

Some Basic Truths (again with thanks to Jack Murray)

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car.

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.

No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month-and-a-half for an appointment, and he says, "I wish you'd come in sooner."

JULY-AUGUST SPEAKERS (Summer Schedule – bi-weekly meetings, at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

July 8 First Selectman, Judy Neville will address the Senior Men's Club on July 8 on "The State of the Town." She will review her most significant accomplishments during the past year including the purchase of the new property to be added to New Canaan's parks. In addition, she will address the most important issues and projects going forward in the next several months, including the implications of the proposed charter revisions. Ms. Neville addressed the Senior Men's Club last year on June 25.

July 22 General Dana Demand, Commandant of the 105th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard at Stewart Air Force Base, will tell of the recent deployment, service and return of his unit from Iraq. General Demand last spoke to SMC three years ago. General Demand was originally slated to speak in May, but had to reschedule.

Aug. 5 Dennis Taylor is a former General Counsel and board member for the NAFTA group of a large international specialty chemical company. He served as counsel to the Republican Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives during Watergate. He is a former member and chairman of the Republican Town Committee and is currently serving on the Town Council. He chaired the Council's Charter Study Committee (2003-2004) and chairs the current Charter Revision Commission, and will speak to us on that subject.

Aug. 19 Bruce Bond will provide us with "A Cool-headed Look at What's Hot in Technology". He will cover topics including outsourcing and new searching technology. Bruce is group Vice President for Gartner Research, where he runs the component of Gartner which specializes in higher education, manufacturing, media, retail and travel research. Bruce has a long history in enterprise resource planning (ERP), is a New Canaan high school graduate and son of SMC member Dick Bond.

COUTH

- July 30 (Sat)** Mark the date for our annual visit to the CT Jazz Festival. This is a highlight of the Couth calendar. It is a terrific trip to bring your friends who enjoy good music and a delightful setting. Cost will be \$45 per person, with check-in at St. Mark's at 8:15 a.m. Return about 7:00. Bring a hat and sun screen! Or drive yourself with a ticket priced at \$25. Our Jazz Festival experts, Jim D'Acosta and Bob Wosahla are the hosts.
- Aug. 14 (Sun)** Lunch at an appropriate (as yet unidentified) restaurant, with an afternoon concert to follow at Tanglewood. An all Mozart program: Overture to The Impresario, Concerto in C for flute (James Galway), harp, and orchestra, and Sumphony No. 38, Prague. Cost will be \$110, departure time TBA. Host is Bob Jeffries.
- Sept 20 (Tue)** Visit the Yale Campus, and see what \$45,000 a year will buy. We'll have a one hour walking campus tour led by a student guide, including the Beineke Rare Book Library, with its copy of the Gutenberg Bible. Also visit Woolsey Hall, and see and hear the Newberry organ. Lunch will be at Silliman College. A bus tour of the campus will follow. Depart St. Marks at 8:45, return about 4:00. Cost TBA. Hosts are Bill Nissen and Dan Ward.

Please note: The newly stated 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

- 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** On June 23rd, we will be at the Richter Park course, one of the highest rated public golf courses in the U.S. After that, please listen for announcements at the meetings, and check the website for updates. No further dates were available as the newsletter went to press. Bob Moylan (966-9904)
- 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 Lapham Community Center reopens, hopefully by next September. Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Tennis** Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8a.m. in Mead Park. Craig Wright (966-4399)
- Trailblazers** July 12 will be at Trout Brook Valley. August 9 will be at Pound Ridge. Each are easy to moderate hikes. Meet at 8:30 at St. Mark's, bring water, a sandwich, a friend. No check required! Dave Branch (966-9782)
- 4F Luncheon** Selection of the site for the luncheon is announced at a meeting during the month. Sign up prior to or during break in fourth Friday meeting. Eric Petschek (966-0624)

Special Note – Governor Jody Rell has indicated she will “drop in” for a brief visit to meet our members and say a few words the next time her very busy and fluid schedule brings her to or near New Canaan on a Friday. We may not know about her visit until a day or two in advance, so come every meeting and don't miss a chance to meet the Governor.

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