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NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our Social Committee especially Tom Brayton and Bob Smith for planning and orchestrating our spectacular holiday party. We sold out with over 200 people enjoying the festive and beautifully decorated DCA. The Palmer's team did a great job and we all enjoyed delicious and plentiful hors d'oeuvres. The Blue Notes punctuated a lovely evening with their lovely voices giving us all special Christmas cheer.

DCA Gift – We presented Amy Bell and the DCA with a new sound system with multiple microphones providing far better sound and resonance.

New Name Tags – A special thank you to Pete Kenyon and his team of Bob Smith and Dan Benton for their hard work to give all of us a new and far more user-friendly name badges.



Membership – We are at 288 members with 5 or 6 recently introduced guests in the wings ready to join. Great job in bringing in new blood!

Dues – Here are the numbers. 192 members paid (including 20 new members), 31 members over 90 are free, leaving 62 ‘ black sheep ‘ **UNPAID** members. For those who have not paid, we will be following up in January with phone calls so please pay now. Do not forget to also make a contribution to our weekly refreshments.

Parking – We have 115 lined parking spaces at the DCA; please use them and **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!**

Closing reminder – If the Darien Schools are closed, we do not meet.

Cell Phones – Please remember to turn them off when you come into the DCA.

Alex Garnett, President

SPEAKERS—JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Wednesday, January 6

Jim Cameron will talk about “Metro-North: From First to Worst.” A longtime rail advocate, Jim will detail the railroad’s slide from the best commuter line in the United States to the subject of federal investigations following derailments and several deaths. Jim served 19 years on the Connecticut Metro-North Commuter Rail Council. He is the author of “Talking Transportation” that appears as a newspaper column, blog and podcast. A DMA member, he is an elected member of the Darien Representative Town Meeting and is Program Director of the TV station Darien TV79.

Arranged by Scott Hutchason

Wednesday, January 13

Geoff Feinberg will talk about “Finding Common Ground on Climate and Energy Issues.” Geoff is Research Director at the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication (YPCCC), where he manages and oversees the biannual survey called “Climate Change in the American Mind.” The survey measures American public opinion on global warming. Geoff’s specialty is studying the different ways that Americans think and feel about themselves and climate change. Prior to YPCCC, he was a vice president of GfK North America, one of the world’s largest market research firms. At GfK, he co-founded the Associated Press-GfK Poll, one of the most widely reported media polls in the world.

Arranged by Gehr Brown

Wednesday, January 20

Warfield “Skip” Hobbs, geologist, will present an “Update on U.S. Energy Markets.” Skip will comment on how the oil industry has gone from boom to bust while the United States produces record amounts of hydrocarbons. A prominent consulting geologist and energy analyst, he also will talk about the destruction of the coal industry by clean air regulatory mandates and the rapid growth of wind and solar power. According to Skip, the volatility in the fossil fuels commodity markets is expected to continue, perhaps with more intense peaks and valleys. Skip is Managing Partner of Ammonite Resources, a firm of international petroleum and mining geotechnical and business consultants that he founded in 1982. He is a New Canaan resident.

Arranged by Scott Hutchason

Wednesday, January 27

Tom Joyce, Executive Chairman, Arxis Capital Group, will present “A Window into High-Speed Equity Trading.” Tom will review the history of equity trading starting with the “stone age” decades ago when trading on the New York Stock Exchange included fixed-rate commissions. Today, electronic trading is commonplace. High volumes are an everyday occurrence. The overall structure of the exchanges has changed and there are compressed spreads between bids and offers. High-speed computer program trading dominates the market. The book *Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis reveals a world of incomprehensible trading speeds, a proliferation of exchanges and a vast number of institutions that practice high-speed trading. Tom has played a leadership role in the financial services industry for the past 30 years. Prior to joining Arxis Capital Group, he was Chairman and CEO of Knight Capital Group. He also served as Global Head of Trading for S.C. Bernstein & Co. and held management positions in Merrill Lynch’s Global Institutional Equity business.

Arranged by Tom Haack

Wednesday, February 3

Mark Albertson, local historian, will talk about the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. He will point out how ISIS is filling a void left in Iraq when the United States pulled out. He also will comment on the .

Russian intervention in Syria and what that has to do with the current situation in Ukraine. The competition between Russia and Saudi Arabia selling oil and gas also will be discussed.

