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ALWAYS REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR TEXTING SIMPLE AND TO THE POINT

A retired SMC member and his wife just learned how to text message on their new cell phones. One afternoon the wife went out to meet a friend for coffee. She decided to send her husband a romantic text message and she wrote: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you.!" The husband texted back to her: "I'm on the toilet...please advise".

ADVANTAGES OF BEING OLDER AND WISER - 9 ONE-LINERS - (thanks to Dave Hunt)

In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first. <> No one expects you to run for office or anywhere for that matter. <> People call at 9pm (or 9am) and ask, "Did I wake you?" <> Things you buy now probably won't ever wear out. <> You can live without sex but not your glasses. <> You often get into heated arguments about pension plans. <> You sing along with elevator music. <> You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room. <> You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER - (not confirmed in time for a mention in the February Newsletter)

February 28 Patti Ferrick, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's New Haven Division, started her career with the FBI 36 years ago. She has seen the country, having worked in FBI offices in Pittsburgh, Miami, Wash, DC, and Minneapolis with numerous field office responsibilities: organized crime and narcotics, white collar crime, public corruption and civil rights investigations. Now the agent in charge in our "neighborhood", she will be speaking on the FBI's focus here in Connecticut.

MARCH SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Marks Church)

March 7 Mark Albertson is a military historian who teaches four courses at Norwalk Community College on all the different aspects of military history. The title of his speech is *Crossroads of History: World War I*. According to Mr. Albertson, WWI was the most important war in human history in that it led eventually to WW2, the Vietnamese war, the war with Iraq and all of the turmoil in the Middle East. It also changed the way wars were fought by introducing the machine gun, aerial bombing, use of tanks and mechanized transports and the use of gas.

March 14 Mike Baker for seventeen years a former covert operations officer with the CIA, President and Co-founder of the counter intelligence firm, Diligence, LLC, and a regular contributor in the national and international media on intelligence, security, counterterrorism and geopolitical issues. He appears regularly as a commentator on the Fox News Channel and CNN, and is currently co-hosting America Declassified, a new series on the Travel Channel. Topic of Mr. Baker's presentation is: *Current Risks in the World*.

March 21 Daniel Ernst is Principal of Hudson Square Research, Inc., a boutique registered investment advisor serving institutional investors with a focus on Technology, Media and Telecommunications. He has 20 years of experience in equity research and consulting, including director of research at Rodman & Renshaw and is in senior analyst roles at Legg Mason, Ferris, Baker Watts and the Strategis Group. The topic of Mr Ernst's presentation is: *How the Market Sees Technology*.

March 28. Charles Grodin is perhaps best known for his roles on TV and the silver screen. He has been very busy authoring eight books and involved in many charitable organizations. He will be speaking on people unjustly serving long prison terms for very minor offenses, mainly due to the injustices of the "egregious" Felony Murder Rule and the Rockefeller Drug Laws. The Felony Murder Rule has been removed from the books from all countries except the U.S., resulting in many innocent people serving life sentences without parole in the U.S.

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April **NY Philharmonic Open Rehearsal - Thursday, April 10th** - British pianist Paul Lewis will perform Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 and Christoph von Donhanyi will conduct Robert Schumann's Second Symphony. Lunch at City Island's Sea Shore Restaurant. Check-in 7:45am at St. Mark's to allow for traffic. Bus departs 8am, and will return about 4pm. Probable cost \$95. Tracy Mackie (203-966-1149), Pete Stair (203-966-6497)

May **NY Tenement Museum Tour - Tuesday, May 20th.** Save the date.

June **Goodspeed Opera House/Damn Yankees** - Exact date and details TBD at future meetings.

July/August **9/11 Memorial Visit** - Exact date and details TBD at future meetings.

September **US Open Event** - Exact date and details TBD at future meetings.

October **EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND TRIP! - OCTOBER 15-26th** - Save the date! Exclusive 12 day trip for SMC members and friends! Further details are outlined in the brochure that has been mailed to all members. To sign up, contact: Stan Stanziale (203-966-2862) or Bob Witt (203-966-2892).

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

Amateur Chefs. **Thursday, March 20th** - Celebrate the coming of Spring at our **ODE TO SPRING** dinner at Waveny Castle, 5:30pm. Husband/wife, Significant Other, Stag or Drag: \$25.00 person. Can accept 48 attendees. Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217), Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)

Bridge **Talk with friends and organize your own games after Friday meetings.**
Eric Musa (203-966-3696)

Mystery Books **In March we will switch gears a bit and discuss an article from the January 27, 2014 issue of "The New Yorker" magazine entitled "Fan Friction" dealing with modern TV Sherlock Holmes wannabes. PBS's "Sherlock, "House", "Bones" "Elementary" and maybe even the Vulcan Spock are grist for the critical mill and our literary discussion. Date and time for the get-together will be announced at SMC Friday Meetings.** Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)

Investments **The next meeting will be in April.** Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)

Paddle Tennis **Play on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9am-11am at Waveny. A Rec. Dept. permit is required. \$10 Fee** Sam Samai (203-966-0427), Nick Guthrie (203-966-6192)

4F Luncheon **Plan on a March 28th lunch. Details at Friday meeting.** Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

SMG DIRECTORY PHOTOS/REVISIONS STARTING IN MARCH

Starting at every Friday meeting, March 21st through April 25th, we will be taking photographs of new members, members without a photo in the current directory, and any member that would like a new photo in the annual directory. Photos will be taken before each meeting and at the break. Also, if there are any changes, revisions or deletions you might want to make to your personal information, please contact Jerry Transue no later than April.

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have two new members: James Bouchard and Mike Joyce. Welcome to the SMCNC, gentlemen. We are delighted you have joined us.