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NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are off to a great start this year. We all have enjoyed outstanding speakers so far and we have many more to come. Thanks to Scott Hutchason and his expanded committee for a great job! Scott will be joining the other Men's Associations (Stamford, Greenwich, Westport, and New Canaan) at a luncheon soon to share speaker information.

WOW! You heard the call and many of you have brought guests along to see what we are all about. John Podkowsky reports that we have already added 10 new members and have a number of prospective members ready to join up. Our membership stands at 281. Bravo to all.



Cell Phones - We are getting better. I did not hear any phones go off today during Karen Abbott's wonderful presentation. "Keep" it up.

I encourage you to pay your dues ASAP and please make a donation for our scrumptious goodies provided by our wonderful Chef Carolyn. If you have not had them, her warm scones are to die for!

I also ask that each of you fill out Jack Fitzgibbons volunteer survey; there are so many options for volunteerism and Jack wants to share this information with our members.

George Gilliam has done a great job with DMA Cares. We have lovely new cards; frankly we just had too many cards to sign in the

early going this Fall. Let's all stay healthy guys!

We are looking into new name tags with a clip versus a safety pin which will be far more user friendly. More on this later.

By the time you read this, we will have been to The Goodspeed Opera House for *It's a Wonderful Life* (the Musical) led by Paul Larson. Thank you Paul!

Bill Winship and his Holiday Party Committee led by Tom Brayton (now sporting a new knee) are eagerly putting the final bows onto what will be a bang up Holiday gathering. The Blue Notes will be there again to brighten the season! So please put Wednesday December 16th at 5:30pm on your calendars. You will NOT want to miss this.

Finally, please sign up to help Jack Fitzgibbons and his committee with the Town's Holiday lights.

Gentlemen, enjoy the next two months with your family and loved ones. Every day counts. Peace on earth to one and all.

Alex Garnett, President

SPEAKERS - NOV/DEC

Wednesday, November 4

Jack Ford and Blake Berson will talk about *Forward Progress: The Integration of SEC Football*, a CBS Sports documentary about Nate Northington, the first African-American football player in the Southeastern Conference. The documentary covers the impact of his arrival in 1967 on the University of Kentucky, the SEC, and the sports and cultural landscape in the United States. The one-hour documentary aired during African-American History Month on February 16, 2015. Jack Ford served as executive producer and Blake Berson as producer.

Arranged by Tom Lom

Wednesday, November 11

Stew Leonard Jr. will talk about the company's history and business practices that have contributed to its success in the highly competitive food retail industry. Stew Leonard's opened its first dairy store in Norwalk in 1969. Since then it has developed into a non-traditional retailing business model. It is a unique family-owned and operated, farm-fresh grocery store once called "The Disneyland of Dairy Stores" by *The New York Times* for its in-store entertainment and costumed characters. The company is continuously featured in marketing textbooks and business school case studies. Stew has shared Stew Leonard's philosophy on customer service and team member development with companies from all corners of the globe. He is listed as one of the top 25 speakers from the Washington Speakers' Bureau.

Arranged by Richard Bain

Wednesday, November 18

Dave Pietrycha and Rob Landau of the NBC Sports Group will speak about the NBC Sports Universe including an overview of the network and the Stamford site. They also will discuss some of the business metrics and economics of sports broadcasting. Dave Pietrycha is chief financial officer, NBC Sports Group with financial oversight of NBC Sports Group properties. The group includes NBC Sports, NBC Olympics, NBCSN, Golf Channel, 11 NBC Sports Regional networks, NBC Sports Radio and NBC Sports Group Digital. Previously, he was senior vice president and chief financial officer, NBC News Division, and managed finance for all of NBC News broadcasts and platforms, including MSNBC. Rob Landau, is senior vice president, Human Resources and Administration, NBC Sports Group and is responsible for talent, compensation, benefits, learning, and employee and labor relations. He also is responsible for the information technology teams and administration of the new NBC Sports Group facility in Stamford, Conn. The group includes NBC Olympics, NBCSN, Golf Channel, NBC Sports Radio, NBC Sports Digital and 10 NBC Sports Regional Networks.

Arranged by Gehr Brown.

Wednesday, November 25

No meeting, Thanksgiving Holiday.

Wednesday, December 2

Terrie Wood, State Representative for Darien and Rowayton, will talk about the current fiscal state of Connecticut. Topics will include the ongoing budget challenges as well as the status of Senate Bill 1, which creates revenue sharing on a regional basis. Frist elected in 2009, Terrie is the ranking member on the Human Services Committee and a member of the Finance and Regulations Review Committees. She was co-chair of the Mental Health Working Group of the Gun Violence and School Security Bill in 2013, and instrumental in crafting and implementing the mental health portion of the bill. She co-chaired the MORE Commission Working Group on Special Education 2013 – 14. Terrie is past president of the Darien Land Trust, founder and the first chairman of the Darien Environmental Group, past trustee of the Darien Library and The Community Fund and former member of the Darien Republican Town Committee. She chaired The Barbara Harrington Fund, an educational enrichment fund for teachers in the Darien school system, and was an Advisory Member of Person to Person. A former commercial/voiceover actor in New York City and portrait photographer, she is a graduate of Rollins College and a 36 year resident of Darien.

