

DMA Newsletter

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Darien Men's Association

Summer of '22

President's Farewell Message

I want to conclude my term of office as President of this august body by giving you a brief overview of the state of the DMA, and some thoughts about improving the participation rate in our various activities.

This has been a difficult year to manage due to the constant mutating of the Covid virus causing us to shift our meetings from hybrid to Zoom and back again, and altering dates for some of our activities. Overall, though, I would say the event managers and members adapted quickly to the enforced changes, and persisted extremely well throughout this past year to make things happen.

So, how did we do? I have my own measurement units that reflect my upbringing in the UK:

- "Bloody awful" is the equivalent of an F
- "Not bad" is a B+
- "Pretty good" is an A
- And, "bloody marvelous," is, of course, an A+.

I would say that we were "pretty good."

Although we managed to do a lot this year, we can still do more. In particular, we need to do a better job in two key areas. We need to have more DMA members involved in managing the details of our various activities – especially for Social Events and Community Service – and we need to improve our process of bringing new members on board and making sure they learn quickly about our various activities, decide what interests them, and join in as soon as possible so they can get the most out of belonging to the DMA.

I am sure Charles has some ideas about recruiting more members to help in managing the details of our activities, but I would like to leave him with some thoughts on how we might address new members in order to stir up interest in what we do, and I have put together some notes which I would also like to share with the membership. So, here are some ideas on what new members can expect in the various activities that the DMA supports through the year.

First, Woodworking. Tom Williams and friends toil in their room at the Senior Centre on various woodworking projects. The first part of the woodworker's motto is: "you break it, we fix it." They have a great reputation for the quality of their work. The second part of their motto is: "If we can't

fix it, then we'll cut it up into log-size pieces for firewood if you want!" Clearly, they're totally committed to customer satisfaction.

The next two activities on my list address the huge interest that members have in managing their money. Doug Campbell runs Money Matters which meets on the second Monday of each month. This is a forum where Doug introduces some young entrepreneurs from around the area to talk about their exciting new businesses to a bunch of old men, to make them nostalgic to be 50 years younger, and eager to join the youngsters. For instance, he had some crypto currency enthusiasts talk to us recently, and we learned that one of them looked for returns of 5% a day. I wonder how that's working out? Doug recently had a speaker from the founder of Half Full Brewery in Stamford. Half Full's mission statement is to help make the world a more positive place – that's something we can all drink to!

Also in the money business is Jim Phillips, who runs the Investment Discussion Group the first Monday in each month. Jim's expert analysis of where the market has been, where it is, and where it's going draws the largest online audience of DMA members for any of our activities. Jim even has experts to help you look at new areas for investment. Last time out we had Mark Nunan and Art Baron explore the potential in the energy business. They identified the nuclear option as a major opportunity. Unfortunately, Vladimir Putin is attempting to corner the market. However, this is the meeting you should attend for investment advice in these inflationary times – that is, if you have any money left over after buying gas and groceries.

Then there's Hiking, run by Dave McCollum and Bob Plunkett, and its city equivalent, the Happy Wanderers, led by Joe Spain and David Mace. The hiking guys explore rural areas, see a few birds, trip over tree roots and sometimes eat lunch. The Wanderers explore urban areas, get crapped on by pigeons, trip over cracks in the sidewalks and always eat lunch. But at least they all get some exercise.

As does the Golf group under the leadership of Peter Carnes, Bob McGroarty and Alex Garnett. This activity seems to be aimed at the snowbirds who spend their brief sojourn in New England practicing their swings and putts before returning to Florida and South Carolina for the rest of the year.

For those who like to keep up with Current Affairs, Mark Nunan and Mike Wheeler have plans for you. Mark reports via Zoom from Slovenia (or is it Slovakia?) and with Mike they run some fascinating sessions together. I believe the topic for the next meeting is going to be "The Loch Ness Monster: Is this Boris Johnson's secret weapon against the Scottish Nationalists?" If you can't manage to join the session, don't worry. Mark will email you an incredibly well-researched and thoughtful analysis arguing the case for and against both sides of the argument.

Our newest and fastest growing activity is Cribbage run by Geoff Rezek at the Senior Center on Tuesdays. Once you master the basics of the game you keep score by placing pegs in holes on a piece of wood called a cribbage board. You can also use a cribbage board to keep score in various games of dominoes – such as fives and threes. Anyone interested in starting a dominoes group should contact me. Alternatively, you can learn to play the ukulele from Geoff.

And so, to Bridge, run by John Podkowsky every Tuesday. The group plays online at the moment and usually manages to play two foursomes. If there are not enough members, then John invites robot

players to complete the group. Of course, the robots are programmed to win frequently. Everybody likes the robots, and I'm told that two of them have been given pet names – Tom Gildersleeve and Gary Banks.

Bowling at Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield is an activity that is well-attended. It's led by Tom Lom and Gehr Brown. Tom is the commissioner, or "Commish," and he explains the scores to us every week. He talks about strikes and splits, but I never know if he's talking about bowling balls down the alley – or the situation with the ladies' team in the adjacent lanes.

Also, for the more active members among us there is Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday managed by Jan Selkowitz. This is a game designed to help you discover the decrepit state of all your bodily joints, and learn new cuss words from some of our more vocal participants. The DMA version of pickleball is the Lake Woebegone of games. All the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and all the players are above average.

Finally, there is the Book Club run by Harris Hester and Tom Igoe. It meets on the second Wednesday each month and includes a discussion of the book of the month. They talk about the style, the subject, the author – in fact, a whole raft of thoughts emerge from this erudite group. There are three things you can usually rely on:

- Any book qualifies to be chosen – particularly if it has at least 1,000 pages
- If you don't get round to reading the book, don't worry. Mark Nunan will email you an incredibly well-researched and thoughtful analysis of the plot and characters, and the political impact on Slovenia
- If the book is about Germany, Bert von Stuelpnagel will know at least one of the participants

Let me conclude by singling out some of those institutions and people who I believe contributed a lot to make the DMA "pretty good" this past year:

- The DCA for all their help, and Mike Wheeler for managing the audio-visual system
- Vavala's for feeding us (with help from Alex Garnett)
- All the activity managers
- The Board of Directors: in particular, Frank DeLeo for his efforts running Community Service; Jan Selkowitz for his sterling work and persistence with Social Events; Gary Banks for everything; Tom Igoe for his work on editing and publishing the weekly and bi-monthly newsletters; and Charles Salmans for his selection of speakers and management of the arrangements

On a personal note, I'd like to thank you all for being who you are and supporting the DMA in its efforts to enjoy good fellowship, provide community service and – especially – to have fun. I certainly think we had fun: thank you all!

**Bryan Hooper
May 25, 2022**

New Members

In the last few months, the DMA has admitted six new members (listed below), bringing our total membership to 316. We heartily welcome all of you and urge you to get involved as you become familiar with the many interesting and inspiring activities sponsored by our organization.

