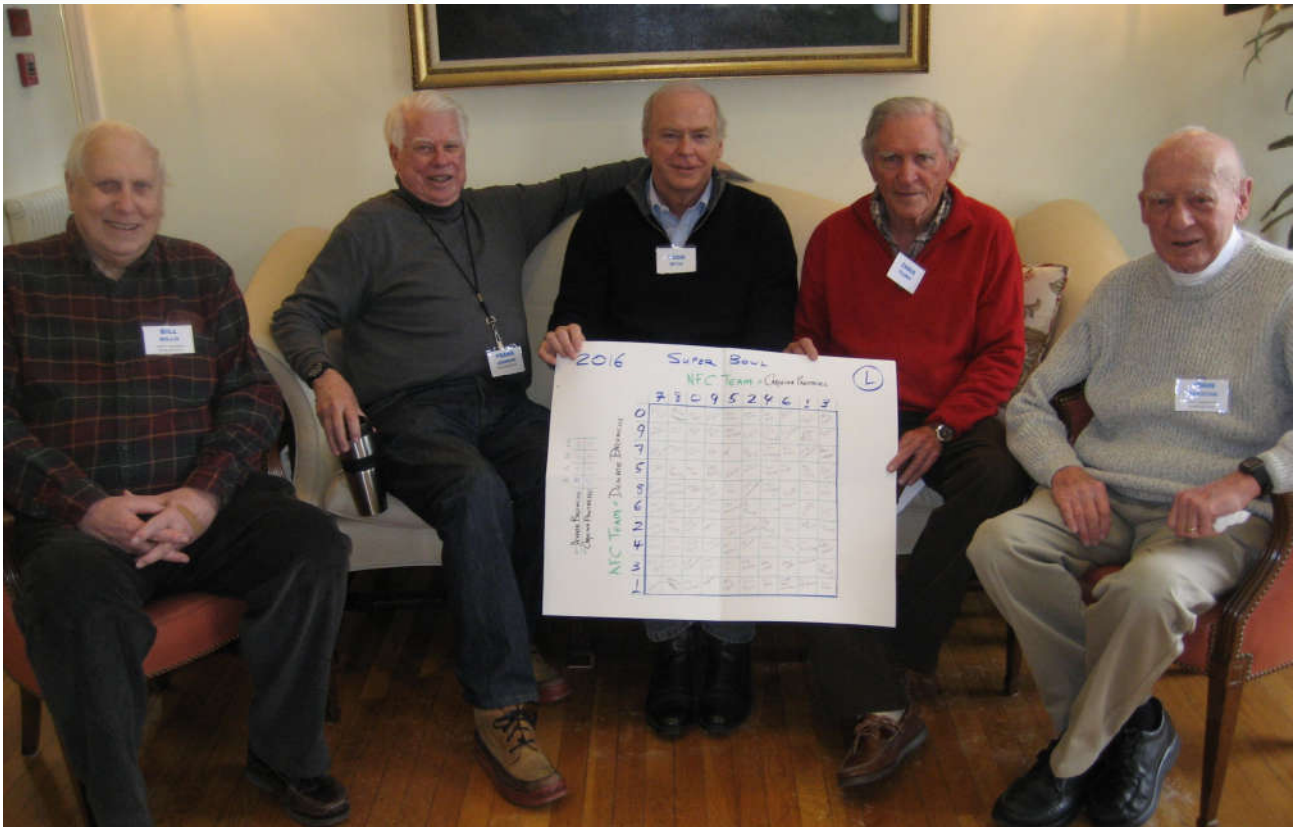




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NEWSLETTER



Super Bowl Pool winners, Todd Meck, game winner flanked by Frank Johnson, half time winner, and Chris Filmer, 3rd quarter. Bob Baker, 1st quarter winner not present.. John Barston and Bill Bellis managed the pool.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach spring and the last three months of our DMA year, I am very happy with our vibrant membership.

You all continue to amaze me, especially those of you in your Eight-



ies and Nineties. You set a great example for us all. Carry on and enjoy each and every day – I know you will!

We have a lot of new faces. Just four weeks ago, we had five new members introduce themselves. A record I suspect! We are now asking new members to step up and volunteer as a committee member or consider becoming a Director. New blood makes it all work! Please say yes. I did and it's been a lot of fun.

