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Newsletter

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Darien Men's Association

March - April 2021

President's Message

With most members having been jabbed at least once, and the weather turning milder, things are looking up. DMA is doing fine – great speakers, active clubs, nice people. We're going to get through this.

The focus of this letter is our website. Statistics show that many of you check the site to see who the speaker is. But there is much more on the site so I'll give you a quick tour.

When you go to DarienDMA.org you land on **About DMA**. And the first thing you see is the current Newsletter edited by Charles Salmans - there's no better introduction to DMA. Also under this heading are Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen. To the left of About DMA is the current **This Week at DMA** letter edited by Tom Igoe and Bryan Hooper.

On the **right sidebar** are upcoming speakers, events, and club activities. Click on any of them and you'll be taken to the detail posting. Note also on the top right is a search box.

The **Member News** menu includes all past Newsletters – they are amusing to browse. Also find a carousel picture gallery of people enjoying themselves. I find the Member Directory a great place



to learn something about our members. If you are not listed, simply send us a phone photo and a couple of paragraphs about yourself. Also in this menu is George Gilliam's DMA Cares and sadly an In Memoriam listing those we've lost.

Click on **Speakers** and you'll see not only the excellent lineup

Bryan Hooper has arranged for this year, but all speakers back to 2012. Click on any speaker and you see the original announcement and (usually) a link to the video of the presentation. The videos are stored, unlisted, on a YouTube channel. This year, thanks to Bryan, there also is the recap of the presentation that appeared in This Week at DMA.

Under **Events** you'll find parties, picnics, concerts, civic service, etc. Hopefully we'll have more events next year.

Moving right are all our **Activities**. Book Club, Bowling, Bridge, Cribbage, Current Affairs, Golf, Songsters, Wandering, Hiking, Investing, Money Matters, Pickleball, and Woodworking. If you are not active in several of these, you are missing a fun activity and an opportunity to get to know your fellow members.

On the far right is **Community.** Edited by Mike Heitz, this highlights the many contributions our members make to the community. There is a Directory leading to posts about each organization and DMA members who are active in it. If you don't see your organization let Mike know. If you are not involved in community service, browse the organizations and reach out to join. **Facts**. When you type Darien Men's Association, Google finally takes you to our site – not the library or the DCA. We've arrived! The site has over 1,100 posts (e.g. a speaker is a post). The site was visited 126,667 times last year. It was attacked 189 times today and 2,332 last month. The attacks come from all over the world - none have succeeded – as far as I know, yet. **Gary Banks President**

Speakers

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Sailing around the World: Part II



Scott Kuhner will be taking up from the point where he left off in his presentation on February 3rd – north of Australia, relating the tale of how he and **Kitty**, his wife, completed their first circumnavigation of the globe in four years after setting off in 1971.

Six weeks after Scott met Kitty in the late 1960s, he proposed, and four months later they were married. She was up for adventure, so they took their honeymoon on a 22 ft sailboat with a porta potty and sailed her from Westport to Martha's Vineyard and back. Scott talked Kitty into buying a 30 ft Allied

Seawind Ketch, and two years later they quit their jobs and went sailing around the world. Scott was a securities analyst for EF Hutton and his boss could not believe he was going to leave his well-paying job.

They returned to Rowayton, bought a house and started a family. When their two sons were 9 and 11, Scott and Kitty decided to show them there is more to the world than just Connecticut. They bought a Valiant 40, named her Tamure, took the boys out of school, loaded them on the boat, and spent another four years sailing around the world. The boys were home-schooled, and when they got back, went into their normal class at Brian McMahon in Norwalk. Both graduated in the top 5% of their class and went on to an Ivy League college.

After each world tour, Scott was immediately offered great jobs back on Wall Street. Two years after he returned from the second trip, he was offered the position of running the New York office of a Brazilian Investment Bank, and spent the first six months living in Sao Paulo. Soon after he turned 60 the bank was bought out by a European company, Scott was awarded a big bonus, and retired. *Arranged by Bryan Hooper*

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 The Housing and Mortgage Outlook for the Nation and our Area



Dr. Frank Nothaft is chief economist for CoreLogic, America's largest provider of advanced property and ownership information, analytics and data-enabled services. He leads the economics team responsible for analysis, commentary and forecasting in global real estate, insurance and mortgage markets. Before joining CoreLogic, Frank served in a variety of leadership positions at Freddie Mac. Prior to Freddie Mac, Frank was an economist with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in the mortgage and consumer finance section and served as assistant to Governor Henry C. Wallich.