Preston Bealle



Preston Bealle was born in 1951 in Pelham Manor, NY. During school years, he moved to New Canaan and Los Angeles, with influential lessons from each. His father was vice president of the Los Angeles Dodgers, so he went to every game, often sitting in their box with Cary Grant, Annette Funicello, Jack Benny or other stars. After University of Arizona, he entered advertising in New York City with Dancer Fitzgerald Sample, working on Skippy, Hellman's, Clorox, Hewlett Packard and many other accounts.

When the internet hit around 1997, Preston converted and became the first head of online advertising at any agency. He left the agency business and became founder and/or CEO at Jumbo.com, Babygear.com and Gorp.com, later merging each with larger companies. Retired, he is an active trader of weekly stock options. He decided in 15 minutes on their first date that he hoped to marry his wife, Kim. They had a large formal wedding on their 7th date and have been married for 43 years raising 3 kids who went K-12 in Darien.

A music buff, Preston has a lifelong fascination with the Everly Brothers, and his 12 year-old face is still often seen on Ed Sullivan clips from the famous Beatles broadcast in 1964.

Samuel Bird



Samuel (Sam) Bird, Jr. was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 1937 and was raised in Dallas and New Orleans. He attended high school and college in Wisconsin, graduating from Marquette University in 1957 with a bachelor of mechanical engineering degree. He then received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1966. Before graduating, he served for two years in the U.S. Army in Germany.

Early in his career Sam worked for IBM as a Systems Engineer, as a management consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, as a security analyst for Laird and Company, and as President of United Systems, a computer services firm. In 1980 he founded Bird Automotive, a designer and manufacturer of automotive accessories, headquartered in California and now in Connecticut. He continues the business on a reduced

basis. Sam has served on the boards of San Francisco University High School, Wayfarer Church Foundation and Hadco Corporation.

Sam was married in 1987 to Cynthia Danieson Bird, who retired from teaching at Middlesex School in Darien in 2000. The Birds then moved to California for 11 years, returning to Connecticut in 2021. They have four sons, seven grandchildren, and attend St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Darien.

Ken Hamilton



Ken Hamilton was born in Scotland, 15 miles south of Glasgow, in 1957. He lived there for 11 years before, over the next 6 years, living in Birmingham, the West Coast of Scotland and Manchester. He returned to Scotland to attend Edinburgh University, where he majored in Business and Accounting. He began his career with a merchant bank in London. In 1988, he moved to the US, together with his wife to be, to work in the bank's Chicago office. In 1996, he moved to Darien, and began work in the bank's New York office. He continued working in banking in New York until retiring in 2020.

Ken and his wife, Flora Smeaton, have two children, Emma and Ross, both in their 20's.

Emma lives and works in Manhattan. Ross, while technically employed in Washington DC has been working from and living in Darien since his graduation, due to Covid.

Ken has been a lifelong sports participant and fan. Having attended 4 high schools and lived on 2 continents, he has had a shot at most sports that have existed, but his longest allegiance has been to soccer. He currently plays for Stamford FC. He recently took up pickleball and will go on a 5k run if forced. He will play tennis and golf, if his partner's expectations are low, and cards, if no money is involved. Other pursuits include travel, reading, cooking, visiting doctors and filing his taxes.

Daniel Lew



Daniel Lew was born in the Bronx, N.Y. in 1963 and is a first generation Chinese American. He graduated from the Bronx High School of Science in 1981, from Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science with a B.S. degree in computer science engineering in 1985 and from New York University School Stern School of Business with an MBA in finance in 1989. He earned his Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1997.

Dan enjoyed a 30-year career in investments working at Equitable in NYC, Rogers Casey in Darien, William M. Mercer in NYC, Strong Funds in NYC,

Citizens Advisers in Portsmouth, American International Group in Jersey City, and John Hsu Capital in NYC. He had a myriad of roles including portfolio analysis computer programming, performance measurement, client servicing, asset allocation, institutional investment consulting, security analysis, and portfolio management.

After leaving the Wall Street world in 2015, Dan decided to become a Main Street entrepreneur and was the first Connecticut franchisee for uBreakiFix, now the largest consumer electronics repair franchise in Fairfield County. In 2018, he sold the business and decided to "retire". Dan and his wife Fiona, a hemodialysis senior nurse clinician at NYU Langone, have lived in Darien since getting married in 1991 and have three daughters. Dan is oftentimes found at the Darien YMCA swimming laps, playing pickle ball or in boxing fitness class. He is a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Stamford flotilla, and continues to be an active public and private equity investor. He enjoys cooking, fishing, golf, and playing craps.

Gene Luciana



Eugene (Gene) Luciana was born in 1941 and grew up in Steubenville, Ohio. He graduated from Franciscan University in 1963 with a B.S. degree in finance and accounting.

He joined the Deloitte accounting firm and upon attaining his CPA certificate, he taught accounting at Franciscan University as well as at Kent State University. Gene subsequently became the chief financial officer and a Board member of Heritage industries in Chattanooga, Tenn. Through an acquisition, he became executive vice president, chief financial officer and a Board member of Chase Paper and Packaging in Greenwich, CT. After sale of the company to International Paper, he became the executive vice president, chief financial officer of Sunbelt Beverage Company, a leading wine and spirits distributor, which took him to Baltimore.

Mergers and acquisitions transactions were the main driver of Gene's career. His most recent transactions involved the wine and spirits companies of the Wirtz family of Chicago, Illinois, creating Breakthru Beverage. He retired in 2021 as executive vice president, chief financial officer of Breakthru but remains on the Board of its majority owner.

Gene and his wife Betty Ann have lived in New Canaan as well as Darien for 35 years. They have six children. His interests include politics, the stock market, St. Thomas More Church, the New York Yankees, the NFL and Notre Dame football.

Bill Merritt



Bill Merritt was born on August 7, 1936 and grew up in Massapequa Park and Amityville, Long Island. He graduated from Chaminade High School, Holy Cross College and Harvard Law School. He is in the Holy Cross Hall of Fame for Track and Field. Bill had a Navy scholarship through Holy Cross and retired as a Captain from the Navy reserves after 22 years.

After practicing law in New York City at the law firm of Olwine, Connelly, Chase, Bill then joined Bunge Corporation in the 1970s. In the 1980s he became a partner at TIE Communications in Connecticut. Most recently, Bill was a partner at Seaboard Realty in Stamford. Bill and his wife Chris, have three children and seven grandchildren. Their three children graduated from Darien High School and amassed many awards in their respective sports. Their daughter, Elizabeth Strawbridge, is being inducted into the Connecticut Lacrosse Hall of Fame this coming June.

DMA Speakers Program – Spring Finale

On **Wednesday, May 25**, DMA members heard from **Ted Aldrich**, author of ***The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and the Extraordinary Collaboration that Won World War II.***

Ted is the son-in-law of DMA member **Pete Scull**. He graduated from Colgate University, received an MBA from Boston College, and has made a career in international finance, primarily in commodities. Amazingly, Ted researched and wrote his book over several years on the homebound Metro North journey from Manhattan to Westport where he and his family now live.

