

A FEW BASIC TRUTHS (with thanks to Walt Bork)

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you will have to pee.

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Variation Law: If you change traffic lanes, or grocery checkout lines, the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theatre: The people whose seats are furthest from the aisle will arrive last.

Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product you really like, they will stop making it.

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

June 2 Our speaker will be Michael Campbell. Mr. Campbell is Chairman, President and CEO of Arch Chemicals, an NYSE-listed company with some 3000 employees, headquartered in Norwalk. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Mr. Campbell holds a juris doctor from George Washington University. He is a member of several organizations in the chemical industry. In 2005 he also was appointed by President Bush to be a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

June 9 Charles Monagan will speak to us on the topic of "Identifying Connecticut." He'll look at the state's continuing identity crisis as it sits demurely between New York and New England, and is not sure to which, if either, it belongs. A Dartmouth graduate and current resident of Waterbury, Mr. Monagan has been a writer and editor for the past 30 years. He has written for many national publications, including Harper's, Yankee, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe, and authored six books.

June 16 Our speaker will be Charles Maxwell, who is a senior energy analyst at Weeden and Co. in Greenwich. Having retired in 1997, he came back to the oil and gas markets in view of his expectation that important changes in these sectors were about to unfold. Mr. Maxwell was educated at Princeton University and Oxford University, and initially worked for a major international oil company in the Middle East.

June 23 First Selectman, Judy Neville will address the Senior Men's Club on "The State of the Town." She will review the accomplishments of the past year and address the most important issues and projects going forward in the next several months. Ms. Neville addressed the Senior Men's Club last year on July 8.

June 30 No Meeting - 4th of July Weekend.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

On June 16, at 8:45 a.m. in the Library at St. Mark's, Vance Ward will lead a special session for new members, and for anyone else who'd like to attend, to describe the various activities of the Senior Men's Club. Committee Chairmen will also be there to answer questions about their areas. If you haven't been to an orientation before, this is a great way to learn about all that SMC does.

COUTH

- Jun 8 (Thur)** Enjoy a sparkling evening of fine dining and musical theater in New Haven. We have planned a dinner at the renowned Union League Café, just steps from the Shubert Theater, where we'll view a performance of the smash musical, "Chicago." The price will be \$125 per person, \$250 per couple. Check in at 4:00 at St. Mark's for a 4:15 departure. Our host will be Ladd Seton.
- July 29 (Sat)** We return for our annual outing to the Great Connecticut Jazz Festival in Moodus CT. Come hear your favorite bands from around the world back at the old stand in Moodus, on the Connecticut River. Cost will be about \$50 per person, but stay tuned as details will follow. Jim D'Acosta and Bob Woshala will host.
- August** No trip is scheduled at present. Check Friday meeting announcements for any changes.

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** We'll resume our cooking sessions in September.
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 Waveny House for play.
Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Golf** The next outing is on May 31, at Whitney Farms (Directions: www.whitneyfarmsgc.com) in Monroe. Tee time will be 9:30, price is \$45. Then we will play at Richter Park (Directions: www.richterpark.com) in Danbury on June 13th. Tee time is 11:00, cost is \$45. And on June 27th, we'll be at Oak Hills (Directions: www.oakhillsgc.com) in Norwalk, tee time of 10:30, and the price is \$56.50.
Bill Kapp (966-4033)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA.
Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** The planes are in the hanger until fall.
Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Tennis** Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8a.m. in Mead Park
Craig Wright (966-4399)
- Trailblazers** Our next hike will be June 14, at Trout Brook Valley. This is a relatively new preserve of over 1,000 acres acquired by the Aspetuck Land Trust in Easton/Weston.. An easy to moderate hike of 5-6 miles. Meet at St. Mark's at 8:30. Bring water, lunch, a friend. No check required!
David Branch (966-9782)
- 4F Luncheon** The next 4F Luncheon will be held May 26th at the Red Barn in Westport. June's lunch, on June 23rd, will be at the Woodway Beach Club.
Eric Petschek (966-0624)

Pool Players – The new Lapham Community Center has two professional pool tables which are frequently available for personal use. There are also pool lessons from time to time for those of you who didn't have a misspent youth. Contact Nancy Pennington or Lyn Bond at 594-3620 to reserve a table or to inquire about lessons.

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