

## President's Message

As we near the end of the 2017-2018 DMA program year, it is hard not to notice how active the organization is week in and week out. In addition to our Wednesday meetings with consistently outstanding speakers, DMA has more than a dozen activity groups that meet regularly and are well-attended, as are the social events. All of this doesn't just happen. It is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication from a great many people. This includes the DMA Board and its committees,



as well as the various activity group leaders. Over the course of the year, you've gotten to know many of them, as they've kept you informed about their work. But to really see who's doing what, I urge you to take a look at pages 1-4 in the latest DMA Directory for a complete listing of all these terrific folks. Next time you see one of them, take a moment to acknowledge their contribution to this jewel of an organization. They each deserve our thanks for a job well done!

**Tom Lom, president**

## Events & Activities

### Four Golf Outings Announced



**Denny Devere** reports there will be at least four golf outings between June and September 2018. The first is the biennial tournament between the DMA and the New Canaan Men's Club on Wednesday, June 20, 8:30 a.m., at the Silvermine Golf Club. The rivalry stands in favor of the DMA with three wins, one loss and one tie. The details for the July golf outing are still being finalized. In August, the play will be at the Country Club of Darien. On Thursday, September 13, we will tee off at the Wee Burn Country Club. Additional venues are under consideration. Further details on the summer golf outings to come. Denny can be reached at [dgdevere@optonline.net](mailto:dgdevere@optonline.net).

## March Madness Winners



Photo by Michael Poler

Seated, left to right, John Schlachtenhufen, 4<sup>th</sup> place, \$50; Bert von Stuelpnagel, 5<sup>th</sup> place, \$50; George Walsh, 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$100; Gregory Glashan, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$50; Joe Spain, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$50. Standing, left to right, Bill Bellis and John Barston, event managers.

## Woodworkers Team Up with Boy Scouts



DMA woodworkers are helping the Boy Scouts by repairing donated but broken furniture so that it can be usable and sold at the Scouts' annual fundraiser on May 6, 2018.

It is a good example of oldsters working with youngsters to benefit the community thanks to **Tom Williams** and his woodworkers and **Bert von Stuelpnagel**, who is assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 53.

# Weed Beach Cookout

Thursday, June 14, 5-8:30 p.m.  
\$35 per person. All inclusive.  
Wine, beer, soft drinks, water.



## Menu

**Appetizers:** sliders, shrimp cocktail, cheese platter

**Entrees:** salmon, steak, grilled chicken

**Side dishes:** pasta salad, potato salad, grilled veggies,  
roasted potatoes, salad

**Dessert:** sheet cake, brownies

## Entertainment Guitarist Rob Smith

Your host: Alex Garnett (203) 273-7403, [aypgarnett@gmail.com](mailto:aypgarnett@gmail.com). Rain date: 6.15.18

## Harlem Wandering

**Sunil Saksena** led 19 people on a tour of Harlem on April 17. The tour included a stop for a libation at the Corner Social on Lenox Avenue and lunch at the iconic Sylvia's Restaurant. Along the way, they saw the residential areas of Mount Morris Park, Astor Row and Striver's Row. They visited the historic jazz sites of the Cotton Club, the Savoy Ballroom and Bill's Place, where Billie Holiday was discovered. Next they walked by the Abyssinian Baptist Church and Alexander Hamilton's house.



Photo by Harvey Mogenson



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## Hiking Pomerance Park

**Sunil Saksena** led a group of seven hikers in and around the 100-acre Pomerance Park in Greenwich on Thursday, April 12. The remains of a mansion, shown here, represent the home of Barbara Tuchman, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *The Guns of August*. The park is owned by the Town of Greenwich. At one time, this property was the estate of Maurice Wertheim, a wealthy New York investment banker. Barbara is his daughter.