Mark is the Historical Research Editor at *Army Aviation* magazine. He has authored several books, including *On History: A Treatise*, and is finishing Volume 1, *Sky Soldiers: The Saga of Army Aviation*. An avid speaker, he travels Connecticut presenting a variety of historical topics and current events. He teaches as an adjunct professor at Norwalk Community College for the Extended Studies Program and the Lifetime Learners Institute.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, February 10

Jayne Stevenson, First Selectman, Town of Darien, will present “The State of the Town.” Jayne’s update will include a review of town operations, the outlook for changes in the near future and her work with the new regional Council of Governments. Jayne has been First Selectman since 2011 and has been a member of the Board of Selectmen since 2009. She has served on a wide variety of Darien nonprofit boards, including The Depot, the Darien Nature Center and the First Congregational Church Nursery School. She also has served as PTO Chair for Royle Elementary School and Darien High School. She has lived in Darien for 24 years with her husband and five children.

Arranged by Marc Thorne

Wednesday, February 17

David Genovese, real estate developer and founder of Baywater Properties in 2001, will talk about his company’s plan to redevelop downtown Darien. The plan would transform the area of Corbin Drive and Boston Post Road into a new mixed-use development, including luxury housing, retail stores, office space, public parking and a town green for social gatherings. The six-acre parcel is across the street from the Darien Playhouse. The goal is to transform the downtown of Darien into a more pedestrian-friendly place where people can comfortably live, work and play. Collaborating with David on the project is Robert A.M. Stern, Dean of the School of Architecture, Yale University; and Penny Glassmeyer of Baywater Properties. Preliminary plans have been presented to the Darien Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board. Go to www.yourdowntowndarien.com for more information.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, February 24

Susan Granger, film critic, will talk about “A Film Critic’s Preview of Oscar Night.” Born into a film-business family and raised in Hollywood, Susan appeared as a child actress in movies with Abbott & Costello, Red Skelton, Lucille Ball and Lassie. For more than 25 years, she has been an on-air television and radio critic, bringing an experienced and unique perspective to the movie business. Her commentaries are distributed around the world by SSG Syndicate. In addition, her work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Redbook*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Working Woman*, *Family Circle*, *Cosmopolitan* and numerous other publications. Susan also is the feature film critic for *Video Librarian* magazine, distributed to libraries throughout the country.

Arranged by Martin Skala

SOCIAL AND COMING ACTIVITIES

The Social Committee’s Christmas Cocktail Party was a sold out success. The committee is now planning five events for the spring season. Look for details at the January 6 meeting. No hiking or wandering until March but all other groups continue active during the winter. Look for John Barston and Bill Bellis to announce their Super Bowl pool in January and there is March Madness coming soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 288 members. Meet our new members:



Bill Carney was born in Methuen, Mass., in 1954 and graduated from Central Catholic High School, where he was on the track team and the Student Council. He received an A.B. degree in philosophy in 1975 from Dartmouth College and was a member of the Green Key Society. He also studied at the University of Edinburgh. He earned an M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1977.

Bill began his business career at the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Mich., as a Financial Analyst and later became a Controller at American Can Company. In 1998 he joined the Trudy Corporation, Norwalk, Conn., as Chief Financial Officer and then joined Universal Voltronics/Pine Brook Capital, Brookfield, Conn., as Chief Financial Officer and President.

He and his wife Debbie live in Darien and have two children. He has served on the Dartmouth Alumni Council and was the Dartmouth District Enrollment Director for two years. He is a member of the Post 53 Emergency Medical Technician team and At Home in Darien. He enjoys cycling, running and cooking.

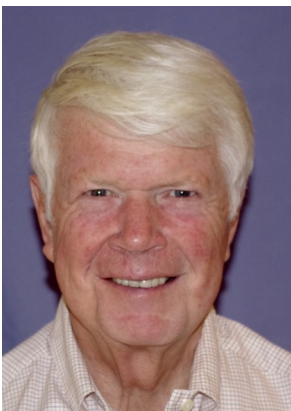


Henry J. Gioiella, Jr. was born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., in 1948. He grew up in Crestwood, N.Y., and graduated from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, N.Y., in 1966, where he played baseball and was active in drama. In 1970, he received a B.S. degree in finance from Fairfield University and was a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. He received an M.B.A. degree in finance in 1973 from Iona College. Upon graduating, he served in the U.S. Army 42nd Military Police.

Hank began his career on Wall Street in 1962 while still in high school, working part time in the summer at the Irving Trust Company. He went on to work as a Senior Trader at Kidder Peabody, Lehman Brothers and Cantor Fitzgerald. He currently is with Williams Capital. He and his wife Joan live in Darien and have one son.