Frank has served as president of the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Board member of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE), and the Financial Management Assn., Advisory Board member of the Real Estate Research Institute, Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, and is a Weimer School Fellow of the Homer Hoyt Institute. He received the NABE Outlook Award for having the most accurate macroeconomic forecast for 2018.

Frank graduated from New York University with a B.A. in mathematics and computer science, and holds a Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. *Arranged by Geoff Rezek*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

NicaPhoto: From photography in Norwalk to working with disadvantaged children in Nicaragua



Ronnie Ellen Maher, Founder and Executive Director of NicaPhoto, is a professional and fine art photographer. She was born in Brooklyn, and raised in Norwalk, Connecticut. Ronnie spent more than ten years teaching photography to disadvantaged or "at-risk" youth in various community programs throughout Norwalk, and later in Nicaragua. Ronnie first visited Norwalk's Sister City, Nagarote, in Nicaragua in 2005 as a volunteer, teaching photography to youth. NicaPhoto was born shortly afterward as a series of photography and writing workshops for youth. For the next 4 years, while working

as a professional photographer and teaching in various Norwalk community programs, Ronnie traveled to Nicaragua, teaching photography and connecting youth in the two communities. In 2010, Ronnie redesigned NicaPhoto to be a comprehensive, holistic after-school program including education, art and personal development, and since then has been spending most of her time in Nicaragua.

Ronnie has a Liberal Arts Degree from UCONN with a BA in Communications and a minor in Psychology. Prior to studying photography at Maine Media Arts, she worked as a rate analyst and later as a junior level Treaty Underwriter at GenRe. Although it was

not a straight path, if you asked her, she would say that everything she has done in her life has helped prepare her for the work she does today. *Arranged by Mike McFadden*

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Science as the foundation for sound business investments



Dr. Una Ryan has extensive experience leading public, private and non-profit companies, and will be speaking to us about the role of science as the foundation for making sound investments. She is a limited partner at Breakout Ventures and at Lionheart Ventures. Una focuses on women-led ventures as Managing Director of Golden Seeds, and as a partner in Astia Angel. She has a portfolio of approximately 35 early-stage companies in the San Francisco Bay Area and Boston, and currently serves on the boards of Cortexyme, RenovoRx, and Elemental Machines. She was Chair of The Bay Area BioEconomy Initiative, an industry organization committed to fostering

innovation and collaboration in the Bay Area, and was formerly on the board of BIO, BayBio and Chair of MassBio. Una also serves on the Boards of Cambridge in America and Bristol University US Foundation.

Dr. Ryan holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University and BS degrees from Bristol University. She received an Honorary D.Sc. from Bristol University in 2009. Her academic career included Professorships of Medicine at University of Miami, Washington University, St Louis and Boston University. She held the titles of Howard Hughes Investigator, Established Investigator of the American Heart Association and NIH MERIT Awardee. She has received numerous awards including the Albert Einstein Award (2007) for outstanding achievement in the life sciences, the Cartier Award (2009) and World Economic Forum Tech Pioneer (2011). In 2002 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II awarded Dr. Ryan the Order of the British Empire (OBE). *Arranged by Flemming Heilmann*

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 Stone walls of Connecticut



Robert Thorson is a professor and interim head of geosciences at the University of Connecticut. Thor graduated from college in 1973 and left for Alaska to train as an exploration geologist. After earning an MS degree from the University of Alaska in 1975, he worked as a full-time geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey until 1979. He earned a PhD from the University of Washington in 1979, and in 1984, moved to New England to join the faculty of the University of Connecticut in the Department of Geology & Geophysics. During his first twenty years at UConn, his appointment was with the Department of Geology & Geophysics, where he ran a grant-

funded research lab with graduate students, and where his undergraduate teaching

responsibilities included glacial geology, surface processes, dinosaurs, and introductory geology.

