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MILITARY WORDS TO LIVE BY (with thanks to Jack Murray)

When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not your friend. (U.S. Marine Corps)

If the enemy is in range, so are you. (Infantry Journal)

It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed. (US Air Force Manual)

Tracers work both ways. (U.S. Army Ordnance)

Five second fuses only last three seconds. (Infantry Journal)

If your attack is going too well, you are probably walking into an ambush. (Infantry Journal)

No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection. (Joe Gay)

Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once... (Anon.)

Never tell the platoon sergeant you have nothing to do. (Unknown Marine recruit)

Don't draw fire. It irritates the people around you. (Infantry Journal)

If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him. (U.S.A.F. Ammo Troup)

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

Mar 5 On Friday, March 5, Seaman's Church Institute President and Executive Director, the Rev. David M. Rider, will address us on the vexing issue of piracy amid our increasingly global economy. He will address the structural challenges of vast geographic space, the debates within the maritime industry for thwarting attacks, and SCI's new study on the clinical needs of crew members and their families under duress. Rev. Rider served as Interim Rector of St. Mark's Church from 2004-2008 and has decades of experience in chaplaincy ministry, along with advanced management training.

Mar 12 As the world economy comes out of the devastating crisis of late 2008 and early 2009, there is much debate as to what lies ahead in the post-crisis era. Stephen S. Roach, will speak to this post-crisis climate, which he sees as characterized by unusually sluggish global economic growth - with tough implications for world equity markets and US politics. Mr. Roach is Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia, serving as the Firm's senior representative to clients, governments, and regulators across the region. Prior to his appointment as Asia Chairman, Mr. Roach was Morgan Stanley's Chief Economist.

Mar 19 SMC Member and First Selectman Jeb Walker will address the State of New Canaan. In light of recent extensive budget discussions, Jeb will have a wide ranging but up-to-date report. 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.

Mar 26 Carol Shattuck, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff of AmeriCares will be speaking to the Senior Men's Club concerning the challenges facing charitable organizations operating in disaster areas worldwide. AmeriCares, founded by New Canaan resident Robert Macauley in 1982, gathers and coordinates distribution of billions of dollars of medical supplies and medications wherever there is a need both in the US and in foreign countries. Carol has just recently returned from Haiti and will provide us with an update on developments there.

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. The deadline for payment is February 28. 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.

COUTH

Mar 10 (Wed) Our annual trip to the NY Philharmonic open rehearsal. Riccardo Muti will lead the orchestra in Franck's D minor symphony and Vadim Repin, called by Yehudi Menuhin "the most perfect violinist I have ever heard," will perform the Beethoven concerto. We will lunch across Broadway at Josephina's. Depart St. Mark's 8:00 a.m. Cost \$80 per person. Hosts Tracey Mackle (203-966-1149) and Pete Stair (203-966-6497).

Apr 21 (Wed) We will take a tour of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. We will leave from St. Mark's at 8:30, taking a bus to Liberty State Park in New Jersey. From there we'll take a ferry. Lunch will be on your own or bring a sandwich. The cost per person will be \$50. Your hosts will again be Tracey Mackle (203-966-1149) and Pete Stair (203-966-6497).

May 20 (Thur) We'll be visiting the New York Botanical Garden in Bronx, N.Y. during their Emily Dickenson Exhibition, experiencing a unique mix of botany and poetry. The day includes a private, docent-led tram tour followed by a catered buffet lunch in a private area of the Visitor Center Cafe. During lunch we'll have a guest speaker. After lunch, we'll have time to visit the Haupt Conservatory or just wander around the Garden. Our bus will depart St. Mark's at 10:00 a.m. sharp and be back by around 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$80 per person. Your host will be Mike Allocca (203-966-0547).

Future trips include:

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

Sep 16 - Canadian Rockies by Train trip. We have 24 deposits from SMC members. Next steps involve final payment, July 18. Collette Vacations will be conducting a Q and A session for the group after that date. Host is 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, March 18. 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 10:30 at Waveny. A Rec Department permit is required. \$10 ball fee.

Steve Rowley (203-966-2376), John Ross (203-966-8339)

Photography The time and topic will be announced at the Friday meetings.

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 usually on the Fourth Friday. Details about future lunches 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)

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

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