

Officers and Directors 2018-2019



Photo by Michael Poler

Seated, l. to r.: Tom Lom, 1st past president; Ray Meurer, Newsletter & Communications; Sunil Saksena, 1st vice president; John Wolcott, president; Bryan Hooper, Membership & Hospitality; Bob Hughes, secretary; Gary Banks, 2nd vice president. **Standing**, l. to r.: Jan Selkowitz, assistant secretary; Tony Yezzi, assistant treasurer; Jack Fitzgibbons, Community Service; Bert von Stuelpnagel, treasurer; Gehr Brown, director at large; Bob McGroarty, director at large; Chris Snyder, Social Events.

President's Message

Welcome back to DMA. Thanks to the leadership of past presidents, DMA continues to move forward, offering a host of varied activities and presentations. Distinguished speakers, adventurous outings, the holiday party and the summer cookout are part of a growing list of events that have made DMA what it is today. We fully expect to grow our traditions and even possibly invent a couple of new ones as our board members and activity chairmen begin the 2018-2019 program year. DMA's financial condition is excellent. Treasurer



Bert von Stuelpnagel will keep it that way. **Sunil Saksena** is rapidly filling up his slate of speakers for the coming year. **Chris Snyder** is organizing creative and wide-ranging events that will expand our geographic, intellectual and imaginative boundaries. As you will see at our first meeting, **Gary Banks** has dramatically upgraded our audiovisual capabilities that also will appear on the DMA website. **Ray Meurer** will continue the superlative job he has done with Communications. **Bryan Hooper** will beat the bushes for new

members to preserve our vitality. And **Jack Fitzgibbons** will continue to coordinate Community Service to ensure the DMA's visibility to our neighbors.

Each of you can contribute to DMA's success by recommending speakers or an event that our membership would enjoy. Joining activities and taking day trips are excellent ways to get to know new faces while being entertained, educated, wine and dined.

For our holiday party, **Tony Yezi** has planned a significantly enhanced menu. He also has succeeded in booking Darien High School's Tudor Singers that evening for a special concert.

The summer cookout at Weed Beach will approach perfection by promising to supply enough ice to cool thirsty throats.

And at our weekly membership meetings, we will continue our efforts to make the first 30 minutes as entertaining as it is informative.

Gary's new animated meeting agenda will put names and faces in front of us for all to see. We'll have more short video clips to educate, thrill and entertain. We also will add variations on "This Day in History" when the spirit moves and time allows, continuing **Scott Hutchason's** and **Tom Brayton's** legacies.

Most of all, you'll not want to miss Chief Humor Officer **Tom Lom's** hilarity. We don't know where he gets his material, but it's hysterically funny.

John Wolcott, president

An Evening Sail on Schooner SoundWaters



Chris Snyder, chairman, Social Events, reports that **Gary Banks** has arranged an evening sail on the schooner SoundWaters on September 27 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., departing from Stamford. Included is a talk about the "Maritime History of Long Island Sound." Participants are invited to bring their own snacks and beverages such as beer, wine and soft drinks. Dinner after the sail is available at the Crab Shell or at a selection of other restaurants close to where the schooner docks. Cost of the two-hour sail is \$10 per person. There is space on board for a maximum of 40 people. Ample free parking is right next to the boat dock at Stamford Landing, 46 Southfield Ave., Stamford. SoundWaters, founded in 1989, is the premier environmental education organization focused on the protection of Long Island Sound and its watershed.