Thor's academic career took an unexpected turn in 2002 with the publication of his first book on signature landforms: *Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England's Stone Walls*. This nonfiction bestseller won the Connecticut Book Award. In addition to writing books, Thor has contributed many newspaper articles on science policy, environment, and education. His third book on stone walls, *Exploring Stone Walls* published in 2005, was the first-ever field guide to the phenomenon. Additionally, he has published two scholarly books on Henry David Thoreau for Harvard University Press. His last book, *The Guide to Walden Pond*, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in 2018, is the first guide to this international shrine, a place visited more than half a million times each year.

Arranged by Bryan Hooper

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 Nature conservancy in Africa



Ken Coe was born in Seoul, Korea, in 1964. He moved to the U.S. when he was eleven, spending his formative years in Southern California. He attended UCLA as an undergraduate, then later, The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania, for his graduate degree. He next spent nearly thirty years in investment banking and investment management in New York and Connecticut. In 1989, he caught the "travel bug" to Africa, and he has been to the continent on no fewer than 38 occasions (spanning 12 countries). He has been involved with The Nature Conservancy, serving as a trustee for its Africa Program. An avid photographer and naturalist, he is in

the process of working on a few different book and internet projects focused on his experience in Africa. Ken is a DMA member, lives with his wife Karla in Darien and has two young adult children who are presently living outside of Connecticut. *Arranged by Bryan Hooper*

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 A divided Congress



Jeff Bergner is the author of The Vanishing Congress: Reflections on Politics in Washington. He formerly served as chief of staff for Senator Richard Lugar, staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Assistant Secretary of State for Condoleezza Rice. Jeff founded and ran a successful Washington, DC, lobbying/ government relations firm and has served on policy advisory committees for several presidential candidates. He received his B.A. degree from Carleton College, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political philosophy from Princeton University. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown

University, and Christopher Newport University. Jeff currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer in the Batten School of Public Policy at the University of Virginia. He speaks and writes widely on political issues, and is the author or editor of five previous books and numerous scholarly articles. His opinion pieces have appeared in the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune and the Wall Street Journal, and his occasional articles for the Virginian-Pilot are circulated nationally by the Tribune Syndicate.

Arranged by Harry McLachlan

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 Design thinking: Encouraging innovation in business strategy



Ric Grefé, until recently the Design Thinker in Residence at Williams College, works at the intersection of business, society and creativity, applying the craft and optimism of human-centered design to the intractable challenges we face today. Ric is director emeritus of AIGA, the professional association for design, which he led for 20 years. Prior to AIGA he served in naval intelligence in Asia; he was a journalist with AP and Time, and had his own consulting firm in urban design and public policy. He also led legislative strategy and strategic planning for public television and radio in Washington, DC. Ric has an undergraduate degree

from Dartmouth and an MBA from Stanford. Currently, he serves as board chair of Britain's Royal Society of Arts in the US. He is just down-right curious, so it's hard to list a finite set of interests.

Ric is married to Karen Vogel, who is an artist and landscape designer (and formerly very active in the DCA Greenhouse). Their two grown children both graduated from Darien High School. They have lived in Darien for 25 years, and he joined DMA this year.

Arranged by Bryan Hooper

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 The A10 Thunderbolt aka the Warthog



Gunnar Edelstein was born 1949 in Albuquerque, N.M. He graduated from the Wilbraham & Monson Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., in 1968 and received a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1972. Edelstein joined the U.S. Navy in San Diego, Calif., and served for seven years as a fighter pilot. In 1979 he joined American Airlines as a flight engineer on Boeing 727s and one year later was laid off and joined Air Products & Chemicals in sales and also served in the Massachusetts Air National Guard flying A-10 Thunderbolts. In 1984, he rejoined American Airlines as a

Boeing 727 copilot and retired from flying in 2011. Edelstein is now in sales with Prudential Connecticut Realty. He was on the Darien Board of Realtors board for three years and was president in 2011. He and his wife Sarah live in Darien and have a son, Jeff, 26, who is a U.S. Army combat infantryman. Edelstein is a member of the Silvermine Golf Club, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron, the Noroton Yacht Club, and the DMA. He enjoys golf, sailing, paddle tennis and tennis.

In Memoriam



Robert A. "Bob" Riith, OFS, 83, husband of the late Patricia E. Riith of Darien, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021, peacefully at home.