Setting the stage for the partnership between Army Chief of Staff George Marshall and Secretary of War Henry Stimson, Ted described the strong isolationist sentiment of the country in 1940. Consequently, America had the 19th largest army in the world in terms of manpower and no barracks to house any significant buildup of forces. The U.S. had 300 planes vs. 3,000 in Germany and so few tanks that trucks were labeled “tank” for simulated war games. Even more worrying, in the years after World War I officers were promoted based on seniority. During peacetime in the inter-war years, few devoted much study to their military profession, and Marshall had to form a leadership team that could win in modern combat conditions.

Stimson and Marshall had quite different pedigrees, which makes their collaboration all the more extraordinary.

Stimson was a product of Yale and Harvard Law, became partner of a leading Wall Street law firm, was appointed Governor of the Philippines (then a prestigious appointment), and was made Secretary of War – the first time – in 1911! He served under two president Roosevelts, Teddy and Franklin D.

Marshall, by contrast, came from a more humble background, attended Virginia Military Institute (VMI), and during World War I was on General Pershing's staff (an assignment that earned him the distrust and resentment of General Douglas MacArthur). After the war, he rose very slowly. Advancement in the army was predicated upon combat leadership and Marshall was such an extraordinary staff officer that he kept getting recruited by generals who recognized that talent and appointed him to their staff.

Ted decided to write the book after he realized that while there were biographies of each of these men, there was no book about their collaboration. During the war, the two worked in adjacent offices with an open door between them. Consequently, because of this close physical collaboration, there was a limited paper trail regarding how they worked together. Ted's opportunity for groundbreaking historical research arose when he realized that Simpson had left his papers to Yale. He downloaded these papers to his computer and began to learn much about the way Stimson and Marshall worked together.

The first problem facing the two men was related to America's weak military position in 1940. In 2 ½ years, under their leadership, America's military went from 170,000 to 2.5 million. In 18 months, barracks were built in 250 locations to house 1.2 million men. New weapons had to be adopted and manufactured including the Garand rifle and the jeep. One of the great challenges: the need to ship men and material overseas to distant battlegrounds.

Both men had to recruit senior talent as well. Stimson knew and tapped accomplished men of the establishment from major law firms, financial institutions such as Brown Brothers, and from the Fed in New York. Marshall had kept a little black book over the years, in which he noted officers who had impressed him. Eisenhower was one such officer. Of George Patton, for example, Marshall noted words to the effect that he was a little crazy, was likely a good tank commander, but needed to be controlled.

As the war proceeded, the decisions were huge. Should Europe or the Pacific receive top priority? Why fight in North Africa or Italy since the invasion of northern Europe was essential to victory over Germany? In the Pacific, was fighting in New Guinea and the Philippines necessary or should all resources be devoted to island-hopping across the Pacific on a more direct route to the invasion of Japan?

Perhaps one of the most important lessons of the Stimson-Marshall partnership was the commitment to civilian control of the military. Ted showed a poignant photo of a long line of generals paying tribute to Stimson upon his retirement. George Marshall was the last in line to receive Stimson. During the war, that relationship was symbolized by the adjacent offices of the two men. Civilian over military rule is what distinguishes America and makes us great, Ted argued.

You can review a video recording of Ted Aldrich's talk by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7cEPOs5Vzk>

Book Group | GRANT'S TOME? – The latest from DMA reader Mark Nunan

For our September 2022 meeting, the DMA Book Group, led by Harris Hester and Tom Igoe, will discuss **Grant** by Ron Chernow, who also authored **Hamilton**, upon which the musical was based. That's a tough act to follow, but Chernow does it with flying colors.

At first glance the book may seem to be a massive Tome. To the contrary! It is a pleasure to read, easygoing but fast-paced befitting Grant's own low-key style and constantly active life. Plus, we have all summer to finish. It moves from Grant's childhood through his West Point schooling, his early military career where he fought in the Mexican war on the same side as future adversaries like Robert E. Lee, to his abrupt resignation from the military some years later to assume a series of civilian roles (farmer, logger, retailer) for which he was ill fitted and in which he failed miserably. By his mid-thirties he was washed up. And yet his wife Julia, a real trooper, stood by him through thick and thin. Her belief in his greatness was undying and eventually proved right.

Grant rejoined the military as a relatively obscure Colonel of Illinois volunteers at the onset of the Civil War. His growing military successes and increasing stature carried him from simple beginnings (photo below) to the highest rank in the military and eventually to the political sphere.



“US Grant historical site. Here is the log cabin he built with his own hands!” – Commentary and photo from our own Bert von Stuelpnagel, who just visited this site in May 2022.

Over the next seven years Grant progressed from winning brilliant battles in the field, to winning Lincoln's utmost confidence, gratitude and friendship, and the White House himself in 1868. His is a truly American saga of a fateful second chance, guts, grit, brains, tremendous perseverance, and brilliance combined with innovation. As Chernow points out, he was the only General on either side of the Civil War who had an overarching strategy for ultimate victory. He pursued this with skill and tenacity until the very end, often in the face of opposition (and jealousy) from certain forces in Washington and even among some of his fellow officers.

Lauded as a military genius, his presidency has gone through cycles of adulation and condemnation. Chernow deals with this too, and since this reader has not completed that section yet, I won't comment other than to say that Chernow seems to be on the side of those who believe Grant was also an admirable president – continuing to press for real Emancipation and implementing Reconstruction when he was in the White House as the proper political extension of war goals first enunciated by Lincoln, and first initiated by Grant and Sherman in the theater of war.

Just in case that's not enough, Grant personally wrote what is recognized to be one of the finest Military Memoires in history, bar none. And yes – he wrote it himself! Don't believe the canard that it was really Twain's work. Not so. Twain denied this himself and was in awe of Grant's prose and his phenomenal memory of people and events. Truly inspiring.

Bert's photo of Grant's early St. Louis home shows a simple structure – the best Grant could afford -- which he built not so far from where his wife's wealthy, snobbish family lived in a gracious plantation house, not quite understanding how, as they saw it, their daughter could marry beneath herself and suffer the indignities of poverty. Serendipitously, far from Grant's rustic house in St. Louis our own DMA Wanderers recently visited his larger, more resplendent final home - *Grant's Tomb* in Manhattan – with photos featured elsewhere in this publication. Comparing their photos with Bert's gives us an idea of the arc of this great American's life and how much he accomplished, more perhaps for his country than even for himself or his family. The great tomb with which he is honored shows his country's gratitude, and his truly *monumental* place in our history.

So clearly this is a Grant-Old Time to read more about the man himself. Join us. Make this your beach reading but bring the sunscreen – believe me, you won't want to take a break in the middle.