Photo by Gregory Glashan

## Sagamore Hill, Vanderbilt Mansion Trip May 12

**Tom Brayton** and **Mel Klugman** have organized a trip for Saturday, May 12, to Sagamore Hill, home of Theodore Roosevelt, and the nearby Vanderbilt Mansion called the Eagle's Nest. A box lunch from Palmer's market, bus transportation and tours of the two sites are included in the price per person of \$75. Sagamore Hill is a 23-room Victorian wood-and-brick structure that is little changed from when it was used as a home by the Roosevelts. Most of the furnishings are original pieces. The Vanderbilt Mansion, situated on 43 acres, offers an intimate look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through World War II. The rooms are filled with priceless art, furnishings and personal possessions. It is an enchanting time capsule of a vanished era. To learn more, search the Internet for Sagamore Hill and Vanderbilt Mansion.

## Hockey at Bridgeport Sound Tigers

**Gehr Brown** arranged for a night of hockey at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers game on March 10. DMA members carpooled to the event. The evening started with food and drink at the Irish Pub in the arena. The Tigers played the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, a top affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers, who beat the Tigers by a score of 4 to 1. A portion of the proceeds from the game went to Make-A-Wish Connecticut.



Photo by Joanne Brown

## “Beautiful, The Carole King Musical”

**Tom Brayton** and **Chris Snyder** put together a trip on March 9 to the Schubert Theater in New Haven to see “Beautiful, The Carole King Musical,” that tells the inspiring true story of King’s remarkable rise to stardom. Before the show, the group enjoyed lunch at the Union League Cafe that included a three-course meal in a private dining room. Transportation was by car and ridesharing.



## Spring Cleanup Town of Darien

**Jack Fitzgibbons**, chairman, Community Services, organized our annual participation in the Town of Darien Spring Cleanup on April 21. Traditionally, DMA cleans up at the train station, the nearby parking lots and along Mechanic Street. Everyone gathered at 8 a.m. in the parking lot behind 1020 Boston Post Road. Coffee and donuts were provided by the Darien Chamber of Commerce to help get the morning started. Trash bags, sanitary gloves and pickup sticks made by **Tom Williams'** Woodworking group were provided to each person.



Photo arranged by Gregory Glashan

## Current Affairs

**Jim Phillips**, chairman, Current Affairs, reports that end-of-life care, issues and policies will be discussed at the **May 17** meeting of the group. Jim will be the discussion leader. On **June 21**, gun control will be discussed. The purpose is to talk about information that is relevant, not to debate the pros and cons of the topics. Reference material is posted on the DMA website that participants can read prior to the meetings that are held the third Thursday of the month, 8:15 a.m., in the Lillian Gade Room, second floor, Darien Community Association, September-June.

## New Britain and Hill-Stead Museum Tour

A large contingent of DMA members and guests toured the New Britain Museum of American Art and the Hill-Stead Museum on Friday, April 27, arranged by **Bryan Hooper** and led by **Chris Snyder** and **Alex Garnett**. Lunch was at the New Britain Museum.



Photo arranged by Gregory Glashan

## Queens County Wandering May 15

**John Barston** reports that **David Mace** will lead a wandering in Queens County on Tuesday, May 15, that will begin at 52nd Street and Roosevelt Avenue and take us out to the Arthur Ashe Stadium. David explains that the walk is approximately 4½ miles. For those who wish a shorter walk, there are subway stops along the way to take you back to Grand Central Station. There are 138 languages spoken in Queens. At the start, we will be in an Irish neighborhood. Then we will



pass through Korean, Thai, Tibetan, Indian, Ecuadorean and Colombian neighborhoods. The shops are all family owned – no Gap or Polo stores. The sights, sounds and smells are what will make this wandering exciting. Join us on the 8:36 a.m. train out of Darien and the 8:39 a.m. out of Noroton Heights. We will gather at the Information Booth in Grand Central Station before taking the subway to Queens.



