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A GEOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE SEXES

GEOGRAPHY OF A WOMAN: Between 18 and 22, a woman is like Africa - half discovered, half wild, fertile and naturally beautiful. Between 23 and 30, a woman is like France - well developed and open to trade, especially for something of real value. Between 31 and 35, a woman is like Spain - very hot, relaxed, and convinced of her own beauty. Between 36 and 40, a woman is like Greece - gently aging, but still a warm and a desirable place to visit. Between 41 and 50, a woman is like Great Britain - with a glorious and an all-conquering past. Between 51 and 60, a woman is like Israel - has been through war, doesn't make same mistakes twice, and takes care of business. Between 61 and 70, a woman is like Canada - cool, self-preserving, but open to meeting new people. After 70, she becomes Tibet - has a mysterious past and wisdom of the ages; has an adventurous spirit and a thirst for spiritual knowledge. GEOGRAPHY OF A MAN: Between 1 and 80, a man is like Iran and Syria - ruled by a couple of nuts.

NOTHING BEATS THE TRUTH WHEN PULLED OVER BY A COP - (thanks to Dave Hunt)

A SMC member was stopped on the Merritt by the police around 2am and asked where he was going at that time of night. He replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking, and staying out late." The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" The driver replied, "That would be my wife!" Laughing, the cop said, "You can go, drive safely and...Good Luck!"

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

April 4 Jay Gronlund is President and founder of The Pathfinder Group, a business development firm specializing in emotional branding, ideation facilitation and international expansion. His background has focused mainly on marketing and new product development with executive positions at companies in the US and abroad - Richardson Vicks/P&G, Church & Dwight, Seagram and Newsweek. Jay has also been teaching a branding course at NYU since 1999 and recently wrote a book on the "Basics of Branding".

April 11 Warner King Babcock, Chairman and CEO of AM Private Enterprises, Inc., the successor of two firms he founded in New Canaan 20 years ago. One firm worked as an investment advisor helping family members start and invest directly in a diverse number of other ventures; the other focused on developing comprehensive strategies for helping private and family controlled corporations expand beyond their core industries and businesses. This became a great beginning for his family venture and where a good story can begin.

April 18 No Meeting - Good Friday

April 25 Ed Hynes will be speaking on *The 1777 Danbury Raid* and *The Battle of Ridgefield*. He will touch on the British landing 1800 men on Compo Beach to destroy the Patriot's supplies stashed in Danbury; highlight the Patriot's resistance and will follow the British on their four-day raid and the Patriot's attempt to deny them safe return to their ships. Sure brings this period of history directly into our backyard! Ed is a Chartered Financial (CFA) and currently a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch in Westport, CT.

AARP DRIVING PROGRAM - Tuesday, April 8th - Time: 9am-1pm

Roger Colson is leading the Smart Driving Course at Lapham on Tuesday, April 8th, 9am-1pm. Students over 60 will receive a certificate entitling them to a state mandated insurance reduction of 5% for two years. Spouses are invited. Cost is \$20, \$15 for AARP members. Checks payable to AARP. Please sign up at meetings or contact Roger at: rochar@aol.com or call 203-966-9258.

COUTH

April NY Philharmonic Open Rehearsal - Thursday, April 10th - British pianist Paul Lewis will perform Brahms Piano Concert 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. Further details TBA at future meeting. Any questions, contact: Dick McRedmond (203-966-0195) or Kevin Faughnan (203-966-5702).

June Goodspeed Opera House/Damn Yankees - In June. Date and details TBA at future meeting.

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 April luncheon is on Thursday, April 17th - at Lapham, 12 noon. Will accept 12 attendees. Sign up at the Couth table. 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)

Golf First outing of the year! Wednesday, April 30th - Fairchild-Wheeler, Black course. Tee time is 9:30am, \$35 green fee including cart. Harvey Place (203-966-1821)

Mystery Books In April we will be discussing the seminal works of Erle Stanley Gardner, one of the pioneer defenders of fictional lawyers and developers of the courtroom drama. The work of Perry Mason will be compared with modern fictional attorneys as well as real criminal defense teams. Date/time/location TBA at weekly SMC meeting. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)

Investments Monday, April 14 - 10:30 meeting at Lapham. Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)

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

Sidewalks of NY Wednesday, May 7th - Train to NYC and travel the Tram over the East River to Roosevelt Island and visit the new Four Freedoms Park passing the future site of Cornell NYC Tech.

Wednesday, June 11th - Train to NYC and subway to Coney Island; taste a Nathan's Famous hot dog before strolling past the amusements on the way to Russian Brighton Beach. Questions on the above walks? Contact: Pete Stair at (203-966-6497) or (hstair@gmail.com).

4F Luncheon Plan on an April 25th lunch. Details at Friday meeting. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

SMG DIRECTORY PHOTOS/REVISIONS CURRENTLY BEING MADE

During the Friday meetings in April, photographs will be taken of new members, of members without a photo in the current directory, or of anyone who would like a new photo in the annual directory. Also, if there are any changes, revisions or deletions you might want made to your personal information, please contact Jerry Transue.