

Newsletter

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Darien Men's Association

September – October 2020

President's Message

A year ago, who could have imagined we'd be dealing with this pandemic? Under Sunil Saksena's able leadership we were closing out a very successful year. COVID-19 was in the news but seemed remote.

Our March 4th meeting was at the DCA where we heard from the Westport Playhouse about their upcoming season. By the next week the Playhouse as well as DMA had to shut down.

There was no plan. We canceled three meetings. We licensed Zoom – along with everybody else - forget about getting any help from Zoom.

Not really knowing what we were doing, we looked for a "friendly" speaker for our first virtual DMA meeting. Charles Salmans stepped up and on April 1 we restarted DMA with his talk on the B-24. That was followed by Harris Hester's two-part talk on climate change. Harry Bergen opened meetings with a patriotic song. For those first meetings, people sang along – nice thought but Zoom went nuts with the cacophony.

Our quick recovery goes to show our guys can adapt to suddenly changing circumstances. In fact, DMA members can draw upon long careers



encompassing a lot of technological change, plus we have all had to adjust to the unexpected things that life can throw our way generally. As a result, we have done pretty well in this stressful and unsettled period. In fact, we had to upgrade our Zoom license to "Large Meeting" to handle over 100 attendees.

Nice to see so many wives are attending. Having awful weather in April and a very scary situation in NYC helped attendance.

We re-scheduled all the planned speakers and Bryan Hooper, the new Speaker Chairman, took over and has recruited a new slate of outstanding speakers. Special thanks to those who spoke or recruited speakers. The schedule was rich enough to run weekly or bi-weekly meetings throughout the summer.

One of the few positives of being virtual is there is a deeper pool of speakers. Getting someone like Griffith Mann, Sam Hornblower, or Myron Thompson might not have been possible without Zoom.

Bryan writes up both the past week's speaker as well as the next speaker for Tom Igoe to include in "This Week at

DMA" – a great tool to keep us informed of speakers and activities.

Some Clubs: Investing (Jim Phillips), Book (Harris Hester and Tom Igoe), Current Affairs (Bob Baker), and Money Matters (Doug Campbell) have had good attendance – often larger than when they were in-person. Pickleball (Jan Selkowitz) has remained active though with deliberately fewer players. Jan's exploring if Pickleball can move indoors in the fall. There was a golf outing (Peter Carnes). It looks like Bowling (Tom Lom), Hiking (Dave McCollum), and on-line Bridge (Tony Kwedar) will restart in September with appropriate cautions and adjustments.

The popular NYC Wanderings may be modified to feature local exploration until the Covid situation again allows exploration of the City. This applies to our traditional Events – including trips and evening musicals. The end-of-year picnic, traditionally organized by Alex Garnett, which we all looked forward to had to be cancelled. Most unfortunately, so will the Christmas party.

Charles Salmans produced the DMA Directory including having to figure out how to mail it using the DCA's non-profit postage rights.

We've kept up our support for the DCA and our caterer, Valvala's. In fact, Robin Hogen arranged to have Valvala's send lunches, and Café Bruxelles dinners, to Stamford and Norwalk Hospitals both as a lifeline for them and

as a way to say thanks to the healthcare workers in those trying early days.

DMA, at its core, is about fellowship. It's not possible to fully duplicate on Zoom the social interaction we enjoyed when meeting at the DCA. People can join the virtual meetings early and chat fine, but it is not the same. At the DCA the friendly greetings started in the parking lot. I enjoyed the song. Think how engaged people were before meetings and at the coffee break. It was not easy to get through the crowd to get to the pastries. At 10:30 the bell would ring and - nothing happened - people were enjoying themselves too much. Now with Zoom I just click "Mute All" and - silence.

It looks like virtual is the new normal – at least for the rest of 2020. When things start to open up at the DCA, we will have hybrid in-person and virtual meetings. That way, people can migrate back to the DCA when they feel safe. This also allows members to attend remotely because of vacation, illness or difficulty travelling. Speakers could be in person or remote. Because our expenses are lower, we don't plan to collect dues until at least December.

DMA is a gem, and with your help, we'll keep it that way.

