



# The Old Guardian

Month 2 of our 60<sup>th</sup> year

April 2025

## **“Good morning Old Guard”**

Gentlemen,

Here's what's in the Newsletter:

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## **The President's Corner – John Keleher**

Our last full month of meetings and a full month to host a visitor or induct a neighbor as a new member.

Also, free up some time over the summer to help us continue our volunteer and service functions.

Our group continues to make me proud to be a member.

John

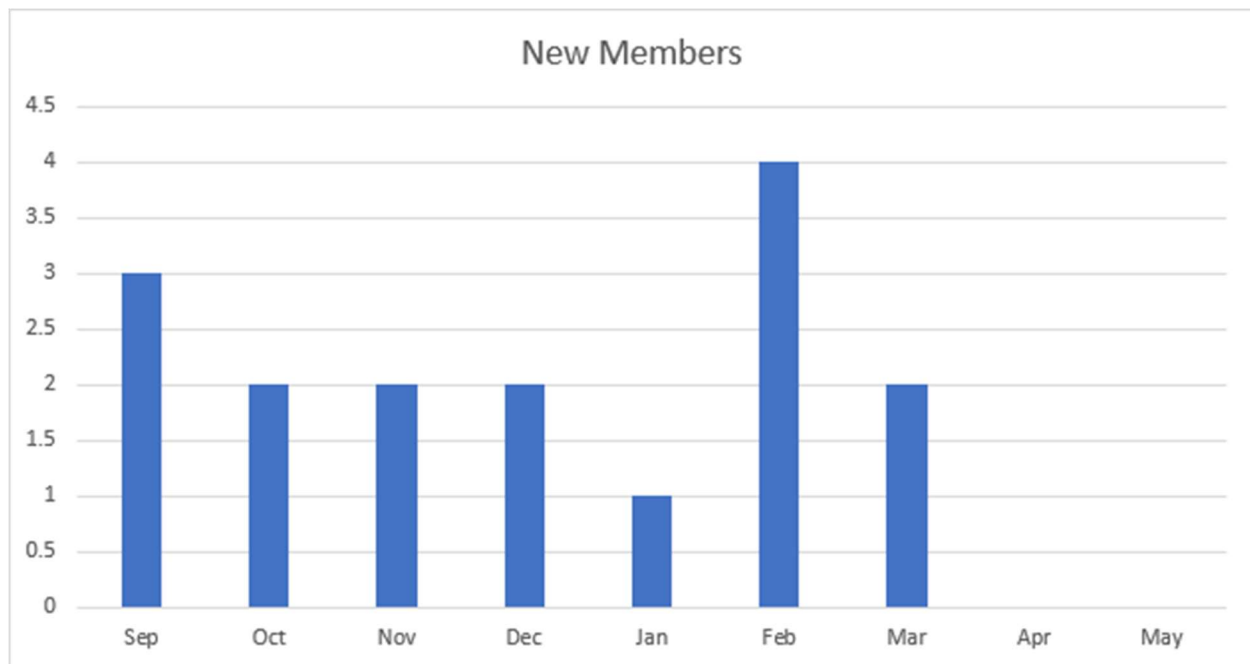
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## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership – Mike Cabrey**

Greetings Old Guard

As we approach the end of the program year, I wanted to thank all of you for your support in increasing our Old Guard membership. As of the writing of this newsletter, we are over 210 members strong. Here is a view of how membership has progressed this program year.



As you can see, we have averaged about two new members each month. We saw a spike in the February time frame based on our WTIC radio spots that were in support of the Salvation Army Holiday Store. We also had several new members who searched us out because they read about us in the West Hartford Newsletter that Don Kauke so wisely contributed to. A big thank you to Don for continuing to push our message out. We still have several potential inductees that are still in communication and are dealing with work or family matters before joining. What I want to emphasize is that current Old Guard members recruiting neighbors and acquaintances continues to be the largest source of new members. We all own a piece of recruiting and retaining our members. As you all have done, continue to solicit new faces and continue to make our new guests feel welcome. It is so encouraging to hear from new members how welcome they all feel each week. Once again, thank you Old Guard for all you do!

Mike

**Golf – Chuck Hasbrouck**

**OG & Friends Golf –  
All Things Golf**



Golf resumes week of April 14<sup>th</sup> with informal golf on Mondays and league play begins on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> with new teams forming.

Contact Chuck if you're interested in playing.

[oldguardgolf@gmail.com](mailto:oldguardgolf@gmail.com)

**Kilwins Swing for the Kids Golf Tournament**

I am pleased to announce the opening of registration for the 2025 Kilwins *Swing for the Kids* Golf Tournament.

I thank Kilwins West Hartford for being the Title Sponsor again this year.

Thank you for participating in last year's event, where we raised over \$9,400 for the YMCA Camp Scholarship Fund. Our ambitious goal this year is to raise \$13,000. Your support this year will help make that happen.

The golf tournament will be held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Again, this year, we will be at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain, with a delicious lunch at The Back Nine Tavern. Registration will be at 9:00, golf at 9:30, and lunch at 1:00.



