



# NEWSLETTER

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## OLD WISE TALES (with thanks to Jack Murray)

**Aging:** Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft...Today, it's called golf.

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper. It's worse when you forget to pull it down.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder, and, your hand over my mouth!

## MAY SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church.)

**May 6** Our annual meeting will be held at Noon at the Country Club of New Canaan. The price is \$45 in advance to Rad Stone (35 Lakeview Avenue), or \$50 at the door. If you want salmon instead of beef, please note that on your check. Make checks payable to SMCNC. The St. Luke's Acafellas will provide entertainment.

**May 13** James A. Cutie is the COO of The Connecticut News Project and was a member of the team that launched CT Mirror in January 2010. In his talk, he will give us a lay of the land overview on current state of news media; focus in on CT media and the role of non-partisan news media in CT as well as the new emerging business models that might support these new approaches. Mr. Cutie has thirty-five years of general management, marketing, start-up and fundraising experience in traditional and online media, including 17 years with the New York Times.

**May 20** Author J. R. Tunney is the son of the famous fighter. His book, which evolved from the acclaimed BBC radio program *The Master and the Boy*, is an insightful, fascinating study of a boxer from humble roots who married into the upper class, and an older man who embraced his role as spiritual father. "Friendship," wrote the boxer, "is the most satisfying connection in life. No man can go very far with strength and courage if he goes alone." Mr. Tunney will talk about his book *The Prizefighter and the Playwright*.

**May 27** No Meeting. Memorial Day Weekend.

**DIRECTORY PHOTOS** - On April 29, Ralph DeDomenico will be taking photos of members for the next directory. He'll start about 9:20 a.m. and will also do photos at the meeting break. We need photos of all NEW members, and will also be happy to update the photos of old members if you wish.

**PADDLE PARTY** – The Paddle Tennis party will be held at Waveny castle on Monday May 23rd at 6 p.m. Everyone (not just the paddle players) is welcome. A five dollar per person fee will be collected at the door or earlier at the SMC Friday meetings at the couth table. Each couple should bring along food or dessert for about six people. Wine, soda and beer will be provided. Please sign up before so we can account for attendees ahead of time. Have fun - we'll see you there! Steve Rowley & John Ross are your hosts.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE DUES ANNOUNCEMENT** – This is to advise that all men who were members for the year 2010 will have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to submit their dues to continue membership for 2011. Please make your \$40 check payable to SMCNC and mail it to the Senior Men's Club, c/o New Canaan YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840. Thank you.

## COUTH

**Apr 28 (Thur)** A Glass Hour tour day has been arranged. There will be 6 tours, starting at 10:00 am. Cost will be \$30 per person. These tours are scarce as hen's teeth, so sign up early at the couth table. Departures will be from the Glass House offices on Elm Street, and further details will be announced at Friday meetings.

**May** No trip is planned.

**June** Still in the planning stage is a trip to the New London area. There's lots to see, including Connecticut College, the Coast Guard Academy, the Nuclear Submarine Base, and the Little Pink House. Listen at the meetings and watch the web and future newsletters for more details as they become available. Your host will be Jack Murray (203-966-1416).

Future trips will be announced at the Friday meetings and in future newsletters.

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 (Check the website at SMCNC.ORG for updates)

**Amateur Chefs** The chefs' next meeting will be May 19. Menu and other details will follow at the Friday meetings and on the website.

Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217)

**Bridge** Talk with your friends and organize your own games after the Friday meetings. You may play at Lapham or stay at St. Marks.

Eric Musa (203-966-3125)

**Cycling** Cycling is back in action. Meet at Lapham Center at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings for a ride. Sometimes we'll go from there, other times we'll carpool to a starting point.

Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)

**Golf** On May 11<sup>th</sup> we will play at the Ridgefield Golf Club. First tee time is 10:00, cost is \$45, including cart. Then on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll play Sterling Farms Golf Course in Stamford. First tee time is 11:00 and the cost will be \$41 with cart.

Harvey Place (203-966-1821)

**Paddle Tennis** Play ends when the tennis nets go up. Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 10:30 at Waveny. A Rec Department permit is no longer needed.

Steve Rowley (203-966-2376), John Ross (203-966-8339)

**Photography** The time and topic will be announced at the Friday meetings.

Jack Messert (203-966-8754)

**Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA.

Bill Patton (203-966-4849)

**Tennis** Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 to 10 a.m. when the nets go up, likely mid to late May. A Rec Department permit is required.

Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

**Trailblazers** Springtime walk. On June 1, Ray Davis and Pete Stair will lead a walking tour of New York City's Lower East Side. (Rain date: June 8th). We'll leave on the 8:49 Metro North train to Grand Center and Subway to the Lower East Side.

Ray Davis (203-940-3013)

**4F Luncheon** Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is usually on the Fourth Friday, but for April, since that date is Good Friday, and there's no meeting, we'll lunch instead on the Fifth Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, at Nino's. All are invited to join in, especially newer members who will find the group always hospitable. Sign up at the Couth desk, either before 10 a.m. or during the coffee break. There will not be a lunch in May, as the fourth Friday comes on Memorial Day weekend.

Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

**NEW MEMBERS** - We have one new member since the last newsletter: John Cromwell. Please welcome him when you see him at the meetings.



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