

# NEWSLETTER

## HERE ARE SOME MEMORIES LONG AGO THAT MADE US WHAT WE ARE TODAY

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot. Before the days of Dylan, or the dawn of Camelot. There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me. For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born, where navels were for oranges and Peyton Place was porn. We longed for love and romance and waited for our Love. Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him since. We danced to Little Darlin', and sang to "Stagger Lee". And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me, Me. Only girls wore earrings then, and three was one too many. And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Jean McKinney. And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see, A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me. We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh so nice. And when they made a move, they never made it twice. We didn't have Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three, Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me, Me. Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp, And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp. We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go. At least not Bobby Darin or Marilyn Monroe. For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be, And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me, Me. The Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in trees. Modanna was a virgin in the Land That Made Me, Me. We never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars, And babies might be bottle-fed, but they were not grown in jars. And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free. And dorms were never co-ed in the Land That Made Me, Me. We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag, and microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag. And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee. And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me, Me. We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues. We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea. Or prime-time ads for those dysfunctions in the Land That Made Me, Me. There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill. And Fish were not called Wanda, and the cats were not called Bill. And middle-aged was 35 and old was 43, And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made Me, Me. But all things have a season, or so we've heard them say. And now instead of Maybelline we swear by Retin-A. They send us invitations to join AARP, We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me, Me. So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans, And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines. And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be, Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.

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

September 2            **NO MEETING – Labor Day Weekend**

September 9            Fay Vincent has had an extensive career first in the field of law, then in corporate finance with the SEC, then with Columbia Pictures/Coca Cola in charge of their far flung entertainment activities and then became Commissioner of baseball. Fay will be telling anecdotal stories about people he has met through the years and things that he has done.

September 16            Art Gottlieb is a local historian on subjects of political and military history. He will talk about the history of the World Trade Center, it's beginning in 1966 which included seven office skyscrapers, an underground shopping concourse and later the addition of the famous 1,368-foot tall twin towers that were destroyed on 9/11/2001.

September 23            Evonne Klein is the Commissioner of the CT Department of Housing that works at ending homelessness, increasing the supply of affordable housing and creating new home ownership opportunities. The title of her talk is "Affordable Housing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Myths, Reality and Progress."

September 30            Stewart Hudson is VP, Executive Director of Audubon CT. His core responsibilities include fundraising and development, budget and finance for \$4 million annual state budget, program design and management in conservation, education, science and policy management. He will speak on the Audubon CT's goals and strategies to meet the challenges and opportunities in our state.

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Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Trip to HYDE PARK, lunch at Joseph's Steak House. Leave St. Marks about 9:15am, tour is at 11a, lunch at 12:30pm, return by 3:30. Price TBA, but will not exceed \$90/person. Cash bar at lunch. Bob Spence (203-966-6499), Stan Stanziale (203-966-2862)

## ACTIVITIES - (Check the website at NCMENS.CLUB for updates)

- Amateur Chefs** The September PIZZA-FEST will be held at Lapham on Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. \$15 per person. Can accept 12 attendees. Sign up at the Couth Table.  
Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Auto Club** Next trip: Teddy Roosevelt's Sagamore Hill. Sept date TBA. Andy Sherwood: (203-966-7102)
- Bike Club** Biking usually starts at 9am at Lapham in Waveny on Wednesdays but days may vary. Announcements are made a week ahead regarding these rides that vary from local to dedicated trails elsewhere. These are not racing events but rather social events with easy exercise.  
Roger Colson (203-858-7353), Bob Zelnick (203-594-7464)
- Book Club** Book for September: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Brown tells the story of the Univ. of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their quest for an Olympic gold medal. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler. Meeting is on Tues, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at Lapham at 1:30pm. Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107), Dan Eng (203-972-0649)
- Bridge** Talk with friends and organize your own games after Friday meetings.  
Marvin Newman (203-972-8165)
- Golf** Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – H. Smith Richardson (Fairfield) – 1<sup>st</sup> tee time: 10:30a. \$50 incl. cart  
Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Oak Hills (Norwalk) – 1<sup>st</sup> tee time: 9:15am. \$42 including cart.  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments** The next meeting will be on Monday, Sept 12th at 10am at Lapham. The subject of discussion will be: Dividend Investing and the Power of Compounding. Hans Dijs (203-972-6024)
- Poker** Meet on Tuesdays at Lapham, 11am-1pm. George Perkins (203-972-6852)
- Sidewalks of NY** Wednesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – LITTLE ITALY AND THE FEAST OF SAN GENNARO - Train to NY and subway to a tour of New York's Little Italy. This is the week of the 90<sup>th</sup> FEAST OF SAN GENARO, known for its festive atmosphere, featuring religious processions and colorful parades, free musical entertainment every day, a wide variety of ethnic food delicacies, quaint restaurants and cafes and even a world-famous cannoli-eating competition. Limit: 14 people. Sign up at the first meeting after Labor Day! Pete Stair (203-962-2034)
- Table Tennis** Play at the YMCA, Tuesday and Thursday at 8am. Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)
- Tennis** Plan at Mead Park on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-10am. A Rec Department permit is required. Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107), Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

AARP SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM – Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:45a to 1pm. Roger Colson will lead a driving class at Lapham that will give you valuable driving tips and state mandated reduction on your car insurance of at least 5% for 2 years. Fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non members payable by check to AARP. Please sign up at meetings or call Roger at 203-966-9258.

NEW MEMBERS – Very happy to announce that we have 7 new members: Bill Walbert, Tom Walker, George Cassidy, David Amerling, Bob Smalheiser, Peter Shutkin and Ram Sriram. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted that you have joined the New Canaan Men's Club!

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