Thanks to Scott and his dedicated committee; they continue to get engaging speakers whom we all enjoy.

We are in the final stages of cleaning up dues payments. Sadly, we have had several members pass on and we shall miss them. We also have lost some members due to relocation. Overall we continue to be in excellent financial shape.

Finally, I want to thank Don Piper. Each and every week, Don comes in early to help Carolyn Eddie put out all her delicious goodies for us. Bravo Don for a job well done!

Alex Garnett, President

SPEAKERS—MARCH - APRIL

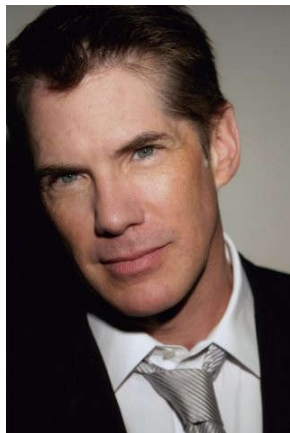
Wednesday, March 2, 2016



Charlie Dowd, Senior Vice President of Operations, Harbor Yards Sports & Entertainment, Bridgeport, will talk about “So You Want To Run a Minor League Sports Franchise”. Charlie will reveal the funny and not so funny things that have occurred during his more than 22 years of senior management experience in minor league baseball and other sports. He was General Manager of the New Haven Ravens and the Connecticut Defenders, Norwich, Conn. in the AA Eastern League. He also served as General Manager of the Bridgeport Bluefish and Newark Bears in the independent Atlantic League. Charlie received a B.A. degree from City College of New York and a J.D. degree from the Western New England College School of Law. He lives in Madi-

son, Conn.

Arranged by Gehr Brown



Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Mike Baker, Managing Director, Americas of Diligence, LLC, will speak about the top crises facing America today including ISIS, global terrorism, cybersecurity and the challenges confronting the U.S. in Syria, Iran, Russia and North Korea. During his 17 year career as a covert field operations officer for the Central Intelligence Agency, 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 co-founded Diligence in 2000 and today manages the company’s operations and growth in the Americas. He advises clients on strategic and competitive intelligence matters and oversees due-diligence, investigations, continuity and risk management

practices.

Arranged by Bob Smith



Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Stuart Gibson, an international consultant, will talk about Kurdistan's role in combatting ISIS, its ongoing conflict with Baghdad, its evolving relationship with Iran, Syria and Turkey, and its longstanding aspirations for independence. He will also touch on the impact of Iraq's internal politics on Kurdistan. Since the emergence of ISIS, Kurdistan has turned into a haven for people who have been persecuted in the region and has become a key player in confronting the ISIS threat. Stuart has more than 20 years' experience helping cultural organizations and governments undergo economic as well as political transition and post-conflict development. His work has taken him to Eastern and Central Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union.

Arranged by Martin Skalla

Wednesday, March 23, 2016



Robert B. Fiske, Jr., a local attorney with a long career in public and private practice, will talk about timely issues such as the antitrust suit against the National Football League brought by the United States Football League, with Donald Trump as the lead plaintiff. Other noteworthy topics include the Whitewater Investigation, the Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident and the Madoff Ponzi scheme. He will also comment on the United States having the highest rate of prison incarcerations in the world and possible solutions to the problem. He spent his entire private practice with the New York law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell. In public service, he was Assistant United States Attorney and United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In 1994 he was asked by Attorney General Janet Reno to be the Independent Counsel for the Whitewater investigation. His memoirs, *Prosecutor Defender Counselor*, were published

last year.

Arranged by Robert Baker



Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Peter Barbieri, Jr., Associate Artistic Director and Resident Scenic Designer for Curtain Call Inc., Stamford, Conn. will talk about "From Page to Stage: the Job of the Scenic Designer." Peter will provide a brief discussion of the challenging job of the theatrical designer, his position in the collaborative team, and how to turn the written word into real and practical settings for the stage. He is also the founding director of "Shakespeare on the Green," Stamford's free outdoor Shakespeare company. An established force in theatre since 1979, Peter's work has graced the stages of many New York City premier theatre company's such as The York Theatre, The Classic Stage Company and The Roundabout Theatre Company. Regionally, he has designed sets for The Westchester Broad-

way Theatre, Theatre By The Sea, The Riverside Theatre and The Walnut Street Theatre. Abroad, he has worked in Shanghai, China; San Paulo, Brazil and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Arranged by Tom Lom

