



# NEWSLETTER

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## COLONOSCOPES ARE FUNNY??

Colonoscopies are certainly no joke, but these comments made by patients during the exam were quite humorous:

1. "Take it easy, Doc. You are boldly going where no man has ever gone before!" 2. "Did you find Amelia Earhart yet?" 3. "Can you hear me now?" 4. "Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?" 5. "You know, in Arkansas we're now legally married." 6. "Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?" 7. "You put your left hand in, you take your left hand out..." 8. Hey, now I know how a Muppet feels!" 9. "If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!" 10. "Hey Doc, let me know if you find dignity." 11. "You used to be an executive at Enron, didn't you?" And...the best for last: 12. "Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is not up there?"

And...this from a SMC member!: As the doctor was about to start my exam, a nurse ran into the examining room asking in a loud voice, "Woops, sorry for interrupting doctor, but is my stool in here?" Without any hesitation, I replied to her, "Nurse, how long have you worked here? This is the last place on earth you'd ever find stool!"

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

Sept 7 Voice Actor Larry Kenney will share highlights of his nearly 50-year career in Broadcasting including his first gig as a 15 year-old radio DJ in Peoria, Illinois...to his hosting the TV game show "Bowling for Dollars"...and 35 years on "Imus in the Morning". Audio and video snippets will be included in his presentation, which will take us behind the scenes of the "on-air" side of radio and television.

Sept 14 Heidi Hadsell, Ph.D., President, Professor of Social Ethics, Hartford Seminary, will discuss the interplay between the three Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Dr. Hadsell's international experience is reflected in her membership on the International Resource Panel for the Islamic Council of Singapore. She recently was named to the Abrahamic Forum Steering Committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews. Before coming to the Hartford Seminary in 2000, she served as Director of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland.

Sept 21 Dr. Mary Kolek, Superintendent of the New Canaan Public Schools, will present "The State of New Canaan Public Schools". An update with a focus on how the schools are currently creating the kind of learning environments and programs that support them in achieving their vision, which as noted on their website includes, "building the character, competence and courage to change the world." She will also provide a glimpse into what is on the horizon for the next several years, as they prepare their students to meet the challenges of learning, serving, contributing and leading as members of the global community and marketplace.

Sept 28 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. When Jack last appeared before the SMCNC, he presented *The Gipper: George Gipp, Knute Rockne, and the Dramatic Rise of Notre Dame Football*.

SOME WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - Can you believe that the summer is almost behind us and fall just around the corner? Time sure flies when you get to our age! I hope you had a good one and now it's time to get back to work...oh wait a minute, most of us don't work! We are still looking for new members and have some terrific speakers coming up. Make it a point to invite at least one prospective new member over the next month or two to come check us out!

NEW MEMBERS - Happy to report we have 5 new members since the last Newsletter: Roger DeBard, James Dowd, Douglas Lake, David Squier and George Wright. Welcome gentlemen to the SMC! Enjoy!

## **COUTH**

September

**Sunday, Sept 16th:** National Parks Tour. There are openings available for the 12 day tour of our national parks. Call for a brochure/application. Bob Witt (203-966-2892)

**Sunday, Sept 16th:** Casual Couth (no bus) trip to Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Show features WWI aircraft in aerial combat, 2-4pm. Aerodrome is 2 hours from NC. Carpool from St. Marks at 10:30am. Cost: \$13. See: [www.olderhinebeck.org](http://www.olderhinebeck.org). Jack Murray (203-966-1416)

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

- Amateur Chefs** The Chefs are taking a holiday in September. The next event is the Oktoberfest on Thursday, October 18th. Stay tuned for further details.  
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)
- Cycling** Meet at Lapham Center at 9am on Wednesday mornings for a ride.  
Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)
- Golf** **Sept. 5th (Wednesday) - Sterling Farms;** tee time 11:03am; \$41 including cart  
**Sept. 17th (Monday) - Fairchild Wheeler;** first tee time 9:36am; \$35 incl. cart  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments** **Sept. 17th (Monday) - 10:30am meeting at Lapham.** Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books** Current book: **Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy.** LeCarre at his best! Book and movie are available at NC Library. Also try to watch the PBS series of shows. We will compare and contrast the three renderings of the story; date and location will be announced at the Friday meetings and on the website.  
Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Photo/Computer** Stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check website for next session.  
Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
- Sidwalks - NY** **Sept. 19th (Wed)** A walk through Morningside Heights visiting the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Columbia University, Riverside Church and Grant's Tomb. Sign up at meeting or contact Pete Stair.  
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)
- Country Walkers** Check website for our next walk.  
Pete Stair (203-966-6497)
- 4F Luncheon** **Sept. 28th (Friday) - there will be an event in September on this date!** Location to be announced in early September.  
Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)
- AARP Driving Program - Sept 18th (Tuesday):** Roger Colson will lead a Safe Driving Class at Lapham that gives students over 60 valuable driving tips and a certificate entitling them to a state mandated insurance reduction of a least 5% for two years. Spouses are invited. Cost is \$14/person, \$12 for AARP members. Checks payable to AARP. Please sign up at meetings or contact Roger at [rochar@aol.com](mailto:rochar@aol.com) or at 203-966-9258.

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