

DMA Meeting Notes of October 1, 2014

Attendees: 103

Guests: 1

Robert Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00. Bob Baker announced that dues were still coming in but several members had not paid. John Podkowsky distributed the new Member Directory and acknowledged the contribution that Kenya Haddock has made over the past decade to this project.

Michael Dante began his talk with a clip of various roles he had over his long acting career. Born in Stamford in 1939, Michael began acting in fourth grade when his teacher recognized his talent and coerced him into performing in a school play. While he enjoyed it he choose to be a baseball player the rest of his school time and began his first career as a baseball player. An injury forced him to choose another career, that of an actor. He was fortunate to have the friendship of Thomas Dorsey who arranged a screen test for home. It was successful and his acting career took off. He starred in over 30 films and 150 TV shows. He strived to fine-tune his craft and carefully chose his roles. He also had a successful career as a talk radio host.

Michael has remained closely tied to his childhood home, Stamford, CT., and has a street named after him there.