Gary Banks President

Speakers

Wednesday, September 9, 2020



We start off our new season after Labor Day with a presentation by **Art Gottlieb** on the subject of "U-Boats and their role in the battle of the Atlantic" during World War II. It's the epic story of the desperate six-year struggle between allied forces and the German navy to control the sea lanes between America and the British Isles – a battle that, had it been lost, would have profoundly changed the course of World War II. Art is a local historian on subjects from political and military history who has frequently given talks to the DMA. He was formerly a professional curator of naval history and the Technical Director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in NYC. In these roles, Art worked regularly with veterans

of all services towards the creation of exhibits accurately illustrating the history of 20th century warfare.

Arranged by Bryan Hooper

Wednesday, September 16, 2020



Hugh Seaton will speak about "Disrupting Construction: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Buildings." Hugh is the General Manager at the Glimpse Group, a virtual reality and augmented reality company based in New York City, and a lifelong technology marketer. Prior to Glimpse, Hugh founded and grew Aquinas Learning, an e-learning software company that leveraged virtual reality and artificial intelligence, which he sold to Glimpse in 2019. Before Aquinas, Hugh – a fluent Mandarin speaker – spent five years in Shanghai, was a senior marketing executive with BBDO running Pepsi's advertising, and founded his first

company, specializing in social media. Hugh holds an MBA from Columbia Business School, has been an adjunct professor at NYU, and is the author of the Construction Technology Handbook (Wiley, 2020).

Arranged by Douglas Campbell and Bryan Hooper

Wednesday, September 23, 2020



Mike Critelli will speak about one of the major issues in this election season, voting by mail. Mike joined the DMA in 2019, and has wide experience and knowledge of the mailing industry. In 1979, Mike joined Pitney Bowes in Stamford as a member of the legal department, rising to CEO in 1996 and retiring in 2008. Between 2001 and 2005, Mike co-led the Mailing Industry Task Force, along with Deputy Postmaster General John Nolan, to enable the U.S. Postal Service to work with the private sector on a variety of initiatives, and was the lead industry spokesperson during the 2001 anthrax bioterrorism incidents. He also chaired

the Mailing Industry CEO Council, which was an advocate for comprehensive postal reform, an effort resulting in the passage of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006.

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Wednesday, September 30, 2020



Mark Nunan, who joined the DMA in 2019, will speak about a personality with major influence on New York City, Fiorello La Guardia. Mark spoke to the group last May about another larger-than-life character, Robert Moses. Mark was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1953. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1976, and continued his education at Stanford University, where he was awarded a master's in 1979 and a Ph.D. in 1983. Mark started his career with COS, Inc. in 1982 in Palo Alto, Calif., and then transferred to Paris and later to New York City in 1980, where he retired as a senior vice president in 2018. COS is a private firm that

provides business and economic development services, assisting companies and governments in researching, developing and implementing new business expansion opportunities, mainly in North America and Europe.

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Wednesday, October 7, 2020



National Academy.

Donald Anderson, Darien's Chief of Police, will be talking about a subject of current interest, "Policing in the Year 2020 and Beyond." Chief Anderson has been a member of the Darien Police Department since 1983. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1999, Lieutenant in 2000, and to his previous rank of Captain in 2013. Before his promotion to Chief of Police in 2019, he held the position of Captain of the Administrative Services Bureau. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sacred Heart University and a master's degree in criminal justice from Iona College. He is also a graduate of the 245th session of the FBI

Arranged by Bob Fiske

Wednesday, October 14, 2020



Professor Charles Yarish of UConn will be speaking about "Developing the U.S. Seaweed Industry." Professor Yarish received his PhD from Rutgers University in 1976 and then joined the faculty at the University of Connecticut where he is in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and The Department of Marine Sciences. He has also been an adjunct Professor of Marine Sciences at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, visiting Scientist at the Biologische Anstalt, Helgoland, Germany, a visiting Professor of Marine Biology at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, and a Guest Professor

at Shanghai Fisheries University, China. At UConn, he developed an internationally known Seaweed Marine Biotechnology Laboratory for seaweed R&D. He is intimately involved in the development of the seaweed aquaculture industry globally and in particular in the United States.