Arranged by Tom Haack

Wednesday, December 9

Dr. Serena-Lynn Brown will talk about transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), a new, effective, safe, non-invasive, non-pharmacological, FDA approved therapy treatment to deal with disorders such as depression, bipolar disorder and anxiety. Since 2013 she has been actively involved in providing TMS as a treatment option for patients with treatment-refractory depression and in communicating to the medical community the great efficacy of TMS. Dr. Brown is an internationally recognized M.D., Ph.D. with more than 20 years of experience as a clinical psychopharmacologist. She has published more than 100 scientific papers and has been continuously selected in various publications as a “Top Doctor” or “Best Doctor”. Dr. Brown earned her B.A. from Reed College; her M.S., M. Phil., and Ph.D. from Yale University; and her M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. She spent nearly a decade as Director of Psychopharmacology in the Department of Psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where she remains on the faculty. Her areas of specialization include the treatment of mood, anxiety, eating, and attention deficit disorders, as well as substance abuse issues.

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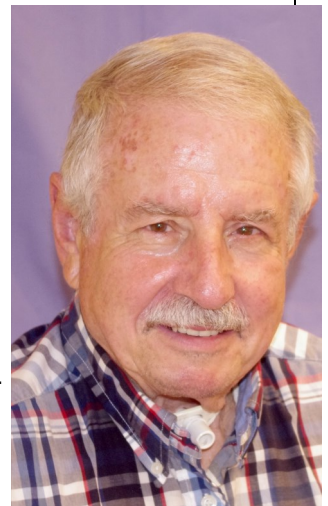
Wednesday, December 16

No meeting. Come to the Annual DMA Christmas Season Cocktail Party at the DMA. It will be bigger and better than last year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to a lot of work over the summer, the 2016 Directory has been published. If there are any necessary corrections, please email John Podkowsky and an addendum will be issued before the end of the year. We have added eight new members with this issue; current membership is 281. Meet our new members:

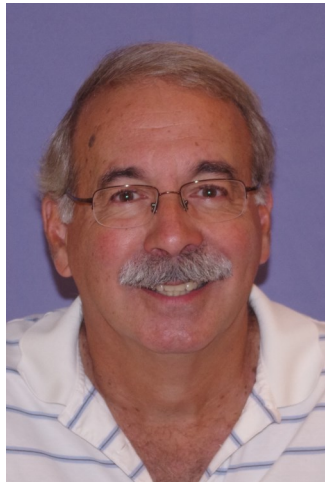
Steve Fritsch was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1944 and graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1962. He attended the Paier College of Art in 1966, served in the U.S. Army for two years and returned to the Paier College of Art on a scholarship. Upon graduating in 1969, he went to work at the BBDO World Wide advertising agency in New York City as an art director working on a variety of accounts including Pepsi International, The Wall Street Journal and Citibank. In 1978 he began freelance work on his own that included humorous illustrations. Retiring in 1998, he began fine art painting of landscapes and seascapes that he exhibits throughout Fairfield County. He and his wife Linda live in Darien and have two children. He is past president of the Darien Lions Club and a member of the Roton Point Association and the Rowayton Art Center.



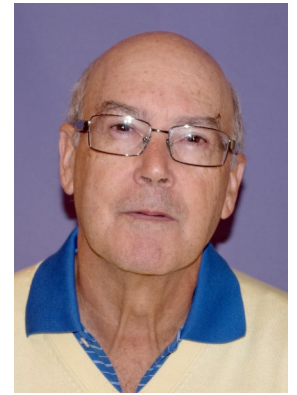
Roger Renz was born in Englewood, N.J., in 1943 and graduated in 1961 from Ramsey, N.J., High School where he was a member of the cross-country team. He received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh University in 1965 and an M.B.A. from Columbia University in 1967. He began two years active duty in the U.S. Army in 1967. In 1969, he joined IBM as a salesman in the Washington, D.C. area and held various jobs in computer sales, product management and pricing. Upon leaving IBM in 2010, he spent five years with Dassault Systemes and retired in 2015. Roger and his wife Shirley live in Rowayton. He has two children and his wife has three children. There are four grandchildren. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stamford and enjoys skiing and sailing.



Tony Yezi was born in Albany, N.Y., in 1952 and grew up in Loudonville, N.Y. He graduated from Shaker High School in 1970 where he played football and was on the track team. He went on to receive a B.S. degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University in 1974 and an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. That same year he went to work for Hewitt Associates Inc., now AON, in Chicago where he worked as a pension actuary and later retired in 2015. Tony and his wife Jane live in Darien and have two adult children. He is a member of the Society of Actuaries and enjoys golf, bowling, sports and the theater.