Golf Season Wrap-up Final Outing at Wee Burn Country Club



Country Club of Darien

Photo arranged by Tom Lom

Denny Devere reports that the golf season got off to a fast start with a good turnout at Sterling Farms on May 22 and will wrap up with the fifth and final tournament at Wee Burn Country Club on September 13. The rivalry between DMA and the Men's Club of New Canaan was played out at the Silvermine Golf Club. The Oak Hills outing was a washout on the ninth hole due to rain. The outing at the Country Club of Darien saw some exciting golf. Denny says, "New Canaan came



from behind and eked out a win over DMA by the score of 15½ to 14½. It was a true upset if there ever was one." The series now stands at three wins, two losses and one tie in favor of the DMA. The camaraderie at the event was noticeable and showed a great spirit of good fellowship. Denny notes, "I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for volunteering to represent the DMA golf team at this year's event. **Alex Garnett** and I are confident that we will return to our winning ways when we next resume this arch rivalry." At Oak Hills, 23 people signed up to play reports **Peter Carnes**. "Unfortunately, they forgot to include the weatherman," says Peter. With a forecast of thunderstorms and rain, five people elected not to venture forth. The remaining stalwarts got no farther than the ninth hole when the forecast proved to be accurate. Everyone hastily retreated to the clubhouse for a rain check and some thirst quenchers. At the Country Club of Darien, there was plenty of golf action, reports **Tom Lom**. Some of the excitement came

when **Tony YeZZi**, shown in photo at left taken by Tom, panned the 13th hole. Tony set it up with a 120-yard iron shot from a fairway bunker to within four feet of the pin. **Todd Meck** holed out from 80 yards for a birdie three on the ninth hole. **Mike Devlin** put his tee shot to within four feet at the 14th hole for closest to the pin on any of the par threes. After the Wee Burn Country Club outing on September 13, that is it for golf this year.

Bowling: Damaged Pin Award



Photos arranged by Tom Lom



Tom Lom, Bowling, reports that the group celebrated its annual luncheon at the Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield on May 29.

Highlight of the event was presentation of the Damaged Pin trophy to **Tony Yezzi** for the fastest and hardest ball that was fired down the lane at a blistering 19.5 miles per hour.



After posing for a group photo to commemorate the day, several members helped **Jim Long** get dressed up and ready for a Darien Senior Songsters gig at the Waveny Care Center later that day.

The bowlers meet every Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., at the Nutmeg Lanes. All are welcome and encouraged to join in. No invitation is necessary. Just show up and start bowling.

Hudson Link Clothing Drive



Photo by Ray Meurer

DMA member response this year to the clothing drive for Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison was overwhelming. The clothing will be worn by graduates as they go out in the world with a college degree seeking employment. Shown here is just a sampling of the clothes that were brought to a DMA meeting this past spring to be picked up for delivery to the program's graduates. Sean Pica, executive director of Hudson Link, sent a letter of thanks to DMA members, saying, "Your benevolent donation is an essential tool that equips our alumni in embarking on the pathway to success. As they begin their new journey, they will not only have a sense of accomplishment through achieving their education, but they will also have professional clothing to go along with it." Sean then listed a complete inventory of 473 individual pieces of clothing, including 62 suits, 52 blazers, 133 neckties, 104 dress shirts, 40 dress slacks, 20 casual slacks and 20 belts. Other items included winter coats, thermal vests, sweaters, polo shirts, gloves, dress shoes, sneakers, slippers, shorts and swim trunks. Hudson Link provides college education, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated men and women.

Book Club

Harris Hester reports that on **September 12**, the book club will discuss *A Force So Swift: Mao, Truman and the Birth of Modern China, 1949* by Kevin Peraino. On **October 10**, the club will discuss *An Odyssey: a Father, a Son and an Epic* by Daniel Mendelsohn. During the summer, the club read *Moscow Nights: The Van Cliburn Story – How One Man and His Piano Transformed the Cold War* by Nigel Cliff. Members also read *God Save Texas: A Journey into the Soul of the Lone Star State* by Lawrence Wright. All books selected are available at the Darien Library. The club meets in the Mather Center Library the second Wednesday of the month year round at 12:30 p.m.



