

**CHECKING THE HOLIDAY WREATH LIGHTS** 

# NEWSLETTER

L to r, , Marc Thorne, Alex Garnett, Bob Baker, Jack Fitzgibbons, Taylor Strubinger, Pete Kenyon, Steve Gravereau, Tom Gildersleeve, Kevin Monahan, Tom Taylor

The previous newsletter lead photo was dedicated to the new hiking group on their first outing. For this issue, the lead photo highlights the volunteer service aspects of the DMA.

In addition to weekly meetings with very interesting speakers, the DMA has many group activities for both active and sedentary members. There are also opportunities, as in the photo above, to volunteer with a group or individually to fulfill a need for Darien or the DMA.

Further enjoyment comes through participating in the outings planned by our Social Events Committee. For the latest on this, see the attached flyer for a Feb 6 trip and read on for the trips planned for 2014.

# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



We are about to begin the New Year at the DMA in a strong financial position as well as continuing to pursue our goal of recruiting new active members. This gives us the advantage of utilizing the experience of our older members and adding the enthusiasm of our younger members.

We have started new activities and will continue to add more as they

are requested. Tom Lom and members of the Revitalization Committee have done an excellent job in this regard and will now focus on publicity to inform the community about our group activities with the goal of attracting new members. The Community

## .President's Message (cont'd)

Events Committee will focus on added activities that will enhance our community presence. We would appreciate any ideas you have in both of these goals.

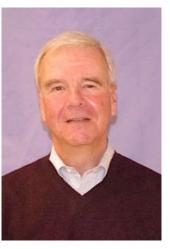
Several members have brought guests to our meetings and we should continue this. It is an outstanding opportunity for potential members to learn about the DMA and what we have to offer.

Thank you for all your support and my best wishes for a prosperous 2014..

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## **MEET THE NEW MEMBERS**

**Bud Bain** was born in 1945 in Norwalk, Connecticut. He graduated from Brien McMahon High School in 1963 and Colgate University in 1967. After working for two years at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, he attended Columbia University and received an M.B.A. degree in 1971.



Bud began his career in municipal bonds at Dillon, Read & Co. He joined Lehman Brothers in 1983, retiring in 1996 after serving as a managing partner and head of the public finance department.

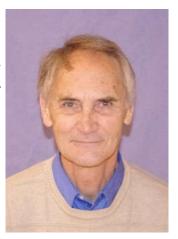
Upon retirement, he devoted two years to family, travel and Colgate University, where he was a trustee. In 1998, he went back to work at the Public Resource Advisory Group that serves as an advisor to tax-exempt bond issuers.

In 2003, he retired again and has devoted his time to world and domestic travel, children and grandchildren. He also enjoys golf, paddle tennis, photography and Colgate University activities.

He and his wife Betsy have been married for 46 years and live in Rowayton, Conn. They have two children and two grandchildren.

#### **Christopher Horan**

was born in 1938 in Kent, England. He attended Essex College of Science and Technology and served in the Royal Air Force for five years in the United Kingdom, Cyprus, East Africa and Aden.



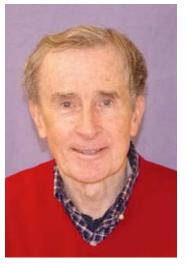
Chris then joined Racal Communications in

Berkshire, England, as a communications systems test engineer. He became European communications manager for United Press International and was based in London and Brussels. He joined Associated Press in 1981, transferring to New York City in 1983 as a communications executive. In 1990 he joined Philip Morris International and was responsible for international communications systems design and implementation in Eastern Europe, Asia and South America.

Upon retiring in 2003, Chris has enjoyed sailing. He is a member of the Noroton Yacht Club and has sailed the east coast of the United States and the eastern Caribbean on his 34-foot sailboat "Windsong."

Chris and his wife Traudel have lived in Darien for 30 years. They have two adult children living nearby.

Joe Spain was born November 7, 1930 in Troy NY and graduated in 1957 from LaSalle Institute in Troy where he played varsity ice hockey for three years. He graduated from Manhattan College, Bronx, NY in 1961 with a B.E.E. degree. He was president of the Tau Beta Pi electrical engineering na-



tional honor fraternity and a yearbook photogra-

pher. He received an LLB degree in 1964 from Boston College Law School where he was editor-inchief of the Boston College Law Review.

