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## NEWSLETTER

### HERE'S A FIRST: A JOKE ABOUT TWO CATHOLIC PARROTS

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know to say one thing." "What do they say?" the priest asked. "They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'" "That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed. Then he thought for a moment. "You know, I may have a good solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots which I have taught to pray and read the Bible..bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in a cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach yours to pray and worship and your parrots are sure to stop saying that phrase in no time." The next day the lady brought her parrots to the priest's house, walked in and saw his parrots in their cage holding rosary beads and praying. She was impressed and walked over and placed her birds in the cage with them. After a few minutes the female parrots cried out in unison, "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?" There was stunned silence...shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says: "Put the beads away, Frank, our prayers have been answered!"

### A BLOND JOKE TWO MONTHS IN A ROW? YUP...COME ON, BE BRAVE!

A blond woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a female police officer who was also a blond. The blond cop asked to see the blond's drivers license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated. "What does it look like?" she finally asked. The policewoman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it." The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse and handed it to the policewoman. "Here it is." The blond officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "OK, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."

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

- March 4      Dr. Joseph Feuerstein, Director of Integrative Medicine at Stamford Hospital and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University, will speak on the Man Diet. A huge percent of the population is taking drugs to combat obesity, diabetes and high cholesterol. Studies have shown it possible to reverse these ailments without taking medicines. That's why the Man Diet was developed. It will be compared to the known limitations of other well known diets.
- March 11      Stephen S. Roach is an American economist and serves as senior fellow a Yale University and is senior lecturer at Yale School of Management. He was formerly chief economist at Morgan Stanley and chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia. The title of his talk will be: "*China's Hard Landing: Fact or Fiction?*", China's early effect on the financial markets, how serious will it be to the rest of the world, and how China will factor into the 2016 presidential election campaign.
- March 18      Mike Baker was in covert field operations for the CIA for 15 years specializing in counterterrorism, counternarcotics and counterinsurgency operations. The title of his speech will be: "*Geopolitical Risks: What to Watch in 2016*". He will present an overview of hot spots and crisis around the globe that could significantly impact U.S. national security and economic interests in the years to come.
- March 25      No Meeting – Good Friday

CHANGES TO THE SMCNC BY LAWS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP - At our general meeting on Friday, February 12, the members in attendance voted overwhelmingly in favor of two changes to our By Laws as proposed by the Board of Directors. Consequently our club will in the future be officially known as "The New Canaan Men's Club" and non-residents will be allowed to become members as long as they are proposed by a resident member and seconded by another member. – Les de Villiers, President

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Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual trip to NY Philharmonic open rehearsal. Manfred Honeck, Music Director of the Pittsburgh Symphony, will conduct the *Poet and Peasant Overture* and *Beethoven's Sixth Symphony*. Liang Wang, principal oboist of the orchestra, will perform Richard Strauss' oboe concerto. Enjoy a spring lunch on City Island at the Sea Shore Restaurant. Check-in at 7:45am at St. Mark's to allow for traffic, bus departs at 8:00am, will return about 4:30p. Probable cost \$95. Hosts are Tracey Mackle (203-966-1149) and Pete Stair (203-966-6497).

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

- Amateur Chefs**      Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – ODE TO SPRING –Husband & Wife, Significant Other luncheon at Lapham community center, 5pm to 8pm. Accepting 40 attendees @ \$25 per person. Reservations will be accepted in the order that we receive full payment.  
Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Book Club**              We will be discussing the book “Dead Wake” by Erik Larson regarding the sinking of the Lusitania in 1945 with the tragic loss of 1200 lives including 129 Americans by a single German U boat. Larson skillfully evokes the tension and mood in that fateful time and age. We will meet at Lapham, Tuesday, March 22. All are invited.  
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)
- Investments**              For future meetings. check the SMC website for updates.    Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505)
- Paddle Tennis**              Play on Mondays ,Tuesday sand Thursdays, 9-11am at Waveny.    A Rec. Department permit is required.  
Nick Guthrie (203-966-6192), Sam Samai (203-966-0427)
- Poker**                        Meet on Tuesdays at Lapham, 11am-1pm.                              George Perkins (203-972-6852)
- Sidewalks of NY**              SAVE THE DATES! – Here are the future Sidewalk dates being planned. Sign-ups will begin a month before each walk:  
Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Lower East Side & Tenement Museum – lunch at Katz Deli.  
Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Nieuw Amsterdam & Olde New York – lunch on Stone Street  
Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Intrepid Sea/Air/Space Museum – lunch aboard or nearby the ship  
Pete Stair (203-962-2034) or (hstair@gmail.com)
- Table Tennis**              Play at the YMCA, Tuesday and Thursday at 8am.                      Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)

**SMC YEARLY CLUB DUES ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY** - Gentlemen, thank you for your 2015 club dues payment. However, there are still many members who have yet to pay. So as a reminder, please submit your \$50 payment at our next meeting in cash or check, or you can mail your check to SMCNC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Ave., NC, CT 06840. And, a special "Thank You" to those who have paid an extra amount over the \$50 to help balance our budget....we're almost there. If you want to pay by using your credit card or PAYPAL, please log onto the SMCNC website for further details.