DMA Marches in Memorial Day Parade 2018



Photo by Sunil Saksena

Jack Fitzgibbons, Community Service, reports there was a good turnout of DMA members for the Town of Darien Memorial Day Parade. Other community service activities include repair of the lights on Christmas wreaths that decorate town streets, bell ringing for The Salvation Army at Palmer's Market, both in December, and cleanup day for the Town of Darien in the spring. All DMA members are invited to join in these activities.

Songsters at Last DMA Meeting of the Program Year



Photo by Gregory Glashan

Joe Holmes leads the Darien Senior Songsters as they performed at the last meeting of the program year. The Songsters also entertain at Waveny Care Center, Atria and the Darien Senior Center.

Jackson Heights Wandering



John Barston reports that **David Mace** led a walking tour of Jackson Heights on May 15. It began at 52nd Street and Roosevelt Avenue and ended at the Arthur Ashe Stadium, a distance of 4½ miles. David said first stop was for a beverage and pastry at La Nueva Bakery in the Latino section of Jackson Heights. Lunch was at Leo's Latticini deli in the Italian neighborhood in Corona. There are 138 languages spoken in the area. "By the end of the day, we had seen one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in New York," says David.

Photo by Joe Spain

Happy Wanderers Meet the Mouse



Taylor Strubinger led a group of wanderers that started in midtown Manhattan and then walked west to the Hudson River. First stop was at the Dublin House for a beer. Then at Broadway, they met the mouse, a bit of statuary familiar to residents of the neighborhood. Upon arriving at the 79th Street Boat Basin, they walked south along the Hudson River Greenway to 30th Street and hopped on the #7 train to Grand Central Station, where they enjoyed lunch at the Oyster Bar before heading home.

Photo by Joe Spain

Hiking: Leon Levy Preserve & Mianus River Gorge



Photo by Sunil Saksena

After being postponed earlier in the spring due to heavy snow on the trails, the Leon Levy Preserve hike was finally completed on May 3 reports **Sunil Saksena**, then chairman of the Hiking program. The hardy hikers are shown here taking a break in the day's activity. The weather was perfect.



Photo by Waltraud Horan

Sunil Saksena reports that a group of eight hiked 2½ miles through the Mianus River Gorge on May 29. The Gorge is 750 acres of old growth forest. It has a sense of a remote wilderness in the midst of an urban area. Lunch was at Long Ridge Tavern.

Annual Cookout Weed Beach

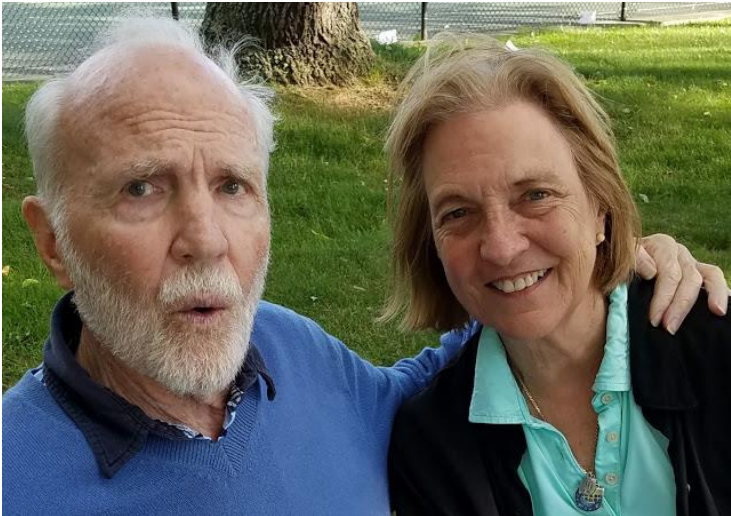
Photos by Gregory Glashan & Ray Meurer



Annual Cookout Weed Beach (continued)



