

## ALL PUNS INTENDED (with thanks to Alan Fleischer)

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love, and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other "Does this taste funny to you?"

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

Two Eskimos sitting in kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

## JANUARY SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church.)

Jan 2 No meeting.

Jan 9 Lucio A. Noto will speak to us on the topic "Energy Policy - or the Lack Thereof." Mr. Noto is the Managing Partner of Midstream Partners, LLC, a private investment company specializing in the development of energy-related projects. Previously, he was Vice Chairman of Exxon Mobil Corp. Prior to the merger of Exxon and Mobil in 1999 he was Chairman of the Board and CEO of Mobil Corp since 1994. Mr. Noto graduated with a degree in Physics from the University of Notre Dame and earned his MBA from Cornell University.

Jan 16 William J. McCabe of New Canaan will speak to the Senior Men's Club on Friday January 16, 2009 at St. Marks Church on a few aspects of his varied career. His presentation will cover two subjects: 1) A century of US Navy submarine and fleet ballistic missile development, and 2) Apollo - America's race to the Moon and how it was done. Mr. McCabe is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. In addition to the Navy, his career includes service with General Electric, General Motors and U.S. Surgical.

Jan 23 Michael R. Marks, MD, MBA, Chief of the Norwalk Hospital Medical Staff and an Orthopaedic Surgeon with Coastal Orthopaedics, is internationally recognized for his leadership in orthopaedic surgery. His area of expertise focuses on hip replacements, total knee replacements, spinal diseases and sports injuries. Dr. Marks will discuss how to treat osteoarthritis today in 2009. He will explain what osteoarthritis is and the treatments available both non-operatively and operatively including total hips and total knee replacements.

Jan 30 Doug Painter has served on the staff of National Shooting Sports Foundation since 1973, was named President in 2002, and currently is NSSF's Senior Advisor and Trade Liaison. The NSSF is the trade association for the firearms industry. A life-long hunter and shooter, Mr. Painter has written extensively on a broad range of shooting sports topics as well as on wildlife conservation and the hunter's role in wildlife management. He'll address the industry's long range perspective and investment in America's great natural resources and wildlife heritage.

**HELP GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP:** Please stop by the Membership Committee desk just inside the door on Fridays and pick up an Application Form for the Senior Men's Club to give to a neighbor or friend. This is a good time to invite your friends to join as there is no waiting list. Paul Stein, Membership Chairman

**WINTER WEATHER NOTICE** SMC will not hold a meeting if the schools are closed. If there's a delayed school opening, we will meet as usual. If there's a storm on a school holiday, check the SMC website or have a friend do it for you.

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- Jan** No trip is currently planned for January.
- Feb** We are investigating a trip to the New York Historical Society. Details will be forthcoming at the weekly meetings and in the next newsletter.
- Mar 26 (Thur)** Get a handle on Handel at our annual trip to a NY Philharmonic open rehearsal. British conductor Nicholas McGegan leads the orchestra in Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks* and two concerti, plus selected arias with the acclaimed German-born soprano Christine Schafer, who sings everything from Bach to Alban Berg. Lunch follows at Tavern on the Green. Depart St. Mark's at 7:45-8:00 a.m. Probable cost \$95.00 per person. Our host will be Tracey Mackle (966-1149).

**Please note:** As a reminder, the Couth policy is as follows: The sign-up sheet is to be used as an indication of interest and intent to participate, but not to establish a reservation. The date of the check receipt by the Couth Committee will be the control of a confirmed reservation.

## ACTIVITIES

- Amateur Chefs** The chefs will meet at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 15. Details to follow at the Friday meetings and on the website. Attendance is limited to 12 chefs.  
Bert Liebelt (966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (966-7217)
- Bridge** Bridge follows weekly meetings. Games last until about 2:00 p.m. Sign up before the meeting or at start of the break at the Couth Desk. A post-meeting drawing establishes who'll go to Lapham Center for play.  
Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Paddle Tennis** Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 at Waveny. A Rec Department permit is required. \$10 ball fee.  
George Perkins (972-6852)
- Photography** The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 13th and Tuesday, February 10th at 1:30 pm in the Lapham Center Computer Room. Topics will be announced at SMC Meetings.  
Jack Messert (966-8754)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA.  
Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** The planes will be flying Thursday, January 8th at 1:00 p.m. at Lapham Community Center.  
Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Trailblazers** We're done for the season.  
Ray Davis (940-3013)
- 4F Luncheon** Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is the Fourth Friday, Jan 23. The site will be announced at Friday meetings. All are invited to join in, especially newer members who will find the group always hospitable. Sign up at the Couth desk, either before 10 a.m. or during the coffee break.  
Don Tiefenthaler (966-5794)

**MEMBER DUES** Jim Davis, club treasurer, will be happy to receive payment of your Senior Men's Club dues of \$35 for the 2009 calendar year. Your prompt payment will help out by eliminating the need for follow-up reminders. You may pay Jim any Friday, by check to SMCNC, or mail your payment to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840.

**ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE** - Don't trust that friend. The chances are only 1 in 4 that the three coins will be all heads or all tails. Or, said another way, the odds are 3 to 1 against all heads or all tails.

**THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE** - Mister Ladybug meets Miss Ladybug on the petals of a flower. "I'm a boy," says the one with the red dots. "I'm a girl," says the one with the yellow dots. Then they both laugh because at least one of them is lying. From that information, can you tell which one has the yellow dots and which has the red?



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