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NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my final message as President of the DMA and I want to thank the DMA for what has been a very satisfying experience for me. I am happy with what the team has accomplished. I will also confess that it took more time than I anticipated.

The speakers have been outstanding and the visit by Sen. Chris Murphy and Rep. Jim Himes set a record for attendance with over 130 present.

The social events committee planned stimulating and interesting trips for our members to



enjoy. Mel Klugman hosted a dinner followed by the participants solving murder mystery. The event took place at St. Birgitta in Tokeneke.

Recognizing that attendance was dropping for the Christmas Season lunch, a Christmas Cocktail Party was substituted and it was a huge success. We are now working to do the same for our annual picnic at Weed Beach. The upcoming "Elegant Beach Party" is on June 10 and this classy event will feature tents, games and a catered gourmet dinner. We expect to have a large crowd and I anticipate that both affairs will become annual affairs.

We need to put more effort on improving our Community Service involvement. To date it has been limited to the repair of the town's Christmas wreaths, the town cleanup, and the upcoming

Postal Service food drive for Person to Person on May 9. This year we had a very successful used clothing drive for Hudson Link that helps released inmates transition from prison back into society. We intend to do this periodically and maybe it will become an annual event.

We added 15 new members this year compared to 26 last year. We need to spread the word and invite our retired friends and neighbors to our meetings to attract more members.

We have selected an outstanding slate of officers and directors for next year that will soon be presented to the members. This is largely the same team that showed so much imagination for events, trips, and speakers this year. I look forward to being the president emeritus and I wish the incoming slate good luck for the coming year.

Robert Smith, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our current membership is 287 and we have welcomed 15 new members so far this year. Meet our new members who have joined during the past 2 months.

John Podkowsky, Membership Chairman

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Robert (Spike) Reed was born in 1944 in White Plains, NY, grew up in Chappaqua, NY, and graduated from Horace Greely High School in 1962. He received a B.A. degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1966 and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. To pay college expenses, Spike washed dishes and bartended. He also sold Fuller brushes door to door for two summers and was the highest earning part-time salesman in the tri-state area.

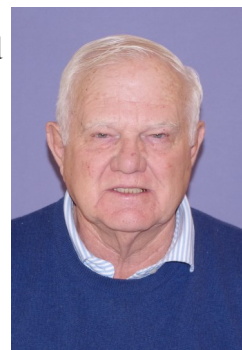


Spike joined the advertising agency Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample in media planning in 1966 and three years later joined the account management team working on ad campaigns for Cheerios, Skip-

py peanut butter and Bounty paper towels. He was named management director of the Wendy's hamburger account, creating the "Where's the Beef?" campaign. Later, he created the "Pizza! Pizza!" campaign for Little Caesars. In 2006, he joined Executive Media Network as director of marketing and sales for airport and airline media properties where he became the top revenue producer for digital signage networks until retiring in 2014.

He and his wife Mary Anne live in Darien and have two children and two grandchildren. Spike is a member of the Silvermine Golf Club and Wee Burn Country Club. He enjoys skiing, golf, gardening, travel and photography.

Hilary Donegan was born in 1940 in Farmingdale, NY, and graduated from high school in 1959 where he was a class officer and member of the football and golf teams. In 1963, he received a B.S. degree in accounting from Post College and was a member of the golf team. He joined the National Guard in 1963 and went through basic training in Fort Dix, NJ, and later trained as a medic at Fort Sam Houston, TX.



In 1964, Hilary joined Bankers Trust Company in New York City that became Deutsche Bank in 1998. He worked in the investment division of the personal trust department where he managed portfolios for fiduciary clients until retiring in 2005 as managing director of the compliance group of the trust department.

He and his wife Carol live in Darien and have three sons. He is a member of the Winged Foot Golf Club and is president of Star Foundation. The foundation is a not-for-profit organization serving more than 500 infants, children and adults in Fairfield County who have development disabilities. Support for the families also is provided by the foundation

Harris Hester was born in Columbus, MS, in 1942 where he was a member of the Saber Drill team, Wine Club and tennis team. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a B.A. degree in political science in 1964 and from Harvard Business School with an A.M.P degree in business in 1980.