The book is available at the Darien Library and some other public libraries in nearby towns and of course at your local bookstore or online.

DMA Bowling

March 8 Recap

G.	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot + hdcp			
B.T.	9	-	X	6	2	8	1	9	3	4	7	6	100	100	
A.G.	9	20	X	8	1	8	1	8	1	8	6	2	8	114	114
E.S.	8	-	9	9	9	9	-	8	1	X	9	7	104	104	
G.B.	8	16	6	9	9	9	-	9	-	X	7	2	9	109	109

Player: ED SCHECHTER m.p.h. 11.72 447 447
Team: 447 TOT. Pin ball 1858 TOT. Hdcp. 0 TOT. Bonus 0 TOT. Points 1858

Seven bowlers today and four had 500 series.

Let's start with George who had his first 500 of the year at 502 for +49. Ed came in at 516. Gehr had a 535 thanks to a 211 game two. And Tom started the morning with a 219 on his way to a 565.

Alex started off with two games in the 180s and appeared well on his way to a 500 till he took a detour to "Splitsville" in game three where he recorded FIVE(!) splits (see photo). This wrong turn left him at 498. There

were several splits that were converted today including a 5-7 by Alex in game two, a 4-5 by Tom and a 3-10 by George.

Bowler of the Day has to go to Ben, however, on the strength of his 438 series which was a +60. Ben was around the pocket all morning and made a bunch of spares with good fills. Even Ed was pleased with Ben's performance!

The team competition was unusual. With an uneven number, we split up four v three which is perfectly normal. But the threesome was Tom/GG/Ben v GB/AG/ES/BT. And the threesome was given a differential of +216! In game one, thanks to all of the three bowling above average, they won going away. Game two was a different story with each of the foursome bowling above average AND with Gehr getting hot in the last three frames. With Ben and George again bowling well, that left it to Tom in the tenth frame who was working on a strike in the ninth and needing to strike in the tenth for the win ... and he did for a three-pin margin of victory. Game three saw Alex's detour along with subpar games from each of his mates allowing for the sweep.

March 15 Recap

G.	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot + hdcp			
B.B.	9	19	9	-	X	8	8	1	8	9	8	1	9	147	147
G.G.	7	17	7	1	9	6	6	X	6	3	X	6	9	135	135
F.G.	X	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	X	9	8	X	182	182
T.L.	9	19	9	9	7	9	9	X	9	9	X	8	1	151	151

Player: m.p.h. 9.81 615 615
Team: 615 TOT. Pin ball 1968 TOT. Hdcp. 0 TOT. Bonus 0 TOT. Points 1968

Again seven bowlers this morning and again George and Ben vied for Bowler of the Day.

This time, George got off to a great start with a 191 while Ben's 156 was also very good. In game two, Ben kept it going with a 157 while George bowled just below his average. And in game three (see photo), the two were in a virtual dead heat after nine frames. Going first in the tenth, Ben buried a ball in the pocket but left the ten pin. Wincing in agony of what was ahead of him, he

smiled knowing that a spare would put pressure on GG. Sure enough, Ben's spare attempt was

perfect! He followed with a nine-pin fill which meant that George had to double. Sadly, George fell short but what a competition. Ben ended up with a 460 (+67); George had a 471 (+15).

Other scores of note were Frank Gallagher's 182 in game three and Tom's 203 in game one on his way to a 569 (+17). Given that Ben and George were teammates along with Tom and Frank in the team game, let's just say that team split all of the quarters. At least Gehr and Ed each won a poker hand to provide a small consolation. Same could also be said of our two shots of the day: Ed once again converting a 4-7-10 and Bill making a 3-6-7-10.

March 29 Recap



Last week we had nine bowlers and some fine performances. This week we had only five bowlers and only one notable performance from none other than The Professor himself, Ed. His 602 series included the only 200 games of 202 and 223. And he was the only one of us who solved the lane conditions on the right pair we all bowled on.

Two others managed to barely surpass the 500 mark with Alex rolling a 501 and Tom a 508. Ben finished with a 169 (George, good day to be absent!) and was again above average for the day after a tough game one. Bill had his best game in the third as did Alex. This week's "shot of the day" was actually six shots. As the photo shows, we had a string of six strikes in a row by the group including all strikes in the fourth frame.

The team competition did have some excitement. Ed and Alex went up against Tom/Ben/Bill. Game one was an easy win for the twosome. Game two was close most of the way but with Ed's strong finish it looked like they would again prevail. Tom bowled last and left a ten-pin in the tenth frame which he converted and then filled with a strike. At that point, Alex (with pencil in hand) totaled up the score and declared his team victorious by nine pins but asked Tom to "check the math". Alas The Commish noted an error that turned the nine pin victory into a one pin defeat for the duo. In the rubber game, even with Bill and Ben bowling above their averages, Ed's 223 and Alex's 190 were too much to overcome. Maybe next week will bring a few more bowlers plus an auditor from Ernst & Young.

April 5 Recap

Six bowlers but only two showed up. What? One bowler scored -109. Another scored -69. Another -46. Another -34. Looked like Ed would follow up his big series from last week with another rolling a 190 in game one and ended up with a 519 which was exactly on his average.

Bowler of the Day went to Tom who had a 622 thanks to 220 and 216 in his first two games. He also converted a 5-7 split in game three. Gehr rolled the only other 200 game at 201 in his third game ... It beat his first game by 91 pins. Enough said.

April 12 Recap

Six bowlers today which was pretty good considering. Two of the six broke 500: "Steady" Eddie, of course, came in with a 534. Seems he's money in the bank for a series of 525 or better. Bowler of the day has to go to "Crankin" Frank Gallagher with a 524 ("Crankin" being a nod to his ball speed in the high teens ... Tony, better get back here to retain your title). One had a sense that it would be a good day for Frank when he converted a 6-7-10 during warm-up. Tom also had another good day with a 607. Also of note, George had a 465 with all three games in the 150s ... talk about steady!

The team competition was close from the start since there was only a five pin differential between Lom/Gallagher/Tamme v Ed/Alex/George. Game one was close down to the wire with Tom's 224 pacing his team to a 15-point win. Game two saw a reversal of fortune as Ed's trio won by 20. Game three was another tight one as Ed rolled a 205 and Tom a 202. At the end, Frank got hot and finished with a 202, with not a single open frame, to carry his team to victory.

April 19 Recap

Only 4 bowlers today: missing some who are sick (get better soon), had a dental emergency (chew well soon), or had conflicts of interest/other priorities. But we plowed ahead without them.

For two games it looked like maybe we all should have stayed home. Struggles throughout, with what seemed like a record number of ten pins (especially for just four bowlers) with at least ten in the first game alone. Nothing significant to report, score wise, although the score for all four bowlers combined was 608 in each game (not necessarily the kind of consistency we'd aspire to).

