

NEWSLETTER

NOT ALL WORK EXPERIENCE IS THE SAME FOR ALL PROFESSIONS

Ray and Bob, two career government mechanical engineers, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bob, "but we don't have a ladder." The woman said, "Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox." She loosened a few bolts, then laid the pole down. She then took a tape measure from their toolbox, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches" and walked away. Ray shook his head and laughed. "Ain't that just like a 'Miss-know-it-all' woman?" he said. "We need the height and she gives us the length!" Bob and Ray are still working for the government!"

MANY THINGS MIGHT BE LEARNED AFTER TIME IN A CONFESSION BOOTH

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl." The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey?" "Yes, Father, it is." "And who was the girl you were with?" "I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation." "Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minette?" "I cannot say" "Was it Nina Capelli?" "I'm sorry, but I cannot name her." "Was it Cathy Piriano?" "My lips are sealed Father." The priest sighs in frustration. "You are very tight lipped and I admire that. But you have sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself." Joey walks back to his pew and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?" Joey smiles and says, "Four months vacation and four excellent leads!"

JANUARY SPEAKERS – (Meetings are at 10:00am in Morrill Hall, St Mark's Church)

- January 6 Rob Mallozzi, First Selectman Town of New Canaan, will speak on the 'State of the Town'. He will speak on the past year's major accomplishments, finance, development projects, Charter Revision and critical issues facing New Canaan in the coming year.
- January 13 Jim Bach of the New Canaan Historical Society is a lifelong New Canaan resident and local historian. He will speak on the history of Connecticut, from her inception and highlight the key founders who shaped and forged the State into a critical part of colonial America and the crafting of the Declaration of Independence.
- January 20 Peter Farzekas, Director of Public Relations of the Aquarion Water Company, will give an overview of current drought condition, Aquarion's water management plans, and review the various water saving measures adopted and possibly to be imposed to husband the scarce water resources. He will discuss Aquarion's infrastructures, reservoir conditions, watersheds, and distribution systems of the customers it serves in Fairfield County.
- January 27 Roger Langevin, fellow member of the NCMC, will speak on the joy and challenge of collecting baseball cards. Having retired from a successful career and owner of a consulting company, Roger continues to channel his lifelong passion of baseball card collecting and the hunt for that elusive and valuable missing piece. The pursuit has led him across the country and slogged through countless tag sales, shows and the internet. He will show his collection and discuss the personalities of many of the players in his collection.

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have 5 new members: Alan Sharpe, Tony Coscia, Thomas Snyder, Les Kurian and Bob Ericson. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted that you have joined the NCMC!

COUTH

Thursday, January 26th – New York Philharmonic rehearsal of the opening of their Tchaikovsky festival. Semyon Bychkov conducts Symphony No.5 with glorious “heart-on-sleeve” melodies that never cease to enthrall audiences. And the fiery Piano Concerto No. 2 is perfect for experiencing Yefim Bronfman’s virtuosity (‘A marvel of digital dexterity, warmly romantic sentiment, and jaw-dropping bravura’ – *Chicago Tribune*). Following the rehearsal, lunch at the stunning new X2O restaurant on the Hudson River. Leaves St.Mark’s at 7:30am. Cost \$95 per person. Wives, SO’s and guest welcome. Tracy Mackle (203-966-1149), Pete Stair (203-966-6497)

ACTIVITIES - (Check the website at NCMENS.CLUB for updates)

- Amateur Chefs** The January luncheon will be held at Lapham on Thursday, January 19th at 12 noon. \$15 cash or check holds your reservation. Please pay at the Couth Table.
Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Book Club** The Book Club selection for January, 2017 is: In the Kindom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette by Hampton Sides. Matching January’s weather, *Kingdom of Ice* offers a tale of “...heroism, heartbreak and high adventure...” in the Arctic. Based on information from letters and diaries, it follows the trials and tribulations of the brave men who explored the North Pole in the late 1800’s. We’ll meet at 1:30, Tues, January 24th at Lapham.
Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107), Dan Eng (203-972-0649)
- Bridge** Talk with friends and organize your own games after Friday meetings.
Marvin Newman (203-972-8165)
- Health Club** The healthy subject of January will be “Fit vs. Fat”, a perfect subject to start a new year. We will discuss positive 2017 options for both exercise & diet for a longer, healthier life. Then we have 2 professional clinical physiologists to lead us in take-home tips & exercises. Spouses and friends welcome. Meets: Wednesday, January 18th, 2pm at Halo Studios, 45 Grove Street.
Jim Lisher (203-972-3519)
- Investments** The next meeting will be on Monday, January 9th at 10am at Lapham. The topic of the meeting will be Portfolio Rebalancing. NCMC member Paul Strassmann will also join us for this meeting.
Hans Dijis (203-972-6024)
- Paddle Tennis** Play Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10:30am . All welcome to play or socialize. A Rec. Department pass is required. Nick Guthrie (203-966-6192) Joe Adiletta (203-966-5843)
- Sidewalks of NY** Join us in the Spring for more walking tours exploring NY City. Pete Stair (203-962-2034)
- Table Tennis** Play at the YMCA, Tuesday and Thursday at 8am. Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)

DISTINGUISHED NEW CANAAN SENIOR MAN NOMINATION - Please consider nominating a club member for recognition as the 2017 New Canaan Man’s Distinguished Man. For information about the reward, and the process, please go to the club website and follow the links to Committees, Distinguished Man Award, then Click Here. Nominations are due to the club President by February 15th, 2017. Please contact Ralph Hills or any committee member if you have any questions.
Ralph Hills (203-966-6211)

2017 NCMC DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW – The Board has agreed to keep our dues at \$50 for 2017. We are only able to maintain the \$50 amount because of the generous voluntary additions donations that many of you have made in the past. Please feel free to make your payment at the membership desk at the Friday meetings, in cash or check, payable to NCMC. Or mail the check to NCMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, NC, CT 06840. Or you can go to the website – NCMENS.CLUB – and you can pay via PayPal. And, of course, it will be a wonderful help if you can make a voluntary donation above the \$50 to help us balance the budget.