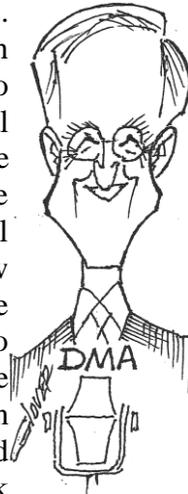


## President's Message

Following our recent DMA Board meeting, I can report that your organization continues to be in excellent shape financially and especially with programs and activities. Spring is just around the corner, which means DMA has lots to look forward to during the next few weeks. The Social Committee has been hard at work. While the March outing to New Haven to see "Beautiful" is fully subscribed, April will offer an opportunity to visit the New Britain Museum of American Art and the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, two fabulous collections, with a fine luncheon in between. Also planned is an outing to see the Bridgeport Sound Tigers play hockey at Webster Bank



Arena. Hiking will emerge from hibernation as will Happy Wanderings, though the latter group will be busy with its annual March Madness pool. And, of course, our Speaker lineup promises more great presentations. Many of you have brought guests to meetings all year long, which has led to a growing group of new members year to date. Keep up the good work! DMA is a gem that remains a surprisingly well-kept secret to many of our contemporaries in town. I, for one, am proud to show off all that it has to offer.

**Tom Lom, President**

## Events & Activities

### March Madness Basketball Pool

**John Barston** announced the only time members can enter the pool is March 14 at the Wednesday morning meeting. The Final Four tournament begins the next day. The NCAA announces brackets on Selection Sunday, March 11. That leaves three days to pick the eight teams you think will accumulate the most number of points and which one of those eight teams will win the tournament. The entry fee is \$5. Participation is restricted to DMA members and their families. There is no restriction on the number of entries you or a family member can make. Contest managers **John Barston** and **Bill Bellis** will be on hand to take your entries on March 14 before the start of the meeting, during the coffee break and at the end of the meeting. Good luck to all.



## Bowling

**Gehr Brown** spiced up the usual group photo by equipping bowlers with some sports memorabilia. The result was this goofy photo of bowlers hamming it up. They meet at the Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield every Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. All are encouraged to join in the fun.



*l. to r., standing, John Kammerman, Tom Robinson, Tony Yezzi, Alex Garnett, Fred Smith, Jim Long; seated, Gehr Brown, Tom Lom*

## Trips April and May

**Tom Brayton** announced trips for April and May. A visit to the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Conn., is set for **April 27**. The museum has 8,300 paintings, sculptures, photographs and illustrations by American artists, including Norman Rockwell, Winslow Homer and John Singer Sargent. After lunch, the group will go on to visit the Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, Conn., to view an exhibit of impressionist masterpieces in the Alfred Pope colonial revivalist home. **May 12** is a tour of the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and the Theodore Roosevelt Home in Oyster Bay, N.Y., followed by a tour of the nearby Vanderbilt *Eagle's Nest* Mansion in Centerport, N.Y., for a look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through WW II. Of special note, the March trip to see the musical "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" at the Schubert Theater in New Haven was a complete sellout.

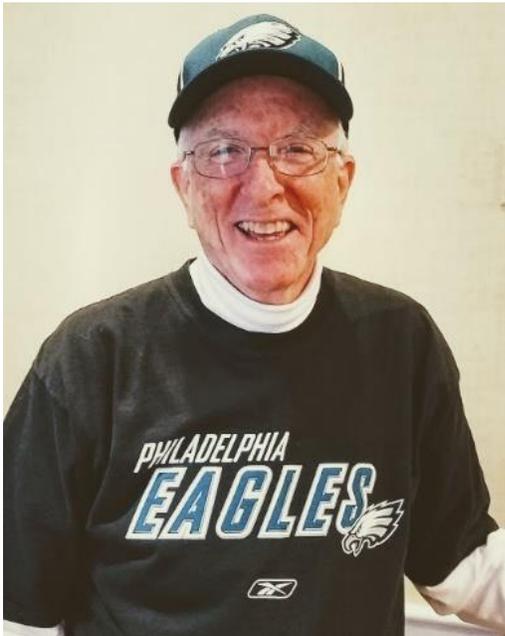
## 2018 Super Bowl Pool Winners

**John Barston** announced that the winners of the 2018 Super Bowl are **Taylor Strubinger**, \$25 for the score at the end of the first quarter; **Ed Mulock**, \$50 for the score at the half; **David Dever**, \$25 for the score at the end of the third quarter; **Kevin Davidson**, \$100 for the final score. John was assisted in running the pool by **Bill Bellis** and **Taylor Strubinger**. Next up is the March Madness basketball pool.



