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BASEBALL TIME AGAIN - HERE'S AN "AWAY GAME" YOU WON'T FORGET

Two 90-year old men, Phil and Joe, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Phil was dying, Joe visited him every day. One day Joe said, "Phil, we both loved playing baseball all our lives, and we played all through high school. Please do me a favor; when you get to heaven, somehow you must let me know if there is baseball there." Phil looked up at him from his deathbed and said, "Joe, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you." Shortly after that, Phil died. A few nights later, Joe was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Joe, Joe." "Who is it," asked Joe. "Joe, it's me Phil!" "You're not Phil. He just died." "I'm telling you, it's me, Phil!" "Phil, where are you?" "In heaven, and I have some good and bad news for you." "Tell me the good news first," said Joe. "The good news is that there is baseball in heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here too! And we're all young again; it's always springtime; it never rains or snows so we can play ball anytime we want..and we never get tired" "That's fantastic," said Joe. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" Phil replied: "You are pitching Tuesday."

GOLF QUOTES - (thanks to Joel Pelzner)

Sam Snead - "These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with its shadow".

George Brent - "I was three over today; one over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool."

Jim Murray - "Actually, the only time I ever used a one-iron was to kill a tarantula..and I took a 7 to do that."

Mickey Mantle - "The only sure rule in golf is: He who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie."

Jack Nicklaus - "Professional golf is the only sport where, if you win 20% of the time, you're the best."

JULY/AUGUST SPEAKERS- (Note: NO MEETINGS on July 5 & 19; August 2, 16 and 30).

July 12 Martin Yellin's talk is titled: "*Hexagon: The Top Secret Program That Helped Prevent WWII*". He retired in 1998 after working at Perkin Elmer in Wilton for 33 years, was involved with the Hexagon program to design and build the largest spy satellite ever to be flown in space. He couldn't talk about it for 40 years until reclassified in 2011. During his last 10 years at Perkin Elmer, Martin helped design and manage parts of the Hubble Space Telescope--the most productive space instrument ever built. Makes you want to ask: "What's next?"

July 26 Dede Locke, BSN, RN has worked as an oncology nurse since 1981 and is a member of Mid Fairfield Hospice where she has provided in-home, professional care for the last 5 years. She will be speaking on a program known as "*Plan For No Regrets*" which will cover Connecticut's laws around end-of-life planning, the appointment of a health rep, an explanation of "life-sustaining treatments" and how to complete your advance directives leagally. All participants will receive a copy of Connecticut's Advance Directive and other important information.

August 9 Dr. Rob Pascale and Dr. Lou Primavera, authors of *The Retirement Maze: What You Should Know Before and After You Retire*, will be discussing exactly that. They have found that only half of retirees think their lives improved after they retired. They will discuss how retirement is not as easy as it might seem and that all too many people are not ready for it. A new life lacking structure and direction, they will assess retirement, how to prepare and deal with it, based on the fact it is a difficult transition with many pitfalls and obstacles to overcome.

August 23 Paul Paulson, renown advertising executive with Compton Advertising and Doyle Dane Bernbach before starting his own ad agency, Isitore & Paulson, will be speaking on "*Advertising: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*". If you think advertising doesn't work, consider the millions of us that think yogurt tastes good. Good times, bad times, there will always be advertising; in good times people want to, in bad times they have to. Is advertising expense wasted? Think of political ads and how pervasive and intrusive they have become in our lives.

SUMMER IS SOCIAL TIME! - Bring your friends to the Friday meetings this summer and buy them a cup of coffee and morning snack. The speakers are great too! And we'd love to have them join the SMC!

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- August** Thursday, August 1st - A Day At Saratoga Race Track - It's Saratoga's 150th birthday! We'll leave NC at 7:30a, expected return 10pm. Dinner on road back. Est. cost: \$95 (drinks/lunch at track and dinner not included). Fun dressy event; fun dresses/hats for the ladies and sport jackets for the men. Members encouraged to invite groups of friends and family! Important to check website; click on *Exciting Details* for further fun info! Jerry Ward (203-966-9011)
- September** Thursday, Sept. 19th - New York Water Boat Trip - Board bus at St.Mark's and go to the NY Water Taxi; trip down Hudson River to Statue of Liberty; up East River; lunch at Water's Edge Restaurant in Long Island City. Est. cost: \$140 pp. Go to website for further info.
Mike Allocca (203-966-0547), Tom DeMartino (203-972-1309)

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

- Amateur Chefs** Thursday, July 25th - ANNUAL LOBSTER FEST - 12noon, Lapham Center, Cost of reservation: \$30 per person. Sign up a Couth table or call Nick or Bert.
Friday, August 16th - ANNUAL SMC BARBECUE - 12noon, Waveny Castle. Cost is \$15 per person. This is a husband/wife affair - stag or drag or significant other. Sign up at Couth table. We could use some help with the event! If you can help, let us know.
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)
- Country Walkers** Check website for the next walk. Jack Murray (203-966-1416)
- Cycling** Meet at Lapham Center at 9am on Wednesday mornings for a ride.
Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)
- Golf** Wed, June 26th - Silvermine Challenge-\$60 Cash + cart; Tee off 8:30a; lunch after golf
Tues. July 9th - Whitney Farms - 1st tee time: 9:30am; \$45 including cart.
Wed, July 24th - Fairchild-Wheeler - Black course; 1st tee time: 9:30am; \$38 incl. cart.
Wed, Aug. 7th - Oak Hills Golf Course - Tee time: 10am; \$43 including cart.
Wed, Aug. 21st - Ridgefield Golf Course - 1st Tee time: 9:30am; \$48 including cart.
- Investments** No meetings planned as yet for July/August. Check at Friday meetings and on website.
Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books** No sessions in July/August. Taking a summer break from murder and mayhem. Will pick up with a new spy novel in September. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Sidewalks - NY** No walks during the summer. Will start again in September. Pete Stair (203-966-6497)
- Tennis** Play at Mead Park on Mon, Tues. and Thursday, 8-10am; need Rec Park permit.
Ted Foster (203-966-4002)
- 4F Luncheon** No luncheons scheduled for July and August. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

REMINDER OF SMC CLUB POLICY - If you missed the June 7th meeting, Bob Spence took the opportunity to remind all of us of the Club's commitment to remain a non-political, non-commercial, and non-soliciting organization as clearly stated in the Club's by-laws.