

Speaker Lineup 2024-25

Thur., September 19, 2024

Malcolm Nance is an international counter-terrorism, intelligence, and foreign policy expert who will share his vast knowledge about the very real threats to American and Western democracy from both inside and out. Nance spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy specializing in Naval Cryptology, has testified before Congress, authored several books, lectures widely, and regularly appears on multiple media outlets.



Mark Twain has been called "The Lincoln of our Literature" for the transformative figure he carved as a storyteller. Retired Indiana University English professor emeritus Dr. David Nordloh will share the breadth and depths of this elemental American personality highlighting Twain's powerful language skills in revealing the human condition, especially in his classic book "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Thur., February 20, 2025

You surely know about the Underground Railroad's land routes, but did you know that thousands of slaves escaped on ships from our NC coastal communities known as the Maritime Underground Railroad? Co-authors Tim Allen and Steve Miller have amazing stories to tell about how slaves did it, their unique communication systems, who helped them, and where they ended up.

Thur., April 17, 2025

We end our season on a high note literally! Steve Friedman is an internationally recognized Broadway Musical historian, classically trained tenor, and one-time actor himself who will entertain us with a peek inside the Golden Age of Musical Theater of the '50s & '60s. We'll hear behind-thescenes back stories and plenty of our favorite songs!



Malcom Nance



Dr. David Nordloh



Tim Allen



Steve Miller



Steve Friedman



Dr. Michael Bitzer



Thur., January 23, 2025

political observer.

Thur., October 17, 2024 Dr. Michael Bitzer is always our

cherished "go-to" analyst on all things

one of our more contentious national

College professor for more than two

decades, currently chairs its Politics

elections. Dr. Bitzer has been a Catawba

Department, and is a much sought-after

political and is ready to share his

expertise about what our political landscape looks like as we approach

Eric Melton is a caricature artist – no, NOT a cartoonist. What's the difference? Learn how this local award-winning phenom from Concord developed his signature style starting in kindergarten. And you could walk away with one of his masterpieces! We'll draw the names of several attendees and Eric will sketch you on the spot!





Michel Picaud

Thur., March 20, 2025

Michel Picaud, one of the most preeminent experts on the restoration of the Notre Dame cathedral, will regale us on the painstaking efforts to bring this world-renowned gem back to life from a devastating fire five years ago to its joyous reopening in December. Picaud heads the leading international fundraising organization for Notre Dame and has witnessed every step of the process.

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Member Dinner Program fee: \$50/pp Non-Member Dinner Program fee: \$70/pp

Location: Country Club of Salisbury

Time: 6:30 cocktails, 7:00 dinner, 8:00 presentation For dinner reservations, contact President Gerry Wood:

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