



## Darien Neighbors, Global Players



The Darien  
Community  
Association

*Enriching our community  
in a welcoming, historic  
setting for lifelong  
learning, philanthropy,  
and enjoyment*

This dynamic new executive speaker series will spotlight some of our very own local residents. You may know them as friends or neighbors - but they are also some of the most successful leaders and innovators in their respective fields. They will discuss issues and trends in their industry, share insights about their company, and what they have learned in their business careers. Ticket prices include a reception with wine from JetBlue's Mint premium travel experience, which features some of America's best boutique wines. Attendees will have the opportunity to win special items to benefit the nonprofit mission of the DCA. Purchase series tickets by March 6.

**Robin Hayes** (photo left)  
President and Chief Executive Officer - JetBlue Airways Corporation  
Thursday, March 8 with 7:00pm reception, 7:45pm presentation

**Brian Rolapp** (photo right)  
Chief Media and Business Officer - National Football League  
Thursday, April 19 with 7:00pm reception, 7:45pm presentation

**Steve Wiggins** (photo center)  
Founder and Chairman, Remedy Partners; Managing Director, EW Healthcare Partners  
Tuesday, May 15 with 7:00pm reception, 7:45pm presentation

Presenting Partners:



**Ed and Penny  
Glassmeyer**



Series tickets for all three speakers: \$80 DCA members / \$120 public  
Single speaker tickets: \$30 DCA members / \$45 public  
See our website for more information about the speakers.

# Message to members

## From the president

With the popularity of our fall Art Lecture Series and winter Academic Lecture Series on Global Issues, we thought that a speaker series for the spring would be well-received by the community - especially when the presenters are local residents who are recognized leaders in their respective industries.

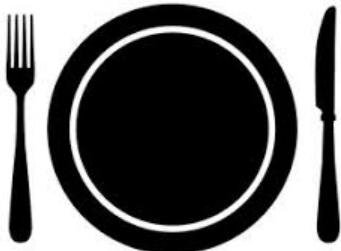
"Darien Neighbors, Global Players" is an evening series over the course of three months, each presentation preceded by a reception with wine from JetBlue's Mint premium travel experience, and with the opportunity to win special items to benefit the DCA's nonprofit mission. We are excited about our speaker lineup, and the generous support of our presenting partners: GE Capital Aviation Services, Ed and Penny Glassmeyer, and the Darien Police Association. We appreciate your support of this new event for the DCA and look forward to seeing you there!

See you at the DCA!

Ulla Kremer

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## Activities & Programs



### Women's Luncheons: "What's For Dinner?" - Local Services and Easy Menus Presented by a Panel

Do you find your family eating take out or scrambling to throw together dinner more often than you would like? Our panel of local experts are here to provide solutions!

The panel will be moderated by Darien's Kevin Coupe of MorningNewsBeat.com, and include local caterer Megan Ruppenstein of Four Forks; food delivery kit expert Kate McMahon; and Holly Skodis of Whole Foods. Together they will provide solutions to your nightly quandary! Audience participation is encouraged.

Men are welcome, too! Luncheon by Michael Joseph's Catering.

**Tuesday, February 6**  
**12:15pm - 2:00pm**

DCA members \$20 / public \$25  
Prepayment is required by noon on Monday, February 5.



### Celebrate Valentine's Day: Rosé Champagne Afternoon Tea

Treat yourself, a friend, or a loved one this St. Valentine's Day, to a Rosé Champagne Afternoon Tea in the DCA's beautiful McKitterick Room.

Choose from a variety of Harney & Sons teas and indulge in a selection of delicate finger sandwiches, freshly-baked scones with clotted cream and jam, and a mouth-watering range of French and English petit fours and pastries. If you enjoyed our annual Christmas tea, or missed the festive event, this is your opportunity to experience a relaxing and elegant afternoon and the return of pastry chef Victoria Truchan of Country House Cuisine.

Victoria Truchan is a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, with degrees in both culinary and baking and pastry arts.

**Thursday, February 8**  
**11:30am - 2:30pm**  
**(Two seatings: 11:30am and 1:00pm)**

DCA members \$40 / public \$45

Prepayment is required by Tuesday, February 6.



### Mah Jongg Classes - Three Options This Winter

#### Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Learn to play American Mah Jongg, a fun and fascinating tile game. Longtime Darien resident Donna Holt will teach players the basics of understanding the tiles and the Mah Jongg card. Rules and strategies of play and game etiquette will be covered. Please order your 2017 card using the phone number on the [nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://nationalmahjonggleague.org) website once the class is confirmed.