# Speakers

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

**Hon. Barbara Bellis** will discuss how the court operates, with emphasis on civil and criminal



cases. Included in the presentation is a discussion on how cases are handled in the system – from filing to disposition, the difference in resolving civil vs. criminal cases and the role of the judge in each, how the court system has been responsive to the needs of self-represented individuals, and new trends in mediating and arbitrating cases. Judge Bellis was appointed to the Superior Court in 2003. She currently is assigned to the Fairfield Judicial District in Bridgeport, where she serves as the administrative judge, the presiding judge of civil matters and the e-filing judge. She also presides over the asbestos docket. Judge Bellis is responsible for the training of new judges in the area of domestic violence, as well as e-filing training. She serves on various committees, including the Judicial Review Council and the Judges' Advisory Committee on Electronic Filing. She has

served on the Superior Court Rules Committee, the Superior Court Executive Committee, the Public Service and Trust Commission's Courthouse Security Committee, and the Civil Commission. She also frequently serves as mediator for cases pending throughout the state and is an active member of the Judicial Branch Speakers Bureau. She is a 1983 graduate of Boston College with a B.A. in economics and the classics and a 1986 graduate of the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

**Arranged by Bill Bellis**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

Chief of Police **Raymond Osborne** will speak on the current law enforcement trends we are seeing



in Darien, as well as new developments and trends in law enforcement in general. He was inducted as a police officer in Darien in 1983. Prior to being sworn in as Darien's 10th chief of police in 2016, he held positions of detective, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. He is a member of the Darien Police SCUBA team, the South West Regional Response Team's Hostage Negotiation Team and the Darien Police School Security Committee. Chief Osborne has a master's degree in criminal justice from Iona College and currently is an adjunct faculty member at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport.

**Arranged by John Wolcott**

## Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**Terrie Wood** will discuss key legislation passed in this latest session and also will talk about the state budget. She has served as State Representative from the 141st district (Darien and Norwalk) since 2009 and is currently ranking member on the Executive Nominations Committee



and a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and the Human Services Committee. In 2013, she served as co-chair of the Mental Health Working Group of the Gun Violence and School Security bill passed after the Sandy Hook school massacre. She was instrumental in crafting and implementing the Mental Health portion of the bill along with her co-chair Sen. Toni Harp, now mayor of New Haven. She also served as co-chair of the MORE Commission Working Group on Special Education in 2013-2014. Terrie is past president of the Darien Land Trust, founder and first chairman of the Darien Environmental Group, past trustee of the Darien Library, The Community Fund, an ABC Host family and current member of CT Advisory Board of The Trust

for Public Land. In addition, she was co-chair of YES...DHS! a political action committee dedicated to passing a referendum to promote the building of a new high school. A former commercial/voiceover actor in New York and professional portrait photographer, she is a graduate of Rollins College with a degree in art history. A 39-year resident of Darien and four years in Rowayton, Terrie is married to Jay Wood, a third-generation Darienite. They have three children, all graduates of Darien High School, and are EMT members of Post 53.

Arranged by Marc Thorne

## Wednesday, May 23, 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. 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, May 30, 2018**

**Joe Holmes** and the Songsters will entertain us with their melodious music as has been the tradition these many years.



Photo by Harvey Mogenson

## Book Club

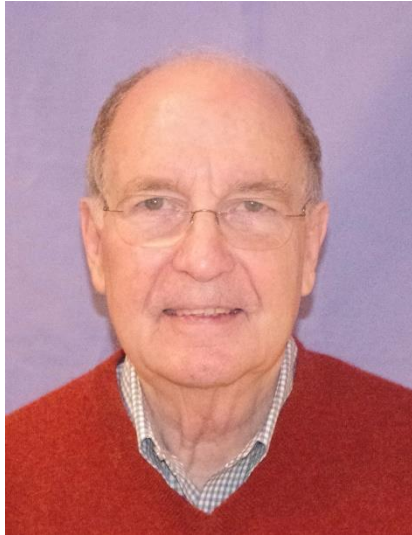
**Harris Hester** reports that the following books will be read during May and June. The club meets year round the second Wednesday of the month, 12:30 p.m. in the Mather Center library.