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Art Gottlieb, a local historian on political and military history, will talk about “The Battle of the Philippine Sea, June 19-20, 1944.” It was a decisive naval battle of World War II that eliminated the Imperial Japanese Navy’s ability to conduct large-scale carrier actions. As a professional curator of naval history and the Technical Director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City, Art worked with veterans of all services creating exhibits accurately illustrating the history of 20th century warfare. In private practice as a counselor and certified senior advisor in Norwalk, Conn., he is a field instructor for Sacred Heart University. Art offers Pro-Bono counseling services to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He served as an auxiliary officer of the United States Coast Guard for 17 years and for 4 years was commander of flotilla 7-2, 1st District (Southern Region), Sector Long Island Sound North.



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Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Art Gottlieb, a local historian on political and military history, will talk about “The Battle of the Leyte Gulf, October 23-26, 1944.” The battle is known as the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea and is considered to be the largest naval battle of World War II.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016



Deborah Fedeli, Director of Patient-Centered Services, and **Janice Shaskan**, manager of volunteer services, will talk about the new Stamford Hospital opening in September 2016 and its branding campaign. They also will talk about the value, dedication and breadth of the nearly 600 volunteers at all locations of the Stamford Health Center. **Deborah Fedeli** began her career at Stamford Hospital in 2002. She is currently responsible for Volunteer Services, Spiritual Care, Integrative Therapies and Concierge Services. **Janice Shaskan’s** affiliation with the hospital began 35 years ago when a friend asked her to join the volunteer program. Her volunteer job led to a part

time job, a full time job and then to manager of volunteer services

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, April 27, 2016



John P. Fitzgibbons, M.D., M.A.C.P., a Senior Advisor in the Department of Medicine, Stamford Hospital, and a Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, will talk about “Presidential Health- Maladies, Myths, and Mistakes,” a hobby of Jack’s for some time that combines both medicine and history. Jack thoroughly examines the many common health problems, from heart failure to depression, suffered by United States Presidents that give insight into their characters. He also will focus on some of the interesting and lesser-known facts about these men. He graduated College of the Holy Cross in 1960. In 2008, he received a Mastership in the American College of Physicians (M.A.C.P.). He received the Daley Founders Award from the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine in 2014 in recognition of his national accomplishments in medical education.

Arranged by Bob Smith

MEMBERSHIP

We have added 17 new members since January 1 and our current members total 281. Meet our new members



Bert von Stuelpnagel was born in Freiburg, Germany, on March 6, 1950 and graduated from Bad Toelz, Bavaria, high school in 1969. After military service and training in banking he worked at Union Bank of Bavaria. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in political sciences going to night school at the University of Bavaria. In 1977, he was assigned to the New York City office of the Union Bank of Bavaria and later became a citizen of the United States. Bert and his wife Lisa live in Darien and have three children. He was assistant scout master of Boy Scout Troup 53 and is on the board of the Andrew Shaw Memorial Trust. Upon retiring, he joined the

Darien Representative Town Meeting where he is on the Finance and Budget Committee. He also serves on the Selectmen's Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee and on the Republican Town Committee as treasurer. He is a member of the Tokeneke Club and the Wee Burn Country Club.



Bob Hughes was born in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1944 and grew up in Lancaster, Pa. He graduated from Manheim Township High School in 1963 where he was on the swimming and golf teams. In 1967, he received a degree in general social science from Villanova University and was a member of the Lambda Kappa Delta fraternity. In 1971, he received a D.D.S. degree from Georgetown University School of Dentistry. He then opened a dental practice in Stamford, Conn. and recently retired. Bob and his wife Alison live in Darien have two children and five grandchildren. He is a member of the

Country Club of Darien, the Darien Boat Club, the Darien YMCA, the American Dental Association, the Connecticut State Dental Association and the Stamford Dental Association. Bob enjoys skiing, golf, boating, fishing, biking and travel



Bob Stelben was born in New York City in 1942 and raised in Yonkers, N.Y. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1960 where he played baseball and basketball. Bob received a B.B.A. in economics from Manhattan College in 1965 and in 1968 a master's in business administration from St. John's University where he played baseball and was a member of the economics club. Bob began his business career with American Cystoscope. He went on to hold managerial positions with Eastern Airlines and Avis. He was also treasurer of Norton Simon, Marsh & McLennan and Johnson & Higgins. At Con Edison he was treasure and vice president of finance. He retired in 2006. He and his wife Mary Anne live in Darien. They have three children and six

grandchildren. He is a member of member of the Country Club of Darien and a board member of the Bartlett Tree Company.