Born November 2, 1937, Bob, raised in Greenwich, was a longtime resident of Darien. He attended Greenwich High School, and served in the Army Reserves. He was Sewer Superintendent for the Town of Darien for over 30 years. Bob was an enthusiastic volunteer, serving as a firefighter with the Noroton Heights Fire

Department, Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 53, and involved in Darien youth athletics.

Bob was a member of St. Thomas More Church in Darien. He was a Third Order Franciscan, and a Member of the Holy Spirit Fraternity in Fairfield. Bob served in the Masons, Shriners, and Knights of Columbus organizations. Bob is survived by his daughter Frances, and sons Robert A. Jr., and Michael.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated this March 2 at 10:30AM in St. Thomas More Church in Darien. Attendance is limited. Please e-mail: BobRiith37@gmail.com to attend in person. The Mass is available online at www.stmdarienct.org.

New Member



Peter Hillman grew up in Scarsdale, New York, Upon graduation from Scarsdale High in 1971, he attended Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., and graduated with highest honors in 1975. He worked summers at The New York Daily News as a copy boy and spot news driver/assistant. Somewhat conflicted between law and journalism, he attended Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, graduating in 1978. Peter spent his professional legal career at the firm of Chadbourne & Parke LLP, as a commercial litigator and employment lawyer and became a partner in 1986. His expertise

spanned counseling, alternative dispute resolution, full litigation, and appeals, including to the U.S. Supreme Court. He also enjoyed mentoring young lawyers, and doing pro bono work for The United Negro College Fund, as well as for individuals fleeing persecution in Africa and Asia and seeking asylum in the US, winning all but one case. Retired, and Chadbourne having merged, he is Of Counsel to Norton Rose Fulbright. Peter and his wife Lisa moved to Darien in 1980 and raised four children here. He continued his passion for government involvement, serving terms on the RTM, Town political committee, and, most recently 10 years as Chair of the Town's Environmental Protection Commission. He also served on various boards; locally, the Darien Land Trust.

He enjoys skiing, jazz, American History, and all things W.C. Fields and James Cagney.

Activities

Super Bowl Contest Winners



Joe Spain reports that, by coincidence, the only Super Bowl contestant-winners in the gallery photo from Wednesday Morning's Zoom gathering were three of the four firstquarter winners, who received \$20 each: Jim Frayer, Bob McGroarty and Vagn Fausing. Bud Bain was also in that 1st Quarter winning box, but he was not in attendance for the photo because he was getting his Covid jab that morning. The other two faces are that of Greg Glashan and

me. **Dave Mace** had stepped out of the meeting. The empty chair in front of a white sand beach had been occupied by **Bob Smith**. Bob was a Final Score winner and also a third-quarter winner (\$50 + \$20 = \$70). We assume that he rushed to a beachside bar to spend his winnings. The other two guys in his two-prize box were **Lawrence Cavanagh** and **David Soskin**. The remaining winners, also absent, were the three Half-Time prize winners of \$30: **Peter Imbrogno, Woody Woodworth,** and **Bob Howe** (Bob also got his jab that day).

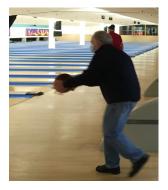
Money Matters



Doug Campbell reports that the Money Matters discussion in January featured an update on Trusts and Estates planning with financial advisor Karen Goersch and DMA member **John Schlachtenhaufen**. The presentation included strategies to reduce the tax burden personally and for one's beneficiaries. In February, DMA member **Art Baron** provided a comprehensive review of green energy and clean tech trends, technologies, and companies. These include wind, green hydrogen and fuel cells, and nuclear.

Transmission and storage improvements are essential, as is, of course, the need to reduce consumption. Detail from both presentations can be found on the DMA website. On March 16 at 10 a.m. **Bill Osterndorf** will address, "What does it take to settle your estate?" The requirements may surprise you. And on April 20 at 10 a.m. **Conor Colemen** will speak about the technologies for homes and clubs.

