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NEWSLETTER



March Madness winners & managers; l to r, Bill Bellis, manager; Jack Fitzgibbons, \$50; Dieter Bruhn \$100; Jim Long, \$50; John Barston, \$50 and manager.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our DMA year has literally flown by. This is my last note to you, and I would like to say that I have been honored to lead you guys.

Thanks to you all for your collective efforts to stay active and have fun with the many DMA activities we offer. Our board, committee heads and members all have helped to make this a great year. We do need new members to step up and serve on the committees; getting involved is fun and rewarding. Just do it!

Our speakers have been dynamic, interesting and incredibly knowledgeable. The Social Committee planned great trips which have been well-attended and fun for us and



our spouses/significant others. Our Membership Committee brought in 30 new members and some of these gentlemen were born in the '40s and '50s. We're bringing down our average age!

We are sporting new name tags that are user friendly; we donated a new sound system to the DCA; Carolyn Eddie fattened us up with awesome goodies and even monthly B-day cakes. We had a wonderful holiday cocktail holiday party, with the Blue Notes providing the cheer for a sell out crowd, and we are looking forward to another well-attended beach cookout on June 7th. And we're all getting better at parking properly and turning our cell phones off – let's keep it up.

Sadly, Steve McGreachy, our steadfast DCA facilities manager who has been our “rock” for many years will be leaving for Boston. Steve, we all wish you and your family well, and we thank you for your many years of service to the DCA and the DMA.

We have a great slate of board members and officers lined up for next year. Let's all enjoy the lovely spring weather and stay healthy and happy over the coming summer months.

Alex Garnett, President

SPEAKERS—MAY & JUNE

Wednesday, May 4, 2016



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. For more information, go to www.yourdowntowndarien.com.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, May 11, 2016



Senator Bob Duff, Connecticut senate majority leader, will discuss the recent legislative session with a focus on the state budget and transportation projects and issues. Senator Duff represents the 25th Senatorial District, which includes Norwalk and part of Darien. A state senator since 2004, he was a member of the State General Assembly from 2001 to 2004. Re-elected to the senate in 2014, he was chosen by his colleagues in 2015 as majority leader. He also is chair of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee and vice chair of the Legislative Management Committee.

Arranged by Bud Bain

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Evonne Klein, commissioner, Connecticut Department of Housing, will talk about “Affordable Housing in the 21st Century: Myths, Reality and Progress.” Appointed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy in 2013, Ms. Klein is the first commissioner of the then newly created Connecticut Department of Housing. The department provides a wide array of funding programs and services aimed at ending homelessness, increasing the supply of affordable housing and creating new homeownership opportunities. Under her leadership, the department has expanded development of individual and family support programs and dramatically increased the state’s investment in affordable housing. Ms. Klein is a resident of Darien and entered public service as a member of the Darien Board of Selectmen, serving from 2001 to 2009, including three terms as first selectman. During her tenure, she served as vice chair of the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization and as co-vice chair on the Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning. A graduate of Fairfield University, she received a B.A. degree and a master’s degree in corporate and political communications. She also completed



chair on the Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning. A graduate of Fairfield University, she received a B.A. degree and a master's degree in corporate and political communications. She also completed coursework in economics and comparative government at Oxford University, the London School of Economics and the University of London.

Arranged by Bob Baker

Wednesday, May 25, 2601

John P. Fitzgibbons, M.D., M.A.C.P., will talk about "Presidential Health-Maladies, Myths, and Mistakes," a hobby of Jack's for some time that combines both medicine and history. Jack will examine 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. Jack is a senior advisor in the Department of Medicine, Stamford Hospital, and a professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Upon graduating College of the Holy Cross in 1960, Jack attended State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center, and went on to postgraduate training at Boston City Hospital and two years of training at the University of California. He also studied or practiced at the Mayo Clinic and the Tufts New England Medical Center. At the Baystate Medical Center he was named Chief of Nephrology, at the Lehigh Valley Hospital he was Chair of the Department of Medicine and at Penn State University he was a professor of medicine. 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 (name later)

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

The Songsters are unable to perform in their traditional spot this year. Speaker to be determined.

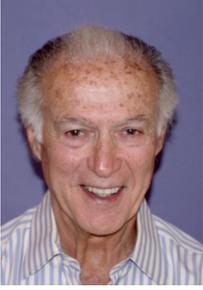
SOCIAL EVENTS

Bill Winship and his committee continue with events every month. The March trip to the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion was well attended as well as the April trip to the Merchant Marine Academy. On May 19, a return to Belmont race track is planned and then the picnic on June 7 to wrap up the year.

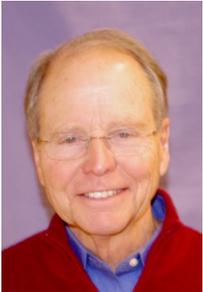
MEMBERSHIP

Including the 6 new members whose bios are below, we have added 30 new members this year. Our current membership is 280. There is room on the roles for new members both from Darien and out of town. Meet the new members:

Jim Brown was born in 1945 in Trenton, N.J., and was brought up in Merrick, N.Y., where he graduated from Sanford H. Calhoun High School in 1963 and played football, baseball and basketball. He received a B.A. degree in 1968 from Hofstra University and was a member of the Pre-Law Society. He received a J.D. degree in 1972 from Fordham University School of Law. He began his legal career in 1972 serving as an assistant district attorney and then a district attorney with New York County. In 1978, he became a partner with the law firm of Bower & Gardner in New York City. In 1994, he joined Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker as a partner and retired in 2015. Jim and his wife Peggy live in Darien and have two children and six grandchildren. He is a member of the Tokeneke Club and the American College of Trial Lawyers, and he enjoys reading and spectator sports.



