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ANOTHER PRIEST AND RABBI STORY

A priest and a rabbi are sitting next to each other on an airplane.

After a while, the priest turns to the rabbi and asks, "Pardon me, Rabbi, but is it still a requirement of your faith that you not eat pork?" The rabbi responds, "Yes, that is still one of our beliefs."

The priest then asks, "Have you ever eaten pork?" To which the rabbi replies, "Yes, on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted a ham sandwich." The priest nods in understanding and goes on with his reading.

A while later, the rabbi speaks up and asks the priest, "Father, is it still a requirement of your church that you remain celibate?" The priest replies, "Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith."

The rabbi then asks him, "Father, have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?"

The priest replies, "Yes, rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke with my faith."

The rabbi nods understandingly and remains silent, thinking, for about five minutes. Finally, the rabbi says, "Sure beats a ham sandwich, doesn't it?"

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

- Jun 1** Former CIA agent Mike Baker will speak about counter-terrorism and current hot spots in the world. Mr. Baker is the President and co-founder of Diligence LLC, and intelligence and risk management firm. During a career spanning over fifteen years as a covert field operations officer for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Mike specialized in counter-terrorism, counter-narcotic and counter-insurgency operations. He engaged in, organized and supervised operations around the globe, working in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere.
- Jun 8** Norma K. Darragh, the Executive Director of Shepherds, Inc. will tell us about, the Shepherds Program. Its mission is to answer the call of disadvantaged Connecticut youth, offering them a quality college preparatory education at a non-public high school with the introduction of a positive role model – a Mentor – who fills a void in their lives. Many Shepherds students are the first generation to graduate from high school and dream of a college education. Shepherds is a non-denominational 501 © (3) non-profit organization.
- Jun 15** Dr. Eric Mazur is the Chief Medical Officer at Norwalk Hospital. He introduced and built their Hospitalist Program. We will learn about the workings of that program, some insight into the team of health care professionals and a better understanding about specialized training in caring for hospitalized patients. We are fortunate to have Norwalk Hospital as a model for prominent health care institutions around the country, and one of the oldest and most proven Hospitalist Programs in the State of CT.
- Jun 22** Author Jack Cavanaugh will tell us about his new book, *Season of '42*, the baseball season in the first full year of WWII which has ties to several significant battles and which may be of special interest to SMC members. It was the last full season of baseball before all the greats enlisted in the armed services, like Joe DiMaggio, and Babe Ruth. Jack last appeared before the SMCNC on October 2010, presenting *The Gipper: George Gipp, Knute Rockne, and the Dramatic Rise of Notre Dame Football*.
- Jun 29** Our speaker will be Seth Miller, M.D, a Board certified orthopaedic surgeon, specializing in the shoulder and elbow, arthroscopic surgery and sports medicine. He is one of a small number of surgeons in the United States who perform reverse shoulder replacements. He is staff orthopaedic physician at Greenwich Hospital and serves as Clinical Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Hospital or Joint Diseases at NYU Medical Center. Dr. Miller has been Orthopaedic Consultant to the New York Mets for over five years.

NEW MEMBERS - We have five new members since the last newsletter: Kevin Faughnan, Bruce McLanahan, Charles McRedmond, Gene O'Callaghan, and Arnold Steiger. Please welcome them when you see them at the meetings.

COUTH

- May 29 (Tue)** We'll be visiting the New York Botanical Garden in Bronx, N.Y. The day includes a private, docent-led tram tour followed by a catered buffet lunch in a private area of the Visitor Center Café. After lunch, we'll have time to visit the Haupt Conservatory or just wander around the Garden. The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory is featuring a stunning tribute to French Impressionist Claude Monet that showcases a seasonally changing interpretation of the gardens that inspired his art. Our bus will depart St. Mark's at 10:00 a.m. sharp and be back by around 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person. Your hosts will be Mike Allocca (203-966-0547) and Dave Conrod (203-594-1401).
- Jun 13 (Wed))** We will make a visit to the 911 Memorial, followed by lunch at Marco Polo in Brooklyn. Then we will conclude with a tour of the NYC Emergency Operations Center. There is a strict limit of 45 people due to 911 ticket restrictions. Cost is \$89 per person. Your hosts will be Tom DeMartino (203-972-1309) and Pete Stair (203-966-6497.)
- July 2012** No trip is planned
- Sept 2012** National Parks tour. Call Bob Witt for the brochure/application, (203) 966 2892.

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

- Amateur Chefs** The chefs' next meeting will be at 12:00 on June 21. Sign up at the Friday meetings.
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** Meet at Lapham Center at 9:00 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 June 4th (Monday), we'll play at Whitney Farms in Monroe, 1st Tee time 9:30am, \$45 including cart. Then on June 20th (Wednesday) it is the Silvermine Challenge (SMCNC vs Darien Sr. Men's Association) with a Shotgun Start at 8:30am, \$42 including cart, No Host Bar and Lunch after play.
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments** The investment group will meet June 18 at 10:30 at Lapham. Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books** The SMC Mystery Book Club is going to the racetrack, reading novels by Dick Francis. Francis' books feature murder and mayhem on horseback, on the track as well as in the barns. We'll unravel well written complicated plots which are not horse &*(#% and maybe get a chance to talk to a horseman or two. Date and location of the session will be announced at the Friday SMC meetings.
Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Photo/Computer** Stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check the web for our next session.
Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
- Sidewalks - NYC** On June 6th Sidewalks of New York will tour Woodlawn Cemetery, leaving on the 8:49 train. Following a leisurely 2 mile walk, we will return to mid-town for lunch about 1:00 p.m. Cost: Metro North round-trip ticket and lunch, plus subway transport. You must be registered for this walk. On June 27th we will visit Flushing Meadows Park, site of the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs. Sign up at the meetings or contact Pete Stair.
Pete Stair (203-966-6497)
- 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** Stay tuned for the next walk.
Jack Murray (203-966-1416)
- 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. Sign up at the Couth desk, either before 10 a.m. or during the coffee break.
Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)