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Wednesday, October 21, 2020



Bert von Stuelpnagel will discuss the "German military resistance, including the Stauffenberg putsch," from the second World War. Bert was born in Freiburg, Germany, in 1950 and graduated from Bad Toelz High School in 1969. After military service and training in banking he worked in the financial industry during his entire career, including 35 years at the New York Branch of BayernLB, a German public sector bank. He retired in 2015 as Executive Vice President U.S. Capital Markets. He holds a Masters degree in Political Sciences from State University of Bavaria, and an M.B.A. in Finance from Pace University. Bert served on the DMA board as Treasurer

and is currently chairman of the DMA endowment fund.

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Wednesday, October 28, 2020



Mark Albertson will speak on the "Origins of the U.S. Army Air Corps." Mark, who has been a frequent speaker at the DMA, is the historical research editor at Army Aviation magazine. He has authored several books, including "On History: A Treatise," and is finishing "Volume 1, Sky Soldiers: The Saga of Army Aviation." In addition to his presentations at the DMA and the Darien Library, he travels to numerous other venues in Connecticut presenting a variety of historical topics and current events. He teaches as an adjunct at Norwalk Community College for the Extend Studies Program and for the Lifetime Learners Institute.

Arranged by Bryan Hooper

In Memoriam



Former DMA member Charles "Chick" Scribner passed away at age 96 on June 27. Chick, known as the "Gentleman Scouter," was active in scouting for over 50 years and most likely holds the record for the most years volunteered for Darien Scouting. He was best known for never missing a Scout meeting and always pitched in with a smile at the annual Tag Sale.

In May, Chick was the first person to be selected for Darien's Wartime Veteran Street Sign Program. Two signs on Fairfield Avenue carried Scribner's name on them.

Chick was a World War II veteran serving in Burma. He served his community for 50 years as a volunteer for the Noroton Heights Fire Department, was active in the VFW, coached sports and was involved in numerous other organizations. He is predeceased by his wife Mary and survived by his children Chuck Scribner, Jean Allen, Jim Scribner, Donald Scribner, his sister Betty Ritcher, and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Former DMA member **Gilbert Alexandre**, born in Luxembourg May 26, 1935 and a longtime resident of Darien, died peacefully on August 2. Gil had a kind and generous soul who lived his life to the fullest leaving the fondest of memories for everyone who knew him.

As a six-year old in 1941, Gil emigrated to the U.S. through Ellis Island. This first of his many adventures began after his father Emmanuel made the decision to move the family to the U.S., given the situation with the war in Europe. The family traveled to Marseille where they secured emigration papers to the U.S. and

formulated their plans to make the trip during those dangerous times. The family found passage on a boat taking them to the coast of Tunisia and from there a train to Casablanca. Outside Casablanca they spent time in a displaced persons camp while Gil's father arranged passage to the U.S. on a Portuguese tramp steamer. This next leg of the adventure took 28 days including a one-week stop in Havana during which they could not leave the ship. Ultimately, Gil and his family arrived in New York City where Gil recalled being taken on deck to see the Statue of Liberty.

His first few years in New York were spent at PS9, learning English. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree in International Relations at Brown University. From there he spent time learning the ropes at Marshall Fields in Chicago before joining the Army in 1956. After the Army, Gil returned to New York where he received his MBA from Columbia University.

Gil spent the next five decades building and running his own businesses. Among his many passions, he owned/operated a large department store, Nouveau Paris, in Luxembourg City that was founded by his grandfather Emile. He managed the store from afar along with his mother Denyse, flying back and forth to Europe, as well as

spending a month every summer there managing the store from 1968 until the early 1980's.

Gil was a founding member of the Consumer Analyst Group of New York (CAGNY) and a Securities Analyst at Chase Investors Management Corp as well as Merrill Lynch before striking out on his own in the early 1980's.

Gil is survived by his wife Julie Forrester-Alexandre, son Phil Alexandre and grandchildren Johnny and Nicole, daughter Daryl Whitmoyer (William) and grandchildren Kate and Turner, Julie's daughter Dagny Forrester and grandson Nate, son Mark Forrester (Tricia) and grandchildren Kirsten, Caroline and Sarah. A memorial service will be planned in the future once it is safe for family and friends to gather. Gil will be laid to rest with his parents in Paris.

