



# NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT DOWNTON ABBEY? . . . READ ON! - (thanks to Joel Pelzner)

His Lordship was in the study when the butler approached and coughed discreetly. "May I ask you a question, My Lord?" "Go ahead, Carson," said his Lordship. "I am doing a crossword in the Times and I found a word I am not clear on." "What word is that?" asked his Lordship. "Aplomb, My Lord." "Now that's a little difficult to explain. I will say it is *self-assurance* or *complete composure*." "Thank you, My Lord, but I'm still a little confused." "Well, let me give you an example to make it clearer. Do you remember a few months ago when the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrived to spend a weekend with us?" "I remember the occasion very well, My Lord. It gave the staff and myself much pleasure to look after them." "Also," continued the Earl of Grantham, "do you remember when Wills plucked a rose for Kate in the rose garden?" "Yes, I was present on that occasion, My Lord, ministering to their needs." "While picking the rose, a thorn embedded itself in his thumb very deeply." "Yes, I witnessed the incident, My Lord, and the Duchess herself removed the thorn and bandaged his thumb with her own dainty handkerchief." "That evening the hole that the rose made in his thumb was very sore. Kate had to cut up his venison even though it was extremely tender." "Yes, My Lord, I did see everything that transpired that evening." "Well, the next morning while you were pouring coffee for Her Ladyship, Kate inquired of Wills with a loud voice, "Darling, does your prick still throb? And you, Carson, did not spill one drop of coffee! THAT is aplomb!"

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

Sept 5 Scott Skrym, one of the leading figures in the repo and securities finance markets today, will be discussing his two best selling books, *Rogue Traders* and *The Money Noose: Jon Corzine and the Collapse of MF Global*. Scott is a highly regarded former salesman, trader, trading desk manager, and global business head in fixed-income, securities finance, and securities clearing and settlement. He has taken multi-billion dollar risks on the trading floor and consistently ran one of the most profitable trading groups at every firm where he worked.

Sept 12 Philip D. Restifo is an independent real estate executive with 40+ years experience in commercial property mgt., financing and investment. Currently he is with Avant Capital Partners in Greenwich. He last spoke here in 2010 when the real estate markets were highly distressed in the wake of a financial crisis. Now he will talk about the incredible recovery in the markets the past 4 years which came as a surprise to most investors and will address the plethora of pitfalls we face going forward in a market where yields are thin and risk is underestimated.

Sept 19 Dr. Henry G. Beecher received his medical degree from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science and has been in practice for 13 years. He is affiliated with Stamford Hospital and specializes in gastroenterology. He will be speaking on medicine in four areas: Where we've been in medicine over the past 4500 years; the technological advances we've made; the practice of medicine (how doctors react to their patients); and the Future of Medical Technology.

Sept 26 Ed Hynes, a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), will be speaking on *The Impact of Emotions on Investor Behavior*. He will give examples of how investors make different decisions depending on how happy or angry they are feeling and how specific emotions generate biases like Impact of Vivid Recent Events, Following the Crowd, Fear of Loss, Regret and Overconfidence and giving examples of each. He will recommend techniques to help reduce or eliminate emotions in future decision making.

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have three new members: John McCreight, Rich Lurie, and Frank Hawley. Welcome to the SMC. We are delighted that you have joined us!

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September      NY Tenement Museum Tour - Wednesday, September 10th. Bus leaves St. Mark's at 8am; will return at 3:30pm. 54 person limit. Wives and friends all invited. \$45/person. See website for further details.  
Dick McRedmond (203-966-0195) Kevin Faughnan (203-966-5702)

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

- Amateur Chefs**      Thursday, September 18th - OLD FASHIONED PIZZA AND BEER LUNCH at Lapham Center. \$15 holds your reservation. Contact: Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696).
- Bridge**              Organize your own games after the Friday meetings.                      Eric Musa (203-966-3696)
- Cycling**            Bicycle rides are every Thursday. Meet at Lapham Thursday mornings at 8:30am.  
Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)
- Golf**                  Thursday, September 18th - Smith Richardson (Fairfield), Details TBA - Check website.  
Wednesday, October 1st - Oak Hills (Norwalk), 1st tee time 9:06am, \$43 incl cart.  
Wednesday, October 15th - Whitney Farms (Monroe), 1st tee time 9:30am, \$40 incl cart.  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Mystery Books**      The Mystery Book Club's next meeting will on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:30pm. The author under discussion will be Martha Grimes. Location and further details available at future Friday meetings.                      Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Sidewalks of NY**    Thursday, September 4th - Governor's Island Walking Tour. We'll go by Train. Subway and Ferry to the Island, tour its history and spectacular views of Manhattan. Need sturdy shoes, a Metrocard, ability to handle subway staircases and a 3-mile mostly level walk. Strict limit of 16 people, so sign up early.                      Pete Stair (203-962.2034) or hstair@gmail.com.
- Thursday, October 2nd - Train to NYC and a visit to a NY neighborhood. Limit of 16 people. Need a NYC Metrocard. Hoping to visit the High Line third and final section. Questions and new walk suggestions?? Contact Pete Stair.
- Tennis**                Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8-10am. A Rec Department permit is required.                      Ted Foster (203-966-4002)
- 4F Luncheon**        Next luncheon will be Friday, Sept 26. Details TBA                      Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SMC PRESIDENT

The tempo of SMC programs will start to pick up as the summer is winding down and Fall approaches. Weekly meetings commence in September after Labor Day with quite an interesting set of speakers on deck. Couth trips and NYC walks are scheduled to get us off our duffs and into action. Somewhere in there we'll have the transition from tennis to platform tennis and the fun party that follows. Lots of plans are in place for an interesting and stimulating Fall. What is needed is you! So come out and improve your bridge game, learn to play the ukulele, ride a bike, talk about a murder mystery novel, play golf, cook up a meal or have a relaxing lunch with fellow members on the last Friday of the month. YOU are the SMC and YOU are what makes it so much fun. So...get involved!