permitting, you'll be able to see up close and personal the cockpits of such famous planes as the Douglas "Skyray", Grumman "Hellcat", Boeing "Superfortress", many Sikorskys, Nike Missile. Lockheed "Starfighter", Fokker Triplane, and many more!

We then travel 20 minutes to Hartford, home of America's favorite author, Mark Twain to visit his home and museum. The home is an outstanding example of residential Gothic architecture. A luncheon will be provided in the Museum Café, followed by a one hour docent led tour which will highlight Twain's children's rooms, personal wood paneled library, Billiard Room where the adventures of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer were penned.

All of this plus time to browse in the exhibits and gift shop for \$62.00.

Contact Tom Brayton or sign us at the SMA meeting.

Our April event will be a visit to the Thomas Edison National Historic Park on Friday the 19th. We will tour his laboratory which he called "his invention factory" and his residence named Glenmont. Out of this site came the motion picture camera, improved phonographs, sound recordings, silent and sound movies, nickel-iron storage battery and many others. Glenmont provides an interesting look into his private life. Luncheon will be served at a wonderful, nearby restaurant.

Another trip, with details later, will be planned for May

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