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NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are now two months into our 2014-2015 year and I have gotten positive feedback on the changes we made. Adding 15 minutes to the speaker's time has been helpful and a few speakers have used all of their allotted time. The pastries have been well received and we are eating more pastries than anticipated. I am still working with our caterer on getting the correct quantities so we do not run out too soon.

We are moving forward on the planning for our Christmas Season Cocktail Party. This will be an evening event at the DCA and will feature the Blue Notes entertaining the attendees with their Christmas Concert. We intend to make this a 'must attend' event and will begin our advertising blitz shortly. Save the December 17 date for attending this event.



The SMA created the Cousins-Vose Fund in the mid-nineties due to contributions in the wills of John Cousins and Lawrence Vose. At that time a committee was established to manage the fund's investments. However, nothing was done to define the management processes for withdrawals from the fund and how to spend those withdrawals. At our recent board meeting we created a

Cousins-Vose Endowment Fund and established a new committee to manage the withdrawals and how we would use the withdrawn funds.

Currently the total cost for creating and mailing five newsletter editions per DMA year to our full mem-

bership list is over \$1,500 and we have about 25 members without an email address. Given the cost and the small number of members without an email address the board made a decision to begin using electronic distribution of newsletters for the members with email addresses and mailing printed copies to only those without email addresses. We have also created a newsletter archive that can be accessed from the DMA website. We intend on using electronic distribution for the Nov-Dec newsletter and will have printed newsletters at the member meetings for people to take home.

We have nearly finalized a document that defines the details of the DMA-DCA relationship. This document was created by a joint team from both organizations and will be a living document that will be updated as needs arise. Jointly creating this document has led to a harmonious working relationship between the DCA leadership and the DMA executive team.

On the DMA Communications front, I have had some success getting my press releases to the media published. However, I have discovered that if my releases are too long they get mangled when they are shortened to fit in the available space. Still looking for some volunteers to help with this effort.

Robert Smith, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There are currently 281 members. As of Oct 22, 165 members have paid their dues. Subtracting members over 90 and new members who joined this year, there are still 97 members who have not paid their dues. Support your DMA and send your check to the DCA or bring it to one of our weekly meetings. Make your check to DCA/DMA.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

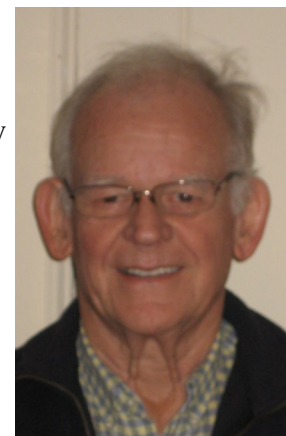
David Barton was born in 1938 in Meriden, Conn. and graduated from high school in 1956. He graduated from the University of Connecticut where he received a B.S. degree in marketing in 1961 and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.



Upon graduating from the Navy Officer Candidate School in 1962, he served as a Lieutenant JG antisubmarine officer on the USS Sampson, a guided missile destroyer. Beginning in 1965, he held senior executive positions at Loctite Corporation, Reichhold Chemicals and International Specialties Corporation. Upon retiring he was chairman, president and CEO of OSi Specialties, Inc.

David lives with his wife Trisha in Darien. They have two children and four grandchildren. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Connecticut Foundation, the Bonita Bay Club and the Country Club of Darien. David enjoys golf, skiing and boating.

Bob Johnson was born in 1938 in Needham, MA. where he graduated from high school and spent summers on a lake in New Hampshire. He attended Williams College and later the University of Michigan where he received a degree in economics.



