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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRANDFATHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS-DEFINED!

There was this loving grandfather who always made a special effort to spend time with his son's family on weekends. Every Saturday morning he would take his 7-year-old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some quality time - just him and his granddaughter. One particular Saturday, however, he had a bad cold and really didn't feel like being up at all. He knew his granddaughter always looked forward to their drives and would be very disappointed. Fortunately, his wife came to the rescue and said that she would take their granddaughter for the drive and breakfast. When they returned, the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see her grandfather who was still in bed. He asked her, "Well, did you enjoy your ride with grandma?" "Not really, Grandpa, it was really boring. We didn't see a single queer or lesbian piece of crap; horse's ass; self serving politician; blind bastard; dipshit; Muslim camel humper or SOB anywhere we went!"

YOGI-ISMS - third installment - (thanks to Alan Fleischer)

"If you don't know where you are going, you might end up someplace else" -| "The future ain't what it used to be" -| "I always thought that record would stand until it was broken" -| "It gets late early out there".

FEBRUARY SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10am in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

Feb 1 Greg Van Antwerp's passionate second "career" is digging for treasure through every estate, garage and tag sale he can find. He will be sharing some of his discoveries as well as his insights as to why people keep what they keep and toss what they toss. Greg writes about his discoveries on his blog, *Confessions of an Urban Archeologist*. Known as *The Urban Archeologist*, he contributes to Patch with regular articles and videos and has been featured in New Canaan, Stamford, Greenwich and an average of 10 other Patch towns each week.

Feb 8 Arthur Gottlieb, an expert on political and military history, will discuss the US Pacific Fleet Subs in World War II. Formerly a professional curator of naval history and Technical Director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum, he worked with veterans creating exhibits illustrating the history of 20th century warfare. In addition to maintaining a private practice as a Geriatric Counselor and Certified Senior Advisor in Norwalk, he provides pro-bono trauma counseling to soldiers returning for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Feb 15 Robert Ross, US Equities Desk Strategist at RBS, will speak on the very timely subject, *Outlook for Equities - an Intermediate Term View*. Admitting that 2013 will likely not be a year of smooth sailing, he characterizes his posture as moderately bullish for the year and will be discussing many investment strategies suited for this year's tricky set of economic market factors. Important this year will be a thoughtful embrace of risk assets and a careful eye to taking gains when you get them.

Feb 22 McKelden Smith, President of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, will speak on the amazing growth of family history as an avocation and a business; why genealogy and family history is growing so rapidly, and will focus on technology as the main driver of change and growth of family history as a popular pursuit and as a business. For those of us who are curious but not yet involved in family history, he will give us some effective ways to give family history a test drive using resources that are readily available in Connecticut.

SMC YEARLY CLUB DUES - GENTLEMEN! The deadline to pay 2013 dues is 1/31/13!! If you haven't paid the \$40 yet, please send check to SMCNC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Ave., NC, CT 06840; or pay at next Friday's meeting. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST REMINDER. Members who do not pay the dues by 1/31/13, will be removed from the new roster and mailing list.**

NEW CANAAN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP - Over 400 residents are currently being helped by the Food Pantry. Your help of food and/or cash donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carol Harvey (harvconway@aol.com or call: 203-966-3830) for what food products are needed. Food should be brought to the Food Pantry in the undercroft of St. Mark's Church. Checks can be made out to New Canaan Food Pantry, 77 Main Street, NC, CT 06840.

COUTH

- January** **Thursday, January 31st** - Annual trip to NY Philharmonic open rehearsal. Eminent conductor Christoph von Dohnanyi will direct an all-Beethoven program: Overture to Prometheus, Piano Concerto No. 1 with Radu Lupu as soloist and the Fifth Symphony. We will bus to City Island for lunch at Sea Shore Restaurant. Bus departs St. Mark's at 8am; will return about 4pm. Cost per person is \$85.
Tracey Mackle (203-966-1149), Pete Stair (203-966-6497)
- April** **Tuesday, April 9th** - Trip to the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park. Leave St. Mark's around 8:45am to be available for the 10:30am tour of the institute; lunch at the Ristorante Caterina de' Medici at 11:30am; we'll return by about 3pm. The menu and cost will be announced soon. The sign-up sheets will be available in January.
Ladd Seton (203-972-8786), Bob Spence (203-966-6499)

ACTIVITIES (Check the website at SMCNC.ORG for updates).

- Amateur Chefs** We will meet on Thursday, February 21st at Lapham Center at 12 Noon. Details will be announced at the meeting. And on Thursday, March 21st, ODE TO SPRING, our annual husband/wife/significant other event will be held at 5pm at Waveny Castle. Save the date! Details will follow at our February meetings.
Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217)
- Bridge** Talk with your friends and organize your own games after the Friday meetings.
Eric Musa (203-966-3125)
- Investments** The next meeting will be in March. Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books.** After our January discussion of Kay Scarpetta's obsession with opening up and peering into dead bodies, we will switch to Robert Parker's Detective Spenser for a change of pace. Books and videos in the series are available at the NC Library. We will announce the date, time and place at our Friday SMC meetings.
Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Paddle Tennis** Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am-11:00am at Waveny. A Rec. Dept. permit is required. \$10 ball fee. Steve Rowley (203-966-2376, John Ross (203-966-8339)
- Photo/Computer** Stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check website. Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
- 4F Luncheon** Meeting for lunch on Friday, 1/25/13 at 12 Noon at the 123 Restaurant located on Route 123 just as you enter Vista. More info at next meeting. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

NEW MEMBERS - Delighted to report we have 4 new members: Eric Dalrymple, Flemming Jensen, Anthony Ceraso, Carl Meyer. And, again: Carl Heidle...apologize for misspelling your name last month. Welcome gentlemen!

MATCHING CORPORATE GIFTS NOW ACCEPTED BY THE YMCA - If your former or present employer has a matching gift program, you are now able to write a separate check for the amount in question to the YMCA. Send your check to be matched plus your company's matching gift form to the YMCA. The Y will notify your company that your gift has been received. On the check, annotate "Senior Men's Club". No restrictive measures should apply. Send to: Ms. Susan Eng, New Canaan YMCA, 564 South Ave., NC, CT. 06840

WORDS FROM THE PREZ - February is full of a lot of holidays and special days. For example, *Groundhog Day* is on the 2nd, *Super Bowl* on the 3rd, *Lincoln's Birthday* on the 12th, *Valentine's Day* (don't forget!) on the 14th, and *President's Day* on the 18th. Some of the month long observances taking place during February include *American Heart Month*, *American History Month*, *Black History Month*, and the *National Cherry and Grapefruit Month*; who knew!! We also have some terrific speakers during the month, so bring a prospective member to the meetings and get them to sign up. Have a great month!