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MARRIAGE and AGING

After being married for 45 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Darling, 45 years ago we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25-year old girl. Now I have a \$1,000,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed, and a plasma screen TV. But I am sleeping with a 70-year old woman. It seems to me you are not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 25-year old girl, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch TV. Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your mid-life crisis.

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," he said, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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

- Jan 7 SMC Member and First Selectman Jeb Walker will address the State of New Canaan and upcoming budget discussions. Jeb has been a resident of New Canaan since 1978. He received his BA from Georgetown University after which he served as a commissioned officer in the Army and was awarded the Bronze Star in Viet Nam. He joined IBM in sales and management. After IBM, he then joined Deloitte & Touche in their consulting function. Jeb retired as a partner from Deloitte in 2002 and has since been involved in community service.
- Jan 14 Our speaker will be fellow SMC member and longtime New Canaan resident Raud Johnson. He will be telling us about the history, destruction and eventual rebuilding of the Berlin City Palace. A graduate of Princeton and Harvard Law School, he was initially employed by White and Case, leaving there to go to Washington as General Counsel of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration. After NOAA, he served as Corporate Affairs Counsel for General Electric. He is an accomplished artist and singer, as well as a student of European and German history.
- Jan 21 Paula Flynn and Patrica Murphy will tell us "How to keep Yourself and Your Loved ones from Getting Sick while in the Hospital." Ms. Flynn is a registered nurse, licensed in CT, NY, and FL for over 30 years, with a diverse medical experience providing nursing care and management in Critical Care, Home Care Case Management, education of staff and families in Long Term Care, Research and Infection Prevention. Ms. Murphy has been a registered nurse for 27 years, licensed in CT and NY, and working in the areas of cardiac and surgical intensive care, adult/pediatric home care, and ambulatory surgery.
- Jan 28 Our speakers will be Robert Doran (President) and Lynn Bolton (Vice-president) of the Town Players of New Canaan. Mr. Doran currently runs a marketing communications agency with offices in Connecticut and New York. With The Town Players of New Canaan he has been a producer, director, production designer, and an actor for over 25 years including *Love Letters* with Lynne Bolton. She has appeared with the Town Players as Lady Alice in *A Man for All Seasons*, Pfeni in *The Sisters Rosensweig*, Mrs. Gibbs in *Our Town* and in *Love Letters*. She recently directed *Arcadia* and *Copenhagen* for the Town Players and is currently directing *Mauritius* in Westport.

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