*l. to r., Bill Bellis, Taylor Strubinger, Ed Mulock, David Dever, John Barston. Absent, Kevin Davidson*

### “Fly, Eagles Fly”



This lone Eagles fan flew brazenly into the DMA meeting just as the Super Bowl pool winners were being announced.

The dejected Patriots fans, saddened at the loss to the Eagles team, gave him a resounding catcall.

Not to be denied, the rogue Eagles fan was able to hold onto his feathers and brow beat the audience into reluctantly singing the Eagles fight song, “Fly, Eagles Fly.”

## Bridge

**Tony Kwedar**, chair of the bridge group, says they meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the Taylor Room. Scores of the individual players are announced at the Wednesday morning DMA meetings. They play year round. All are welcome to join in.



*l. to r., Alex Garnett, Fred Smith, Austin Schraff, Tony Kwedar*



*l. to r., Tom Gildersleeve, Kent Haydock, John Podkowsky, Mike Garriott*

## New Member Coffee

**John Podkowsky**, chairman, membership and hospitality, held another in a series of new member coffees on January 10 prior to the general membership meeting. The goal is to provide new members with an opportunity to learn about DMA and find out how they can become active. New member names are in boldface in the captions below. **Photos by Gregory Glashan**



TOM BRAYTON, **CARL JAEGER**



**KEN OLSON**, JOHN PODKOWSKY



TOM ROBINSON, **JIM TULACRO**



TOM LOM, **BILL HARNISCH**



SCOTT HUTCHASON, **GENE GILDEA**, **DAVID CLAIBORNE**

## Woodworking

**Tom Williams** says the woodworking group keeps busy year round sanding, repairing and refinishing old chairs and tables that need sprucing up. If you have any furniture around your house that needs fixing, they would be happy to take care of it for you. The workshop is open Mondays and Tuesdays, starting at 9 a.m. and is set up in the Mather Center at 2 Renshaw Road.



*l. to r., Herb Winter, Rolle Holus, Fran, Al Metoyer, Ed Drachm. Not present: Tom Williams, Mike Harte, Bill Kirche*

## Computers

**Ed Mulock** says bring in your questions about what makes your smartphone or laptop tick, and, together, we will try to come up with the answer. It sometimes is a challenge, but it always is fun to solve the puzzle. Ed is there Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the computer room in the Mather Center.



*l. to r., Bob Baker, Bob Joseph, Ed Mulock*

## Happy Wanderers: Staten Island, Old Harlem

The Happy Wanderers will kick off their spring season on Tuesday, March 20, with a trip to Staten Island, reports **Joe Spain**. Plans are to take the subway from Grand Central Station



to the ferry terminal at the tip of Manhattan and then cross the lower harbor to New York's southernmost borough. The walk will include a tour of several historic districts and a ride on the island's transit system. On April 17, **Sunil Saksena** will lead a tour of Old Harlem.

## Historic American Flags Exhibit

**Joe Spain** organized a tour of the Darien Historical Society exhibit called "Long May She Wave -- the Chronological Evolution of Our Flag." The exhibit shows genuine historic and replica flags, from the pre-Revolutionary War to modern times. Included is a collection of love letters written to a woman in Middlesex Parish and a timeline of historical events in Darien as the flag evolved.