New Members



John P. (Jack) Dearie, Jr. was born in Mt. Lakes, N.J. in 1950 and is a graduate of Georgetown University (1972) and Fordham Law School (1978). While at GU, he was active in the Mask & Bauble Drama Society and was also the leader (Ephus) of the Georgetown Chimes. He has served on the Board of the GU Metropolitan Alumni Club and is a frequent attendee at GU basketball games and related alumni events. Jack retired in May 2020 after a 42-year legal career as a corporate regulatory lawyer in private practice, most recently as a partner with the Locke Lord, LLP law firm. He is a member of

the NY and CT bars.

Jack and his wife, Patrice, have lived in the same house on Birch Road in Darien since 1980. They have two daughters, Farrell and Kelly, who went through the Darien School system and were both collegiate swimmers, now living in New York City and Sudbury, Mass., respectively. They also have two grandchildren, Isabel and James. Jack and Patrice are active members of St. Thomas More Church. They are also members of the Darien Boat Club and members for 35 years of the Middlesex Club, where Jack has served on the board and currently plays on the paddle and tennis teams. His other interests include kayaking, boating, theater, hiking, reading, travel, all NY sports teams, and his current passion, pickleball.

Sponsors: Jan Selkowitz and Joe Holmes



Mike McFadden was born in Scranton, Penn., and grew up in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He graduated with a BA degree from Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Penn., and received an M.A. degree from The College of New Jersey. He and his wife Sara have been married for 50 years and raised two daughters in Darien, one of whom now lives in Fairfield and the other in Darien. They have four grandchildren.

Mike retired from General Reinsurance Corp after 30 years, having held positions in Claims, Risk Management, and

Compliance. As a Senior Vice President, he ran four subsidiary Claim Departments and continues to perform occasional claims management consulting through McFadden Consult, LLC. Mike and Sara lived in Noroton Bay for 20 years and then for five years in Westport. They are now Florida residents but maintain a condo in Connecticut for visits. His hobbies include fishing, boating, golf, world travel, and gardening. Though now on Covid break, he volunteers at a local Naples, Fla., hospital in the Risk Management Department and the Outpatient Department.

Sponsor: Gary Banks

Scott Reardon was raised in South Dakota. He is a graduate of Georgetown University where he ran Georgetown Free University, Co-Chaired GU's International Association of Students in Economics and Commercial Sciences and was elected the first student on Georgetown College's governing council. After receiving a Masters degree in Business he joined Dakon-Dakota Iron, his family's firm, wholesaling to 5,000 Midwest retailers. Later he became its president.

In 1980 he launched the first of twenty self-funded startups, initially in broadcasting, as an owner and operator. In 1987, Scott began to buy, build and operate cellular telephone systems. Moore's Law, doubling microchip capacity every 18 months, implied that mobile phones would become universal. Later he launched a national wireless network offering vital last-mile broadband services to Fortune 1000 and small and medium businesses. Scott's current primary focus is on business-to-business cloud-based software startups.

Scott and his wife, Rosemarie, moved to Darien in the early 1990s, raised four great kids and currently spoil three grandchildren. His interests include art, especially modern, history, public affairs, poverty alleviation and economics. His service to nonprofits include multiple terms on Georgetown University's Board of Regents and twenty years as Chairman of the Deutsche Bank Microcredit Development Fund.

Sponsor: Gary Banks



Joe Roxe grew up on Long Island. He graduated from Chaminade High School and Princeton University before enlisting in the Navy in January 1959. After three and a half years as a gunnery and anti-submarine officer aboard a destroyer based in Newport, R.I., he left the Navy, received an MBA from the Harvard Business School, and joined Mobil Oil in New York. He spent 23 years with the company in a variety of management roles in London and New York before leaving Mobil to become a partner at Johnson & Higgins, the world's largest private insurance broker. He left J&H in 1997 after helping to negotiate the sale of the firm to Marsh &

McLennan. He continues to be active as Chairman of Bay Holdings, a private investment holding company.

Joe has been happily married to Maureen since 1965. They have three children and eight grandchildren living in Boston, Baltimore, and New York City. He has served as Chairman of the U.S. Navy War College Foundation and the Boston Symphony, and as a member of the Dean's Council of Harvard's Kennedy School of Public Policy. He is a past President of the Wee Burn Country Club. Governor Jodi Rell appointed him Chairman of the State of Connecticut Investment Advisory Council in Hartford to oversee the \$26 billion of investments in the State Teachers and Employees' pension plans.