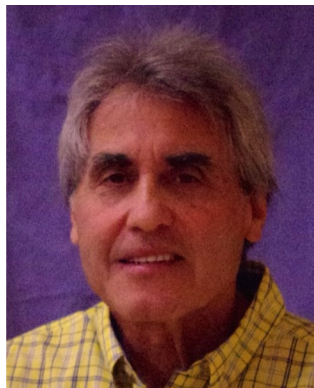
Bob joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1961 where he learned to fly "expensive" airplanes. He started his seven years of active duty in Vietnam flying helicopters for 13 months and completed 350 missions. He finished his active service as an instructor at the Naval Air Station Pensacola where he also qualified for multi-engine airplanes. Upon completing active duty in 1968, he served eight years with the reserves and another 12 years with the National Guard. At the

he enjoyed a career with TWA flying the Boeing 707, 727 and 747 as well as the Lockheed L-1011. He retired in 1998 at the compulsory age of 60 and discovered the Silvermine Guild in New Canaan, Conn. He learned a new skill and for the past 16 years has specialized in painting seascapes. He and his wife Barbara have lived in Darien for 36 years. They have two children and two grandchildren. Bob enjoys boating and is a member of the Darien Boat Club.

Craig Howe was born in Buffalo, NY. He received an M.A. degree from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and a B.A. degree cum laude from Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. He and his wife Cynthia moved to Darien in 1979. They have three children and two grandchildren.



Jay Kolinsky was born in 1941 in New York City and graduated from Roosevelt High School, Yonkers, NY. He attended the University of Alabama and the Fordham University School of Business and went on to serve in the United States Coast Guard Reserve.



Jay has invented, manufactured and marketed a wide variety of products. His first was a noise limiter circuit for short wave receivers.

In 1969, he invented the electronic siren that makes the “whoop, whoop” sounding sirens still in use today. His company, Kolin Industries, makes siren and alarm systems sold in over 50 countries. Five of his early prototypes are on display at the Smithsonian Institute.

In 1979, in response to the leak at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, he designed a multi-million dollar siren evacuation warning systems used today in all four nuclear power plants in New

York State. Each system can be heard over 300 square miles.

In 1980, Jay founded Malm Chemical Corporation that markets pure carnauba auto waxes and polishes. He invented an ergonomically shaped hand tool used to apply auto waxes and polishes called the “Kolinsky Speed Waxer.” He also invented “Big Stop,” an engine disabling device used to prevent auto theft.

Jay is a member of the Business Advisory Board of Westchester Community College and is a former president of the Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club. He also enjoys flying and has a pilot’s license. He and his wife Ulla live in Pound Ridge, N.Y. Their home has a solar system designed by Jay.

Rick McGraw was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1941 and grew up in East Meadow, Long Island, N.Y. graduating from high school in 1959 where he played football, lacrosse and was a member of the band. At Clarkson College of Technology he received a B.S. degree in mathematics in 1964 and played lacrosse.



He went to work for Consolidated Edison providing computer support to engineers beginning in 1964. That same year he joined the U.S. Army at the Yuma Proving Grounds where he was an assistant mathematician and statistician. In 1996 he returned to Consolidated Edison where he developed computer system for scientists and engineers. He joined the Carlson Wagonlit corporate travel agency, Stamford, CT. in 2000 where he was a programmer until retiring in 2009. Rick lives in Darien and has two sons. He is a member of the United Methodist Church of Darien and enjoys singing in the choir. He also is a volunteer in the information technology and finance departments of the Norwalk Hospital.

Bill Miller was born in Mineola NY in 1939 and grew up in Lloyd Harbor. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1957 where he played varsity soccer, hockey, and lacrosse. He graduated from Princeton in 1961 with a BA degree where he played hockey and was a member of the Ivy Club. He served

as a naval officer on the U.S.S Strong for two years and went on to receive a law degree in 1966 from Syracuse University.

Beginning in 1966, Bill practiced law with three different law firms in New York and Connecticut specializing in trusts & estates, tax and real estate before retiring in 2014 as a partner with Davidson, Dawson and Clark.



He and his wife Jean live in Norwalk and have two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys yard work, skiing, playing hockey, and sailing; both cruising and racing. Bill is a member of the New York Yacht Club, the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs and the Norwalk Yacht Club, where he served as a board member and counsel. He also is a past member of the Darien Winter Club hockey program for men, a former coach with the Darien Youth Hockey program, a past chairman of the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound and a past board member and president of the Amateur Ski Club of New York. He served as a trustee and vice chairman of the board of Greens Farm Academy and is a past board member and president of the Wilson Point Property Owners Association.