Photo by Gregory Glashan

## Speakers

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

**Richard Hyman** will be sharing stories and photos about his time working for Jacques Cousteau



and the crew of the research vessel Calypso. Richard was a professional diver and photographer for Cousteau. He worked his way up from driving a supply truck from Los Angeles to the Canadian wilderness to building a cabin for the team to winter in during the filming of “Beavers of the North Country.” A year later, he worked as a deck hand on Calypso for the filming of “The Fish That Swallowed Johan.” While on the Calypso, John Denver visited and performed a televised concert on the foredeck. On Richard’s final expedition, he graduated to diver and photographer. En route to Venezuela, he experienced treacherous deep dives on the wreck of the USS Monitor off the coast of North Carolina, skeleton remains inside wrecks off Martinique and the death of Jacques Cousteau’s son, Philippe. Richard is a certified Professional Association of Diving Instructors aquanaut, a member of the Marine Biology Hall of Fame and a trustee of

the Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center.

Arranged by Gehr Brown

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

**Moritz von Stuelpnagel** will discuss how a passion and an idea – against all odds – became a



Broadway show and will explain what it takes to make a hit. Along the way, he’ll touch on how the feast or famine economics and the cut-throat politics of the industry work from the inside. Moritz, a Broadway theatre director, originally hails from Darien and Greenwich. Today, he is an award-winning, internationally recognized theatre director based in New York City. His recent Broadway revival of Noel Coward’s “Present Laughter” garnered three Tony Award nominations. He guided Robert Askins’ play “Hand of God” to success, starting Off-Off Broadway to Off-Broadway to the play’s Broadway debut, where it received five Tony nominations. Before arriving on Broadway, the play earned a Lortel Award and a nomination for a Joseph A. Callaway Stage Directors and Choreographers Award. He also directed “Hand of God” in London’s West End, receiving an Olivier nomination for Best New Comedy. Other recent Off-

Broadway productions include “Teenage Dick,” Public Theater; “Important Hats of the Twentieth Century,” Lincoln Center Theatre; “Bike America,” Ma-Yi Theater; “Love Song of the Albanian Sous Chef,” Ensemble Studio Theater; “Trevor,” Lesser America; “Mel & El: Show & Tell,” Ars Nova; “The Roosevelt Cousins Thoroughly Sauced,” Ensemble Studio Theatre; “Spacebar,” Studio 42; and “My Base and Scurvy Heart,” Studio 42. His work has been seen in other venues such as the Alliance Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, the Huntington Theatre and many others. As a sometimes producer, he is the former artistic director of Studio 43, New York’s producer of “introducible” plays. He is a graduate of the Greenwich public schools and holds a B.F.A. in theatre studies from Boston University and an M.F.A. in direction from Rutgers University.

**Arranged by Bert von Stuelpnagel**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

**Kevin Peraino** will discuss the Truman administration’s response to the fall of Nationalist China



and the triumph of Mao Zedong’s Communist forces in 1949 – an extraordinary political revolution that continues to shape East Asian politics to this day. Drawing on Chinese and Russian sources, as well as recently declassified CIA documents, he tells the story of this remarkable year through the eyes of key players, including Mao, Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, Congressman Walter Judd and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. In the opening months of 1949, Truman found himself faced with a looming diplomatic catastrophe. Through the spring and summer, Mao’s Communist armies fanned out across mainland China, annihilating the rival troops of America’s one-time ally Chiang Kai-shek and taking control of Beijing, Shanghai and other major cities. As Truman and his aides scrambled to formulate a response, they were forced to contend not only with Mao but with unrelenting political enemies at home. Over the course of the year, Mao fashioned a new revolutionary government in Beijing that laid

the foundation for the China we know today, while Chiang Kai-shek would flee to the island sanctuary of Taiwan. These events transformed American foreign policy – leading ultimately to decades of friction with Communist China, a long-standing U.S. commitment to Taiwan, and the subsequent wars in Korea and Vietnam. Kevin is a veteran foreign correspondent who has reported from around the world. A senior writer and bureau chief at *Newsweek* for a decade, he was a finalist for the Livingston Award for foreign reporting and part of a team that won the National Magazine Award in 2004. He is the author of “Lincoln in the World: The Making of a Statesman and the Dawn of American Power.” His latest book is titled *A Force So Swift: Mao, Truman and the Birth of Modern China, 1949*.