Joe is a Knight of Malta and a Papal Knight in the order of St. Silvester.

Sponsor: Harry Bergen

Activities Money Matters



Doug Campbell reports that the new season of Money Matters will kick off with a Zoom session on Tuesday, September 15 at 10 a.m. when Felicia Rubenstein will speak about www.hayvn.com - a women's co-working space in Darien that offers extensive programming and pitch events for women entrepreneurs.

Hiking

Dave McCollum and **Bob Plunkett** expect hiking to resume in September and are researching which trails are open and allow sufficient social distancing. Stay tuned.

Pickleball



Jan Selkowitz and Woody Spurgeon report that Pickleball will continue to be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at Cherry Lawn as long as weather permits -- certainly through September. Because of limited space due to Covid-19, it is by weekly invitation sent by Woody. At the moment only more experienced players are in the schedule rotation. If you are interested in playing, please call Jan or Woody to get on the schedule. Jan is in touch with the Mather Senior Center to determine if and when it may

be possible to resume safe, socially-distanced play at the gym once the weather no longer permits outdoor play. Due to the popularity of this activity, we will review with the Senior Center procedures to ensure the health and safety of our members, and advance sign-up and scheduling may be required. DMA members will be kept informed as we go forward.

For beginners, lessons can be arranged through a pro with Darien Parks and Recreation at

http://apm.activecommunities.com/darienparksandrec/Activity Search/3212

Book Discussion Group



Harris Hester reports that on June 10 the book club discussed *The Splendid and The Vile* by Eric Larsen. It was certainly more than just another book about Winston Churchill. Eric Larsen is a talented writer and a prodigious researcher, and both are on display in this book. Churchill became Prime Minister on the day that Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. The next twelve months brought the blitz to Britain killing 45,000 Brits. However, this book is more than a chronicle of events but rather an intimate portrait of Churchill and his family as he led Britain through very trying times.

On September 9 at noon the book club will discuss *The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History*, by John M. Barry. This is a serious look at the plague of 1918 -1920. After reading this book President George W. Bush successfully pushed for the creation of a stockpile of medical equipment to prepare for the next pandemic. Sadly, this had dissipated when Covid-19 hit. The influence of WWI and massive troop recruitment exacerbated the spread of this flu. The rise of a professional medical establishment is carefully chronicled as well.

On October 14 we will discuss *The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton* by Rick Atkinson. This book covers the first 21 months of the Revolution, with in depth discussions of Americas leaders during this time. Full of

riveting details and untold stories, *The British Are Coming* is a tale of heroes and knaves, of sacrifice and blunder, of redemption and profound suffering. Rick Atkinson has given stirring new life to the first act of our country's creation drama.

Golf



Peter Carnes reports that the DMA held our first golf event of the year on Tuesday, August 25 at Sterling Farms in Stamford. The course was in excellent condition and the caliber of play was like the weather ...



volatile. Most of the day was hot and sunny although there was a late downpour which interrupted play on the last few holes for the final two foursomes (out of seven). During the deluge a number of the players had already retired to the bar for other forms of liquid and tales of accomplishments (and woes). In keeping with our policy of "What happens at Sterling Farms stays at Sterling Farms" all 26 who participated were winners.

Bowling



Tom Lom and Gehr Brown report that the Bowling Group plans to resume bowling on Tuesday, September 8 at 9 a.m. DMA has been in touch with Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield with regard to the measures the bowling alley is taking to ensure proper social distancing. Adjacent bowling lanes will be closed off and masks are required in all areas except when actually bowling.

Additionally, new standards of cleanliness have been instituted by Nutmeg Lanes. There appears to be sufficient interest among DMA members to resume the regular Tuesday schedule. Members who plan to join the sessions are encouraged to email Tom at tomlom1@aol.com so that the number of participants can be anticipated and the Group can ensure safe play.

Happy Wanderers

Until such time as Happy Wanderers can again explore New York City neighborhoods, **David Mace** and **Joe Spain** are considering outings closer to home consistent with Covid safety protocols. They welcome ideas from DMA members as they work to put together such opportunities. Watch for an update.

