

Stonebridge Men's Club

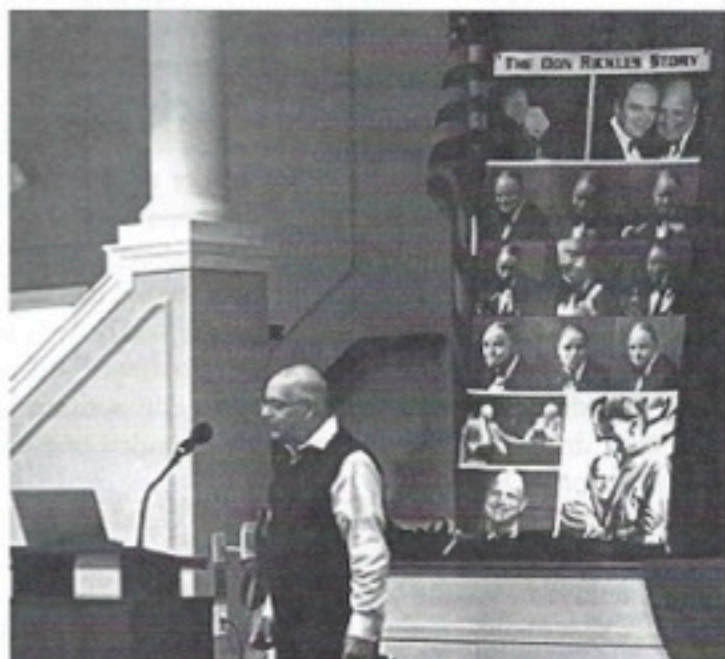
Don Marino

On behalf of the Stonebridge Men's Club, I would like to wish our neighbors and their families a happy and healthy New Year. I hope that you all enjoyed a very pleasant and safe holiday season. As we enter a new year, it is a good time to reflect on what the Men's Club has accomplished over the past year. During the course of 2024 the Men's Club held monthly programs for its members with speakers on a variety of topics including famous entertainers, sports personalities and state and local history. We also held outings to Freehold Raceway and a minor league baseball game.

As much as we enjoyed these events, our most rewarding activities were our fundraising efforts, which included mail solicitation, golf outing sponsors, holiday chocolate purchases, a Community bowling event, weekend breakfasts and 50-50 raffles. These efforts produced over \$9,000 which has been donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Breast Cancer Fund, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Monroe Township Food Bank, K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Veterans Homes and scholarships to students at Monroe Township High School. We are thankful for the many contributors that helped make our fundraising efforts a great success.

The Men's Club ended 2024 by hosting its annual Holiday Party for its members on December 4. It was a great evening with over 150 members in attendance. Those present enjoyed a variety of delicious Italian food catered by Romeo's of Jamesburg. The evening was topped off with guest speaker Sal St George who delivered a multimedia presentation about the comedy legend, Don Rickles, better known as Mr. Warmth. He explored both sides of this comedy genius, who was at one time a dramatic actor. Sal is an award-winning playwright, comedy writer, theatrical director and Hollywood historian. It was a terrific evening of food, friends and laughs. As we enter 2025, our first meeting on January 27 will feature James Calaski, a historian who will give a presentation on the famous Hindenburg Disaster which took place in New Jersey in 1937. Our February 24 meeting will feature Mayor Stephen Dalina as our guest speaker for what looks to be an eventful meeting. Be on the lookout for emails and postings on the Clubhouse monitor regarding these and the many other events that have been planned for 2025.

Our sincere thanks to Charlie Zeichner and his Activities Committee for putting together these events. If you wish to enjoy memorable events and activities



Sal St George talking about Don Rickles

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