

Men Need Specificity (with thanks for these to Art Bettauer)

Guy named Ed forgets his wife's birthday, and she is really angry. "Tomorrow morning," she tells him, "I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds." Sure enough, the next morning, Ed's wife looks out the window and sees a small box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. She retrieves the package, brings in into the house, opens it and finds a brand new bathroom scale. Funeral services for Ed are pending.

Engineering Three engineering students were debating who must have designed the human body. "It was a mechanical engineer," said the first. "Just look at all the joints." "No," said the second, "it was an electrical engineer because the nervous system has thousands of electrical connections." "Actually, it must have been a civil engineer," argued the third student. "Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreation area?"

APRIL SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church, except April 18th will be at the First Presbyterian Church instead.)

- Apr 4 **Buzz Kanter** will cover Harley riders from Wall Street to back streets Mr. Kanter is fortunate to be able to combine his passion for motorcycles with his work as the publisher of several motorcycle magazines, including the best selling Harley-oriented magazine in the world, *American Iron Magazine*. He also wrote a best selling book about Indian Motorcycles in 1993 and was inducted in the Motorcycle Hall of Fame outside of Columbus OH in 2002. He lives with his wife, Gail, and two daughters in New Canaan.
- Apr 11 **Steve Brauer** will speak on the changes in the wine industry. As General Manager of the Pernod Ricard USA Wine and Champagne business, he is responsible for strategy, sales and marketing and new business development for the wine portfolio. Mr. Brauer holds a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard Business School, and received a Bachelor of Arts in German and History from the University of North Carolina.
- Apr 18 Our speaker will be **Ben Hren**, the new Executive Director of the New Canaan Nature Center. Mr. Hren was hired as the New Canaan Nature Center's Executive Director in December 2007. Prior to his arrival in New Canaan, he had served as the Head of Education for WWF-UK (formerly known as the World Wildlife Fund) for almost five years.) He has spent his career working for non-profit organizations including the Smithsonian Institute, The Wildfowl Trust of North America, The Izaak Walton League of America, and the Hill School.
- Apr 25 Our speaker will be **Frank Hydoski**, Director of Deloitte Financial Services LLP, who will speak on The Oil for Food Program: Global Corruption and What Can Be Done About It. Mr Hydoski is the national leader of the Analytic & Forensic Technology (AFT) practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP and is Co-Director of the Deloitte Forensic Center. Frank earned a PH.D and M.A. from the University of Chicago and an MA from San Diego State University. (Originally scheduled for February 22.)

DIRECTORY UPDATE We are in the process of developing next year's directory. Please check your entry in the current directory, especially email addresses, and submit any changes to Paul Stein at paul_stein@msn.com or by telephone at 966-1252 prior to April 18. Or, best of all, write down the change to assure accuracy and give it to Paul or Jerry Transue at the Membership desk at any Friday meeting before April 18. Also, on April 11 and April 18 we will be taking directory photos of new members and of current members who would like updated photos. Mark your calendars and come in with your best smile.

Further, there is a new email account for SMC. It is membership@smcnc.org and you may send an email to it requesting that your address be added or changed. We encourage you to add your email address if we don't already have it. An SMC email list will be created from the directory listings. We will not use this email list for any purpose other than SMC business and announcements. The list will not be given to any other group or organization.

COUTH

- Apr 23 (Wed)** AN EXTRA DAY OF TOURS HAS BEEN ARRANGED for the Glass House. The April 30th tours are already sold out. Sign-ups for these April 23rd tours will begin at the Friday meeting on February 22. Bring cash or check, as the slots may go very quickly. There is a limit of 60 people. All details are the same as for the April 30th announcement below.
- Apr 30 (Wed)** Senior Men's Club Day at the Philip Johnson Glass House. Tours will be in groups of 10 and will include a ½ mile walking tour across the site with access to the Glass House, Brick House, Painting Gallery, Sculpture Gallery and Da Monsta. Photography will be permitted. As all regular tours for 2008 are already sold out, this is a rare opportunity to tour the Glass House. The cost is \$35 per person. Tours will be hourly with the departure location and time to be announced at Friday meetings. Our hosts are Clancy Fauntleroy (203-438-2461), Stan Stanziale (966-2862) and Pete Stair (966-6497).
- May 13 (Tue)** What better way to celebrate the month of May than with a Couth trip to the newly expanded New Britain Museum of American Art. In addition to its permanent collection of works ranging from colonial portraiture to Hudson River School, American Impressionism and more modern creations, we will be fortunate to see a guest exhibit of "All Things Beautiful: California Impressionist Paintings from the Irvine Museum", which hold the largest collection of California Impressionist works in America. We will be guided through the exhibits in small groups by docents. The museum visit will be followed by a luncheon in the renowned Hawthorn Inn in Berlin, CT. Cost per person will be \$75. Check in at 9:15 am, departure at 9:30 am, estimated return about 4 pm. Your hosts Ladd Seton (972-8786) and Stan Stanziale (966-2862).

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 are will meet at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, April 17. There's a limit of 14 chefs. The menu will be announced at a Friday meeting. Check with Bert or Marvin for more details.
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)
- Golf** The season begins! Our first outing will be April 28th at the H. Smith Richardson Golf Course in Fairfield. Tee time is 10:30 and the cost is \$43, including cart. Sign up at the first SMC meeting in April.
Harvey Place (966-1821), Bill Kapp (966-4043)
- Paddle Tennis** Play on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. A Rec Department permit is required. \$10 ball fee.
George Perkins (972-6852)
- Photography** The April SMC Photo Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, 1:30 pm at the Lapham Computer Center. Topics will include preparation for the Lapham SMC Photo Exhibit, The Philip Johnson Glass House Tour, and more.
Jack Messert (966-8754)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA.
Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** There will be no flights in April. The next meeting will be May 12 at 9:00 at Lapham Community Center.
Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Trailblazers** We will resume soon. Watch the newsletter, website and Friday meetings for announcements.
David Branch (966-9782)
- 4F Luncheon** Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is the Fourth Friday, April 25. The site 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 10AM or during the coffee break.
Don Tiefenthaler (966-5794)

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