**May 9:** *Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II* by Vicki Croke. The remarkable story of James Howard “Billy” Williams, whose uncanny rapport with the world’s largest land animals, transforms him from a carefree young man into the charismatic war hero known as Elephant Bill. When Imperial Japanese forces invaded Burma in 1942, Williams joined the elite Force 136, the British dirty tricks department, operating behind enemy lines. His war elephants would go on to carry supplies, build bridges, and transport the sick and elderly over treacherous mountain terrain.

**June 13:** *Paris in the Present Tense* by Mark Helprin. Seventy-four-year-old Jules Lacour — a *mâitre* Paris-Sorbonne, cellist, widower, veteran of the war in Algeria and child of the Holocaust — must find a balance between his strong obligations to the past and the attractions and beauties of life and love in the present. He risks fraud to save his terminally ill infant grandson, matches wits with a renegade insurance investigator, is drawn into an act of savage violence, and falls deeply, excitingly in love with a young cellist a third his age. Against the backdrop of an exquisite and knowing vision of Paris and the way it can uniquely shape a life, he forges a denouement that is staggering in its humanity, elegance and truth.

# New Members

**John van Dyke** was born in New York City in 1942 and grew up in Summit, N.J., and Worcester, Mass. He graduated from the Kent School in 1961 and from Princeton University in 1965 with an A.B. degree. At Princeton, he was coxswain on the junior varsity heavyweight crew. David started work in 1965 with First Pennsylvania Bank as vice president and division head of Commercial Lending. He joined Vista Capital LLC in Greenwich in 1978 as CFO, directing the financing of approximately 75 transactions (the largest being the acquisition of American Optical Corporation from Warner-Lambert). Another portfolio company, Radiac Abrasives, was grown through acquisition to become the second largest and most profitable company in its industry, increasing revenue from \$4 million to \$100 million by the time it was sold. From 1997 to 2017 when he retired, he managed the investment portfolio from the divestiture. David and his wife Mimi live in Darien and have one child and one grandchild. He belongs to



Norwalk Yacht Club, the Princeton Club of New York, Darien Community Association and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. His hobbies include sailing, reading and travel. *Sponsored by John Schlachtenhaufen.*

**Peter Siciliano** was born in Greenwich in 1946 and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1964, where he was active in track. He graduated from Norwich University with a B.A. in economics and a commission in the U.S. Army in 1968. He received an M.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1970. From 1970 to 1972, he fulfilled his military obligation as a first lieutenant, management analyst at Fort Knox and Fort Hood. From 1972 to 1983, he was at Price Waterhouse & Co. in Stamford and rose to senior audit manager. In 1983, he joined the CPA firm of Rusconi Cahill & Larkin as partner in charge of the New York office. In 1989, he joined RSM US LLP as audit partner; was on the firm's board of directors and was partner in charge of the New York office for 10 years. He relocated to the Stamford office in 2002 and retired in 2011. Peter and his wife Becky live in Darien and have two daughters who live in Darien and Old Greenwich, respectively. They have three grandchildren. Peter belongs to the Country Club of Darien and is interested in golf, snow skiing and hiking. *Sponsored by Tom Lom.*



**Paul Richardson, Jr.**, was born in 1938 in Philadelphia, Pa., and grew up in Darien. He graduated



from Lawrenceville School in 1956, where he was active in varsity tennis and cross country, the Herodotus Club, band, the Press Club, *The Lawrence* sports editor and the French Club. Paul graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in history in 1960 and was active in Delta Tau Delta fraternity, squash and tennis. Upon graduating in 1960, he was commissioned in the Marines, where he served in the United States and the Far East. Upon his discharge in 1963, he joined Owens-Corning in Denver in sales. In 1965, he joined Dancer, Fitzgerald, and Sample in New York as account executive and subsequently worked with other advertising firms, rising to senior vice president/manager of Boyden International's Stamford office. In 2004, he joined Korn Ferry International and advanced to senior client partner and practice leader for the Legal Specialist Group. In 2004, he retired. Paul and his wife Mary live in New