**Four Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**9:30am - 12:00pm**

DCA members \$95 / public \$105

Prepayment is required by Friday, February 2.

#### Guided Play: Level 1 for Newer Players

Have you learned to play American Mah Jongg in the last 12 months or so, but haven't had the opportunity to play on a consistent basis? Do you feel you need to sharpen your game and confidence before you jump into the Intermediate Guided Play session? This class is for you, allowing you to continue to grow in confidence as you play Mah Jongg with others at a similar level. Please bring your 2017 card to each class. NOTE: Players should already be familiar with the rules of play and the NMJL card.

**Four Wednesdays: February 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**12:30pm - 3:00pm**

DCA members \$70 / public \$80

Prepayment is required by Monday, February 5.

#### Guided Play: Level 2 for Intermediate Players

The intermediate class is for players with more experience and confidence in their Mah Jongg play. Instructor Donna Holt will oversee play and help with all aspects of the game, from choosing your hand, to guiding the group through any rules or etiquette questions that arise. Please bring your 2017 card to each class. NOTE: Players should already be familiar with the rules of play and the NMJL card.

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# Calendar of Events

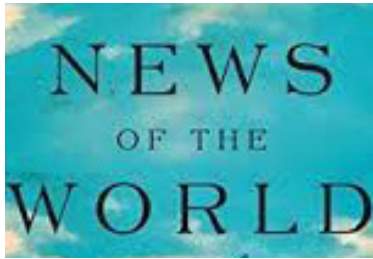
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## Upcoming Events

- March 6, 12:15pm Women's Luncheons: "Our Stone Walls: The Great, The Good and The Truly Awful" featuring Sylvia Reiss
- March 8, 7:00pm Darien Neighbors, Global Players, featuring Robin Hayes - President and Chief Executive Officer of JetBlue Airways Corporation (reception at 7:00pm, presentation at 7:45pm)
- March 12, 12:30pm Page Turners: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- March 14, 1:00pm Flower Arranging Workshop: "Using Green"
- March 30, 10:00am Mom's Morning In Easter Egg Hunt

# Activities & Programs



## Page Turners Book Group

This month's selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

From the *New York Times* best-selling author, Paulette Jiles, this exquisitely rendered and morally complex book is a brilliant work of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

**Monday, February 12  
12:30pm**

Vicki Secrest will lead the discussion at this month's DCA book group meeting.

DCA members are welcome!



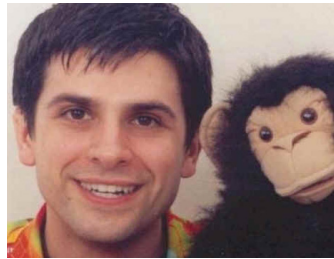
## Bridge 2 Classes

Come alone or with a friend! All of our bridge classes follow the same format. Each class begins with an oral lesson followed by play of the hand. Students should plan on bringing a three ring binder to the first class, as all classes are taught via handouts.

This class is a continuation of Beginner Bridge. Topics will include opening in a minor suit, opener's rebid, responder's bid and rebids, and declarer play. Some basic bridge skills required or Bridge 1. Instructor: Meredith Dunne

**Six Wednesdays: February 21, 28, March 21, 28 and April 11, 18  
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

DCA members \$150 / public \$180  
Prepayment is required by noon on Friday, February 16.



## Mom's Morning In presents Tom Weber

Tom's music is all about the joys of being a kid from the perspective of someone who loved being a kid and still considers himself a big kid! His music is intended to get children moving, singing, feeling confident, and having lots of good old-fashioned fun!

*Parenting Magazine* writes: "Weber's sunny tone sets the perfect mood for those odes to the everyday things a little one encounters, from the alphabet to yucky sandwiches."

**Friday, February 23  
10:00am**

\$10 per child  
Reservations are not required.

## Find out more

Online at [dariendca.org](http://dariendca.org)

Full details for all events and programs are available on our website, under the Activities heading. Look here for all our program details, information on instructors, and online registration.

## DCA Office Hours

9:00am - 3:00pm Monday - Thursday  
9:00am - 12:00pm Fridays

## Inclement Weather

Please keep in mind that the DCA will typically follow any closing/delay decisions of the Darien Public Schools.

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