SPEAKERS NOV. AND DEC.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Bob Patton, will talk about his latest book, “Hell Before Breakfast: America’s first war correspondents making history and headlines from the battlefields of the Civil War to the far reaches of the Ottoman Empire.” Bob is the grandson of General Patton and a Darien resident. *The Boston Globe* called the book, “A lively look at the emergence of America’s first war correspondents and their dispatches from the front line. Patton’s spirited chronicle evokes a lost age of journalism.” Commenting on the book, *The Wall Street Journal*, noted, “Highly entertaining. Patton tells the story with gusto, for he has a great tale to tell.”

Arranged by Tom Lom

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Sean Pica, Executive director, Hudson Link, notes that of all the student prisoners who took part in the college level education offered by Hudson Link, none have been returned to prison. Normally within three years of release, 60% are back for a new crime. Hudson Link has an amazing success rate. In partnership with three colleges, Mercy, NAYACK, and Vassar, Hudson Link provides higher education at Sing Sing, Taconic and Fishkill correctional facilities. Currently 200 men and women are enrolled in the program. Over the past 12 years 200 Associate and Bachelor Degrees have been granted. More than 50 graduates have been released from prison with most going to work in social services.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Lisa Wilson Grant will talk about her book “Norwalk” a wonderful collection of vintage photographs from the mid-1800s through the 1960s along with a history of the area including Darien, Old McDonald’s Farm and the trolley on Tokeneke Road leading to Rowayton, Roton Point Park and White Bridge. In the summer, the area’s close proximity to New York City saw steamships arriving with passengers looking to enjoy the local amusement park called Roton Point. Many summer residences and cottages were built along its coast. Earliest industries included farming and mills powered by its rivers. The area has been famous for its oyster-ing, pottery and hat manufacturing. Lisa is a lifelong resident of Norwalk and has been collecting images for many years. Her book includes many images from local historical societies and private collections.

Arranged by Scott Hutchinson

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

No Meeting,

Thanksgiving November 27, 2014

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Lee Reynolds Crouch, director of Development and Community Relations for Connecticut Challenge (CT Challenge) will speak about how her organization empowers cancer survivors to live healthier, happier and longer lives. In 2012, programs funded by CT Challenge helped the lives of over 54,000 cancer survivors. Lee joined CT Challenge in 2013 after a 30 year sales and marketing career in the healthcare and financial services. This year she rode 25 miles in the CT Challenge 10th Bike Ride as a six month cancer survivor. In April she returned to Haiti for her fifth trip with a medical mission team to provide basic healthcare services to the people of Ile a Vache. This is her eleventh year as an elected member of the Monroe, CT, Board of Education where she chairs the communications committee. Lee was just named to the Board of Visitors for the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Oklahoma. She is Past President of the New England Society of Healthcare Communications and in 1995 was named Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Arranged by Alex Garnet

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Stuart Gibson will discuss the 250th anniversary of the famous Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg as well as Russia and international relations. His specialty is helping museums in war-torn countries such as Iraq and Croatia save treasured objects of art. An international consultant for over 20 years, he has worked extensively in the countries of the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East. He is currently secretary to the Hermitage Museum International Advisory Board; a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization advisor to the Uzbekistan Ministry of Culture and Sport for the development of museums and tourism; and advisor to the Kurdish Regional Government on museums and archaeology.

Arranged by Martin Skala

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

The Blue Notes present a Christmas Concert. Founded over 60 years ago, they are a philanthropic group of women who volunteer their time and talent for a good cause. Singing music from Big Band to

Broadway, the group performs in four-part harmony at senior centers, assisted living venues and a variety of other locations throughout Southern Fairfield County. Their director is Dr. Craig Scott Symons who is also music director of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

SOCIAL EVENTS

In September, we visited Locust Grove, the home of Samuel Morse and the Storm King 500 acre sculpture park. On October 30, a full bus to a group to our bi-annual visit to Goodspeed Opera in Had-dam, CT to see "Holiday Inn". On December 17, we will host the first annual Christmas cocktail party at the DCA with entertainment by the Blue Notes. Make plans now to attend this event.

Two more events are being planned for the Spring season. More information on these trips in the next issue.

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