**Arranged by John Schlachtenhaufen**

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

**Andy Bramante**, a science teacher at Greenwich High School, will talk about what's behind the incredible success of his students and how he motivates them to peak performance. Over the last 10 years, more than 30 of Andy's students have competed in the Intel Science and Engineering Fairs, won six First Place, three Best of Category and two Grand Prize awards. Earlier this year, two of his students were semifinalists in the International Google Science Fair. One won the Grand Prize for designing a low-cost portable test for ebola and received a scholarship of \$50,000. Last year, six students were selected as the Regeneron Science Talent Scholars, and two won a \$100,000 scholarship. Andy received an M.S. degree in chemistry from Fordham. Before joining Greenwich High School in 2005, he had an 18-year career as an engineer/scientist in industry and worked for several companies, including Hitachi Instruments and Perkin-Elmer. Throughout this period, he taught chemistry at the college level at Baruch and Sacred Heart universities.



**Arranged by Sunil Saksena**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

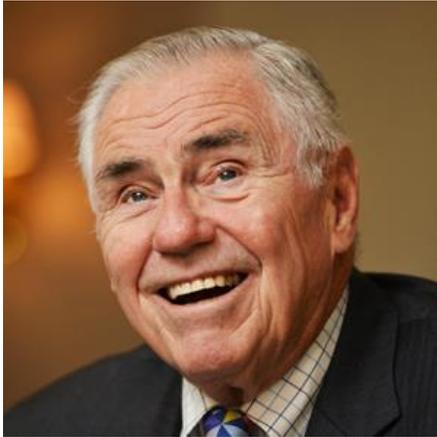
**Heather Pech** will speak of her experiences running marathons, particularly the recent Boston Marathon, where she won her 55-59 age bracket. Her time was better than 698 other runners in her category. She also will discuss the increased performance by American runners in international competitions and the responsibilities and satisfaction of coaching a group of Darien middle school kids who want to run – they call themselves The Blazers. After graduation from the University of Minnesota and the Wood Tobe Coburn School, she entered the fashion retail field. Initially, she was with Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein. She then joined Jones Apparel Group, culminating in serving as CEO of its Polo Jeans Company and then 9 West. She finished her business career as CEO of Nanette Lepore, a \$120 million contemporary fashion designer with multiple locations here and in the U.K. Heather was born and raised in Darien and still lives here with her three daughters. She continues to be an active runner, clocking 80 to 90 miles a week.



**Arranged by Wilder Baker**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**Ambassador Donald Gregg** will speak on the current administration's challenges due to today's



situation on the Korean peninsula, its impact on neighboring U.S. allies in the Asia Pacific region and what policy options exist for the Trump administration. Donald will share his thinking on the world situation through the lens of his unique background as a top diplomat and intelligence operative. He graduated from Williams College in 1951 and joined the CIA, where, over the next quarter century, he was assigned to East Asian countries. He was seconded to the National Security Council staff in 1979, where he was in charge of intelligence activities and Asian policy affairs. Upon his retirement from the CIA, he was awarded the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. In 1982, Gregg was asked to be national security advisor by Vice President George W. Bush, and, over six

years, traveled to 65 countries. He also served as a professorial lecturer at Georgetown University, teaching a graduate-level workshop entitled Force and Diplomacy. In 1989, Gregg began service as the U.S. Ambassador to South Korea. He retired from his 43-year government career in 1993. Today, he is chairman of the Pacific Century Institute in Los Angeles and chairman emeritus of The Korea Society of New York City. He is actively working to establish normal relations with North Korea and has visited the country six times.