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Speakers

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Jim Bell will discuss the historic Pyeongchang Games in South Korea, as well as the preparations



for the Tokyo Summer Games in 2020 along with reflections on NBC's long affiliation with the Olympic Games. Jim is president, NBC Olympics Production & Programming. He oversees all the day-to-day editorial production and programming aspects of NBC's Olympics coverage of the Games, as well as the Olympic Channel: Home of Team USA, an International Olympic Committee, U.S. Olympic Committee and NBC partnership. He also is executive producer of Telemundo World Cup, for which he oversaw the Spanish-language network's first-ever coverage of the event earlier this year. The Pyeongchang Winter Games marked Jim's 12th Olympics with NBC. He is in his second stretch with NBS Sports, as he rejoined following seven years as executive producer of the "Today Show." Jim also has produced NBC broadcasts of the NFL, MLB and NBA and won an Emmy for the 1997 NBA finals and 1998 Wimbledon tennis. He is a 1989 cum laude graduate of

Harvard, where he was an All-Ivy defensive tackle and a member of the 1987 Ivy Championship team. Jim and his wife Angelique and their four sons live in Greenwich.

Arranged by Bud Bain

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Bruce Wilson will share with us why *The Conversation* is now viewed as an anecdote to fake news and has become a key provider of content to help stem the decline of the U.S. media industry.



Bruce is co-CEO of *The Conversation*, a new nonprofit news platform to counter the complete disarray undermining the ability of the public to get information from a trustworthy source since experts barely exist in newsrooms and objective journalists are a dying breed. Like most startups, *The Conversation* launched with a small editorial staff of seven and was largely supported by leading foundations like Ford, Gates and Sloan. Now there are 17 editors and more than 50 universities, like Michigan University and Tufts, supporting the mission. What makes it unique is the breadth and depth of its reporters, who are all leading academics with deep expertise in their area of research. In the few short years since its launch, *The Conversation* has worked with 1,400+ academics from top universities from coast to coast. News outlets serving liberal and conservative audiences, like *The Washington Post*,

Foxnews.com, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Scientific American* and The Associated Press, regularly republish articles from *The Conversation*, generating in excess of 9 million readers a week. Bruce has Darien roots.

Arranged by **Robin Hogen**

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Sandra Miklave and Jonathan Yates will talk about the history of the Norwalk Symphony



Orchestra, including an overview of the upcoming 79th season. They will also discuss the orchestra's educational outreach programs and provide a view of its future. **Sandra** joined the orchestra in April 2018 as executive director. She also serves as board chair of Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk. Sandra has been a museum volunteer since 1998 and a board member since 2004. Sandra is a leader in the Norwalk community, serving as an officer or volunteer on many local educational and community organizations. She earned her B.A. in political science and economics at Manhattanville College and her master's degree in organizational leadership at Quinnipiac University. She lives in Norwalk with her husband Matt and their three sons. **Jonathan Yates**, music director, Norwalk Symphony Orchestra, is a driving force in reinvigorating the relationship between the symphony and the community. He revived the popular

(Not) Just For Kids educational outreach program and collaborates with local cultural, religious and civic organizations. His first performance was at the age of 23, leading the National Symphony Orchestra in a Millennium Stages Concert. The following year, he debuted at Carnegie Hall as a pianist in the Isaac Stern Chamber Music Workshop. He has led the Norwalk Youth Symphony on successful tours in this country and abroad. Jonathan received his B.A. degree from Harvard University, his M.S. degree from the State University of New York and his graduate diploma in conducting from the Juilliard School. He is music director emeritus of Camerata Notturna, a chamber orchestra in New York City, and serves on the faculty of Sarah Lawrence College.



Arranged by **Bob McGroarty**

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Suzanne Lio will talk about the Bruce Museum's current educational programming and the museum's plans to double in size, thus expanding opportunities for the museum and its patrons.



