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Children and Religion

A mother had been teaching her 3 year old daughter the Lord's prayer for several evenings at bedtime. The little girl would repeat after her mother the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. The mother listened with pride as the little girl carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from e-mail."

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A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

APRIL SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, except April 20 will be at the First Presbyterian Church.)

Apr 6 **No meeting – Good Friday.**

Apr 13 **What do Grossman, Pergerman's, Channel Lumber, Handy Andy, Payless Cashways, and Busy Beaver have in common? (They were regional and national chains specializing in home building products for commercial contractors and do-it-yourselfers.) Answer: they are all out of business. Have you ever wondered how a local retail business can compete and win against giant organizations such as Home Depot and Lowe's? David Campbell, CEO of Rings End will tell us how the company has not only survived but thrived in this competitive market place. Rings End has 9 stores and is still growing.**

Apr 20 **John Kovach, Editor of the New Canaan Advertiser since September 1997 will dialog with the group in his highly interactive manner. He has addressed the Senior Men several times in the past and provides thoughtful insight and perspective on New Canaan's happenings and issues. The Advertiser is part of the Hersam-Acorn Group, which publishes eight papers in the surrounding communities. Each newspaper has its own independent editorial section.**

Apr 27 **"How to Live to Be 100" will be the theme of a presentation by Dr. Edward H. Schuster, who has some ideas that just might help you reach that magic number. He is a cardiologist on the staff of Stamford Hospital and is a member of Cardiology Associates of Fairfield Country, P.C. His sense of humor will insure that his presentation will be riveting. Dr. Schuster is also the chairman of Operation Heartbeat, an American Heart Association-sponsored public education and fundraising campaign, which has worked since 2000 to buy defibrillators and place them in public places, schools and large office buildings in Stamford.**

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Apr 17 (Tues) **It's tax time, and to set the day right, we'll meet at St. Mark's at 11:30 p.m. and walk to the post office to mail our returns before midnight. Bring your tax return, your check and a flashlight. Price to be determined, but definitely too much. Your host for this evening event is the Infernal Revenue Service (1-800-TAX-1040). No other April trip is planned.**

May 9 (Wed) **Join us for a sparkling evening of gourmet dining and exciting theater in New Haven. We will enjoy an early dinner at the renowned Union League Cafe, followed by a performance, at the Shubert theater, of *Legends!*, a comedy about two somewhat desperate and waning movie stars who have hated each other for decades and who are being hustled to perform in a Broadway show by a young and unscrupulous promoter. The two key roles are played by Joan Collins and Linda Evans, both stars and "rivals to the death" on the acclaimed television series "Dynasty". The price will be $120 per person. Check in at St. Marks at 3:30pm, departure at 3:45pm, approximate return 11:00pm. Limited seating. Your host: Ladd Seton (972-8786.)**

June **Our June trip will take us to Storm King Art Center at Mountainville, NY, with a scrumptious lunch at the Thayer Hotel at West Point. Storm King Art Center is an unusual museum. Its collection is not constrained by walls, where the floor of the main exhibition area is 500 acres of grass and fields. The roof is the sky. Significant works of art by Alexander Calder, Henry Moore, Tal Streeter and Richard Serra are part of the exhibit of some 90 works of art. You can ride the tram from exhibit to exhibit, or move about at your leisure. More details will be forthcoming shortly.**

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

Amateur Chefs **The chefs will meet on again on Thursday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Lapham Center. The menu will be announced at a Friday meeting.**
Bert Liebelt (966-3696), Marvin Newman (972-8165)

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 Lapham Center for play. Eric Musa (966-3125)**

Paddle Tennis **Play at Waveny on 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 **The planes will be flying at Lapham Center at 9:00 on Monday, April 2, and again at 9:00 on Monday, May 7. Jack Murray (966-1416)**

Tennis **The season is almost upon us. Play will begin at Mead Park when the nets go up, likely in early May. Play on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 to 10 a.m. A Rec Department permit is required. Craig Wright (966-4399)**

Trailblazers **Our first hike will be in April The date and place will be announced at the Friday meetings.**
David Branch (966-9782)

4F Luncheon **Our April luncheon get together will be at our tried and true Three Bears Restaurant in Westport on April 27. It is an old favorite with excellent food and ambience and we will have a private dining room for undisturbed cameraderie. All are welcome, especially new members. To get there take exit 41 off the Merritt Parkway, turn right at the light and go two more lights to the restaurant. Turn left at the second light into the parking lot. Sign up at the Couth desk on April 27, preferably before 10AM or during the coffee break. Eric Petschek (966-0624)**

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