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SOME NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird, so sleep late.

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

Jan 1 No meeting.

Jan 8 Scott Graham and Mario Bruno will address the question :"Are We Ready, Metro New York?" Mr. Graham and Mr. Bruno are the Chief Response Officers for the American Red Cross's Greater New York Chapter and Connecticut Chapter respectively. They will focus on what is being done at the State, Regional and National levels preparing our communities for disasters both man-made and natural for which we are at risk. They will also discuss the readiness and capacity building that the American Red Cross is doing both locally in Connecticut and in the New York Metro Region.

Jan 15 Using color slides, our own Craig Wright will speak on another vacation destination, "Namibia -The Skeleton Coast-PLUS". This exotic country in Southwest Africa contains an exceptional number of natural wonders. These include ghost towns surrounded by alluvial diamonds loose in the sand, the largest known meteorite in the world, the most magnificent sand dunes on earth, mysterious "Fairy Circles", blanket thick coastal fogs, basking fog beetles, phonolitic rocks and roaring sands. To this collection he will add the teaming mammals of Etosha National Park.

Jan 22 Philip D. Restifo will speak to the issue of "Commercial Real Estate: Is there light at the end of the tunnel or is it an oncoming train?" Mr. Restifo is president and chief operating officer of Haveland Estates, LLC, a property investment and management concern. Prior to the co-founding of Haveland, Mr. Restifo served as President, Chief Investment and Chief Operating Officer, of the JSKarlton Company. His 38-year career in real estate began in New York as a leasing specialist with Cushman and Wakefield, Inc., then as a Managing Director of the Galbreath-Ruffin Corporation.

Jan 29 Harlan Anderson, a twenty year member of the Senior Men's Club of New Canaan was the co-founder of Digital Equipment Corporation in 1957, which at its peak was the second largest computer company in the world. His talk, entitled "The Rise and Fall of a Computer Empire" will report on the DEC portion of his new autobiography "Learn, Earn and Return, My Life as a Computer Pioneer." He will include his learning about computers at the birth of the computer industry at the University of Illinois and M.I.T. and the early days of DEC and what happened after he left. He lived in New Canaan for 42 years and has been active in many of the local non profit organizations and has served as a trustee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

COUTH

Here's the initial schedule for the first half of 2010, plus the special September trip. Details will be announced at the Friday meetings, on the website, and in future newsletters.

January - No Couth Event Planned

February - Culinary Institute of America (Host Don Hunziker)

March - New York Philharmonic Rehearsal (Hosts Tracey Mackle and Pete Stair)

April 21st - Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Tour (Hosts Pete Stair and Tracey Mackle)

May - Essex Steam Train and Riverboat Ride (Host Mike Alloca)

June - Belmont Racetrack (Hosts Jack Murray and Stan Stanziale)

September 16 -24 - Collettevacations.com have been able to accommodate our 22 sign-ups for the 9 day, "Canadian Rockies by Train" tour. This tour will take us from Vancouver, BC by overnight-day train in dome cars traveling through the Columbia Ice Fields and Jasper. Luxury bus for Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary. Hotel stays at Westin and Fairmont Hotels including the Fairmont Lake Louise. Special SMC rate \$3,699 per person. More spaces may be available. For a brochure, contact Bob Witt 203 966 2892.

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 (Check the website at SMCNC.ORG for updates)

Amateur Chefs	The chefs will meet at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, January 21. Details will follow at the Friday meetings and on the website. Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217)
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. Eric Musa (203-966-3125)
Paddle Tennis	Play has begun. Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 at Waveny. A Rec Department permit is required. \$10 ball fee. Steve Rowley (203-966-2376), John Ross (203-966-8339)
Photography	The next meeting will be announced at the Friday meetings and on the web. Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
Racquetball	Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (203-966-4849)
Trailblazers	Listen at the Friday meetings and check the website for more details on any upcoming hikes. Ray Davis (203-940-3013)
4F Luncheon	Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is the Fourth Friday, January 22. 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 (203-966-5794)

MEMBER DUES Bob Spence, club treasurer, will be happy to receive payment of your Senior Men's Club dues of \$35 for the 2010 calendar year. Your prompt payment will help out by eliminating the need for follow-up reminders. You may pay Bob any Friday, by check to SMCNC, or mail your payment to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840.

NEW MEMBERS - We have no new members since the last newsletter.

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