**Arranged by Tom Lom**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

**Sean Pica**, executive director of Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison, returns to the DMA



to give an update on his organization's work, including some exciting new initiatives that have been rolled out in the last few years. Hudson Link partners with a number of colleges, including Mercy, Vassar, Columbia and Nyack, to provide college degree programs in New York State prisons. The organization has experienced tremendous growth since he last visited with us, with more prison programs launched, much larger enrollment and many more degrees granted. Hudson Link also has expanded into other related areas, including a new initiative in temporary post-release housing. Sean will share the details of Hudson Link's current activities and recent developments in prison education and post-release support. Most important, the number of released alumni has increased dramatically, and their success on the outside is

noteworthy: The vast majority are employed within six months of release; 34% of graduates pursue graduate degrees; and while 43% of released prisoners in New York return to prison within three years, only 4% of released Hudson Link alumni have gone back to prison. Several Hudson Link alumni, now productive members of their communities, will accompany Sean to share their experiences.

**Arranged by Tom Lom**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

**Patrick Houlihan** will speak on the “State of Play: Major League Baseball in 2018,” including the current state of the game and recent changes plus trends on and off the field. He is vice president and deputy general counsel in the Labor Relations Department in the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball in New York. Patrick represents the Commissioner's Office and the 30 major league clubs in all matters involving the Major League Baseball Players Association that is the labor union representing all 40-man roster players. Patrick's work focuses on player discipline; representative of the Commissioner's Office and Clubs in grievance hearings; salary arbitration; player pension and welfare benefits; revenue sharing; player health and safety; drug testing; and other matters involving the interpretation and application of the collective bargaining agreement or the Major League Rules. Before joining the Commissioner's Office in September 2012, Patrick spent seven years as an associate with the law firm of Williams & Connolly, LLP in Washington, D.C. Patrick also was previously an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught a sports law course for several years.



**Arranged by John Schlachtenhaufen**

## **Songsters**



*Songsters led by **Joe Holmes** rehearse before a recent Wednesday morning meeting.*

## New Members

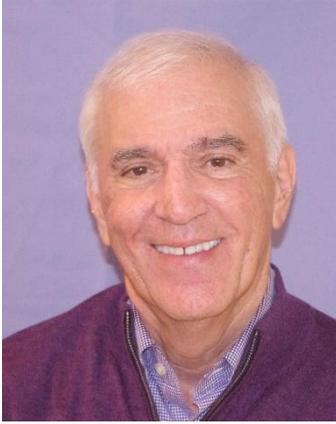
**Micheal Garriott** was born in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1947 and grew up in Virginia Beach, Va. He graduated from Princess Anne High School in 1965, where he was active in basketball and baseball and was vice president of the Varsity Club and the Senior Class. He attended the University of Richmond on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a B.A. degree in 1969. After working as a probation officer in Norfolk for a year, he went to the University of Louisville, where he graduated in 1973 with an M.S.S.W. degree specializing in administration and clinical social work. After graduation, he worked in various psychiatric facilities, retiring in 2003 as executive vice president of a chain of private psych/substance abuse facilities. He returned to work in 2008 as a consultant to the Department of Defense, providing therapy to returning military members and to families returning from overseas assignment. Micheal is a widower living in Darien. He has a daughter and son and six grandchildren. He is a member of the National Association of Clinical Social Workers, Old Donation Episcopal Church and board member of Middlesex Commons Condo Association. In his free time, he enjoys bridge, golf, paddleball and pickleball.



**John Regan** was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1938 and graduated from St. Michael's Diocesan High in 1956. He graduated from St. John's University in 1961 and obtained an M.A. degree from City College of New York and also did postgraduate work at St. John's University and Cornell University in English, school administration and labor relations. As an undergraduate, he was active in the school newspaper and yearbook. Jack's working career began as assistant superintendent for personnel at a Long Island school district, and he later started a consulting firm specializing in public sector negotiations, personnel and labor relations. His consulting work continues to this day. He also is an adjunct professor at Stony Brook, training and mentoring school administrators. Jack and his wife Mary Elizabeth live in Darien and have two children and four grandchildren. He belongs to the Darien Community Association and enjoys travel, reading, movies and the theatre.