Suzanne is managing director, where she develops strategic plans to raise vital operational funds and spearheads unique programs and community projects. She also is chief liaison between the museum and various municipal agencies, overseeing the sustainability of the public-private partnership with the Town of Greenwich. Suzanne came to the Bruce Museum nearly five years ago with a background in education and grant writing. As senior grant evaluation manager for American Education Solutions, she coordinated the evaluation of millions of dollars in competitive education grants for school districts across the nation. She is a passionate advocate for equality, excellence and diversity in museum education and believes in giving back to the community through active membership and volunteerism at organizations such as the Jennifer Fante Foundation and Shared Harvest Garden in Killingworth, Conn., where she was born. Suzanne holds a

bachelor's degree in English literature from Pace University and currently is seeking a master's degree in arts administration at Baruch College in Manhattan.

Arranged by Frank Johnson

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Professor **Joel Blatt, Ph.D.**, will speak on "The Misunderstood Treaty of Versailles." He will focus



on the Rhineland compromise, as well as the reparations settlements of the treaty. He believes the view of the treaty as being unfairly hard on Germany is inaccurate. The talk will assert that the Versailles Treaty is one of the most misunderstood major events of the 20th century. Dr. Blatt has taught European history at the University of Connecticut, in both Storrs and Stamford, for more than 40 years. He is a six-time recipient of the UConn-Stamford Outstanding Teacher Award. He also teaches a course on the Holocaust, modern western traditions, and personality and power in the 20th century. Dr. Blatt received a B.A. from Cornell and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Rochester.

Arranged by Sunil Saksena

Wednesday, October 10, 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, October 17, 2018

Nelson Tebbe, Ph.D., will speak about the current state of First Amendment law covering freedom of religion and freedom of speech. He will focus on Justice Kennedy’s final opinions and discuss



how the Supreme Court’s doctrine may change if Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed. Dr. Tebbe is professor of law at Cornell Law School. His research focuses on constitutional law, political theory and the academic study of religion – in particular, the relationship between religious traditions and democratic governments. Dr. Tebbe is the author of *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age*, where he examines the contemporary conflict between free exercise and equality law. He argues for a way forward that vigorously protects civil rights while safeguarding the ability of religious traditionalists to dissent. He also is co-author of an upcoming case book, *Religious Liberty and Secular Government: Cases and Materials*. As a media commentator, he has published opinion pieces in *Slate*, *The New York Times*, *SCOTUSblog*, *Balkinization*, and the *Daily News*. Before teaching, Dr. Tebbe clerked for Judge John M. Walker, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and practiced law at the American

Civil Liberties Union and at Davis Polk & Wardwell. A graduate of Brown University and Yale

Law School, he holds a Ph.D. with distinction in the academic study of religion from the University of Chicago Divinity School. After college, he was a Fulbright Scholar studying at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Arranged by Roger Renz

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Sandhya Dhruvakumar, M.D., will talk about atrial fibrillations, their incidence in the senior



population and the various treatment options. She is director of electrophysiology at Stamford Hospital and is fellowship trained in electrophysiology with expertise in device implantation and cardiac ablations. Dr. Dhruvakumar received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry with honors from Brown University and her M.D. from the University of Massachusetts Medical College. She completed her residency at Beth Israel Medical Center. Her cardiology fellowship was completed at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and her electrophysiology fellowship at University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

Arranged by Sunil Saksena

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Leigh Shemitz, Ph.D., president of SoundWaters, will discuss its mission to educate children and adults about Long Island Sound and the human impact on the environment. Under her leadership, SoundWaters has expanded its outreach and been the recipient of numerous awards for its work in



protecting Long Island Sound through education. She also serves on the board of directors of the Stamford Environmental Protection Board and is on the board of directors of the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens. Dr. Shemitz is an emeritus board member of the Urban Resources Initiative in New Haven. In 2005-2006, concurrent with her position at SoundWaters, she served as a research affiliate at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Before joining SoundWaters, Dr. Shemitz was a lecturer at Yale, researching the connection between the environment and human well-being. She was in the Peace Corps as a forester in the Republic of Mali, West Africa. Dr. Shemitz earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and literature from Harvard University and a master's degree in forest science and a Ph.D. in environmental health from Yale University. She studied nonprofit management at Harvard Business School's Executive Education program.

