

## **A Few Thoughts for the Day (thanks to Jack Murray)**

My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God, and I didn't.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

I work hard because millions of people on welfare depend on me.

Don't take life too seriously. No one gets out alive.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beer holder.

Being over the hill is much better than being under it.

God must love stupid people; he made so many.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.

He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Ham and eggs - a day's work for a chicken, but a lifetime commitment for a pig.

## **MARCH SPEAKERS (All meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)**

- Mar 3** Geoffrey Cole of Wilton, the president and CEO of Norwalk Hospital, will be our speaker. His topic will be "Innovative Approaches to Quality Care: The Patient Comes First." Mr. Cole joined Norwalk Hospital in August, 2004, having previously been the President and CEO at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of California at Berkeley.
- Mar 10** Eminent Domain is a hot issue in many places these days. Our speaker, Charles S. Webb III, will address us on "Eminent Domain – Private Property vs. Public Use." Mr. Webb is an attorney specializing in civil litigation, real estate, and condemnation law. He has represented many local governments in New York on state and local issues. He attended Alfred University, and the Albany Law School of Union University, receiving an LLB Cum Laude. (Mr. Webb was originally scheduled for February 24.)
- Mar 17** Have any deer had lunch on your shrubs lately? Howard Kilpatrick, a wildlife biologist, has been the Deer Project Leader for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Wildlife Division for 15 years. He will speak to us on the history, status, and management of urban and suburban deer herds in Connecticut. Mr. Kilpatrick has a BS from the University of Massachusetts, an MS from the University of New Hampshire, and is pursuing a Ph. D at UConn.
- Mar 24** Our speaker will be Eric Roitsch, who recently concluded a highly successful career in the U.S. Army, with the majority of his service in the elite 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group. Captain Roitsch was among the first to infiltrate into both Afghanistan and Iraq in support of the war on terror. Today, as an authority on guerilla warfare, terrorism and homeland security, he consults with military and law enforcement agencies around the country. He is a graduate of Greenwich High School and Auburn University.
- Mar 31** A former South African journalist and diplomat, and now a fellow SMC member, Les de Villiers will speak on photo safaris in South Africa. In addition to writing more than a dozen books about African politics and economics, he has also written on wildlife and tourism in South Africa. He will share with us experiences, photos, and tales of the African safari visits of many celebrities.

## COUTH

- Mar 16 (Thur)** Mark your calendar for one of the most popular couth trips, the New York Philharmonic open rehearsal. The program includes Rossini's *L'Italiana in Algeri* Overture, Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 1 in E-flat, and, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Lunch will be at an SMC favorite, Tavern on the Green. The cost will be \$90 per person, with check-in at St. Marks at 8:15 a.m. Coffee will be provided. Tracey Mackle will be our host.
- Apr 4 (Tues)** Do you watch WNET PBS Channel 13? Bill Baker has invited us to visit their headquarters and studios in mid-town Manhattan. We'll follow the tour with a luncheon in Rockefeller Center and a trip to the newly reopened "Top of the Rock" observation deck. Price will be \$95 per person, with a 40 person limit. Check-in at 8:30 with an 8:45 departure. Pete Stair will be our host.
- May 9 (Tues)** Once is not enough. Due to high demand, we are offering a second WNET PBS Channel 13 tour, just like the April couth trip. As above, we'll visit their headquarters and studios in mid-town Manhattan. We'll follow the tour with a luncheon in Rockefeller Center and a trip to the newly reopened "Top of the Rock" observation deck. Price will be \$95 per person, with a 40 person limit. Check-in at 8:30 with an 8:45 departure. Pete Stair will be our host – again!

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

- 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 Waveny House for play. Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Paddle Tennis** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. A Rec Department permit is required. George Perkins (972-6852)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** Skyblazers will be flying at 9:00 on February 27, and again at 9:00 on March 20, at the Lapham Community Center. Jack Murray (966-1416)
- 4F Luncheon** The next informal, relaxing luncheon is the Fourth Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to join in, especially newer members who will find the group always hospitable. Sign up at the Couth desk on March 24<sup>th</sup>, either before 10AM or during the coffee break. Paul Stein (966-1252)

**Attention Amateur Chefs** Thursday, March 16, we will meet at the kitchen at Lapham Community Center at 11:00 a.m. for "hands on" cooking, lunch and discussion. Please contact Marvin Newman at (972-8165) or Bert Liebelt (966-3696) for more details.

**Pool Players** – The new Lapham Community Center has two professional pool tables which are frequently available for personal use. There are also pool lessons from time to time for those of you who didn't have a misspent youth. Contact Nancy Pennington or Lyn Bond at 594-3620 to reserve a table or to inquire about lessons.

**Dues For 2006** Your Senior Men's Club dues of \$30 for 2006 are now payable. The deadline for payment is February 28. Please pay as soon as possible to avoid a loss of membership. You may pay Joe Elmlinger or Chic Lyttle any Friday, by check to SMCNC, or mail your payment to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840.



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