Canaan. They have two children and four grandchildren. He belongs to Wee Burn Country Club and is a past member of the board of directors of the Association of Executive Search Consultants. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, mission programs at Noroton Presbyterian Church, and long-distance competitive running, including marathons in Boston, London and New York. *Sponsored by Pete Scull.*

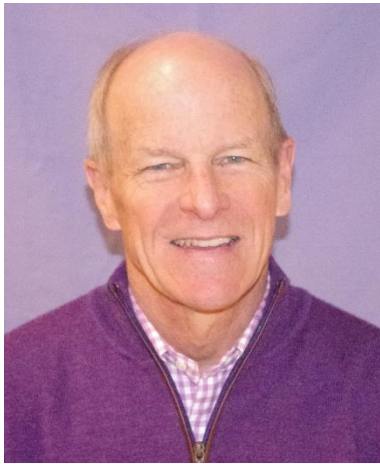
**David Maloof** was born in Mineola, N.Y., in 1958 and grew up in New Hyde Park, N.Y. He



graduated from Chaminade High School in 1976, where his activities were football, speech and debate. He attended Columbia University and was elected student council president, graduating in 1980 with a B.A. in history. He earned a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia Law School in 1983. David's work career started as a reporter for Public Broadcasting Service in New Jersey in 1984. From 1986 to the present, he worked in international law, primarily with Maloof & Browne LLC. David and his wife Jean Sweeney live in Darien and have a daughter and son, both living in New York City. He has long served as a human rights volunteer for Churches for Middle East Peace. He belongs to St. John Church and is active in its Men's Group,

the Darien RTM Parks and Recreation Commission, Carnegie Abbey Golf Club in Rhode Island and the New York Athletic Club. His interests are international affairs, Christian history (authored *Christianity Matters* (Amazon, 2016), season ticket holder for the NFL Jets and golf. *Sponsored by John Bassler.*

**Robin Hogen** was born in Los Angeles in 1947 and grew up in Chappaqua, N.Y. He graduated



from Andover in 1966 and was captain of the ski team, a junior proctor and member of the varsity soccer team. He graduated from Yale University in 1970 with a B.A. degree, where he played varsity soccer, captained the ski team, served as president of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, was a member of Wolf's Head Society and was named a Lucy Hall Boardman Scholar. In 1970, he joined the Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y., as head of the Art Department and coach of the soccer and ski teams. From 1974 to 1978, he worked in communications positions in Hartford with the Chamber of Commerce and the Hartford Bicentennials (a soccer league expansion team). Starting in 1978, Robin held communications and public relations positions with a number of companies, including United Technologies, Merck, Hybridon, Fisher Scientific, Purdue Pharma, and Yale University. In 2015, he retired

and founded True North Strategies, LLC in Norwalk, a firm specializing in communications. Robin and his wife Jan reside in Norwalk and have two daughters and four grandchildren (who all live in California). Robin is a member of the Edgartown Yacht Club, Yale Club of New York City, and Shore and Country Club. He also serves on the advisory board of the Social Impact Exchange, the International Advisory Board of Rabin Martin and the board of directors of the Bart Adaptive Sports Center in Manchester, Vt. In addition to teaching skiing and sailing to his grandchildren, Robin is an avid sailor, cyclist and windsurfer. He also plays league tennis and some paddle. He likes but isn't too skilled at golf and single sculling. *Sponsored by John Hess.*