Bowling



Tom Lom reports that it's been a different sort of year for the bowling group. While Nutmeg Bowl has done an excellent job of adapting its facilities to the situation, the pandemic has nonetheless kept some our members at home. We are hopeful that, as some are getting their vaccinations, they'll be more comfortable returning to action. In addition, some of our most ardent participants have spent time recovering from orthopedic procedures which has kept them off the lanes. That said, a core group of intrepid regulars has been at it all season. Of particular note is **Ben Briggs** (*pictured left*). During the past few winters,

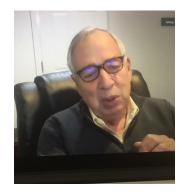
Ben's travels meant that he missed much of the bowling peak season. This year, knowing he'd be a regular bowler, Ben made a commitment to "up his game". He bought a new ball, took a lesson, and has bowled more this year than past years. And it's paid off! His average has steadily improved all season long and is a full ten pins higher now than in September. He's been an inspiration to us all.

Pickleball



Jan Selkowitz reports that outdoor Pickleball at Cherry Lawn has become a 12-month venue and an almost daily, if not at least 5 times weekly, event. Without Covid this never would have occurred. Now the consensus is that even if we are allowed indoors, we will probably remain outside. The camaraderie and enjoyment are incredible. Because of the many recent storms, the snow removal brigade is becoming a bit fatigued. As the weather improves and most of us become Covid-vaccinated, we hope we can open our waiting list of players. After clearing snow from the court, **Woody Spurgeon** teams up with **Karen Hartigan**.

Book Discussion Group



Harris Hester reports that the January book was Daniel Yergin's *The New Map – Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations*. More than 20 members attended and the group had an active discussion of how fracking, particularly in America, has changed the energy market. The author's views on our ability to affect climate change also prompted much discussion.

In February, the group discussed Ben Macintyre's *Agent Sonya*. Macintyre is the author of a book the group previously read, *The Spy and the Traitor*, and an accomplished author.

Sonya was a high-ranking intelligence officer for many years and most notably was deeply involved with passing to the Soviets the information they needed to build a nuclear weapon.

On March 10th the book group will discuss *Unsinkable – Five Men and The Indomitable Run Of The USS Plunkett* by James Sullivan. The USS Plunkett was the only ship to participate in all 5 of the European landings during WW II. This is much more than a book about a ship though, as we get to know the five protagonists.

April 14th brings an unusual book about a fictional slave escaping from Barbados in a balloon and his adventures in the US and Canada – *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan. The DMA Book Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM.

Current Affairs



Bob Baker reports that interesting discussions, led by DMA members with personal experiences, were held in January and February.

In January, **David Mace** discussed his experience in microlending through the Fairfield County Micro Investments Council. Nearly a third of the world's population lives on less than two dollars a day. The large majority of these people are in Africa and Southeast Asia. Beginning in the mid-1970s micro loans were made available to allow enterprising families to borrow small amounts of money (\$100-\$400) to build a business and support themselves.

Approximately 2/3 of all borrowers are women who particularly want their children to be healthy and educated. These borrowers are farmers, merchants, craftsmen and food vendors. Statistics show remarkable progress in the lives of the working poor enabling them to achieve a level of economic security which would never have been possible without a micro loan. 95% of all loans are paid on time!

David was involved in several country programs. The program in Ecuador was a great success. But Chile was a disaster because of poor training and administration. The loan program was a struggle in the Dominican Republic but did well after problems were addressed. In crime-ridden Salvador gangs took over and the program had to be

abandoned. Senegal was a primitive environment more challenging than in Latin America. Where it can be effectively run, the program makes a huge difference.



In February, the Current Affairs group examined the health care systems of the UK (presenter **Bryan Hooper**) and Germany (**Bert von Stuelpnagel**). Great Britain has a government-supported national system that is funded through taxation, and Germany has a mixed approach with 90 percent of the people enrolled in public insurance pools. Both countries seem to manage the health care sector at a lower cost than the US, with about 10 percent of GDP accounting for medical services vs. about 17 percent in the US. Despite lower cost, important quality measures such as life expectancy, hospital

beds and medical staff at hospitals, as well as the initial response to the Covid crisis, show results that are favorable when compared to these statistics in the US. This brings up the questions, how medical services in the US could be managed more efficiently, and this will be made an interesting subject of additional Current Affairs discussions in the future.

Going forward, on March 18 at 11 a.m. **Jim Phillips** will lead a discussion of the US economic outlook, including impact of the Covid relief package – it's intended results and the possible impact on investment and employment. On April 15, **Henry Cavana** will lead a discussion on the unimportance currently being attached to Federal deficits – what will be the consequences?