Things turned markedly better for three of the bowlers in game three with Ben Briggs bowling a 149 despite opens in the 9th and 10th frames. Ed Schecter and Frank DeLeo got into a bit of a bowl off with both racking up seven or more strikes. Unfortunately Ed got a split in the 10th frame but still finished with a nice 210 and a 547 series -- he remains steady Eddie. Frank didn't get his split until the second ball in the 10th (on his 11th consecutive pocket hit that resulted in an 8-10 split), so he finished with a 225 and a 596 series (and thought about the many pocket hits across three games that didn't go that cost him his elusive 600 series).

There was no "shot of the day" -- not a single split conversion or otherwise challenging/unusual spare. Just lots of shots at -- and often missed -- 10 pins.

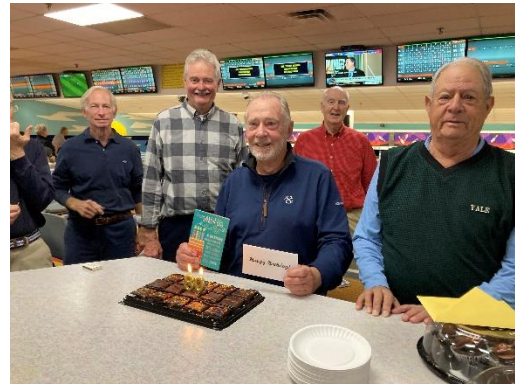
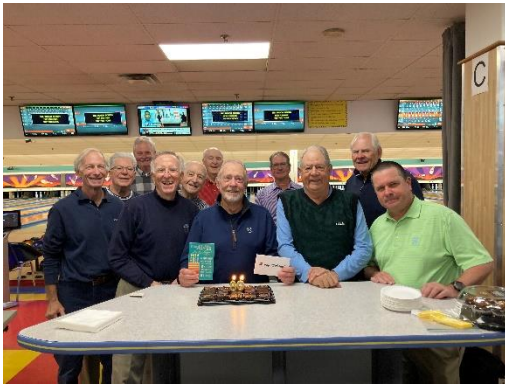
May 3 Recap

Today we had 11 bowlers come together to celebrate the 80th birthday of our dear friend Ben Briggs (his day is actually May 6). We gathered as usual and worked our way through game one

with no fanfare. At the end of that game, we cleared one of the tables to set up the birthday treats and to sing. We were in fine voice with Joe even providing some harmony. Then we dove into brownies and cupcakes ... deelish. It was a joy to mark this milestone with our pal as shown in the photos below.

The bowling had only a few highlights. First among them was our Bowler of the Day, Bill Tamme, who started off game one with four strikes in a row, converted a most difficult 5-6-10 split, and finished with a 201. Bill also had a 538 series, his second best of the year. Gehr made his return after an absence and had high series of 540 including a second game of 200 on the number. And finally, Joe had a second game of 198 without a single open frame which was outstanding, especially considering he hadn't bowled in months.

The paucity of bowling highlights was more than made up for by the seeing the smile on the Birthday Boy's face. We'll be thinking of him on Friday.



May 10 Recap

No special celebration today but nine bowlers nevertheless! Some nice results were posted by: the Commish with a high series of 588 and two games of 225 and 211; Gehr with a 587 including a 215; Frank D with a 507; and Bowler of the Day and Shot of the Day to Frank G, whose 526 was +40 and who made a 4-5-7 split!

The team game was nip and tuck. TL/FD/GG/JH got 154 pins as they took on GB/BT/ES/FG/BB. After Tom's team took game one with ease, Gehr's team rallied behind his big game for the win. The rubber game went down to the wire with Gehr needing a double in the tenth for the win. Alas his spare-strike finish left his team a mere 6 pins behind. Who'd have thought winning a quarter could be so sweet :)

May 25 Recap

A Chamber of Horrors! How better to describe what happened today.

Seven bowlers gathered at the usual time at an eerily empty Nutmeg Bowl. Laurie was not there but her boss was. He informed us that 200 kids were expected at 10:00 am and suggested that we move to the quiet side of the house which is usually dark throughout our season. We were quite happy to comply. A few minutes later, Laurie did show up but with a sheepish grin on her face. She admitted that she had been on vacation for a few days and that when she left, she didn't expect any "action" till 10:00 ... she forgot we were still bowling. She was her wonderful "whooo-hooo" self, though, and helped us get set up. Not sure whether it was Laurie or Ed who then informed us that these lanes were used at night for the really good bowlers ... oil patterns were very different and very difficult. My golf analogy would be that this morning we played Nutmeg "from the tips".

As we set up the team game, Gehr/Alex/Bill squared off against Tom/Frank G/George/Ed. The threesome got 196 pins. This meant that their "filler" would bowl his average (196) every game. This would become very significant as the morning progressed.

In game one, the high score was 157; the low was 141 (by the Commish). Lots of expletives (even from the Professor!), lots of splits, lots of HORRORS. Gehr's team won easily. In game two things began to improve for some ... Frank had a nifty 200 with NO opens and Gehr had a 197 with a double and a triple. The team game came down to the tenth frame with Tom needing a spare plus three for the win. Most days that would not be scary but today, he was sweating bullets. His first ball was nicely in the pocket but he tapped the ten-pin. Again, often not a problem for Tom but this day was anything but normal. With sweat dripping like an NBA player shooting foul shots, he converted with no drama for the win. Game three was another runaway for the threesome as Bill had an excellent 174 while Gehr had a 181 to end up with the lone 500 series at 531.

So I guess we separated the true bowlers from the pretenders. Gehr bowled his average, Frank did, too. Tom, Alex and Ed were the pits. Bill and George were a little below. Next time we are offered that part of the house, I'll get back in the car thank you very much.

By the way, tomorrow I'm playing golf...not from the tips :)

June 3 Celebration at CCD

Before the memories began to fade and all the numbers lost their clarity, Tom Lom, the "Commish," gathered the faithful DMA bowlers for one last hurrah at the Country Club of Darien where, while breaking bread and with masterful precision, he presented detailed highlights of the full 2021-2022 season: the strikes, the spares, the unique aspects of each player's contributions to the game, the "Yezzis," the "Blutarskis" and all the other strange phenomena really known only to those who were there. Beyond the scores, beyond the statistical wonders of the game, beyond the wins and the losses, what abides is the friendship, camaraderie and fun shared among a group of men who enjoy life and the fellowship of the group. This *is* DMA.



Current Affairs

Meeting of April 22 | The Electoral College

Following an insightful and wide-range discussion of the Electoral College led by Jim Phillips – it's history and whether it is still relevant today, this postscript from Current Events co-chair Mark Nunan:

Hi Jim,

Thank you. You made a fantastic summary of the issues and created a great discussion of the Electoral College. Personally, I learned a lot, especially from you yesterday. As I think the members agreed, your summary of the Maine model including proportional electoral college votes and rank voting, seems the most acceptable to reformers. But this still would be hard to get by whichever party happens to be favored by the current winner-take-all scenario.

