

Speaker Lineup 2025-26

Thur., September 18, 2025

He's the guy you love to hate. But you'll love him in person! Concord resident Dan Truhitte played the young Nazi turncoat in *The Sound of Music* and will regale us with his journey to the silver screen along with fun behind-the-scenes stories – a fitting presentation on this 60th anniversary of the release of this movie classic.



Dan Truhitte

Thur., November 20, 2025

Remember the young missionary who, in 2018, tried to convert indigenous islanders in the Indian Ocean only to be killed by them? Historian & author Adam Goodheart has that story along with plenty of his own & others' from similar trips to the homes of the last hunter-gatherers on earth, and how the modern age is drawing ever closer to their shores.



Adam Goodheart

Thur., February 19, 2026

So what in the world is bitcoin? Or cryptocurrency? Where did they come from? How do you determine their value? Are they wise investments? How do people make money from them? Or lose it? Respected investment advisor Gerald Townsend will have all the answers and promises to provide them in a simple, understandable way!



Gerald Townsend

Thur., April 16, 2026

Did you ever think how much we owe France for our independence? Who's to say if we'd be celebrating the 250th anniversary this year of the founding of our nation without the Marquis de Lafayette? Colonial Williamsburg's Mark Schneider will share the story of how this man not only fought in the Continental Army but also got the French King to provide critical arms and money to the upstart colonists.



Mark Schneider

Thur., October 16, 2025

Another memorable anniversary this year is the 80th since the end of WWII in 1945, and author Don Aines has a book-full of forgotten tales from that conflict. We'll hear stories of courage, daring, & downright stupidity, some of which would challenge the imaginations of not only Hollywood scriptwriters but ours as well!



Don Aines

Thur., January 15, 2026

Did you know that ages before the dawn of modern medicine, animals have been harnessing the power of nature to heal themselves? Emory University professor Jaap De Roode has the astonishing stories of how everything from ants to apes, bees to bears, & cats to caterpillars treat themselves, and how much we can learn from them!



Dr. Jaap De Roode

Thur., March 19, 2026

Get a peek into the international world of spying with one of the most preeminent experts in counterterrorism. Dexter Ingram will share his personal collection of spy gadgets, surprise us with the names of celebrity spies, & trace the history of espionage from using the simplest of tools to today's techno/cyber methods and which countries America should fear most.



Dexter Ingram

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Member Dinner Program fee: \$60/pp
Non-Member Dinner Program fee: \$80/pp
Location: Country Club of Salisbury
Time: 6:30 cocktails, 7:00 dinner, 8:00 presentation
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