He began his law career in 1964 as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Adrian P. Burke of the New York State Court of Appeals. In 1966 he became an attorney with Rogers & Wells, New York City, and was a senior partner upon retiring in 2000 and continued his practice as a part time lawyer. During his career, he was admitted to practice in New York and at all levels of federal courts. He is a member of state and federal bar associations.

Joe is a member of the Saint Thomas More parish, Darien, and the Tokeneke Club. He is a former director of the Darien Youth Hockey Association and was a member of the Darien Planning & Zoning Commission for 16 years, serving as chairman in 2013.

Joe and his wife were married in 1965 and moved to Darien in 1967. They have three children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys reading, travel, music, baseball, hockey, and history.

*Membership Report*—-The collection of dues is going very slow. We still have over 60 members who are delinquent. Since the by-laws require a November deadline, this means a lot of extra work of this committee. Members who are not sure they've paid, please check with the membership committee (or your check book.

Starting from the first meeting in January thru June 2013, the DMA has admitted 22 new members and re-instated one. Twelve members have resigned or are deceased. At the present time, our membership total is 282.

### C. Scribner, Membership Committee

## DMA PROGRAMS—JAN/FEB 2014

#### Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Joseph Gianquinto, a 38 year veteran of the television industry, started his career in the commercial production department of the William Esty Advertising Agency as an assistant producer. Later, as a unit production manager at ABC and NBC he worked on the 1968 winter and Summer Olympics, the 1969 and 1970 World Series and a Harry Belafonte and Lena Horne Special. He also worked on the Orange Bowl Parade, the 1972 Democratic and Republican National Conventions and the NBC Nightly News as well as Apollo's 14, 15 and 17. In 1977 he became director of budgets and planning for NBC's News, Sports and East Coast Entertainment Programs. Mr. Gianquinto left NBC to help launch ESPN in 1979 becoming vice president of operations and engineering in 1980. He then began a sixteen year career at Westinghouse Broadcasting in 1983 as vice president of broadcast operations and technical services for the television group. Upon retiring, he worked as a consultant for American Catholic, securing production and office facilities for a would be 24 hour cable network

## Arranged by Bob Smith

### Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Mike Baker, ex-CIA agent, is a co-founder of Diligence LLC which helps clients confront difficult business challenges. In this role, they provide companies with both the intelligence and analysis to enable them to identify, manage and mitigate risks stemming either from the normal flow of business or from unanticipated contingencies. During his CIA career as a covert field operations officer, Mike specialized in counter-terrorism, counter-narcotic and counter-insurgency operations. He engaged in, organized and supervised operations around the globe, working in Asia, the Middle East. Africa. Europe, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere. Mike will talk about the top crises facing the U.S. which are cyber security, Iran, and North Korea

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#### Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Terrie Wood, State Representative for Darien and Rowayton, will speak on the current political climate and the stasis of the Connecticut legislature. Terrie Wood is serving her 3rd term as State Representative for Darien and Norwalk. She currently serves as ranking member on the Human Services committee, and also serves on the Regulations Review and Appropriations committees. This past session, Terrie served as Co-chair of the Mental Health Working Group of the Gun Violence and School Security Bill. Terrie was instrumental in crafting and implementing the Mental Health portion of the bill along with her Co-Chair Sen. Toni Harp. Both were very much aware of the importance of educating people about mental health and helping to de-stigmatize mental illness. One of the initiatives of the bill was to encourage citizens to take the nationally certified Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Course. After recommending the course, Terrie took the MHFA Course and is now "Mental Health First Aid Certified . Terrie also coordinated the organization of two course offerings in the area for citizens to take the MHFA Course.

