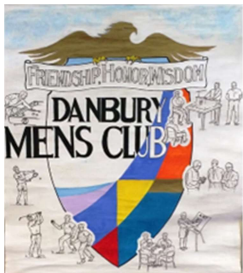


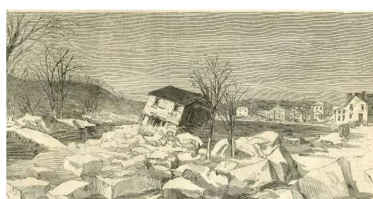
Volume 1 Issue 1 September, 2025 Wayne Covill, Editor covillw@yahoo.com		GDAMC Fall Newsletter
---	---	---

"I have learned that to be with those I like is enough."

– Walt Whitman (an American poet and essayist)

Welcome!

Welcome to the very first edition of the Greater Danbury Area Men's Club **NEW** quarterly digital newsletter. This newsletter is not intended to replace our official Men's Club website (<https://www.gdamc.org/>) calendar, or other communication means to the members, but to complement them. We hope you'll find it interesting and helpful! Please let us know what you think about it! We are always looking for new ideas and contributors, so please don't hesitate to email me with your critiques and/or suggestions.



Local History: Swampfield

To the Algonquian-speaking Native Americans in the region, the area around present-day Danbury was known as Pahquioque. This word apparently referred to both the land and the local inhabitants, who were probably a band of the Paugussett tribe.

The first European settlers arrived from Norwalk in 1684 and called the district Swampfield, for its plentiful wetlands.



Meeting Dates and Featured Speakers This Fall

Meeting Date	Scheduled Speaker
September 24	Jane Sellery is a Genealogist who will help us find if there are any unique details about your earlier relatives.
October 8	Margaret from <i>Wild Birds Unlimited!</i> will let us in on where the birds are, why they are and other helpful birding tips.
October 22	Sergi Kambalov returns to update us on the status of the UN in today's world.
November 12	Bridgid Guertin from the Danbury Museum returns to inform us of history we did not know and an upcoming major celebration.



Group Golf, Bowling.....or Both!

We have two group events in early October that all members are invited to join in on.

On Monday, October 6, the GDAMC will be having an 18-hole scramble at Newtown Country Club. Cost is \$105 for golf, lunch and prizes.

On Wednesday, October 8, the GDAMC will be having their 2nd annual bowling event right after the meeting that day. Bowling is from noon to 2 PM at the Duckpin Lanes, right next door to the meeting hall. Cost is \$2.50 per game.

Some Fun Things to do this Fall:



September:

- 26-28th. Ct. Antique Machinery Assoc. Fall Festival, Kent

<https://kentdispatch.org/connecticut-antique-machinery-association-fall-festival/>

- 26-28th, The Newtown Arts Festival @ Fairfield Hills, Newtown.

<https://newtownartsfestival.com/>

- 27th, Hawk Watch Fest @ The Greenwich Audubon Center, \$30

<https://www.audubon.org/greenwich/explore/hawk-watch-fest-greenwich-audubon-center>

- 27th, Southbury Apple Festival @ S. Britain Congregational Church

<https://www.southbritainchurch.org/applefest>

October:

- 4th, S. Windsor Apple Festival @ John J. Mitchell Fairgrounds

<https://www.swapplefest.com/>

- 5th, Hatter's Park Flea Market, 8-3

- 10-12th, Ct. Garlic & Harvest Festival, Bethlehem Fairgrounds

<https://garlicfestct.com/>

- 12th, Highland Festival & Games of Scotland, Brooklyn (CT) Fairgrounds.

<https://scotlandgames.org/>

- 25th, Halloween on the Housatonic - FREE Fly-Fishing Trip. Check website for additional upcoming events!

<https://www.cvtu.org/new-events/halloween-on-the-housatonic-free-fishing-trip>

November:

- 1-2nd, 46 CT. Fall Home Show @ The CT Convention Center

<https://www.ctconventions.com/event/ct-fall-home-show-2/>

- * **NEW** * **Connecticut Master Chorale** is presenting its annual **Holiday Prelude Concert**, "Season of Joy!" at **3:00 PM** on Sunday, **November 23**, at the First Congregational Church located at 164

Deer Hill Avenue in Danbury. Tickets are \$25 at the door. See Dave Morey for discounted advance tickets for **\$20** at our November meetings.