In my own research of the EC, I found that one name, largely forgotten today, makes a very important cameo appearance. I.e. *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (Maryland), one of the wealthiest men in the colonies, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who had established an electoral college as the method of election for state senators in Maryland's 1776 Constitution, which by the time of the ratification of the US Constitution in the late 1780's had been in force and performing well for 11 years. From what I have read that convinced the delegates to the Constitutional Convention that the EC would be a good compromise (versus, say, election of the president by the legislature [based on each state's popular vote results], which was considered and rejected as likely to end up corrupting the legislative body). Besides, they were desperate to find an operable solution!

Carroll was acutely aware of the rights of minority groups, as he was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration, and even though the wealthiest and likely the best educated man in Maryland, had no voting rights in his own state and could not hold public office in Maryland until that Colony finally expanded its religion-based criteria for office holding and voting around 1774. It says something that this individual in particular, who understood the dangers of unchecked majority rule, was one of the original forces behind the Electoral College compromise, which as you rightly remark, enabled all 13 States to get on board. What a wonderful thing it is to see how the Framers brought many different perspectives to their work, and were willing to risk adopting novel solutions to difficult and possibly deal-breaking problems. One additional benefit of adopting the Maryland model of an EC is that by the time of the Constitutional Convention Carroll had become a recognized leader of the Catholic political community in the newly-formed country and rallied these Americans (which included many whose ancestors originally came from Ireland like Carroll, or Germany like our first Speaker of the House, plus English Catholics who had fled their home country, Franco-Americans, and other Americans of non-English ancestry groups) to back the US Constitution. One more spoke added to the unity so desperately needed at the time to join *13 States* into *1 Country*.

Thanks so much for taking on this topic, and the time you put into the preparation, your work engendered a great and informative discussion. CA rocks!

Year in Review, by Mark Nunan

Next, I personally want to express my gratitude to Current Affairs Co-Chair Mike Wheeler for your lively polls, and most of all for your command of the Zoom software, thus giving us the ability to continue our online and hybrid sessions throughout this past year. This also enabled us to have guest subject matter experts from as far away as the Middle East and Scotland. Thank you from me, the participants and the DMA.

Thanks also to all the DMA members who participated in our lively discussions and brought their insights, knowledge and commentary to bear on many different subjects.

When we consider the varied topics CA has covered this year, gratitude must also go to all those session leaders who ably took them on. Jamie Cooke, Head of RSA Scotland covered Universal Basic Income; David Maloof and guest Elias Déis of The Holy Land Trust, Real Life as a Palestinian; Gary Banks and yours truly, Income Inequality; Bert von Stuelpnagel, Europe's War on Technology; Don Loomis, The Voting Rights Act; Tom Igoe, Quadrennial Report, National Intelligence Council (in front of a demanding crowd including three of Mike Wheeler's guests from the media); Vinny Arguimbau, the Carbon Emissions/Global Warming debate; Jan Selkowitz (our resident Asia expert), China – Ascending or Declining; the above mentioned Jim Phillips, Electoral College; and last but not least, Keira Parrott, Darien Library with Mike Wheeler on the Book Banning controversy.

Ten Current Affairs meetings, each different and we hope thought-provoking. Please join us next year. More to come.

Money Matters | Year in Review

The DMA **Money Matters** group, led by Doug Campbell, provided a very diverse set of programs and speakers over the past year. We had knowledgeable people speak about collecting, with two DMA members sharing their stories and expertise. We had presentations on current topics including virtual reality, cryptocurrency and “NFTs” (nonfungible tokens that are part of the Ethereum blockchain). We sponsored an extensive presentation on vertical farming and its impact on food freshness and security issues. We heard about the Stamford Partnership, which is building the entrepreneurial and tech communities in Stamford. We heard a detailed presentation about a new patented technology for exercising and rehabilitation which uses resistance by the person working out or rehabbing instead of resistance against a set amount of weight. A key highlight of the season was the talk by Connor Horrigan who launched the very successful Stamford-based Half Full Brewery and Third Place, which is a coworking space, event and music venue and a major center for entrepreneurs to gather and network.

DMA Hikers

Waveny Park, March 21

Twelve hikers along with two dogs walked the trails of Waveny Park in New Canaan this morning. It was a great way to get outdoors and celebrate the first full day of spring. We enjoyed our conversations, the mild weather, and abundant sunshine. Our next hike is scheduled for Monday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.



Mianus River Gorge Preserve, April 18

Twelve hikers spent a delightful 2.75 hours traversing over four miles of trails at Mianus River Gorge Preserve today. We started out with thirteen but one very wise DMAer realized that his knee was acting up near the start and retired for the day. A good plan for him as the trail climbs steeply in spots to over 400 feet above the river. The halfway point is back down at the reservoir that the river feeds before it is distributed into the water systems of Greenwich, Rye and Port Chester. The return trip follows a mostly different path through terrain very unlike that directly along the gorge. This area has almost open fields and many stone walls, a result of the farming that took place well over a century ago.

This hike is one of the more spectacular venues we visit with its river views and water features along the way. Some glacier certainly distributed a million rocks around the preserve! The group did spot a woodpecker for our first wildlife sighting in some time!

Thanks to Marilyn Parker for her consistently fine photography, and great hiking!



Greenwich Audubon Center, May 23

On a windy, but mild, morning nine DMA'ers and three spouses, led by Dave McCollum and Bob Plunkett, hiked about three miles over varied terrain in just over 2 hours. The hike took a little longer than anticipated due to two navigation errors by the hike leaders. The first was due to a sign issue which seemed to direct us one way but meant the other. The second was a total lack of any signage at a fork in the trail. We, of course, took the fork but it turned out to loop us around onto a trail already hiked! Once we got that figured out, the rest of the hike went smoothly. One would think that the pre-hike we made two weeks ago would have ironed out any confusion but it did not! The conversation among hikers tends to distract navigation despite efforts to stay focused.

On the plus side, the wildlife sightings were way above average. Birds, butterflies, frogs and deer tracks were seen but the best was near the end where a mother duck and her eight tiny ducklings were swimming in a pond.

This hike concludes the 2021-22 hiking season. Since September of 2021 we have gone on a hike every month for a total of 9. Thank you to all who participated. We will resume hiking in September.





Happy Wanderers

Wandering New Haven

The Happy Wanderers opened their Spring season of outings on Thursday, March 31 when 11 DMA Members motored to New Haven for a walking tour of the downtown historic district and through many of the neighborhoods that make up a good portion of the Yale University campus. The day was mostly cloudy but mild as the cheerful band started their trek at New Haven Green, and passed first through the impressive lobby of the City Hall, with a short stop to examine an antique horse-drawn four-cylinder 1909 gasoline powered fire department water pump. It was then past two court houses and into the Yale Campus, passing the Beinecke Library of antique books and cutting through the historic Woolsey Performance Hall building, over to Hillhouse Avenue. We walked up a street of statuesque historic mansions nestled among more than enough specimen trees to be called an arboretum, turning at the top past the Yale President's residence, its Peabody Natural History Museum and then the Ingalls "Yale Whale" Hockey Arena, before turning back down and past New Haven's Grove Street Cemetery, with a stop at a local donut & coffee shop, right near Mory's famous eatery. From there we wandered on and through Yale's Old Campus and past some of its original buildings, stopping at the statue of Connecticut patriot Nathan Hale who gave his life for his Country and General Washington in 1776, just two years after his Yale graduation.