Arranged by Robin Hogen

New Members

Frank Maturo was born in New Haven in 1958 and grew up in West Haven. He graduated from Notre Dame-West High School in 1976, where he was All-State in basketball. He graduated from Yale University in 1980 with a B.S. degree and was All-Ivy 2nd team in basketball for two years. He graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1984 with an M.B.A. in finance. Frank started his career with Salomon Brothers in Boston and New York in equity capital markets. He moved to Merrill Lynch and Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 1999. In 2015, Frank moved to UBS as vice chairman of Global Equity Markets and from 2015 to the present is chairman of ICR Capital. Frank and his wife Carrie have two sons living nearby. He belongs to Noroton Yacht Club and Yale Basketball Association. In his free time, Frank enjoys playing tennis and collecting rare books, stamps and coins. *Sponsored by Sandy McDonald*



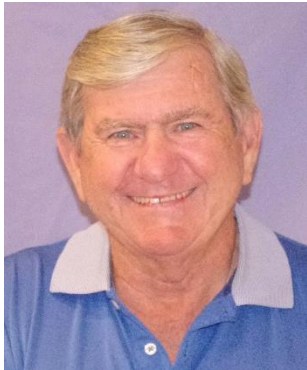
Robert Nelson was born in Manhattan in 1950 and grew up in Miami. He graduated from Miami Norland High School in 1968, where he played basketball, was on the yearbook staff and was a member of the Kiwanis Service Club. Rob graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.A. in economics in 1972 and an M.S. in industrial relations in 1974. While there, he was active in student government. He was awarded a J.D. degree from Fordham University Law School in 1983. Rob's prelaw school work included labor relations representative for the New York State Nurses Association and director of Personnel and Labor Relations at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. His legal career involved working in securities law until he retired in 2017 as vice president and associate general counsel with Legg Mason. Rob and his wife Gloria live in Darien and have two sons. He belongs to the alumni association of the University of Wisconsin and of Fordham University School of Law. His free time interests include hiking, sailing, snow skiing, history, reading, travel, working out at the Y and tennis. *Sponsored by Martin Skala*



Rolf Obin was born in Mount Kisco, N.Y., in 1952 and grew up in Centerport, N.Y. He graduated from Harborfields High School in 1970, where he was active in football and basketball. Rolf graduated from New York Institute of Technology with a degree in communications and has a certificate in project management. He started work with Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation in 1972, working in sales administration for textiles and apparel, leaving in 1986 as general manager/designer dress shirts. He currently is working in the Topsville Division of Jaclyn, Inc. as planning and replenishment manager. Rolf and his wife Christina live in Darien and have one daughter who lives in Brooklyn. He belongs to the Darien Boat Club and the Darien YMCA and serves on the Darien RTM. His hobbies include sea kayaking, gardening, woodworking, music, exercise, performing and visual arts, and town and state issues. *Sponsored by John Podkowsky*



Michael Devlin was born in New York City in 1947 and spent his formative years in Plainview, N.Y. He graduated from St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay, N.Y., where he was captain of the football team and member of the track and field team. He was senior class vice president and served on the student council. Mike graduated from St. John's University in 1970 with a B.S. in marketing and St. John's University School of Law, where he was a member of the *Law Review* staff, a St. Thomas More Scholar and advocate in student government. His work career began with Dow Corning in Midland, Mich., working in the international taxation field. This led to an assignment with the company in Brussels until 1978 and then with Levi Strauss & Co., also in Brussels, until 1984. Back in the United States, Mike worked in the corporate tax field in New York and Massachusetts until retiring as vice president of corporate tax with Michaels Stores, Inc. in Irving, Texas, in 2016. Mike and his wife Eleanor live in Darien. They have five children and, at last count, 11 grandchildren. He is a member of Noroton Yacht Club and Noroton Bay Association, board member at Eden Hill Medical Center, LLC and president of Medical Properties, LLC. He is a former member of the St. Thomas More Parish Council. Mike's leisure time interests include golf, theology, political theory and history, painting and drawing, and poetry. *Sponsored by Kevin Davidson*