Harris joined the Arrow Shirt Company in 1966 in Birmingham, AL, as a territory salesman and in 1970 moved to the company's New York City office in merchandising and sales management. After holding a number of senior management positions, he was named president of Arrow in 1982. He became president of Cluett Peabody Shirt Group in 1984 and later was named president and chief operating officer. In 1994, he became owner and president of Gitman & Company and in 1997 held the same position with Forsyth Shirt Company. He currently is president of Opti Partners, consultants to apparel and retail companies.



He and his wife Betsy live in Darien and have three children and five grandchildren. He is a former president of Tokeneke Club, a former vice chairman of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association and a former consultant to the U.S. Trade Representative. Harris enjoys tennis, wine and travel

SPEAKERS—MAY & JUNE

Wednesday, May 6

Julia Wade, Director of Volunteers for Domus since 1972, has helped thousands of vulnerable youths experience success. Domus is the Latin noun for home. The organization's goal is to create the conditions necessary for young people to get on a path toward health and opportunity so they can engage and succeed in school and ultimately have satisfying and productive lives. Domus' school, community and residential programs lead youth to that path and help them graduate from high school. The organization focuses on remedial academic instruction, effective out-of-school-time programming and support in overcoming non-academic barriers to success.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, May 13

Peter Andrew Georgescu, Chairman Emeritus of Young & Rubicam (Y&R), was born on the eve of World War II in Bucharest, Romania. His American journey started in 1954 with admission to Exeter

Academy, which generously overlooked his inability to speak English and lack of formal schooling since second grade. He graduated from Princeton and then earned an M.B.A. degree from Stanford Business School. In 1963, he joined Young & Rubicam as a trainee in the research department. Thirty-seven years later, he retired as Chairman and CEO, with Y&R's position at the pinnacle of the advertising and communications industry. Under Georgescu's leadership, Y&R successfully transformed from a private to a publicly held company. During his tenure, Y&R built an extensive database on global branding and, from its findings, developed a proprietary model for analyzing and managing brands. Georgescu published his first book, *The Source of Success*, asserting that personal values and creativity, devoted to creating lasting relationships with individual clients, are the leading drivers of business success in the 21st century.

Arranged by Bob Smith

Wednesday, May 20

Mark Albertson will discuss the Treaty of Versailles signed June, 28, 1919 at the end of World War I between Germany and the Allied Powers. Of its many articles, the most important and controversial required "Germany [to] accept the responsibility of Germany and her allies for causing all the loss and damage" during the war. Called Article 231, it later became known as the War Guilt clause. The treaty forced Germany to disarm, make substantial territorial concessions and pay reparations to certain countries that had formed the Entente powers. At the time, economists said the treaty was too harsh. Others thought it too lenient. The result of these competing and sometimes conflicting goals among the victors was a compromise that left none content. Mark Albertson is a historical research editor at *Army Aviation* magazine, as the U.S. Naval Institute for more search editor at *Army Aviation* magazine, has been a member of the U.S. Naval Institute for more than 25 years.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, May 27

Bob Masterson has a doctorate degree in nuclear engineering from MIT. Dr. Bob will talk about the basics of reactive physics and nuclear power engineering and offer an up-to-date approach on

the newest nuclear reactor designs and computer applications.

Arranged by Bob Smith

Wednesday, June 3

Our own Darien Senior Songsters will entertain us with a selection of Barbershop Harmony, Broadway and Spiritual songs.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee has two great events planned.. On May 21 there will be a trip around Manhattan on the Circle Line with lunch at St. Andrews in midtown. This trip is being planned by Denny Devere. On June 10 , there will be an “Elegant Beach Party” planned by Chris Filmer and the crew who did the great Christmas Cocktail Party. **Mark your calendar!!** In the fall, we will return to Goodspeed and enjoy another Christmas Season Cocktail Party. Mores trips will be planned when we return in the fall.



Wanderers relaxing in Alphabet City



Zofnass Family Preserve Hike April 23,



Town Cleanup , April 25, 2015





Mel Klugman's Murder Mystery Night and Dinner
at the Convent of St. Birgitta in Tokeneke



March Madness 2015—Winners l-r Jim Tulacro, Austin
Schraff, Tom Taylor, Bob Baker, Pete Scull. Standing,
John Barston, pool manager

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