



# NEWSLETTER

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## SIMPLE TRUTHS FROM WILL ROGERS (with thanks to Jack Murray)

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.

There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

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

Sep 3 No Meeting – Labor Day Weekend

Sep 10 Our speaker will be Eric Pooley. Mr. Pooley is the deputy editor of *Bloomberg Businessweek* and the author of *The Climate War: True Believers, Power Brokers, and the Fight to Save the Earth*. He has served as managing editor of *Fortune*; editor of *Time Europe*; and national editor, chief political correspondent, and White House correspondent for *Time*. Before joining Time Inc. he was a writer, political columnist and senior editor for *New York* magazine. He has appeared on *Nightline*, *Charlie Rose*, *The CBS Evening News*, *NBC Nightly News*, *Larry King Live*, *Anderson Cooper 360*, *All Things Considered*, and many other programs.

Sep 17 Richard Bergmann, assisted by Phillip Moyer and Hugh Hedges, will tell us about how they designed the building that sent a man to the moon, the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center. As tall as a 52 story building and as wide as a city block, the VAB was built as an assembly facility for the 36-story Saturn rockets that took man to the moon. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Mr. Bergmann is a New Canaan resident whose architecture practice has been located on Park Street for some 37 years.

Sep 24 Neil Lubarsky, an attorney who is admitted to the bar in both New York State and Connecticut, will speak about how various trusts techniques can be used to legally avoid estate taxes and nursing home costs. Among other matters, the speaker will address how to use trusts to legally make income producing real estate, income producing business interests, principal residences, and vacation residences worth, for estate tax purposes, a tiny fraction of their total value. He will also address various legal techniques that can be used to protect your primary residence and other assets from being depleted by the costs of nursing home care.

**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.

## COUTH

- September** The previously announced and fully subscribed trip to the Canadian Rockies by train will be Sept. 16 - Sept. 24.
- October** Plans are being discussed. Stay tuned at the Friday meetings and on the website for more details.
- Nov 3 (Wed)** It's Broadway for LA CAGE AUX FOLLES. Leave New Canaan at 11:30, lunch on your own in the city or bring a sandwich. Play starts at 2:00. Afterward we'll have dinner at Hurley's Tavern, leaving New York for home about 7:00, with a cordial on the bus, arriving back around 8:30. Cost will be \$160 per person. Your host: Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)

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 6:00 p.m. at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> for our annual Harvest Dinner for husband/wife/significant others. Menu to be announced. Price will be \$50 per couple, limit of 40 people (20 couples). Sign up at the Friday meetings.  
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** 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 September dates. First is Sterling Farms, Wed., Sept. 15, 2010, \$39 including cart, 1<sup>st</sup> tee time 11:03am. Then on Thur., Sept. 30, we'll play the Black Course at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield. Exit 46 from the Merritt, south on CT Rt 59 ¾ of a mile on left. (Directions: [www.fairchildwheeler.com](http://www.fairchildwheeler.com)) Price is \$35 including cart. First tee time 9:36am.  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Photography** The SMC photogroup will meet from on Wed. Sept.22nd from 1:30pm to 4:00pm in the Lapham Center Computer room. Bring summer show and tell.  
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)
- 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)

**NEW MEMBERS** – There have been no new members since the last newsletter.

**SMC DUES BULLETIN.** Our annual SMC dues have remained constant at \$35 since 2007. However, Club operating costs have increased and, as a result, the Board of Directors has approved a \$5 dues increase to \$40 a year for calendar year 2011. This action was ratified by vote of the members at the July 23 weekly meeting. Our collection campaign for calendar year 2011 dues is now in progress. Please give your check payable to SMC for \$40 to Bob Spence or Wally Pease at any weekly meeting or send it to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue.



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