Timothy Johnson was born in San Luis Obispo, Calif., in 1949 and grew up in Covina and West Covina, Calif. He graduated from West Covina High School in 1967 and was active in the theater, the print shop and the radio station. Tim graduated cum laude from Claremont McKenna College in 1971 and was active in the college radio station and college administration, serving as chief financial officer. Later, he served as financial officer at Harvard Medical School, Harvey Mudd College and the University of Denver. Starting in 1989 and continuing to the present, Tim is president of Communication Patterns, Inc., which designs and develops custom workshops to develop business communication skills. In 2016, he co-founded Diversity LLC, which builds virtual reality games as a vehicle for corporate training. Tim and his wife Sarah live in Rowayton. They have two daughters, one in Brooklyn and the other in California. In his leisure time, Tim is interested in genealogy, has a private pilot's license and does keyboard composing in a studio in his basement. *Sponsored by Patrick Steele*

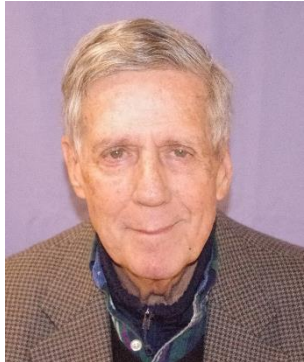


James Haffner was born in Oak Park, Ill., in 1953 and grew up in Hinsdale, Ill. He graduated from Hinsdale Central High School in 1971, where he was a five-time state champ and seven-time All-American swimmer. He attended the University of Iowa on a swimming scholarship and graduated with a B.A. in business administration in 1975. Jim joined The Chicago Corporation in 1975, working on the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and moved to New York in 1981, where he started a similar operation on the American Stock Exchange. Jim and his wife Lynn live in Darien and have one son. Jim is active in the Noroton Presbyterian Church, serving as a Stephen minister, assisting service men and women in need.



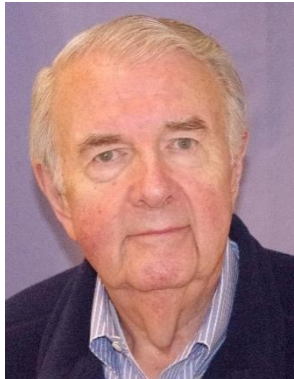
Jim belongs to the Silvermine Golf Club, The Tokeneke Club, Noroton Yacht Club, Ekwanok Country Club in Manchester, Vt., and Mountain Lake in Lake Wales, Fla. For leisure, he enjoys golf, tennis and travel. *Sponsored by Alex Garnett*

Paul C. Richardson Jr. (Chuck) was born in 1938 in Philadelphia, PA. and grew up in Darien.



He graduated from The 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. Chuck received a B.A. degree in history from Dartmouth College in 1960 and was active in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, squash and tennis. Upon graduating, 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 an account executive. He subsequently worked with two other advertising firms; Ted Bates & Co. in New York as an account executive and J. Walter Thompson as account executive and vice president. In 1973 he joined Boyden International, an executive search firm, rising to senior vice president and manager of the Stamford office and served two terms on the board of directors. He went on to join Korn Ferry International in 1992, another executive search firm, advancing to senior client partner and practice leader for the Legal Specialist Group. He retired in 2004. Chuck and his wife, Mary, live in New Canaan. They have two children and four grandchildren. Chuck and Mary belong to the Wee Burn Country Club, where Chuck was a director. He was also a past member of the board of directors of the Association of Executive Search Consultants. In his spare time, Chuck enjoys golf, mission programs at Noroton Presbyterian Church, and long distance running. He has completed many marathons including Boston, London and New York. *Sponsored by Pete Scull*

