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ANOTHER BLONDE JOKE, AS SHE TELLS IT (with thanks to Bruce Croaning)

I had a flat tire on the interstate, so I eased my car over to the right shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car, and opened the trunk. I took out 2 life-sized, full-color cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car - facing the oncoming traffic. They looked so life-like . . . you would not believe it! They are dressed in tan trench coats exposing their nude bodies (with special artistic attention applied to their nether regions) which were deliberately exposed to the approaching drivers.

As I expected, the cars immediately started slowing down while their drivers were looking at my life-like "helper men". This made it much safer for me to work with my jack and spare tire at the side of the road. And, of course, as you might expect, traffic starts backing up. Everybody is tooting their horns and waving like crazy!!! Well, it wasn't long before a crispy-critter State Trooper pulls up behind me with those flashing blue lights. He gets out of his car and starts walking toward me. I knew immediately that he was not a happy camper! The Trooper yelled: "What in Hell is going on here?"

I said calmly:" My car has a flat tire, sir."

"Well, what are those totally obscene cardboard men doing here by the road?"

I could not believe that he actually did not know. So I told him:

"Helloooooo, Officer . . . Those are my 'Emergency Flashers'".

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

- Jun 4** Richard J. Colangelo, Jr. is a Senior Assistant State's Attorney in the Judicial District of Stamford / Norwalk. He will speak to us on the subject of "Challenges Faced by the State's Attorney's Office." Attorney Colangelo joined the Division of Criminal Justice in March 1993. He has prosecuted all types of major felony cases. Throughout his career he has specialized in cases of child exploitation, both severe physical and sexual abuse, and child sexual exploitation cases involving the internet.
- Jun 11** Our speaker will be Matt Seiler, since 2008 the Global Chief Executive Officer of UM, a media agency headquartered in NYC. Prior to UM, Matt served as President and later CEO of PHD North America which he joined in 2004. Matt has also held other roles within the Omnicom Group, including EVP, Chief Insight and Integration Officer for the holding company and Director of Strategic Planning at BBDO New York. He was named "Executive of the Year" by *Mediaweek*.
- Jun 18** Eric S. Petersen is an attorney with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York. He is a graduate of Brown and University of Chicago Law School. It is with the fond wish to see the standard of our country raised to the lofty levels set by her founders, so beautifully and powerfully articulated in the writings of Thomas Jefferson, that Eric S. Petersen presents "The Vision of Thomas Jefferson." A resident of Stamford, Mr. Petersen is the editor of a book of Thomas Jefferson's writings entitled Light and Liberty.
- Jun 25** Frank Anderson has spent most of his adult life working for very secret organizations within the United States National Defense establishment. He served three tours of duty in the Middle East as an agency station chief, headed the Afghan Task Force (1987-1989), and was chief of the Near East Division from 1991 to 1994. In his talk he plans to contrast our country's position in the "arc of crisis" 10 years into the 21st Century with our performance in that region of the world throughout the 20th Century. Afghanistan and Iraq will be discussed and American policy there analyzed.

PADDLE PARTY - Our annual season-ending paddle tennis party, which is really for all SMC members and their spouse/guest, will be held at Waveny at 6:00 on May 24. A check for \$5 per person, plus an appetizer or dessert that will serve 8, are your tickets of admission. Give or mail checks to Steve Rowley (32 Kelley Green).

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June 17 (Thur) We will go to Belmont for live action from the track. \$70 per person includes admission, program, buffet lunch and bus. You must be 18 years or older to wager at Belmont, so bring your ID. We will depart St. Mark's at 9:45 and return around 5:30. Hosts are Jack Murray (203-966-1416) and Stan Stanziale (203-966-2862)

Summer There will be no couth trips in July or August.

September The previously announced and fully subscribed trip to Canada will be the only couth trip in September.

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 will meet at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, June 24. Details will follow at the Friday meetings and on the website. Sign up at the Friday meetings. There's usually a limit of 12 chefs. Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217)

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. 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 We have two outings in June. On Monday, June 14th: we'll play the Ridgefield Golf Course; 1st tee time 9:30 am, \$45 including cart. Then on Wednesday, June 30th we're at Whitney Farms in Monroe. 1st tee time is 9:30 am, \$45 including cart. Harvey Place (203-966-1821)

Paddle Tennis Play is over for this season. See you next fall. 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. A Rec Department permit is required. Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

Trailblazers Listen at the Friday meetings and check the website for more details on any upcoming hikes. Ray Davis (203-940-3013)

4F Luncheon Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is usually on the Fourth Friday. Details about future lunches will be announced at Friday meetings. 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. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

KEEP IT GOING - The Membership Committee is asking all members to invite friends and associates, 55 years or older, and who live or own property in New Canaan, to attend a Friday meeting and encourage them to consider joining the Club.

NEW MEMBERS - We have two new members since the last newsletter: Edward Brown and David Findlay. Please welcome them when you see them at the meetings.

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