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NEWSLETTER



2015 OFFICERS

Here are the DMA officers for the 2014-2015 term.

President; Bob Smith

1st Vice President: Alex Garnett

2nd Vice President: Scott Hutchason

Secretary: Tom Brayton

Asst. Secretary: Chris Filmer

Treasurer: Bill Ball

Asst Treasurer: Bob Baker

Directors

Past Presidents: Bob Ready and Marc Thorne

At Large: 2nd Term: Bob Baker: Tom Brayton,
Chris Filmer: and David Mordy

At Large: 1st Term: Bud Bain & Roy Marcantonio

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The DMA completed a very successful 2013-2014 year under the leadership of Bill Ball, the other DMA officers, and the committee chairmen. We had excellent program speakers, great social events, finished in sound financial shape and recruited 26 new members. We also saw the creation of two new activities, a genealogy group and a hiking group. The new officer team has four of the five people on last year's officer team in different positions and I expect continued success.

At our DMA Board meeting on July 21 we had a lively discussion about what we might change to make us a better organization and reached a consensus on the following changes:



We modified the schedule of the weekly Member Meetings to allow more time for the Program Speaker. Refreshments will be served at 9:45 a.m. for people to enjoy. The business meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and end around 10:25 a.m. The break will last 20 minutes for pastries, socializing and audio/visual setup for the program speaker's presentation. The program speaker will begin at 10:45 and last until 12 p.m. giving us extra time for the speaker Q&A.

We have had problems reliably getting members to cut the pastries and we were about \$400 short last year in our contributions to pay for the pastries. This year we are asking for contributions for the refreshments as part of the dues collections process. Also, we will be using Carolyn's Absolutely Fabulous Events to cater the refreshments allowing us to enjoy her home baked pastries with no work required of our members

Last year we did not have enough interest to have a Christmas season holiday party. There was a consensus at the Board meeting that a party during the holiday season should be part of our DMA traditions. After a lively discussion a decision was made to have a Christmas season cocktail party at the DCA. We are early in the planning stage for this event and you will hear more about this later.

Over the past two years we have relied on Cecil Wade for our website and email support. Cecil requested relief from this technical support load and Ed Mulock and I have agreed to take over primary support with Cecil supporting us when we need help. I thank Cecil for his yeoman's effort in giving us the best website of all the senior men's groups in Fairfield County.

I recently created a press release announcing the beginning of our 2014-2015 year and sent it to the Darien Times and the Darien News.

I intend to send monthly communications to the local media and would appreciate assistance. Any volunteers out there?

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dan Benton was born in Racine, WI. in 1947 and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1965. He received a B.A. degree in Economics from Georgetown University in 1969 where he played rugby for four years. He received an M.B.A from the Thunderbird School of International Management in 1975.



He then joined Salomon Brothers and became an institutional salesman in Cleveland, OH. In 1977 he went to London, England, in the same capacity and later was assigned to the Eurobond and non-dollar trading desk. Returning to New York City, he was named to head the commercial paper and medium-term note business. In 1992, he joined J.P. Morgan as a bond trader. He joined Deutsche Bank in 1998 as a managing director and retired in 2008.

Dan and his wife, Margo, live in Darien and are members of the St. Thomas More parish and the Wee Burn Country Club. He is past president of the Darien Beautification Commission and past president and board member of the Darien Youth Hockey Association. He has been an ice hockey referee for 18 years. He is a long time vegetable gardener, an avid woodworker, and an enthusiastic fisherman.

Gus Hedlund was born in 1940 in Charlottesville, VA. and graduated from high school in New Haven, CT., in 1958. He received a degree in electrical engineering from Yale in 1962.

Later that year he became a programmer with IBM and in 1964 joined the United States Army serving six years in the reserves. He worked for several consulting firms on software for the United States Air Force, the United States Navy, and a brokerage firm. In 1970 he helped found a software firm in New York City creating computer systems for the financial industry. The firm was later bought out by McGraw-Hill and Gus retired 1996.



At the start of the 2014-2015 term, there are 278 members including 26 who joined in 2013.

John Podkowsky, Membership Chair

SPEAKERS—SEPT & OCT

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

John Sanden's critical year was 1969 when he decided to leave the Midwest and a long career in Christian art to try his hand at New York City and the world of portrait painting. Within months of arriving, he was appointed to the teaching faculty of the Art Students League, became affiliated with the city's principal portrait brokerage, Portraits, Incorporated, and established a nationwide portrait clientele of the famous, wealthy, and influential. Sanden then launched into an ambitious teaching career. He is the author of four books on portraiture and has done five hundred portraits of prominent figures in American public, professional, and business life.

Arranged by David Mace

He and his wife Patricia live in Darien and have two adult children. Interests include ham radio, reading, Yale Hockey, and Yale Football. An avid sailor, he raced for many years out of the Stamford Yacht Club on his Alden 48 sailboat. He is treasurer of the New Canaan Exchange Club and the Greater Norwalk Radio Club.

Peter Metzger was born in 1934 in Stuttgart, Germany where he attended school and participated in track and field events as well as ballroom dancing. He graduated from the Stuttgart business school and immigrated to the United States in 1956.



In 1957, he joined a metals company in Mexico that needed a manager who spoke German. In 1959 he joined F. W. Woolworth Company and later became sales manager of a Mexican cosmetics company.