**Peter Tombros** was born in 1942. He graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in biology and an M.S. in economics. He obtained an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Peter's professional career includes eight years as president and chief executive officer of Enzon Pharma, taking the company from \$44 million to more than \$3 billion capitalization. He spent five years at Pfizer in a variety of positions, including vice president of marketing, executive vice president of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and vice president of strategic



Peter enjoys playing bridge.

planning, where he oversaw the divestiture of non-healthcare businesses. Peter served as chief executive officer and director of VivoQuest from 2002 to 2005. He also was a director of Alpharma, Pharmanet Development Group and Dendrite International. Peter currently is on the board of Cambrex, Inc., Investigative Management Group, the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and the Columbia University Medical Center Board of Advisors. Peter recently was appointed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania CURE Program, Health Research Advisory Committee. The *Financial Times* selected him to receive the 2015 Outstanding Director Award. Peter and his wife Ann created the Tombros Foundation in 2001 to pursue their philanthropic interests. They live in New Canaan. For recreation,

**James Ozanne** was born in Oak Park, Ill., and graduated from Oak Park River Forest High School



in 1961, where he was active in track and football. He graduated from DePaul University with a B.S. in accounting in 1967. Jim's work career has been one of increasing responsibilities in the finance industry with companies such as United Rentals, Bank of Maine and Distributed Energy Systems. He currently is an operating partner in Harkness Capital Partners, National Mortgage Insurance and EnSync Energy Systems. Jim and his wife Susan live in Darien. They have four children and nine grandchildren. He is active in the Appalachian Mountain Club, Wee Burn Country Club, the Connecticut Investment Group and the Darien Historical Society. He enjoys tennis, upland shooting and road biking.

**Richard White** was born in Oakland, Calif., in 1949 and grew up in Manhasset, Long Island, N.Y.



He graduated from Manhasset High School in 1967, where he was active on the tennis and lacrosse teams, skiing, drama club and physics club. He graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1971 with a B.A. in economics and a minor in physics. At St. Lawrence, he was active in the theatre group, the tennis team, the sailing club and the National Ski Patrol. Upon graduation, Richard started work with Chubb and Son, a commercial casualty underwriter. This was followed by several years as risk manager for Avco Corp. In 1977, he switched to the broker side of the business and has continued in that capacity through present day. Richard and his wife Virginia live in Darien. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. He belongs to the Country Club of Darien, the Sound Sailing Center in Norwalk, the John Street Club, the Risk and Insurance Management Society, and Little Flower Family Services. He enjoys tennis, paddleball, golf, sailing, skiing, woodworking, painting, sculpturing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, travel and volunteer social work.

## Book Club

**Harris Hester** reports that the following books will be read during March and April. **March 14:** *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick. In 1819, the whaleship Essex with a crew of 20 left Nantucket for the South Pacific, where it was rammed and sunk by an angry sperm whale. The



crew drifted for 90 days in three tiny whaleboats, enduring weather, hunger and disease, ultimately turning to drastic measures in the fight to survive. **April 11:** *The Great Gatsby* by Scott Fitzgerald. The mysterious Jay Gatsby uses his wealth to create an enchanted world of lavish parties. But sinister reality emerges, as idealized romantic figures prove to have human frailties and disillusion turns to tragedy. Discussions are held in the Library of the Mather Center the second Wednesday of the month starting at 12:30 p.m. Participants bring their own lunch or purchase food in the center's cafeteria.

## Current Affairs

**Jim Phillips** reports that the Current Affairs group will discuss *The Roots of Income Inequality* on March 15. **Bryan Hooper** is the discussion leader. On April 19, the group will discuss *The Syrian Refugee Crisis* led by David Mace. For more information on either subject, go to the DMA website and open the section entitled Current Affairs. There you will find background information on the upcoming subject that is updated on a regular basis during the weeks prior to the discussion. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 8:15 a.m. in the Lillian Gade Room on the second floor of the Darien Community Association. The focus of the discussion is to talk about information that is relevant, not to debate the pros and cons of an issue.

## Program Speaker Suggestions

**John Wolcott**, chairman, program speakers, welcomes ideas you may have for speakers. Contact John at (203) 656-0842 or jowdarien@gmail.com.