Hank is a member of the Darien Boat Club, the Darien YMCA and the Connecticut Options Association. He is a board member of the Piedmont Club and Fairfield University Alumni Association.

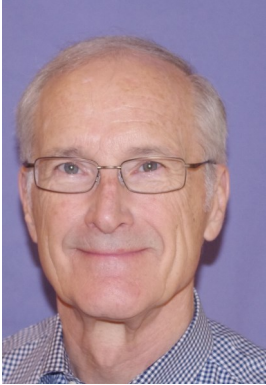
He enjoys painting, boating, photography and traveling, mostly to Italy. He also is an avid car collector including an automobile previously owned by John Lennon. His cars have won awards at the Greenwich Concours d'Elegance and the Porsche National Meet.



Joe Kennedy was born in 1943 in Springfield, Mass., and graduated from Cathedral High School in 1962. He received a B.S. degree in accounting from New York University in 1972 and an M.S. in taxation and finance from Long Island University in 1979.

He began his business career in 1970 in tax accounting with Arthur Young & Company. He went on to work for Citibank and later Nestlé's in tax accounting. He retired in 2015 from General Electric in Stamford as a Tax Consultant and Senior Tax Manager.

He and his wife Barbara live in Darien and have three children and two grandchildren. He is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Connecticut Society of CPAs, the Roton Point Association and the Cherry Lawn Gardens. Joe enjoys research and investing, gardening, kayaking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing and spending time with his family.



John Marr was born in Batavia, N.Y. in 1946 and received a B.A. degree in economics from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., in 1968. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969 and trained in military intelligence as a Japanese linguist at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. He was assigned to Okinawa and was responsible for overseeing members of the Okinawan labor unions who worked on B-52s that flew bombing missions into North Vietnam. Upon leaving the military, he completed an M.B.A. degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in finance.

John joined Citibank in 1972 in New York City in the Real Estate Industries Division and later transferred to the Municipal Bond Department, where he underwrote mortgage-backed securities. In 1980 he joined Paine Webber as a Municipal Investment Banker. In 1985 he purchased Paine Webber's mortgage banking subsidiary with several partners. He sold his interest in that company to work in a number of private banking companies doing project finance. He currently is a Managing Director for Greystone, a private investment bank headquartered in New York City.

John and his wife Karen live in Darien and have two children and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Noroton Presbyterian Church, The Country Club of Darien and a board member of Friends of Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan. His interests include driving German cars on race tracks in the United States, Europe and the Middle East. He also enjoys photography and has self-published several books of pictures from the Middle East and Asia.



Harvey Mogenson was born in 1955 in Burlington, Wis., where he graduated from high school in 1973. He received a B.B.A. degree in accounting and finance from the University of Wisconsin in 1977 and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Harvey began his business career with Arthur Young & Company in Milwaukee, Wis., in international tax. He later worked for the company in New York City, Brussels and Washington, D.C., and was named a Partner. In 1997, he joined Morgan Stanley for 18 years, retiring as Managing Director and Global Head of the Tax Department in 2015.

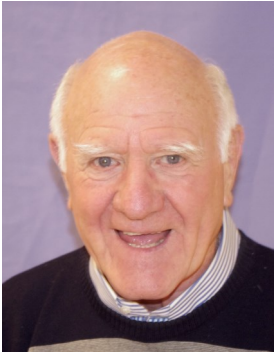
He and his wife Gwen have two children. He is a member of the Roton Point Association and enjoys photography and skiing.



Glen Osberg was born in 1941 in Hartford, Conn., and graduated from East Hartford High School in 1959, where he was a member of the Student Council and the International Relations Club. He also played golf. He received a B.A. degree in government in 1963 from Norwich University, where he was on the Dean's List. He joined the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and served two years' activity duty and four years in the reserves as an armor/infantry officer.

Glen spent his business career with IBM Corporation in various manufacturing and headquarters locations. He held numerous management and staff positions that were multi-discipline in nature with a special focus on international manufacturing and asset/inventory management. He retired in 2011.

He and his wife Linda live in Darien and have four children and 13 grandchildren. He is a member of the Darien YMCA, the Darien Boat Club, the Silvermine Golf Club, the Norwich University Alumni Association, the United Way and Boy Scouts of America. He enjoys golf, fishing, boating, working out, reading, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.



Dick Packer was born in 1934 in Philadelphia, Pa. He grew up in Newtown, Pa., and graduated from the George School in 1952. He received a B.S. degree in hotel management in 1956 from Penn State University, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and several honor societies. He went on to serve as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force for three years.