We walked from there past the Yale Art Gallery and, right across Chapel Street, the Center for British Art, as we returned to New Haven Green and its three historic churches and its famous center flagpole, erected in 1928 as a memorial to New Haven's fallen veterans of World War I. The pace picked up there as we walked on, to and through Wooster Square, for we were almost in sight of Frank Pepe's iconic coal fired pizza parlor where we ate a hearty lunch before heading home to prepare for the evening's DMA Social Committee musicale at St. Luke's.



Morse and Stiles Colleges (Architect Eero Saarinen)



Freshman Quadrangle with statue of Nathan Hale

Wandering Flushing Queens

At the enormous Chinese market on Flushing's Main Street, featuring vegetables of all kinds, meat cuts both familiar and unfamiliar, fish, etc.



The group in front of one of New York's oldest houses, that of John Bowne (1661). Bowne was an English immigrant who moved to what was then New Netherlands. He and fellow Quakers were persecuted, Bowne was banished back to The Netherlands, made his case for religious freedom and returned to Flushing two years later.



The group at the entrance to Flushing High School, a 2,000-student, architecturally impressive high school built in 1912, set on a five-acre campus.



Wandering Grant's Tomb, The Riverside Church and Columbia University

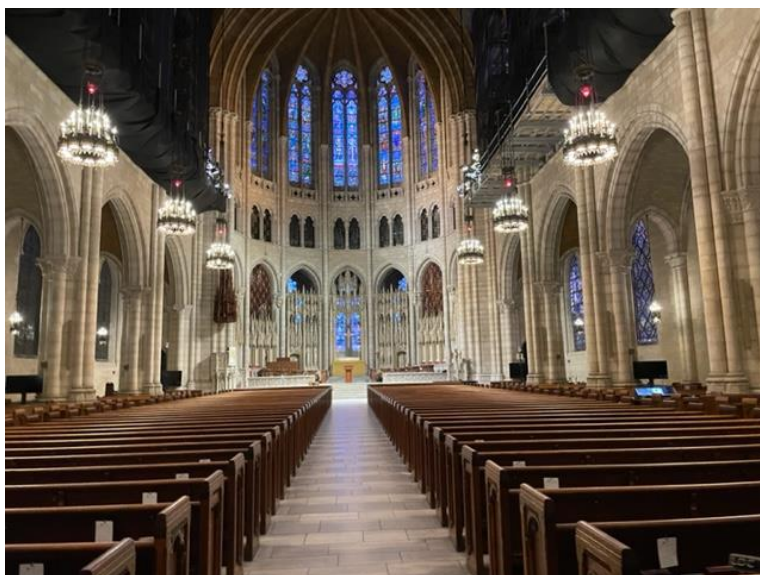
A total of 12 wanderers joined to visit Ulysses Grant's Tomb, The Riverside Church and the campus of Columbia University before having lunch at the Elysian Greek Cafe at Morningside Heights.

At Grant's Tomb our guide, Mamundi Subhas, who spoke to the DMA meeting three months prior, told us Grant and his wife Julia were living on 66th Street in Manhattan when General Grant died in 1885. The Tomb and mausoleum were built with private donations. Ulysses and Julia rest side by side in two caskets inside the Tomb which today is managed by the National Parks Service. More than 1.5 million people came to Grant's interment, the largest such gathering in the history of New York City. Thereafter wanderers proceeded to The Riverside Church built by the Rockefellers and opened for worship in 1930. A church guide took us to the main sanctuary which seats more than 2,000 people. Finally, Charles Salmans guided us through the Columbia University campus where he attended Business School. Originally Kings College in lower Manhattan became Columbia University and moved to its present site in 1896. Our wandering was completed with a fine lunch and the return trip to Darien.

Select photos of the Tomb, The Church, the plaque on the Battle of Harlem Heights and the campus of Columbia University follow.



At the Entrance to Grant's Tomb



Inside The Riverside Church



Low Library -- Centerpiece of Columbia University Campus



Elysian Greek Cafe at Morningside Heights

Wandering Governors Island

On Wednesday morning, June 22, ten brave Wanderers made their way by train to the south end of Manhattan and journeyed by ferry to historic Governors Island. The day was cloudy, and rain had been mentioned as a possibility, but the reports were encouraging enough that we expected that, on the island, the early morning rain was all that would be falling that day. And we were blessed indeed to have things turn out exactly that way.

We arrived shortly after ten at the ferry terminal, right next to the big terminal serving the ferries to Staten Island, and were processed through as seniors eligible for free passage to Governors Island. We boarded, and ten minutes later walked down the ramp at our destination. The place was originally called nut-island by the Dutch because the Algonquins valued it for its many nut and fruit trees. We were struck by the atmosphere of a somewhat rural seaside village, with several groups of school kids being shepherded about by their leaders; and small utility vehicles with maintenance workers aboard moving along the tree-lined roads and paths. Harbor sounds and vessels were abundant, if one looked back toward Manhattan. But on the island, birds and kids' voices, with some occasional helicopter chatter, were the components of its ambient background levels. Swallows were particularly abundant.

We spent most of our visit in the northern historic parts of the island, taking in Fort Jay, the original site of harbor-protecting cannon installations, and Castle Williams, a solid and round, three-level 1809 structure, with many gun ports that could sweep almost the entire harbor. This formidable installation was very probably the reason why no significant forays were made into New York harbor by the Royal Navy during the War of 1812. We covered much ground on the island and saw some new swish camping facilities that have been set up by a lodging company for visitors during the milder months. We also saw the many houses and barracks that were used by the Army and later by the Coast Guard over the many years when the whole of Governors Island was owned and operated by the Federal Government. Except for a section of its northern historic area, which has been retained as a National Monument, all of the 172-acre island was conveyed by the Government to New York City in 2003.

Having circled back to the ferry landing district, we had a good lunch at a cheerful, mostly outdoors restaurant called Island Oyster. Then we boarded the ferry for our return to Manhattan and walked back to Bowling Green. There we stopped at the Alexander Hamilton Custom House, an historic former Treasury Department Beaux-Arts building directly adjacent to the subway entrance. Designed by Cass Gilbert, and built in 1907, it has impressive exterior statuary by Daniel Chester French and exquisite ceiling murals of New York harbor working commerce scenes, painted in 1937 by Reginald Marsh, as part of a WPA project. From there, we went by subway to Grand Central and home – where we noticed a number of puddles suggesting some showers during the day, while we had encountered not a drop of rain.



