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September  
is national  
Classical Music  
Month!



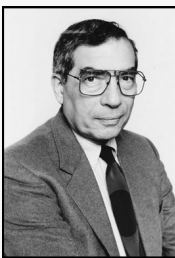
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## September 2014

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24th at 2:00 pm in the Hagaman Library DeMayo Community Room.

This month we have a seasoned advocate speaking on a very important matter regarding veterans. Using a particular case he handled as a starting point, Attorney Burton Weinstein, who has visited us before, will speak about your rights as a veteran and the need for an executive order to prevent destruction of patient records and complaints. Because this issue affects all veterans, please notify any veterans and veterans' organizations you know to share their experience and learn what to do about inadequate care and respect for veterans. Mr. Weinstein says the *New Haven Register* will be sending a reporter and photographer if there are enough people and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and her aide will be invited as well as other veterans organizations. Channel 8 may be there if enough people show up. This is a very important matter, and Attorney Weinstein is the perfect advocate to address this issue and promote awareness of it for all veterans.



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### *Frost Time*

by Faux Poe

*Yes it's here. We must heed.*

*Warm days chilly nights proceed.*

*Fireplaces light each burning ember.*

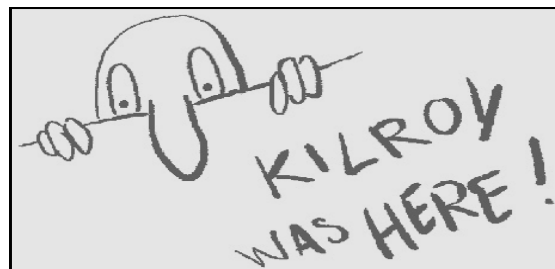
*Remind us all it's now September.*

*Fall is here with it's glorious splendor.*

*Nature provides with yearly September.*

### SONGS WE'LL SING IN SEPTEMBER:

BLUE SKIES  
BABY FACE  
TOOT, TOOT, TOOTSIE  
ON TOP OF SPAGHETTI



*Hmmm. . . Have you ever wondered? . . .*

Did you ever hear someone say,  
“Boy, he really takes the cake!”

Well, *just where* does he take it? Comedian George Carlin had this to say: “You know where I’d take the cake? Down to the bakery! To see all the other cakes!”



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nick Bagnoli 9/8  
Rose Bernabucci 9/8  
Johannes Bendt 9/9  
Kate Heermans 9/13  
Jo Consolatore 9/23  
Mrs. Palumbo 9/24  
Floyd Abbot 9/28

**GEM OF THE MONTH:**

***"Wise men speak because they have something to say.  
Fools speak because they have to say something." — Plato***

**Soo-chow—P.O.W. Pooch - by Steve Dougherty**  
(from the book *The Ghost Soldiers*, by Hampton Sides)

Prior to the order to evacuate Shanghai in February 1940, the US Marine garrison adopted a street dog there which they named "Soo-chow." The dog stayed with the Marines throughout the Battle of Bataan, Philippines, and he always had the protection of the Marines, lest he become a starving soldier's dinner. Following the surrender and the Bataan Death March, superstitious Japanese soldiers gave Soo-chow food and water, as well as respect they would deny to humans.



Soo-chow would follow the Allied POWs into captivity at Cabanatuan, the site of the infamous daring raid led by Army Rangers to liberate the POWs in late January 1945. While at the camp, the Marines held Soo-chow in such high regard that during special events he would be accorded his own seat. All were warned that they would face dire consequences if he were to be harmed. When the raid to liberate the prisoners took place, an elderly British Naval officer, deafened by a Japanese bomb and seriously ill with dysentery, was unaware of the battle raging outside the hospital latrine. Soo-chow remained with him until the Rangers re-entered the camp four days later to recover camp records and prisoner memorabilia.



Source:  
Marine Corps  
Legacy Museum

At left: Marine POW Paul J. Wells with Soo-chow. Wells was one of the sickest survivors of the POW camp. Soo-chow flew with him to the U.S.

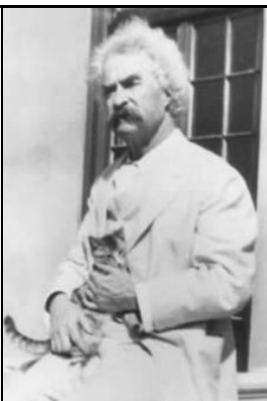
Soo-chow was brought to the U.S. and was made a Marine Sergeant. When he passed away in 1948 he was buried with full military honors at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in California.

**DID YOU KNOW?****Mark Twain (1835-1910) loved cats!**

He once said, *"I simply can't resist a cat, particularly a purring one. They are the cleanest, cunningest, and most intelligent things I know, outside of the girl you love, of course."*

Twain also had this to say of cats: *"Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made slave of the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat."*

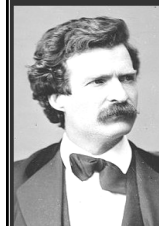
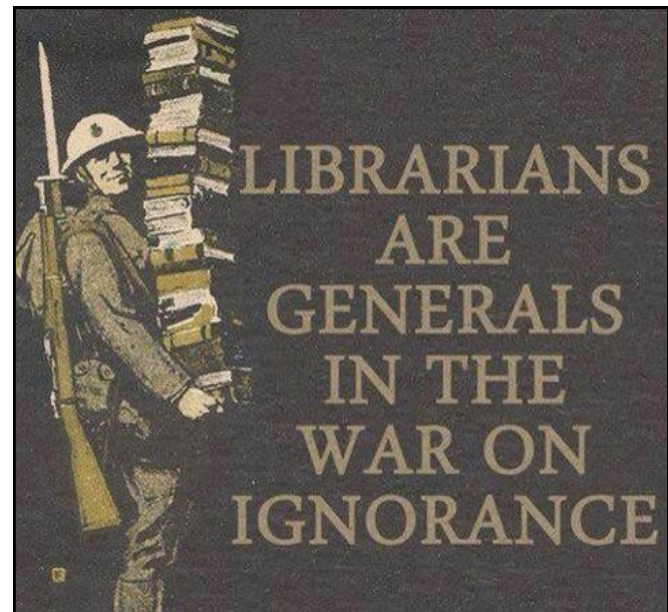
Twain had several cats and he gave them inventive names which included: Sour Mash, Famine, Pestilence, Sin, and Satan. (Imagine a cat named Satan!)



Twain with cat.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:**

Raymond Carrier and Ted Aub of the Marine Corps League gave their Forever Wave flag history presentation—a very interesting showing of flags throughout American history. Afterward they presented Fawn with a DVD of their program and an award of appreciation to the Hagaman Library. (below)



***A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.***

(Mark Twain)