At Penn State Dick is remembered for his outstanding achievements on the soccer team. He established three scoring records, two of which still stand today. He was named to the All-American Soccer Team two years in a row and was the only college player on the 1956 U.S. Olympic Team. He carried the Olympic Torch during the 1996 Games in Atlanta, Ga. Dick went on to play professionally with the Philadelphia Urik Truckers for two years. He also played on the U.S. Armed Forces Team in Germany. In 1978 he founded the PackerGogolak Soccer Camps for boys and girls ages 3-12 that continues to this day.

Dick began his career in the hotel/travel industry in 1959 as a hotel representative with Robert F. Warner. In 1966, he joined Travel Consultants, Inc. and later became a Senior Vice President with Group Travel Unlimited Inc. He currently is semi-retired as Regional Vice President with Martiz Travel, Inc. and continues to enjoy working with corporations that reward their sales forces with trips to resort destinations.

He and Joan Brusven live in Rowayton. They each have two children and two grandchildren. Dick enjoys tennis, paddle tennis, photography and wood working.



Chris Snyder was born in 1942 in New Brunswick, N.J., and graduated in 1960 from Plainfield High School, N.J., where he was a member of the Radio Club. He attended Lehigh University and received a B.S. degree in business in 1964, an M.S. degree in economics in 1966, and a Ph.D. in economics and statistics in 1969. He then served in the U. S. Air Force as a captain on the staff of the Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon.

Chris began his business career in 1972 as a Vice President with Chase Manhattan Bank and in 1976 became Group Vice President with Data Resources, a division of Standard & Poor's. In 1985 he founded the Loan Pricing Corporation that later was sold to Reuters and went on to build the first Loan Syndication Research Group at J.P. Morgan. In 2000 he co-founded Private Client Resources and in 2012 started Peer Vantage, where he helps households compare their portfolio performance with their peers.

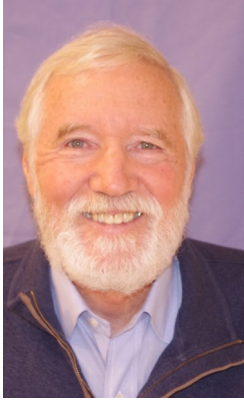
He and his wife Anne live in New Canaan and have two children and six grandchildren. He is a member of the New Canaan Rotary and The Country Club of Darien.



James Spano was born in 1950 in Manchester, N.H., and graduated in 1968 from Manchester High School Central, where he worked on the school newspaper and was on the track team. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1972 with a B.S. in civil engineering and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi Society. In 1974, he received an M.B.A. from Dartmouth College Amos Tuck School of Business.

His business career started in 1974 with Citibank, where he worked in commercial lending in New York City and Athens, Greece. He joined UBS in 2000 in wealth management, retiring in 2010.

James and his wife Penny have two children and one grandchild. He is a member of the Emeriti Board of the University of New Hampshire Foundation and the American Hellenic People's Association. He is an active member of the Tau Beta Pi Society national engineering honor society. He enjoys gardening and coin collecting.



Cliff Van Voorhees was born in New York City in 1945 and grew up in Farmington, Conn. He graduated from the Pomfert School, Pomfert, Conn., where he played soccer, squash and tennis and was the yearbook Business Manager. He received a B.A. degree in French in 1968 from Rutgers College and played squash and tennis and was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. At Columbia Graduate School of Business, he received an M.B.A. degree in 1970.

Cliff began his career at the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity, Harlem, N.Y., as a Minority Business Consultant. In 1974 he joined Bankers Trust Company, working in New York City, Nigeria and London and in 1987 joined Barclays Bank. He then worked as an electronic Bond Broker for Instinet Fixed Income and later served as Chief Operations Officer of the Hyde Leadership Charter School, Bronx, N.Y. He currently is head of C.I. Van Voorhees & Company, providing consulting to nonprofit organizations.

He and his wife Kathryn live in Darien and have four children and two grandchildren. He enjoys travel, music, arts and sports and is a member of the Squadron A Association and the Tokeneke Club.

From the Publisher: With the newsletter emailed to all members who have email, it was decided, after receiving comments about having to scroll up and down the pages (if you don't want to print it out) to try showing the speakers and new member bios as one column pages. Further comments one way or another would be appreciated for future letters.

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Hiking Mianus River Park



Repairing Darien's Christmas wreaths



Bell ringing at Palmer's