MAY 20, 2025  
TUESDAY

# Kilwins® SWING FOR THE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

- 9:00 AM CHECK-IN
- 9:30 AM SHOTGUN START  
NINE HOLES  
ON COURSE CONTESTS
- 1:00 PM LUNCH  
SILENT AUCTION  
DOOR PRIZES

RAIN OR SHINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
[oldguardgolf@gmail.com](mailto:oldguardgolf@gmail.com)

REGISTRATION

\$110 GOLF & LUNCH

\$55 LUNCH ONLY

INCLUDES DOOR PRIZE ENTRY

STANLEY GOLF COURSE  
BACK NINE TAVERN  
245 HARTFORD ROAD  
NEW BRITAIN, CT

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:  
MAY 6

\$5  
MULLIGANS

SUPPORTS THE WEST HARTFORD YMCA CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Click this link to the join us. – [Kilwins Registration Form](#).

You can download the file and either open it and type your information, or print it and hand write.

In both cases, send a print copy with your check to the name and address listed on the form. Old Guard members can bring these to the meeting and turn in to Del. Please register right away.

Mulligan Cards, every golfer's best friend, are available for the tournament. They are available in advance or at check-in on the 20th.

I look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

Chuck

(email: [oldguardgolf@gmail.com](mailto:oldguardgolf@gmail.com)).

### **CT Foodshare & The West Hartford Youth Food Program - Jeff Lee**

April brings us a month of Fools, Taxes, and warmer weather...it also brings us more opportunities to battle food insecurity.

Our April First Friday at Foodshare is on the 4th...come out and join us in this great opportunity to help so many in our communities.

This month's food collection Tuesday is at our Old Guard meeting on the 15th. Please bring a bag or two to support The West Hartford Youth Food Program...

Thanks again for your ongoing generosity in supporting these two incredibly important programs.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Jeff

Sign up for this Friday and future CT Foodshare volunteer dates

[Quick Link to CT Foodshare  
Sign-up or Sign-in](#)

### **Habitat ReStore – Ron Robinson**

Habitat - Our next monthly activity is 9:00-12:00 on April 9th at Restore on Cottage Grove Road in Bloomfield.

We could be preparing/displaying donated merchandise, assembling new items or ...???

The real pleasure comes in the camaraderie and knowledge that the money earned from the sale goes toward Habitat's mission of creating affordable home ownership opportunities.

Please consider joining us. You can use this registration link or reach out to me if you have any questions. Thank you.

[Quick Link to Habitat ReStore  
Sign-up or Sign-in](#)

Ron Robinson

**Special Events – Ray Bliss, Paul Dean, Bill O’Connor**

**Members and Guests are cordially invited to the**

**ANNUAL OLD GUARD LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**Hartford Golf Club**

**134 Norwood Road**

**West Hartford, CT**

**Schedule of Events:**

10:30 A.M. Registration

11:00 A.M. Hospitality (Cash Bar)

11:55 A.M. Call for Seating, Ray Bliss

12:00 P.M. Invocation, Rev. John Mitman

12:10 P.M. Welcome to Members, John Keleher

12:15 P.M. Luncheon

1:00 P.M. Presentation of Awards, John Keleher

1:15 P.M. Guest Speaker Introduction, Clement Sayers



Guest Speaker: Lisa Clark, President  
McLean Life Plan Community and McLean Game Refuge  
Simsbury, Connecticut

2:00 P.M. Introduction of New Officers, John Keleher

2:15 P.M. Passing of the Gavel & Remarks, John Keleher to Clement Sayers

Entrée Choices: Grilled Chicken Piccata, Baked Halibut or Eggplant Rollatini

Includes: Seasonal Chopped Salad with creamy vinaigrette, vegetables, crispy pita chips, potato

Dessert: Carrot Cake with strawberry garnish

**RSVP by May 2, 2025, \$50 per pp payable to Old Guard, Inc**

**[Link to Reservation Form.](#)**

## **Historian – Tew DuBois**

As Historian I maintain a list of Old Guard members who pass away between 5/1/24-4/30/25.

Should you learn of a member of the Old Guard who passed away—perhaps in the Courant, by word of mouth, or however, let me know.

Thanks,

Tew

## **Meals on Wheels – Dale Richter**

Delivering meals since 1966.

Over 30 members volunteer for this important program.

Contact Dale Richter if you would like to join a team –

Calendar

<https://ctoldguard.org/meals-on-wheels/>

## **Foodbank – Lou Aiello, Mike Feehan**

During April we will be asking for your updated donations to the West Hartford Foodbank, CT Foodshare, Loaves & Fishes, House of Bread., and West Hartford Foodbank.

Total donations to our charities since September are \$24,565 includes:

- CT. Foodshare \$24,815
- Loaves & Fishes \$1,000.
- West Hartford Foodbank \$1,150.
- House of Bread \$1,000.
- West Hartford Youth program value of bagged groceries \$9,110.  
(includes March donations of \$1,460)

**CT Foodshare matching gifts this month:**

**1x Matching Gifts \$10,250,**

**2x Matching Gifts \$5,000,**

**3x Matching Gifts \$420**

**CT. Foodshare current total plus 5x food value is \$214,685.**

Contact Lou or Mike to record your charitable donations for the Old Guard FoodBank.