Terrie was an actor in many national television commercials and voiceovers in New York City. She later founded and ran a portrait photography business specializing in black and white portraiture. She is a Co-Founder of The Darien Environmental Group, served as President of the Darien Land Trust, Co-Chair of the YES...DHS Referendum Committee for a new Darien High School, trustee of The Darien Library and The Community Fund, member of Republican Town Committee and the RTM. Terrie and her husband, Jay, have three children; all of whom graduated from public high school and were EMTs and members of Post 53 EMS service. Besides actively serving her constituents in Hartford, she continues her community advocacy as CT Board Chair of The Trust for Public Land and on the Person-to-Person Advisory Board. **Arranged by Bob Smith** 

#### Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Richard N. Pierson Jr., MD is Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University, will speak about healthcare. Dr. Pierson was trained in Internal Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, and Radiation Biology. He is also a founder of the Ethics Committee at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital. Dr. Pierson is an avid student of the "boundary conditions" between the disciplines of Physics and Medicine, and between the professions of Medicine, Literature, Ethics, and Law. He places great significance on the impact of poverty (1930-1940); WW II; the advent, pains, and benefits of Atomic Energy; the cataclysmic barbarisms of the Holocaust, Stalinist Russia, South Africa past, Central Africa present: and the "exponential" issues of population increase. Also the impact of the technical advances in Biomedicine that have made the learning and teaching of Medicine radically more powerful and more expensive. His interest in boundaries has encouraged him to serve with organized medicine and with large multidiscipline medical research adventures. **Arranged by Bob Smith** 

#### Wednesday, February 12, 2014

**Susan Gilgore**, executive director of the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, will speak about the New York and Fairfield County art scenes and the history and plans for the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum. Born in Paris, France, Ms. Gilgore earned a Ph.D. in political science from the Università degli studi di Milano (Milan, Italy) and began her career as assistant curator/editor for the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation and the AMS Foundation for the Arts, Science and the Humanities. She later worked for University Archives in Westport, of historical documents and artifacts. In 2003 she served as U.S. coordinator for the exhibition and catalog "Super Warhol," sponsored by Montecarlo's Grimaldi Forum, assisting Germano Celant, then senior curator of the Guggenheim Museum. Ms. Gilgore served as marketing director for the Connecticut Grand Opera & Orchestra from 2001 to 2008, where she managed marketing and public relations, organized press launches of international performers, and coordinated fundraisers and special events. She later worked for University Archives in Westport, CT, dealing with research and sales of historical documents and artifacts.

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#### Wednesday, February 19, 2014

**Pete Radovich and Steve Karasik** will talk about the Emmy Award winning documentary called "A Game of Honor," that portrays the rich traditions of the Army/Navy football game. Pete and Steve will discuss the making of the documentary. **Arranged by Tom Lom** 

#### Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Art Gottlieb will speak about Hitler's Operation Barbarossa. As the Blitzkrieg raged in France, Hitler was already planning to fulfill his promise laid out in Mein Kampf, the forceful conquest of new living space for Germany in the East. Operation Barbarossa began on June 22 1941 and betrayed Germany's nonaggression pact with Stalin, The Germans attacked Russia with 3 million soldiers, 3,350 tanks and 2,000 aircraft.

### Arranged by Alex Garnett

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee has prepared an active and interesting program of events for this year as follows:

**February 6,** Visit to Yale Art Gallery with lunch at the Union League Café and then a visit to the Two Roads Brewery in Stratford to sample some beers.

**April 17 or 24th,** Visit U.S. Coast Guard Academy, lunch at the Navy Officers Club and tour an active submarine at the sub base. May 22nd, A visit to Belmont Race Track with lunch and para mutual betting at the Clubhouse

August 14th, Our Annual DMA picnic at Weed Beach at 5 PM.

**September 11th,** Visit to the Samuel Morse House and lunch at the CIA. Later a tour of the Storm King Sculpture Park.

**October 2nd,** Lunch at the Gelson House and attend a play at the Goodspeed Playhouse in East Haddam.

**December 11,** Tour the New York Botanical Garden Christmas Train Show with lunch at LaPanetiere restaurant in Rye.

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## Looking for D Day Vets

Atria Darien is planning a 70th anniversary program on June 6, 2014 to pay tribute to those who served our country at Normandy. They are looking for contact information on any living veteran of D-Day (Darien residency not required). If you are aware of any D-Day veteran, please contact DMA members George Walsh or John Geoghegan.



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