Steve Fogarty was born in New York City in 1950. He grew up in midtown Manhattan and graduated from Xavier High School in 1967 where he was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Junior ROTC. In 1971, he graduated from Boston College with a B.A degree in mathematics and economics. He worked one year for AT&T Long Lines in White Plains, N.Y., in computer systems and went on to attend Harvard Business School. He received an MBA degree with majors in marketing and management in 1974. He spent his entire business career in various marketing and senior global management positions with ogate Palmolive's broad global

Colgate Palmolive's broad global operations. In 2012, he was appointed a corporate officer and Colgate's chief ethics and compliance officer and retired in 2015. Steve and his wife Denise live in Darien. They have three children and four grandchildren. He is a member of St. John's Church, the YMCA and the Knights of Columbus. Steve enjoys investing, sports, traveling, spending time with his family, running, golf, working out and summers at the beach.



Kevin Davidson was born in July, 1944, in New Rochelle, NY. and graduated from Pelham High School in 1962 where he played football and baseball. In 1966, he graduated from Fairfield University with a B.S. degree in finance. He then went to the United States Army Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in Artillery. He later received an M.B.A degree in marketing from Iona College. Kevin began his business career in 1966 in consumer product management at General Foods in White Plains, N.Y. From there he went to work for Cadbury Schweppes and later Mercedes-Benz as the advertising director. In 1998, he joined KPMG as the technology marketing director until retiring. He and his wife Susan live in Darien and have three sons and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Middlesex Club, the Darien YMCA and the Silvermine Golf Club.



Jim Phillips was born in 1947 in Boston, Mass, and grew up in Manchester, Mass. He graduated from St. Paul's School in 1966 where he played hockey and lacrosse. In 1970, he received a B.S. degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Business School. Jim began his business career in 1971 with JPMorgan bank as a real estate lending officer and then joined Russell Reynolds Associates as a managing director. He also was a founding partner of Highland Research Group and a partner and co-head of investment management practice at Monster Worldwide Executive Search, New York City. He was co-founder and managing director, emeritus, of Jamesbeck Global Partners and retired in 2008. Jim and his wife Marta live in Darien and have two children. He is a member of the Tokeneke Club, the Great Harbor Yacht Club, IQ Debates and a former member for the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. He enjoys sailing, skiing, playing tennis, investing and reading history.



Fred Ripin was born in 1932 in New York City, grew up in Manhattan and graduated from Barnard School for Boys, Riverdale, N.Y., where he lettered in varsity football, performed in dramatic productions and was junior class president. He received B.A. degree in 1954 from Columbia College. He also received a master's degree in developmental psychology and a master's degree in community and family relations from Teachers College, Columbia. While in college, he performed in various stage productions, worked as an NBC page part time and was on the class steering committee. He went on to serve in the United States Army in Japan as an announcer and disk jockey for the Armed Forces Radio Network. In 1957, he joined BBD&O advertising agency as a television production assistant. He then joined the New York City school system in 1960 and taught English and social studies until 1976 when he became a school psychologist. Upon retiring from the school system in 1997 he moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, and worked as a sous chef in a Whole Foods type of store. He returned to New York City in 2004 before moving to Darien with Myrna Nickel in 2015. Fred enjoys music, puzzles and reading.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

On February 11, a group of 20 has a docent led tour of Grand Central Station.

The next trip will be a visit to the Whitney Museum located at the end of the High Line Park led by Mel Klugman.

March Madness is fast approaching. Keep your eyes on college basketball. The brackets will be announced on Selection Sunday, March 13. The one and only time you can enter the DMA pool is Wednesday, March 16.



From top left, Romeos meeting, Grand Central tour, Woodworking shop, Computer Gurus, and Darien Senior Center home for the woodworking and computer activities.

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