Current Affairs

Bob Baker reports that the Current Affairs group had well-attended Zoom discussions on the third Thursday of each of the summer months. In June, Art Baron led a discussion on Innovation. In July, Mark Nunan led a discussion on Nuclear Power and the latest technologies for nuclear power plants. In August, Charles Salmans led a discussion on Covid-19, the state of play and decisions to be made in coming months. Scheduled for September 17, David



Mace will lead a discussion on Wealth Disparity. On October 15, **John Schlactenhaufen** will lead a discussion on Voting by Mail.

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

Investment Discussion Group



Jim Phillips notes that the Investment Discussion Group will resume its Zoom meetings at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8 (the day after Labor Day), after which the group will follow a regular schedule, meeting on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. The meetings feature presentations on stocks of potential interest and participants engage in a lively discussion on the outlook for both markets and individual investment opportunities. In advance of scheduled meetings, Jim encourages IDG

members to suggest companies to him, and background information can be circulated for pre-discussion reading.

Recent meetings have covered companies likely to benefit in the post-Covid world as well as some income-producing REITs and BDCs.

Jim says the September discussion will focus on the transformation of businesses to the digital economy. This will include discussion on renewables like HASI, NEE, PLUG, BLDP, ENPH and SEDG. **Chip Schroeder** will present PLUG and BLDP to the group.

Bridge

Tony Kwedar reports that during the period that Covid requires social distancing, the DMA Bridge Group is adopting a free computerized bridge program.

This allows bridge games to be played without requiring players to be in personal contact with each other. The plan includes the use of phones for communicating with the game players as well as using the computer program to play the game. Specific details will follow soon.

A YouTube tutorial is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7V1CSXat7no

The computer program itself can be found at http://www.bridgebase.com/

If you have an interest in online bridge, contact Tony at littlesirecho@aol.com, including your name, phone number and e-mail address. Tony will soon provide additional information to those who have expressed a desire to participate. The plan is for the group to play games on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar - Details on DMA Website

Sept. 9 – Book Club: Zoom Meeting at 12 noon. *The Great Influenza* by John M. Barry

Sept. 15 – Money Matters: Zoom Meeting at 10 a.m. Felicia Rubenstein on HAYVN Co-working

Sept. 17 – Current Affairs: Zoom Meeting at 11 a.m. *Income Inequality*, led by **David Mace.**

Oct. 14 – Book Club: Zoom Meeting at 12 noon. *The British are Coming* by Rick Atkinson

Oct. 15 – Current Affairs: Zoom Meeting at 11 a.m. *Voting by Mail*, led by John Schlactenhaufen

Check the website, DarienDMA.org for events including Zoom sessions. Bowling and outdoor pickleball, with social distancing, have resumed. Contact the activity leaders for additional information.

As and if restrictions are lifted later this fall, we plan to restore additional activities such as hiking and, subject to Mather Center decisions, indoor pickleball.

Darien Men's Association Newsletter

Editor and Publisher, Charles Salmans. Copyeditor, Tom Igoe. New member bios, Charles Salmans. Speaker Summaries, Bryan Hooper. Caricature, Tom Glover. Mailing list, Art Baron. E-communications and This Week at DMA, Tom Igoe. Webmaster, Gary Banks.

Activity Representatives

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

Book Club, Harris Hester, 655.2309 and Tom Igoe, 655.6170 2nd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Mather Center Library

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

Bridge, Tony Kwedar, 656.0444 Tuesdays, 1 p.m., St. Luke's Church, 1864 Post Road at Ring's End Road

Current Affairs, Bob Baker, 655.9553 3rd Thursday, 8:30 a.m., DCA Lillian Gade Room, 2nd Floor

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

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

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

Investment Discussion Group, Jim Phillips, 722.2787 1st Monday, 9 a.m., 30 Old King's Highway South, 1st Floor

Money Matters, Doug Campbell, 975.0320 3rd Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. prior to the weekly DMA meeting at DCA in Lillian Gade Room, 2nd Floor

Pickleball, Jan Selkowitz, 655.0441 Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9 a.m. at Mather Center gym

Songsters, Joe Holmes, 838.8744 As announced, Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m., DCA

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