Copps Island Oyster Tour

In early May, on a beautiful sunny morning for harvesting oysters on Long Island Sound, ten DMA members and two spouses enjoyed an enjoyable and highly educational day as guests of Copps Island Oysters owner Norm Bloom and his fine staff. We were treated to the historical aspects of shell fishing in Long Island Sound, company operations, the extensive sustainability efforts of Copps Island Oysters and a magnificent boat ride out to the Norwalk oyster beds. If you haven't done this, join the next visit when it comes up!



Norwalk Islands Excursion, May 31

On a suddenly sweltering sunny afternoon, 41 DMA members and their spouses boarded the Spirit of the Sound, a 64-foot electric aluminum catamaran run by the Norwalk Maritime Center, and departed Norwalk harbor for a delightful and informative cruise around the Norwalk Islands, a chain of more than 25 islands amid partly submerged boulders, reefs and mudflats along a six-mile stretch and mostly about a mile off the coasts of Norwalk and Westport. They are a host to several different types of recreational activities, including camping, boating, kayaking, swimming and bird watching. Ownership of the islands varies, with about a half dozen held in private hands, some owned by the governments of Norwalk or Westport and some are part of the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge.

The breeze over the cool waters provided a welcome respite from the heat on the land as we listened to one of the Maritime Center crew members talk about the history of the islands in this stream. The winds were light and variable, the sea was calm and the day was resplendent.



Community Service

Pear Tree Point Clean-up

This report from Gary Banks: DMA (Bill Cavers and Gary Banks), the Darien Coastal Commission and our First Selectman cleaned up the Goodwives River inlet on April 23. The area included Pear Tree Point road and coastline as well as Goodwives Meadows, a Darien Land Trust property. The results were a haul of 350 pounds of trash! Photo shot of the team is shown below.



Selleck's Woods Clean-up

DMA turnout was light -- just three of us. Chris Filmer, who is dedicated to this and many other conservation projects around Darien, led the efforts. He had his son and stepson (one who lives in Scotland and another who lives in Colorado) involved, along with others he has recruited to the efforts.

Guided by Chris, who has been an active member of the nonprofit group dedicated to preserving Selleck's Woods, Frank DeLeo, Charles Salmans and the others helped rake leaves and prepare a children's play area within this large nature preserve in preparation for their annual "Adventure

Day". Within the woods they created an area dedicated to the fantasy play of young children, including an "I Spy" area to spot wildlife and a make-believe challenge of bridges, "spider webs" and other obstacles.

Notice the hammer in Chris' hand. It was a constant reminder to work harder OR ELSE!!!!



Clothing Donations to Hudson Link

On Wednesday, May 4, in advance of the DMA's general meeting, our members arrived early at the entrance of the DCA fully loaded with clothing and other wardrobe items (including pants, shirts, sport coats, ties, shoes, etc.) to donate to the **Hudson Link** cause. This worthy organization provides college education, life skills and reentry support to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people to help them make a positive impact on their own lives, their families and communities, resulting in lower rates of recidivism, incarceration and poverty. These men and women need business and business casual clothing for attending job interviews and a chance to obtain enduring employment. **Peter Wells's** wife **Lisa** serves on the board of Hudson Link and she kindly agreed to transport our donations to the Hudson Link facility in Ossining, N.Y.

While Hudson Link does not measure the number of garments they receive, what can be said is that we filled three SUVs to the brim with donations! There was enough men's clothing to accommodate probably 50 or so alumni, and there were some very nice women's donations that will be very well received by female alumnae.

Hudson Link characterized our collective efforts as a huge success and expressed its deep gratitude for the able assistance of **Frank DeLeo** and for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the DMA membership.



2019 Sullivan Associate Degree Graduation



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CPR Training, Post 53

On May 24, Post 53 provided training on CPR for adults and infants to six DMA members and one of their spouses at Post 53 headquarters. The nearly three-hour session provided detailed instruction on manual compressions and mouth-to-mouth CPR as well as the use of an AED in a life-saving situation.

The training involved several video learning segments as well as practical training on “life-like” dummies so we could get a real sense of what this entails. At the end of the adult and infant sessions the participants were individually tested on the techniques and all earned their CPR certification (good for two years) and received a manual and quick-guides to help keep them “fresh” on the content. We also watched segments on choking, response to drug overdoses and water safety.

At the end of the session Frank DeLeo presented a \$500 donation to Post 53 to help with their critical work and as a thanks for this session and the two additional upcoming sessions on CPR and Trauma/Falls.



The second CPR training session for those not looking to be certified but to still provide valuable live-saving CPR skills was held on May 26. The group and action shots from the non-certification CPR course at Post 53:



Anaphylaxis and Slip/Fall Training, Post 53

On June 2 we held our final Post 53 training session. There were 14 attendees (including 2 spouses) who learned: how to recognize and deal with allergic reactions; the various causes of falls and what to do in the event of a fall; and how to treat traumatic wounds to “stop the bleed” (a critical skill to reduce the risk of death associated with severe blood loss).



Memorial Day Parade | May 30, 2022

Supported by a fleet of five cars (including some true classics) sporting flags and DMA signage, 30 DMA'ers and their spouses and friends marched and drove down the middle of the Post Road in Darien on a glorious, sunny morning in late May to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Several members of the DMA earlier in the morning drove to Atria to pick up a six former Army and Navy servicemen who gladly joined our procession. Led by our President Bryan Hooper and accompanied by the handsome Darien Men's Association banner proudly held by Charles Salmans and Frank DeLeo, the group proceeded through the heart of town to the enthusiastic greetings and applause of hundreds who lined the main thoroughfare along the route to the Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery.









Annual DMA Picnic | June 15, 2022

In a beautiful late spring social gathering at Weed Beach, close to 200 DMA'ers and their wives and guests enjoyed fellowship, a bountiful meal, musical entertainment and the dappled sunlight of an early evening on Long Island Sound. A perfect end to the DMA season. Owing to the pandemic, our larger social engagements were late in coming, but we finished with a triumph!









Geoff Rezek and Harry Bergen entertained us in voice and ukulele with “Five Foot Two, Eyes Of Blue” and “ShBoom”. Then they played back-up band for Bryan Hooper’s mournful rendition of “Leaning On The Lamppost” made popular by George Formby in the 1930s and Herman’s Hermits in the 1960s.





Leaning on the Lamppost

***I'm leaning on a lamppost at the corner of the street
In case a certain little lady comes by
Oh me, oh my, I hope the little lady comes by***

***I don't know if she'll get away
She doesn't always get away
But anyhow I know that she'll try
Oh me, oh my, I hope the little lady comes by***

***Oh, she's absolutely wonderful, and marvelous and beautiful
And anyone can understand why
I'm leaning on a lamppost at the corner of the street
In case a certain little lady passes by***



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