## **BOWLING - Tom Goodrum**

2 weeks left - Come and join us for Fellowship and Fun. Bowling continues Thursday morning at 9:30 am at:

Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama,

2143 Berlin Turnpike in Newington.

No experience is necessary. The cost is \$8.25 per person for the three games, including shoes and balls that are provided.

Our last bowling date for the season is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Nostalgia Corner**

How many can you name?



**Message from Clint Eastwood – I get up every day and “Don’t Let the Old Man In”**

To listen click on Clints’ Photo or the YouTube link below  
(Thank you, Gary Banks, for this contribution)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjcESAljVSM>

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## **April Storytellers**

**April 1 - John Keleher – “My Athletic Education part 3” (April Fools)**

**April 8 - Ed Turbert – “Old Wethersfield - Thomas Newsom - Two Eustatius”**

**April 15 - Bob Ike – “History of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.”**

**April 22 - Bernie Weiss – “Adapting to Technology”**

**April 29 - Jim Doran – “Thanks”**

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## April Speakers

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – Richard Voigt – “Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo, and Edsel Ford, Two Communists and a Titan of Capitalism, create the Detroit Industry Murals.”**



Richard Voigt is a graduate of Wesleyan University and of the University of Virginia Law School. Before entering private practice, he served as the Assistant Counsel for Regional Litigation in the Solicitor's Office of the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C.. In private practice, he ultimately became a partner in the Hartford office of the law firm of McCarter & English and served as a Para judicial Officer for the U.S. District Court for Connecticut before retiring.. He was recognized in Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA Best Lawyers in Their Field, and Connecticut Super Lawyers, He is a frequent lecturer at the Presidents' College at the University of Hartford and at Wesleyan University's Wasch Seminars program and currently serves as a Trustee for the Hartford Art School Endowment, Inc. and as a tutor in the Academic Support Center at CT State College-Manchester. He is a proud member of the Old Guard.

**April 8<sup>th</sup> – Tony Karlowicz (Co-Founder) Back East Brewing Co.**



Since 2012, Back East Brewing Company has been committed to producing authentic and unique beers that push the boundaries of regular brewing styles and categories. We are proud to serve our customers with only the best, continually crafting each taste until it is exactly right. Every day, we are driven by our core values: delivering quality flavors, honoring our customers, and celebrating the culture of beer. Experience it for yourself by joining us!

**April 15<sup>th</sup> - Michelle Murphy, Aurora Women and Girls Foundation**



**MISSION:** The Aurora Women and Girls Foundation galvanizes resources to increase economic security, educational attainment, and leadership for women and girls in the Greater Hartford region.

**VISION:** We envision strong, equitable communities in which all women and girls realize their potential and are full, valued, and sought-after participants — economically, politically, and socially.

Our mission, vision, values, and strategies support all women and girls inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.



**April 22<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Ruth Mitman PhD. - Aging Well Together**



Founder, and president of The Mitman Group, is a 50-plus market advisor with over 30 years of experience studying the mature market. A Ph.D. graduate in Gerontology, Transportation and Education from Michigan State University, Ruth has a diverse professional background in striving to improve the quality of life for the older population.

Dr. Mitman was a Corporate Gerontologist at The Hartford Financial Services Group, has served on the faculty of the College of Lifelong Learning at Michigan State University and was a consultant for AARP.

Ruth lives in West Hartford with her husband, The Rev. John Mitman. They have two children and four grandchildren.

#### **April 29<sup>th</sup> - Robin Clare, Executive Director, Senior Jobs Bank**



Robin brings a wealth of business knowledge to our organization. She has a genuine desire to help our community receive vital services and support our seniors to connect with opportunities to use their experience and wisdom.

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**Your officers for 2024-2025**

**John Keleher, President**

**Clem Sayers, Vice-President**

**Arthur Greene, Secretary**

**Stephen Schneeberger, Asst. Secretary**

**Jim Palma, Corresponding Secretary**

**Stephen Guest, Treasurer**

**William O'Connor, Asst. Treasurer**

**Tew DuBois, Historian**

**John Mitman, Chaplain**

**Ed Turbert – Past President**

**Committee Chairs 2024-2025**

**Mike Cabrey, Membership**

**Don Kauke, Communications**

**Russ Jones – Nominating Committee**

**Bernie Weiss and Jim Doran, Storytellers**

**Gary Banks, Information & Technology**

**Bernie Weiss, Senior Job Bank**

**Paul Dean & Ray Bliss, Special Events**

**David Mangs, Music**  
**Parker Simonds, Hospitality**  
**Jeff Lee, CT Foodshare, West Hartford Youth Food program**  
**Lou Aiello and Mike Feehan, Foodbank**  
**Ron Robinson, Habitat for Humanity**  
**Dale Richter, Meals on Wheels**  
**Larry Carr, Salvation Army**  
**Bill O'Connor, UCONN Health Center**  
**Chuck Hasbrouck - Golf**  
**Tom Goodrum, Bowling**  
**Dan Tracy, Audit**

Art Greene, Secretary

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