Vin Burke was born in 1940 and grew up in Springfield, Mass. He graduated from Classical High



School in 1958, where he was captain of the swim team and an officer in the Boy's Patrol. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Springfield College in U.S. political history and teacher education. Vin attended Syracuse University and earned a Ph.D., majoring in 20th century U.S. history, public law and fair trial-free press. While working on his graduate degree, he worked at a local AM radio station. Upon completing his Ph.D., he was offered a position in TV news in Springfield, Mass., in 1970. This assignment was followed by positions with increasing responsibility at TV stations in Hartford, Louisville, Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Syracuse and finally back to Springfield, where he left as station manager in 1994 to form his own company. Vin has a room full of awards for his work but is proudest of an Emmy award for reporting in Chicago in 1979 on the Flight of AA 191 and of a miniature Liberty Bell he received from Frank Rizzo, Sr., former police commissioner and mayor of Philadelphia. Since 1994, Vin has operated in Darien as Burke Communications, acting as a consultant and providing media training for corporate executives and TV news reporters. He is one of the founders of *The Darien Times*. Vin and his wife Lynne live in Darien and have two sons and twin grandsons. He is former commodore of the Darien Boat Club

and a member of the Noroton Bay Association, former member of the Darien RTC, and member and former board chairman of the Darien YMCA. His main outside interest is as an active supporter of Tiny Miracles, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of prematurely born babies in Connecticut. *Sponsored by Bert von Stuelpnagel*

John Kirkman was born in Pasadena, Calif., and grew up in Darien. He graduated from Darien High School in 1973, where he was active in track, bowling and basketball and enjoyed hiking and camping. He graduated from Bethany College in 1977 with an M.S. in economics and was active in track and bowling. John worked for various banks in Fairfield County from 1977 to 1994, when he joined a firm in Stamford as a financial consultant and worked there until retirement in 2017. John and his wife Marion live in Rowayton and have a son and a daughter. John belongs to the Silvermine Golf Club, PGA National and Roton Point Club. For recreation, he enjoys golf and travel. *Sponsored by Kevin Davidson*



Sagamore Hill, Vanderbilt Mansion Trip



Photo by Taylor Strubinger

Tom Brayton and **Mel Klugman** report that 50 people joined in the May 12 tour of historic Sagamore Hill, former home of Theodore Roosevelt, and the Vanderbilt Mansion, called Eagle's Nest, shown above. A box lunch from Palmer's Market was enjoyed in a picnic area at Sagamore Hill. The Vanderbilt Mansion offers an intimate look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through World War II. Sagamore Hill is a 23-room Victorian structure little changed from when it was used by the Roosevelts.

Current Affairs

Jim Phillips notes that on **September 20**, the Current Affairs group will discuss “Immigration Revisited.” The discussion leaders are **Charlie Goodyear** and **David Mace**. On **October 18**, the group will discuss “International Trade” led by **Harris Hester**. 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.

Happy Wanderers: 2018 Fall Schedule

John Barston has announced the schedule for wanderings September to December. September 18 will be to Sunnyside Gardens in Queens. October 16 is Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass and Brooklyn Heights. November 13 is a visit to the Tenement Museum and the Lower East Side. December 18 is a walking tour of the Christmas lights on Fifth Avenue and Rockefeller Plaza.

Keep Sending News and Photos

Thank you to everyone who made this issue of the newsletter possible. It includes all the people who sent in reports and photos about their activities and events. Keep up the great reporting job. Particular thanks go to **Alex Garnett**, who put on the cookout at Weed Beach, which was attended by 220 members and their spouses. It was a happy, enjoyable event that is reflected in the smiling faces of all the people whose photos at the cookout appear in this newsletter.

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