**Jim Glowienka** was born in Milwaukee in 1949 and, while moving 19 times, mostly grew up in



Red Hook, N.Y. He graduated from Red Hook Central High School in 1967 and held various class offices, was named valedictorian, played track and tennis, and was a member of the band. He graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a B.S. in aerospace and was active in track and sailing. He graduated from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business with an M.B.A. in marketing and behavioral science. Jim's work history began in 1973 in marketing, business development and sales with Continental Can and continued with Gulf+Western, Kearney National and American Can Company. In 1990, he joined Digital Equipment Corporation and was involved in project, program, product and engineering

management and later continued these responsibilities with Fujitsu Consulting and Cisco Systems. Jim and his wife Linda live in Norwalk. They have one daughter. He is a member of Trout Unlimited, Laurel Bank Fishing Club of Roxbury, Conn., Porsche Club of America (Connecticut Valley Region), MIT Alumni Association and St. Matthew Parish in Norwalk. His hobbies include fly fishing, fly tying, fly rod building, golf, squash, tennis, sailing, metal working, sports cars, anthropology and archeology, travel, and volunteer services addressing isolation and loneliness of residents of assisted living facilities. *Sponsored by John Hess.*

**Michael Heitz** was born in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1949 and grew up in various areas of the country, including South Bend, Milwaukee, Los Angeles and Peoria. He graduated from Spalding Institute in 1967, where he was active in wrestling and football. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1971 with a B.S. degree in accountancy and headed up the production of the school yearbook. In 1980, he graduated from Fordham University School of Law. His employment history includes working for major national accounting firms; namely, Haskins & Sells, Aetna Life in Hartford; Coopers & Lybrand in Hartford, New York and Philadelphia; and Arthur Andersen, TIAA CREFF and Voya Financial in New York. Mike and his wife Nancy live in Darien and have three children and three grandchildren. He belongs to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Noroton Manor Neighborhood Association and the Darien Finance & Budget Committee. In his spare time, Mike enjoys hiking, kayaking, travel and history. *Sponsored by Bert von Stuelpnagel.*



**David Anderson** was born in Margaretville, N.Y., in 1943 and grew up in Binghamton, N.Y. He graduated from Northwood School in Lake Placid, N.Y., and from Colgate University in 1966 with a B.A. in economics. He graduated from New York University Graduate School of Business Administration (now Stern School) in 1972 with an M.B.A. degree in international finance and banking. While at Colgate, he was head of the school's radio station. He started work in 1967 with Manufacturers Hanover Trust in the international division and, in 1973, moved to Bangkok to run the representative office. In 1976, he relocated to Singapore and, then in 1979, to London to work in the London branch as corporate lender. He relocated back to New York in 1980 to manage a group focusing on large corporations and utilities. During all the mergers – first with Chemical Bank and then Chase – from 1991 to 1996, he managed a portfolio of utility clients in the eastern United States and, from 1996 to 2002, focused on the corporate trust business in Asia. From 2002 to 2006, he was representative director of J.P. Morgan Trust Bank in Tokyo. In 2002, he returned to New York and eventually retired after a 40-year career in banking. David and his wife Margaret live in New Canaan and have three children and three grandchildren residing in New York City, New Haven and Yarmouth, Maine. He belongs to the Tokeneke Club and Old Asia Hands (a group of bankers who worked in the Asia Pacific region) and is advisor to a major Japanese bank. He enjoys visits to the YMCA (mainly for swimming) and has completed two sprint triathlons with no plans for more. He spends the majority of his time on a farm he owns in West Chesterfield, N.H. *Sponsored by John Bartlett*



## Tennis, Pickleball

**Al Metayer** says tennis will get under way as the weather gets warmer. Start time for tennis is 9:30 a.m. at Weed Beach, where two tennis courts have been reserved for DMA Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, May-August. There is no pickleball during July and August.

## Program Speakers

If you have an idea for a speaker, contact John Wolcott, chairman (203) 656-0842, [jowdarien@gmail.com](mailto:jowdarien@gmail.com). Beginning in June, contact incoming chairman Sunil Saksena, [ssaksena44@gmail.com](mailto:ssaksena44@gmail.com). Your suggestions are welcome anytime during the year.

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| Darien Men's Association Newsletter |
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