Jan Selkowitz was born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1944 and graduated from Lenox Prep School in 1961 where he was on the tennis, ski and soccer teams as well as a member of the French Club and the school newspaper. He received a B.A. degree in French and economics in 1966 from St. Lawrence University where he was a member of the ski team and coached the women's ski team. He studied one year at the Sorbonne in Paris. Upon graduating, he taught French at the Lenox School and then joined Sportswear International Ltd for 18 years. He then became president of Salem Straits Ltd, and for the next 29 years spent much of his time working in Asia, Turkey and Africa. Jan and his wife Min live in Darien and have two children. He is a member of the Tokeneke Club, the Pittsfield Country Club and Chelsea Piers. He enjoys skiing, tennis, reading, movies and traveling with his family.

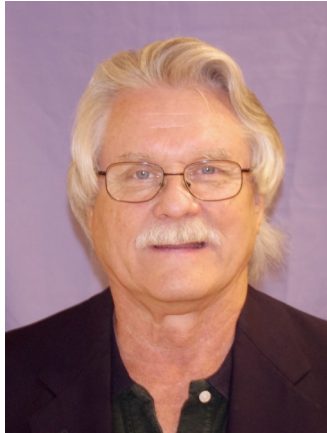


John Bosee was born in 1952 in New York City and grew up in Old Greenwich, Conn. He graduated in 1970 from the Loomis Chaffee School where he played football, lacrosse and wrestled. He also played the drums in bands and raced sailboats. He received a B.A. degree in interdisciplinary studies from Bethany College in 1974 where he was active in sports, student government, was a disk jockey on a radio station and performed and directed theater productions. He received a J.D. degree in 1977 from Brooklyn College. He has worked for various law firms in New York City and Connecticut and tried hundreds of commercial cases. He was appointed assistant district attorney, Queens County, N.Y. and later joined the law firm of Kroll and Tract to do international insurance litigation. He also works with international stu-



dents from over 22 countries and currently supervises 23 Chinese students in Rockland County, N.Y. He and his wife Juanita live in Darien and have two children. John was a commissioner for the Charter Revision Commission, Darien, and served three years as a Representative to the Darien Town Meeting. He is a member of the First Congregational Church and at the Darien YMCA served as water front director for the past two summers.

Gary Bernhardt was born in 1943 in Lyndon, Ill., in and grew up in Morrison, Ill. He graduated from high school in 1961 where he played freshman and sophomore football and was a trombone player in the marching band and the concert orchestra. He received a B.S. degree from Calvin College and a B.S. and



M.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois and was a member of the Society of Automotive engineers. He received an M.B.A. degree in finance and economics from New York University. His first job was with the family owned business, Bernhardt Motors, where he became the rotary power mower expert in town at the age of 15. He began his business career with Medema Van Kooten Associates, land surveyors. He went on to work with a number of companies including Esso Research and Engineering, Mobil Oil, Atlantic Richfield and American Can. In 1983 he became self-employed working with startup and turnaround companies. He is a Certified Turnaround Professional and a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor. He and his wife Linda live in Darien and are members of the Middlesex Swim Club. He enjoys auto racing, working on older sports cars, traveling and watching football.

Herb Winter was born in Charleston, S.C. in 1945. He grew up in New York City and graduated from Francis Lewis High School in 1963 where he was a member of the track and soccer teams and the print shop club. He graduated from the Academy of Aeronautics with an A.A.S. degree in mechanical engineering and was Sergeant at Arms of the stud-

ent council. He received a B.S. degree in business administration from the State University of New York and an M.B.A. from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic for two years and joined Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford, Conn. in 1970 in engi-



neering. Upon retiring in 2009, he was responsible for the development of the non-destructive inspection of fatigue critical military engine parts. His work took him to the flight line at JFK International Airport; the U.S.A.F. jet engine repair depot San Antonio, Texas; the Israeli Air Force, Tel Aviv, for six years; the Royal Norwegian Air Force, Oslo for five years; and the U.S.A.F, RAF Lankenheath, England, for three years. Herb and his wife Gaby live in Norwalk and have two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, reading, traveling and tinkering.

Dan Eng was born in Guangzhou, China, in 1949 and grew up in Newark, N.J. He received a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1971 and an M.B.A. degree from the Tuck School of Dartmouth College



in 1974. Dan has worked in the oil and gas industry his entire career beginning with Exxon and moving on to, Gulf Oil Company, ARCO, British Petroleum, General Electric, Goldman Sachs and OVM Petrom. He has lived and worked in New York City, Houston, Beijing, London, Jakarta and Singapore retiring in 2014. He and his wife Chris live in New Canaan and have three children and four grandchildren. His interests include water color painting, reading, golf, hiking, paddle tennis, ping pong and wood working.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Forty-one DMA members and their significant others enjoyed a trip to the Goodspeed Opera House to enjoy “A Wonderful Life” a new musical play based on the movie. The play was preceded by a delicious meal at the Gelston House. A great day was had by all.

Our next event is our annual Christmas Season Cocktail Party on Dec.16. Sign-up Now!



Fort Greene Park with WTC #1 in Background



Wandering and imbibing in Hell's Kitchen



Gelston House lunch

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