



# NEWSLETTER

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## IT'S GOLF SEASON AGAIN! LET'S START IT OFF WITH A...CHRISTMAS JOKE??

Four SMC members were playing their weekly game of golf. One remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without any argument from his wife go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round of golf. They agreed, "Let's make it a priority and meet here early Christmas morning". Months later, Christmas arrives and they are on the course. The first guy says, "Boy, this game cost me a fortune. I bought my wife a diamond ring and she can't take her eyes off of it". The second guy says, "I spent a ton too. I gave my wife a cruise and was up to her eyeballs in brochures." The third guy says, "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car and reading the manual". They all turned to the last guy who is staring at them like they have lost their minds. "I can't believe you all went to such expense for the golf game. I lovingly slapped my wife's bottom and said, 'Merry Christmas honey! Great morning...intercourse or golf course?'" She said, "It's cold. Don't forget your hat"!

## SORRY FOR THIS....BUT IT'S "GROANER" TIME - (thanks to Brian Hollstein)

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. <> When the fog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A. <> A will is a dead giveaway. <> With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress. <> When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall. <> When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. <> The batteries were given out free of charge. <> Police were called to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest. <> A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired. <> When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. <> When she saw her first grey hair she thought she'd dye. <> Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end. <> You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish. <> To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

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

May 2            George Bodenheimer assumed the newly created position of Executive Chairman, ESPN, Inc. In that capacity, he provides strategic direction for ESPN's global business. His path to leadership mirrors that of ESPN itself - with his sharp focus on creativity and cutting-edge innovation, always enhancing value for sports fans and ESPN's conviction for teamwork. His stated mission for ESPN is to "Serve Sports Fans, Anytime, Anywhere" and will discuss what ESPN is doing today to continue to grow and fulfill its mission.

May 9            No Meeting - ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON - for all members at the Country Club of New Canaan. Cash bar with "munchies" opens at 11:30am, lunch at 12:20pm. A stag event. Menu: mouthwatering roast beef or delectable salmon. Wine at table included. Cost: \$55 in advance; \$60 at the door. Make reservations at 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; get a party of friends and ride together. Call Getabout at 203-972-7433.

May 16            Lisa Oldham is the Executive Director, New Canaan Library. She will be speaking on *The Future of Libraries*. A native of New York, Liz moved to New Zealand where she commenced her library career. From 1993 to 2006, she lived and worked in libraries in Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Mexico. She returned to New Zealand 2006 - 2013 and worked in libraries this entire time including: Head of Reference department in Nelson City, Manager for Tasman District (Director of 4 libraries serving 50,000), and the National Library of New Zealand.

May 23            No Meeting - Memorial Day

May 30            Dr. Ron Kahan will speak about the best ways to utilize the benefits under Medicare from the perspective of a widely respected professional with a longstanding interest in the problems faced by seniors. He is a sought after advisor, consultant and lecturer on the subject and has written two books on the subject: *Medicare Decision Making-Choosing and Using Your Coverage Wisely* and, his latest, *Medicare Demystified*. Dr. Kahan practiced dermatology in Norwalk, 1977 until retirement in 2102, and also taught at Yale's School of Medicine.

## COUTH

May Botanical Garden Tour and Arthur Avenue Lunch - Tuesday, May 20th. Will leave from St. Mark's at 8:45am and spend 2 hours at the gardens. Includes a one-hour guided tour and a free hour to explore them on our own and take in a new exhibit: Early 20th Century Great American Gardens and the Women Who Designed Them. Then bus to Arthur Avenue and lunch there at Pasquale's Rigolletto. Cost: \$90. Sign up at the Couth desk. Dick McRedmond (203-966-0195), Kevin Faughnan (203-966-5702)

June Goodspeed Opera House/Damn Yankees - Date and details TBA. Bob Wosahla (203-966-4876)

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 May luncheon is on Thursday, May 15th at Lapham Center, 12noon. 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 Wednesday, May 14th - Oak Hills, Norwalk - 1st tee time 10am, \$43 including cart.  
Wednesday, May 28th -Sterling Farms, Stamford - 1st tee time 11:03am, \$42 including cart. Harvey Place (203-966-1821)

Mystery Books In May, we will be reading and discussing Truman Capote's masterwork, "In Cold Blood". Capote breaks new ground in reality crime reporting by exploring the lives of people who meet on one fatal day and the results of a stupid and meaningless crime. We will meet at the Lapham Center, date and time TBA at SMC meetings. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)

Investments Monday, May 19th; 11am meeting at Lapham Center. Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)

Paddle Tennis Play on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until tennis nets go up. 9am-11am at Waveny. A Rec. Dept. permit is required. \$10 ball fee. Sam Samai (203-966-0427)

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).

Tennis Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8-10am. Play starts when nets go up. A Rec Department permit is required. Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

4F Luncheon No May lunch. Next luncheon will be on June 27th. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

NEW MEMBERS - Glad to announce that we have 3 new members this month: Jim French, Jack Dolon and Rob Klatell. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted you have joined the SMCNC.