- 9/25-12/14 Glow Wild Lantern Festival @ Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport

<https://www.beardsleyzoo.org/glow-wild.html>



Looking for even more fun events a little farther afield? Visit:

<https://www.visitnewengland.com/all/events/events/>

<https://destinationdutchess.com/calendar>

<https://travelhudsonvalley.com/events/category/putnam/>

<https://www.visitwestchesterny.com/things-to-do/events/>

Theater:

ACT Theater, Ridgefield:

<https://www.actofct.org/season>

Past Productions:

- Fiddler on the Roof, Jersey Boys, Smokey Joe's Café
- Million Dollar Quartet, Waitress, Kinky Boots

Upcoming Productions:

- Almost Famous – 10/18/25 – 11/23/25
- Frozen – 2/5/26 – 3/8/26
- Dear Evan Hansen – 5/14/26 – 6/21/26

Paramount Hudson Valley Theater, Peekskill:

<https://paramounthudsonvalley.com/events/>

- 1960's Musical Recreation – 9/27/25
- Mandy Patinkin – 10/4/25
- A Bronx Tale, Chaz Palmentieri – 10/10/25
- The Nutcracker – 12/21/25

Music:

WCSU Fall Concert Schedule (Tickets Free, \$10.00 +)

<https://www.wcsu.edu/events/organizer/departments-of-music/>

<https://books.wcsu.edu/books/kkpf/#p=3>

- Alumni Choir, Octoberfest Jazz – 10/4 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00
- Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble – 10/19 @ 3:00 pm – 4:30

- Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra Concert Chorale - 11/16 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30
- Holiday Pops - 12/ 6 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00

Ridgefield Playhouse:

<https://ridgefieldplayhouse.org/>

- Sheryl Crow -10/18/25
- Chris Botti - 12/2/25



FALL CONCERT SERIES 2025

All Concerts take place at 3 pm at the Richter House located at 100 Aunt Hack Rd. Danbury, CT.



SUN
SEPT 7

ONE TRACK MIND

This rock band is known for their high-energy performances of rock, pop, and classic hits. Join us at our newly renovated stage behind Richter House.



SUN
SEPT 14

BERKSHIRE JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Showcasing music from legendary artists like Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman, and Stan Kenton, this 17-member group carries on the rich tradition of the classic jazz orchestra.



SUN
SEPT 21

TONY & THE WEST SIDERS

A genuine blend of classic rock and blues, this CT based band has it all. 1950s rock & roll, to the British Invasion and psychedelic hits of the 60s, the powerhouse rock and pop of the 70s, and the fun, nostalgic favorites of the 80s and beyond.



SUN
SEPT 28

COMEDIAN CHRIS MONTY

On stage, Chris brings a one-of-a-kind energy, blending the smooth charm of a 1960s-era funnyman with a modern flair. His sharp observations and storytelling style echo the kind of comedy that once had The Rat Pack laughing for days.



SUN
OCT 5

HAFEZ AND FRIENDS STRING QUARTET

This newly formed string quartet is already generating buzz across the classical community! Come see them on their tour of exciting repertoire, including traditional string quartet mixed with fresh contemporary works, there's truly something for everyone.



SUN
OCT 12

ROOTS OSCURA SOFT ROCK BAND

This New Haven-based, 6-piece Americana band will knock your socks off with the blending of rich traditions of folk, country, blues and rock. They're best known for their lush vocal harmonies and timeless setlist.



SUN
OCT 19

CATOONAH STREET JAZZ AND BLUES SOCIETY

The Catoonah Street Jazz and Blues Society brings over two decades of performances and the lively spirit of New Orleans jazz to Danbury.



SUN
OCT 26

CLASSICAL PIANIST, BEATRICE LONG

Renowned for her blend of expressive depth and virtuosic flair, Ms. Long has captivated audiences around the world and the United States both as soloist, with orchestras and as Long Duo performances.

(Thank you to Jim Pica and Ron Geck for Events contributions!)



Looking to lose or find some “stuff?” Post your unwanted items or your needs on Buy Nothing: <https://buynothingproject.org/>

Submit your Freebie haves or wants to covilw@yahoo.com to be listed here.

Planning a Fall project? Ralph Eggleston has a 25 lb. bag of QuickCrete and a trowel that need a new home.

Fun Fact:

Tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, and eggplant are all members of the nightshade family. Good thing you didn't know *that* when Mom was insisting that you eat all your vegetables!

Look for the next issue on or about December 10th!



Our "Home Away From Home!"