



# NEWSLETTER

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## IT'S NICE TO HAVE COMPANY

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" "Will you get me some ice cream?" "Sure". "Don't you think you should write it down?" "No I can remember it". "Well I'd like some strawberries on top, too. You better write it down". "No, I can remember". "I'd also like some whipped cream on top. I'm certain you'll forget that...write it down!" "I don't need to-ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream-got it, for goodness sake!" He goes into the kitchen, returning in 20 minutes. He hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment, and finally says: "Where's my toast?"

OVERHEARD: FIVE SMCNC MEMBERS LEAVING THE FRIDAY MEETING LAST WEEK - First member: "You want to go eat?" Second: "Yeah, I'm pretty beat!" Third: "No, I can't eat meat". Fourth: "You have problems with your feet?" Fifth: "Who the heck is Pete?" Getting older is more fun surrounded by good friends!

## OCTOBER SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Marks Church)

October 5 George Bodenheimer, Executive Chairman of ESPN, a 30+ year veteran of the company will share insights into how ESPN started as one small cable network and grew into being the worldwide leader in sports broadcasting. The company's mission, culture and brand, as well as the passion of its employees and sports fans in general, all lie at the root of that success. His stated mission for ESPN is to "Serve Sports Fans, Anytime, Anywhere". He will also discuss what the company is doing today to continue to grow and fulfill its mission.

October 12 Jerry Dumas is a nationally known cartoonist, writer and essayist. He has written and drawn the King Features cartoon, *Sam and Silo*, since 1977 and written thousands of gags for *Beetle Bailey* over 50 years. Jerry has published essays and poetry in The Washington Post, New Yorker, New York Times and Atlantic Monthly; a memoir, *An Afternoon in Waterloo Park*, and has written two books. Jerry's speech is entitled *Writing and Cartooning and Keeping the Kitchen Counter Clean* which delightfully leaves a lot to one's imagination!

October 19 Dr. Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University and co-chair of the Connecticut Civil War Commission, will discuss his new book: *Connecticut in the American Civil War: Slavery, Sacrifice and Survival*. It surprises most everyone how extensively involved Connecticut was in the Civil War conflict; probably why our state is the home to more than 130 Civil War Monuments. Dr. Warshauer will also discuss the plans that are underway for the state's 150th anniversary of the war.

October 26 Hon. David Walker, Founder and CEO of the Comeback America Initiative and former USA Comptroller General, will present: *Comeback America: The Nation's Fiscal Challenge and a Way Forward*. "America is at a critical crossroads and the choices that our elected officials make in connection with the role of government and its finances over the next 5 years will largely determine whether our collective future will be better than our past". He will outline the facts and offer a range of sensible solutions to ensure that the American Dream stays alive for our families and for our future generations.

SMC DUES BULLETIN - Consistent with prior years, Membership Dues become due immediately. Please submit your \$40 dues payment at next Friday's meeting in cash or check, or mail your check to: SMCNC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Ave., NC, CT 06840. Our Club expenses continue to rise every year. So we invite you on a strictly voluntary basis to supplement your annual dues payment with an additional \$20 contribution. It will go a long way to help keep our annual dues at the current level. Thank you for your continued support.

FLU SHOT AVAILABLE - Friday, October 19th. Flu shots are available before the meeting at St. Mark's Church in the Education Center, 8:30am - 10am. Spouses are welcome. Please bring Medicaid.

NEW MEMBERS - Happy to announce we have 3 new members this month: Bob Mantilia, Jim Bouchard and Homero Villarreal. WELCOME to the SMC! We are delighted you have joined us.

## COUTH

- October**      **Tuesday, October 9th:** Hudson River Cruise. Go by bus to Newburgh, NY for lunch at Torches On The Hudson. Following lunch we'll board Pride of the Hudson for a two hour cruise. Limit of 50 people. Cost: \$95/person      (Pete Stair (203-966-6497), Stan Stanziale (203-966-2862))
- December**      **Tuesday, December 4th:** WWII & NYC. The exhibition will range from mobilization of workers to the frenzy of shipbuilding; the home front arts and entertainment industry to the dispatch of troops to the European and Pacific theaters, and from the struggles over segregation to the Times Square celebration of V-J Day. More details later.      (Stan Stanziale (203-966-2862))

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

- Amateur Chefs**      **October 18th (Thursday)** - The chefs annual Oktoberfest will be held at Lapham in the large dining room. \$15 will hold your reservation, payable by check or cash. A sign-up sheet will be at the Couth table each Friday meeting. If any questions, call Nick or Bert. Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217), Bert Liebelt (203-3696)
- 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**      **October 10th (Wednesday)** - Whitney Farms; Tee time: 9:30a; \$45 incl. cart Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments**      **October 15th (Monday)** - 10:30a meeting at Lapham. Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books**      Ten members met in September for a lively discussion of Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John LeCarre. In October we will be exploring another aspect of crime: reading works by John Grisham. Announcement of date and place in October will be made at a Friday SMC meeting. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Photo/Computer**      Stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check website. Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
- Tennis**      **Post Season Party: Monday, Oct. 15th;** 6pm at Waveny Mansion; Cost: \$5. Ted Foster (203-966-4002)
- Sidewalks - NY**      Please check the website for walk updates. Pete Stair (203-966-6497)
- Paddle Tennis**      Season starts when tennis ends mid-October. Mon, Tues. and Thursdays at 9am. Need park pass. \$10 ball fee. Steve Rowley (203-966-2376), John Ross (203-966-8339)
- 4F Luncheon**      Please go to the website or check at the Couth desk at Friday meetings for future events. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

**WORDS FROM THE PREZ** - October is a beautiful month here in lower New England...the summer has come and gone and fall is taking hold. The days are mild and the nights are cooling down. We're starting to see the colors changing on the trees, which means the holidays are not too far away. We have some terrific speakers lined up, so bring a neighbor or a friend and have them sign up to join us!