



# NEWSLETTER

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## A TOUCHING LOVE STORY

An 80-year-old woman was arrested for shoplifting at the local grocery. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?" She replied, "A can of peaches." The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied "6". The judge said, "Then I will give you 6 days in jail." Before the judge could adjourn the court, the woman's husband spoke and asked the judge if he could say something. The judge said, "What is it?" The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas!"

## ALWAYS HAVE YOUR GLASSES WITH YOU

My daughter asked me again yesterday why I didn't do something useful with my time. She bugged me all the time about this. She said she was only thinking about me and suggested I go to Lapham and hang out with the guys. I did this and when I got home last night I decided to teach her a lesson about staying out of my business. I told her I had joined a parachute club. "Are you nuts? At your age you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?" I proudly showed her my membership card! "Dad, good grief, where are your glasses? This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!" "Damn, I'm in trouble again...I signed up for five jumps a week!"

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

May 3 Lisa Labella, Community Outreach Director, Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV.ORG), will speak on gun violence in Connecticut and the nation, and strategies being considered at the state and national levels to address this significant public health problem. Lisa joined CAGV as a volunteer shortly after the Columbine shooting in May '99. Since then she has held volunteer positions as Chair of the Legislation Committee, Treasurer and VP. She was a member of Trumbull Board of Ed '05-'12, and is a graduate of Mercy College.

May 10 No Meeting. ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON for all members at the Country Club of New Canaan. Cash bar and "munchies" opens at 11:30am, lunch at 12:30pm. Menu: roast beef or salmon. Wine at table included. Cost is \$50 in advance or \$55 if paid at door. Make reservations Friday at the Couth table. Or mail check to Paul Stein, 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840. Write "meat" or "fish" on the check. Getabout is offering free rides. Call them at 203-972-7433.

May 17 Mike Lupica, syndicated columnist for the New York Daily News, is one of the most prominent sports writers in America. The topic of his presentation will be "The Current World of Sports". Mike's longevity at the top of his field is based on his experience and insider's knowledge, coupled with a provocative presentation that takes an uncompromising look at the tumultuous world of sports. He has written a number of novels, has appeared on CBS, ABC and PBS news shows, and frequently visits the *Don Imus In The Morning* radio program.

May 24 No Meeting - Memorial Day

May 31 Art Gottleib, an expert on political history, will discuss the US Pacific Fleet Subs in WWII. He currently has refocused his professional efforts towards reaching out and addressing the growing needs of aging veterans and their families. Arthur is in private practice as a Geriatric Counselor and Certified Senior Advisor in Norwalk, providing pro-bono trauma counseling to soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan. Formerly, Arthur was curator of naval history at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in NYC.

PARTING WORDS FROM THE PREZ - It's hard to believe that 12 months have passed since I took over as President. I guess the old adage of "Time flies when you're having fun" is really true. It has been a pleasure and a blast serving in this capacity and I hope I have done right by the club with the things I have tried to do this year. I added some new graphics to our business meetings to make them more fun along with adding a new education component with the SMC Learning Center. No one booted at any of the lessons offered, so I guess that was positive. What I am most grateful for is the participation of you all. SMC is only as good as its membership and your participation in our activities is critical. You are what make this club tick and I know you will give our new President the same warmth, encouragement and support that you did me. Thank you. All the best, Joel.

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A September trip to Foxwoods is being considered. Nothing definite yet, so stay tuned.

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

- Amateur Chefs** May lunch will be on Thursday, May 16 at Lapham. Details announced at Friday meeting.  
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)
- Cycling** The first ride of the season will be Wednesday, May 1. Meet at Lapham at 9:00 to carpool into NYC. The ride will start at the Cloisters, and be about 15 miles total.  
Les DeVilliers(203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)
- Golf** Tuesday, May 7th at Sterling Farms; First tee time: 11:03am; \$42 including cart.  
Wednesday, May 22nd at Ridgefield Golf Club; 9:30am tee time; \$48 including cart.  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments** Monday, May 20th; 10:30am meeting at Lapham. Alan Donaldson, Trust and Estate lawyer will be our speaker on Trusts.  
Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books** We are traveling all the way to Moscow and points East to see how the Russians knock each other off a la Martin Cruz Smith. His detective, Arkady Renko, takes us on a film noir tour of various criminal hangouts and their denizens. Our date for a meeting at Lapham Center will be announced at a Friday SMC meeting. In Moscow, the summer looks like fire and smoke, stars and moon fade.- Red Square All nights should be so dark, all winters so warm.  
Gorky Park. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Photo/Computer** Stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check website. Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
- Tennis** Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8-10am. Play starts when nets go up. A Rec Department permit is required.  
Ted Foster (203-966-4002)
- Sidewalks - NY** Wednesday, May 1 - Before it was New York, it was New Amsterdam. Discover the many facets and landmarks of the early Dutch colony as we stroll. Lunch on your own before we take the Staten Island ferry for views of the harbor. Taking 8:49am train from New Canaan and subway to Bowling Green.  
Pete Stair (203-966-6497)
- Paddle Tennis** Paddle will continue (Mon, Tues. & Thurs; 9-11am at Wavney) until tennis nets go up.  
Steve Rowley (203-966-2376), John Ross (203-966-8339)
- 4F Luncheon** Since there's no meeting on the Fourth Friday, May 24th, there will be no lunch that day either. We'll resume on the Fourth Friday in June.  
Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

**NEW MEMBERS** - Please welcome three new members: Kevin O'Leary, Michael Allen and Paul Toldalagi. We are delighted you have joined the SMCNC!



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Dear Fellow Member,

Our Annual Meeting Luncheon Friday, May 10, at the Country Club of New Canaan is one of the most enjoyable times of the year with good fellowship, mixing, mingling, conviviality, great food and drink. Open seating. Easy parking.

Cash Bar Opens at 11:30AM for a social hour. Delicious lunch with wine is served at 12:30pm – *your choice of prime rib or salmon steak.*

Price is a very reasonable \$50 in advance or \$55 at the door. Relax with your friends and make new ones.

*Reservations should be made right away. All members are urged to be there since this is the meeting where we formally elect the new slate of officers.*

*Please bring a check for \$50 to our next meeting and turn it in at the Couth table. Checks may also be mailed to Paul Stein at 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT for a reservation. Write “beef” or “fish” on your check.*

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I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Joel Pelzner, President