In 1964 Peter went to work for Beiersdorf AG, Hamburg, Germany that had re-acquired the trademark Nivea in Mexico and eventually became its president.

In 1974 he became president of Beiersdorf's American subsidiary located in Norwalk, CT and retired in 1998. He lives in Darien and is a member of the Darien Country Club.

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Art Gottlieb will talk about the U.S.S. Intrepid aircraft carrier that was launched in Norfolk in 1943 and saw extensive World War II service in the Pacific. Intrepid has the distinction of being the most attacked U.S. vessel by the Japanese, having absorbed one torpedo hit in addition to being struck by bomb laden Kamikazies five times. Continuously modernized in the 1950's and 60's, Intrepid specialized in anti-submarine warfare in addition to serving three tours of duty off the coast of Vietnam before finally being retired in 1974. Mr. Gottlieb served as an Auxiliary Officer of the United States Coast Guard for 17 years and was Commander of Flotilla 7-2, Division 1 (Southern Region), Sector Long Island Sound North, for four years.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Dan Liberton and **John Bulakowski** will speak on the life of aircraft pioneer Igor I. Sikorsky. Dan is president and John is vice president of the Igor I. Sikorsky Historical Archives Organization.

“The mission of the organization is to acquire, manage, protect, and make accessible to qualified persons for research and educational purposes, historical documents, and memorabilia associated with Igor I. Sikorsky, his life and his careers in aviation. This includes the full history of aircraft design, manufacture, sales, and operational use, as well as film and video materials and models.”

Arranged by Andre Guilbert

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Scott Kuhner, a DMA member, will chronicle the “Atlantic Circle” cruise he and his wife Kitty completed during 2003 – 2005 on their 40-foot sailboat named Tamure. Departing from Lake Worth, Fla., first stop was Bermuda before raising sail for a two week, 2,000 mile trek to the Azores ending up in Portugal. From there it was on to the Canary Islands, Cape Verdes and the start of a 2,300 mile, 16 day, downwind sail to St. Maarten. A leisurely cruise through the Caribbean brought them back to West Palm Beach in May of 2005. Photos of life aboard a sailboat on the open ocean and the harbors they visited make for an entertaining and informative presentation.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Michael Dante is an award-winning actor will talk about his autobiography, *Michael Dante – From Hollywood to Michael Dante Way*. The title is based on a street that was named for him in his hometown of Stamford, Conn. The stories and photographs in the book are Dante’s testament to a life well-lived. “My journey *From Hollywood to Michael Dante Way* has been a long and winding road. I share my experiences in this book as I dreamed and struggled to reach my goals. I lived, worked, and was a part of an electrifying period in Hollywood’s history with many great and talented people.” Michael has appeared, co-starred and starred in approximately 30 feature films and 150 television shows.

Arranged by Alex Garnett

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

William Happer, the Cyrus Fogg Bracket Professor of Physics at Princeton University, is a highly regarded physicist whose research includes selected dynamics of climate change. As such, he is superbly equipped to discuss the roles of natural forces and

fossil fuel-generated CO₂ in climate change. Professor Happer is particularly interested in properly quantifying the greenhouse impact of CO₂.

Arranged by Phillip Meyer

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Mike Santoli is a senior columnist for Yahoo Finance. He writes, analyzes and comments on the economy, the stock markets and corporate news. He is a frequent guest on the various business talk shows and spent several years at *Barron's*.

Arranged by Gehr Brown

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Daryl Hawk, an international documentary photographer, will present a slide show and lecture about “Ladakh: Land of High Passes.” This past April Hawk embarked on a 3,200 mile solitary journey across the kingdom of Ladakh in northern India and the region of Kashmir. Ladakh is a remote and rugged land that separates the peaks of the western Himalaya range from the vast Tibetan plateau. It is one of the highest and driest regions in all of the world and cut off by snow for six months of the year. The tradition of Tibetan Buddhism is found here as a living and thriving religion.

Arranged by Andre Guilbert

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Catellna Horak, is executive director of Neighbors Link in Stamford, Conn. Immigrants make up 40 percent of Stamford’s population. One third of them arrived in the last 14 years. Neighbors Link was created in 2010 to help with the immigrant integration needs of the greater Stamford area. The goal is to help ensure these newcomers become full participants in their new community for their own well-being and for the betterment of the city and region as well.

Arranged by Marc Thorne

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thirty-seven racing fans went on our bi-annual trip to Belmont Park on May 22. It was another successful trip for the DMA (without considering winners and losers at the track). The annual DMA Summer picnic was held on August 14 at Weed Beach and was well attended and enjoyable.

Our early autumn trip will be on Sept. 17. with 39 already signed up. This trip is Mel Klugman's Plan B and is detailed on the attached flyer.

The late autumn trip will be the bi-annual trip to the Goodspeed Opera House with lunch at the Gelston House scheduled for Oct. 30. Details will follow.

Bill Winship, Social Committee Chair

SUMMER DMA ACTIVITIES



IN MEMORIUM
 Louis J. Pernicka
 Harry W. Berkowitz
 William R. Doughman

Taylor Strubinger, Publisher
Frank Kemp, Labels
Bob Miller, Proofreader
Dave Jaycox, Printer