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WHEN SIGHT IS LOST, OTHER SENSES COMPENSATE FOR THAT LOSS

A woman goes into Bob's Sports to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She grabs one and goes to the counter. The clerk was there wearing dark glasses. She asks, "Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes." She drops it. "That's a 6-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and a 10-lb test line. It's on sale this week for \$20.00." She says, "That's amazing you can tell all that by just hearing it. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. "Oh, that sounds like a like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally passes gas. The clerk rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50, please." The woman is totally confused by the amount and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel was on sale for \$20? How did it get to be \$34.50?" He replies, "Yes, ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20, but the Duck Call is \$11 and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50." She quickly paid it and left without saying a word.

BEFORE YOU VISIT THE PAST, SPEND SOME TIME REMEMBERING IT

A SMC member, feeling guilty one day, thought it was about time to go to confession. Inside he found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates. Just then the priest comes in. He said to the priest, "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be." The priest replies, "Get out, you moron -- you're on MY side!"

JULY/AUGUST SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10:00am in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

July 10 Marina Neary is the author of two books, *Wynfield's Kingdom* and *Saved by the Gang: a Nuclear Comedy*. She will talk about her books, how they are different (Ireland vs. Eastern Europe) but how they have a common theme – nationalistic element. Notorious for her abrasive personality and politically incorrect views that make her a persona non grata in most polite circles, she explores human suffering through the prism of dark humor, believing that tragedy and comedy go hand in hand.

July 24 Rozanne Gates is co-founder of *The Legacy Project USA*, an organization that gathers and documents family histories, preserving the memories that make up your life's story. She will describe the process of gathering family history and all the ways it can be delivered: in family photos, in books, on videos, on genealogy charts, and even if requested, a family song. Who among us is not curious about where we came from, who our great-grand parents were, etc. Today's digital world allows this to happen and to preserve family histories far into the future.

August 7 Jim Cameron, affectionately known as "The Train Guy", launched The Commuter Action Group after serving 19 years on the CT Metro-North Rail Commuter Council meeting with hundreds of commuters to hear their concerns and ideas. The CAG is dedicated to empowering the Metro-North commuters to improve service by giving them a voice before the railroad, the CT Dept. of Transportation and state and federal lawmakers. Mr. Cameron's talk is entitled *Metro- North: From First to Worst*.

August 21 Rob Petersen is the Founder and President of BarnRaisers, a full-service digital marketing agency that builds brands with proven relationship principles and ROI. The title of Rob's speech is *Demystifying Social Media Marketing*, answering questions: Does it work? How does it work? Why do so many businesses not see Return On Investment (ROI). Looking at industry trends, consumer behaviors and case studies, he will explain the business principles behind social media marketing with real examples and insights.

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have 6 new members: Joseph Buongiorno, Thomas Berardino, James Hollyday, Andrew Sherwood, Bill Jennings and Stephen Halpert. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted that you have joined the SMCNC!

COUTH - Future Tentative Trips: **Sept:** BELMONT PARK <> **Oct:** THE RESTAURANT ADVENTURE

SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK:

Thursday, July 2 - (Tentative) Visit ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY. Sitting on floors 100-102 of the One World Trade Center. Followed by a visit to pier 15 and the sailing ship L'Herminette, a replica of the frigate that brought Lafayette to our revolution. Limited to 18 members and guests. Admission: \$30. Train, subway and lunch are on your own. Sign up sheet at the Couth table.
Pete Stair (hstair@gmail.com)

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

- Amateur Chefs** **Friday, August 14th** – ANNUAL SUMMER BARBEQUE – 12 Noon at Wavney. Bring wives, or significant others. \$15.00/person. Sign up at couth table. For further information call Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696).
- Bridge** Organize your own games after the Friday meetings. Marvin Newman (203-972-8165)
- Biking Club** The Club arranges local and away rides for members every Wednesday during the summer. Regular rides start at Lapham at 9am while carpooling is arranged for out of town rides at 8am. There is no fee and rides are designed not to be stressful and too demanding. For further information please contact Roger Colson at rochar@aol.com or 203-858-7353.
- Golf** **Wednesday, July 8th** – Ridgefield Golf Course. 1st Tee time 9:30am, \$42 including cart
Monday, July 20th - Whitney Farms (Monroe), 1st Tee time 9:15am, \$45 including cart
Monday, August 3rd – Fairchild Wheeler, 1st Tee time 9:00am, \$38 including cart
Monday, August 17th – Oak Hills (Norwalk), 1st Tee time 9:00am, \$43 including cart
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments** Next meeting will be on **Tues, July 7th** at Lapham at 11am. We will be discussing the status of the stock market.
Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505)
- Mystery Books** Consult the website for future meetings. New murder and mayhem subjects are yet a mystery.
Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Poker** Scheduled Tuesday games will continue after the summer. George Perkins (972-6852)
- Table Tennis** If there are any interested members who might like to play, please let Steve know. Planning on playing at the YMCA. Days and times are TBA.
Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)
- Tennis** Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays, 8-10am. A Rec Dept. permit is required.
Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SMC PRESIDENT- I was assigned by the membership the position of president of this club. It is both an honor and a challenge and I certainly intend to continue and build on the great legacy left by my predecessors. The Senior Men's Club of New Canaan is living proof that there is life after 55 and so-called retirement. It is vibrant with a multitude of interesting activities and a great spirit of volunteerism. Let's work together to make 2015/16 memorable! --Les de Villiers