Bob invites members to suggest topics and volunteer to lead a discussion by sending him an e-mail at rcbjhb2@msn.com.

Investment Discussion Group



Jim Phillips reports that the Investment Discussion Group covered several themes in its January and February meetings. Biden's stimulus plan was front-and-center with its emphasis for infrastructure and green energy to create well-paying jobs. Cybersecurity was another topic of interest with the idea of keeping Crowdstrike, Fortinet and other cyber companies on our radar for a correction. **Denny Liebowitz** also provided an update on Cinemark as a recovery play, and Jim Phillips reviewed selected insider buying at Bank of America (Buffett), MGM Resorts (IAC Interactive), Kinder Morgan (Richard

Kinder), Golub Capital (Larry & David Golub) and T-Mobile (Ron Fisher). Each of these insider buys proved prescient.

On March 1 the group will discuss companies to benefit from economic recovery (hit hardest by the pandemic in 2020). Unfortunately, in terms of buy opportunity, several have recently moved up sharply since the February meeting.

The group meets on Zoom on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Jim encourages IDG members to suggest companies to him, and background information can be circulated for pre-discussion reading.

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John Podkowski reminds members that the DMA Bridge Group plays online each Tuesday at 1 pm. John assigns players a table number and North/South and East/West pairings and a Coordinator for each table. The pairs play 24 hands at each table. Scores are tallied and reported at our regular Wednesday meetings. Bridge pairings rotate each week, so there is a social aspect to the games. Jokes and

humor are an essential part of the games. Members' bridge experience varies, so there is the opportunity to learn from the more experienced players. All levels are welcome to play.

Bridge Base is available at <u>https://www.bridgebase.com/.</u> Start by creating a free account including your BridgeBase ID. Note there are practice tutorials if it has been a while since you played. A YouTube tutorial can be found

at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7V1CSXat7no.

The group welcomes players at all levels, including those who wish to sub from time to time. If you like bridge, give us a try. Contact John at 203.329.8181 or jpod912@ aol.com and he will slot you in at one of our tables.

Cribbage



Geoff Rezek reports that he is organizing online play through the JD Cribbage web site and has created a private cribbage room "DMADARIEN" on the site. Geoff continues to improve his game and achieved the rank of Master Red Star level under the tutelage of **Tom Williams**.

To the left is an amazing faux Scrimshaw engraved Cribbage board Tom found at the Darien Dump swap shop.

Geoff is helping organize games and connect interested players as they come forward. The JD Cribbage website is at https://cardgames.app/cribbage/.

Mark Your Calendar – Details on DMA Website

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Check the website, DarienDMA.org, for events including Zoom sessions. Bowling and, subject to the weather, outdoor pickleball continue with social distancing. Hiking and Wanderers are in winter hiatus. Contact the activity leaders for additional information.

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Activity Representatives

For those activities over Zoom, dates and times apply unless otherwise amended. Locations refer to venues when resumption of in-person meetings is possible.

Book Club, Harris Hester, 655.2309 and Tom Igoe, 655.6170 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Bowling, Tom Lom, 655.0686 and Gehr Brown, 655.3713 Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Nutmeg Lanes, Fairfield

Bridge, Tony Kwedar, 656.0444 Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Online

Cribbage, Geoff Rezek, 820.7077 As organized online

Current Affairs, Bob Baker, 655.9553 3rd Thursday, 11 a.m.

Golf, Peter Carnes, 655.9518 As announced at meetings and through eblasts

Happy Wanderers, David Mace, 655.7555 and Joe Spain, 655.1264 As announced at meetings and through eblasts

Hiking, Dave McCollum, 853.7080 and Bob Plunkett 246.2898 As announced at meetings and through eblasts

Investment Discussion Group, Jim Phillips, 722.2787 1st Monday, 10 a.m.

Money Matters, Doug Campbell, 975.0320 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Pickleball, Jan Selkowitz, 655.0441 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:45 a.m. at Cherry Lawn

Songsters, Joe Holmes, 838.8744 As announced

Woodworking, Tom Williams, 655.7398 Mondays, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Mather Senior Center when reopened