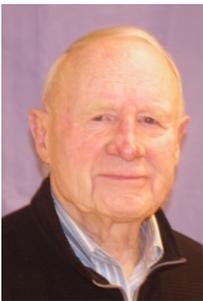
Bob Baylis was born in 1938 in New York City. He graduated from St. Bernard's School in 1952 and Phillips Exeter Academy in 1956. He received an A.B. degree in economics from Princeton University in 1960 and was a member of the Cap and Gown Club, the Triangle Show and vice president of the Orange Key Society. In 1962, he graduated from Harvard Business School with an M.B.A. degree. He then served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps Reserve as a specialist 5th class for five years. In 1963, he joined the First Boston Corporation and in 1966 went to work for Credit Suisse First Boston in New York City. During the last two years of his business career, he was chairman and CEO of Credit Suisse First Boston Pacific in Hong Kong. Bob serves on the board of four charitable organizations and is a former board member of five corporations, including Gildan Activewear, Inc., where he was chairman of the board of directors. He and his wife Lois live in Darien and have three children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys travel, photography, kayaking and antique Asian art.



Henry Bergen was born in New York, N.Y., in 1949 and grew up in Middle Village, N.Y. He graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School in 1967, where he served as a member of the Radio Club, played intramural sports and was an ardent basketball fan. He received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1971 and an M.S. degree in electrical engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1975. His business career includes work for Citibank as a travelers' check investigator, Sperry Gyroscope Company as a components engineer and Cox & Company as a design engineer. He then began a 22-year career with IPC Systems Inc., where he was a design engineer, vice president of engineering, vice president of marketing and vice president of sales, retiring in 2008. Henry and his wife Connie live in Darien and have two children and one grandchild. He plays the guitar in a '60s rock band called the Twisted Resistor, whose members include former co-workers. He is a member of the Darien History Book Club and a Lifetime Learner at Norwalk Community College. He enjoys electrical circuit design, golf, Bible study, history and tutoring.



Bob Fiske was born in 1930 in New York City and grew up in Darien. He graduated from the Pomfret School in 1948, where he played football, hockey and baseball. He received a B.A. degree from Yale in 1952 and played hockey and lacrosse. In 1955, he received a J.D. degree from the University of Michigan and was a member of the *Law Review*. In 1955, he joined Davis, Polk & Wardwell as a litigator and remained in private practice with the firm for his entire career. In public service from 1957 to 1980, he was assistant U.S. attorney and U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. In 1994, he was named independent counsel for the Whitewater investigation. Bob and his wife Janet live in Darien and have three children and five grandchildren. He is a member of Noroton Yacht Club, Wee Burn Country Club and the Century Association. He enjoys tennis, sailing, cross-country skiing, music and reading.



David McCollum was born in Aurora, Ill., in 1941 and was raised in Glen Ellyn, Ill. He graduated from Glenbard Township High School in 1959, where he played golf and basketball and served as business manager of the yearbook. He received a B.A. degree in economics from Dartmouth College in 1963 and was captain of the golf team, treasurer of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and treasurer of the Interfraternity Council. He received an M.B.A. degree in 1965 from Stanford University Graduate School of Business. His 32-year career with Citigroup began in 1965 in New York City and included one year in Boston and three years in Manila. He retired in 2001 as customer group executive in charge of half of North America. David and his wife Suzanna recently moved from Darien to Rowayton and have three children and 10 grandchildren. He is past president of Wee Burn Country Club and past captain of The 200 Club. He is a member of the National Golf Links of America, the Taconic Golf Club and Rowayton Yacht Club. He enjoys golf, skiing, travel, reading, crossword puzzles, gardening and time with his family.



Robert McGroarty was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1945 and graduated from St. Johns Preparatory School in 1962 where he was on the swimming team and the school newspaper. He received a B.S. degree in Political Science in 1966 from the University of Scranton and was a class officer, played intramural sports and managed a band. He began his business career in 1967 as a media buyer with Needham, Harper and Steers advertising agency in New York City and in 1969 joined Life Magazine in Cleveland, Ohio, selling advertising. He then joined the CBS Radio Division in 1971 serving in various executive positions in New York City and Boston. He went on to work for Warner Communications in cable television and started a programming company with two former CBS executives.

Later he worked at Citibank, Greenwich Capital, and Eaton Associates and then started RGM Consulting and Bridge 1 Advisors. Robert and his wife Betsy live in Rowayton and have three children and eight grandchildren. He is a member of Score and the Silvermine Golf Club. He enjoys golf, boating, reading, politics, exercise and travel.



Clockwise from top left:
Lockwood-Mathews trip,
wandering midtown,
Darien town cleanup, hik-
ing Trout Brook Valley
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