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WHAT CAN BE LEARNED AFTER A POWER OUTAGE - (thanks to George Brakeley)

After a recent New Canaan power outage, a SMC member's PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad, and his new surround sound music system were all shut down. Then he discovered that his iPhone battery went flat, and to top it off it was raining outside, so he couldn't play golf. He went into the kitchen to make coffee and then he remembered it also needs power so he sat and talked with his wife for a few hours. She seemed like a nice person.

ONE MORE "YA HEAR ABOUT THE GUY WHO WALKED INTO A BAR" JOKE

A guy walked into the very crowded Roger Sherman's bar, waving his model 1911 Colt .45 caliber pistol with an 8 round magazine, and yelled, "Who in here has been screwing my wife?" A voice from the back of the bar yelled back, "You are going to need more ammo!"

AND FINALLY, SOME LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE & APPRECIATION

You can tell about a woman's mood just by looking at her hands. If they are holding a gun, she's probably angry.
<> You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.
<> I didn't make it to the gym today...that makes five years in a row? So I decided to change calling the bathroom the 'John' and renamed it the 'Jim'. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning. <> Dear paranoid people who check behind the shower curtains for murderers: If you find one, what the hell is your plan?

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

October 3

Michael Dante is an award winning actor. He will be discussing his new autobiography, *Michael Dante - From Hollywood to Michael Dante Way*. He will share many interesting stories on his journey from childhood to Hollywood to a street named after him in his hometown in Stamford. He'll share his long and winding road experiences with us as he dreamed and struggled to reach his goals. It proved to be a life well-lived, orchestrated by diving guidance.

October 10

Patrick G. Russell is a member of the Stamford Hospital Foundation. The subject of his talk is: *Building a New Hospital: Healing Reimagined*. He will explain how they are providing state-of-the-art healthcare in a patient centered environment, adapting advances in medical technology, retaining the best healthcare professionals, and how they have adopted a long-term plan for continually improving the hospital's facilities to better serve the community.

October 17

Ceci Meher is the Executive Director of Person-to-Person, the volunteer community supported agency located in Darien and Norwalk which through the sharing of goods and talents, responds to individuals and families who lack the basic necessities or resources to improve their lives. She will highlight the growth and many successes that P2P has experienced the past 9 years. Ceci is a Stamford native and a graduate of Columbia University of Social Work

October 24

Peter Georgescu is the Chairman Emeritus of Young & Rubicam, Inc., a network of preeminent commercial communications companies dedicated to helping their clients build their business through the power of brands. Peter is the author of two books, *The Source of Success* and his second book, *The Constant Choice*, that answers what is good, what is evil, what does a true morality mean, where are we going and what is our responsibility.

October 31

Frank Cerza is a partner in the Real Estate and Intl. Practice Groups of Pepper Hamilton, LLP. He represents retail and private companies in connection with general corporate, real estate and commercial matters. He will discuss doing business with Italian firms as compared to American firms. Regulations in Italy and Europe are much more demanding than those required in the United States. It should prove to be very interesting, informative and eye opening.

COUTH

October New England Air Museum and Connecticut Fire Museum - Date: Wed, October 22nd (TBA) Please check website for confirmation of date. Both tours are located adjacent to Bradley Field in Windsor Locks. Bus leaves St. Mark's at 8am and returns at 5pm. Lunch at museum. \$75/person. Sign up at Couth Table. Jack Murray (203-966-1416)

December GOODSPEED OPERA - Irving Berlin's HOLIDAY INN. Thursday, December 4th. Due to it's popularity, Goodspeed extended the performance to be able to accommodate us. Package includes a full course meal at the Gelston House. Check in at St. Mark's at 10am. \$104 per person for bus, meal, show, refreshments on ride home and all gratuities. Contact Bob Witt (203-966-2892)

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

Amateur Chefs Thursday, October 23rd - ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST at Lapham at 12 Noon. \$15 holds reservation, payable cash or check. Sign up sheet at Couth Desk.
Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)

Bridge Talk with friends and organize games after 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)

Investments Monday, October 6th - 10a meeting at Lapham. Will be discussing the Shiller Stock Market Ratios. Paul Strassman (203-966-5505)

Golf 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 We will continue our exploration of female writers of fictional murder and mayhem with Nevada Barr. According to her, crime is rampant in our national park system and it seems to follow one female ranger in particular. Our conversation will wander a bit and include discussions concerning contemporary law enforcement. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)

Sidewalks of NY Thursday, October 2nd - Train to NYC and a visit to The High Line, NY's Elevated Park, the third and final section. High Line at the Rail Yards will have just opened. Lunch after in the Meat-Packing District. Strict limit of 18 people. Questions or new walk suggestions? Contact Pete Stair (203-962-2034) or hstair@gmail.com

Tennis/Paddle Monday, October 6th - TENNIS TO PADDLE PARTY - Time 6 to 9pm at Waveny Mansion. Bring hot or cold appetizer or dessert, soda and wine provided. \$5/person. Just show up. Pay at the party. Everyone welcome! Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

4F Luncheon Next luncheon will be Friday, October 31st. Details TBA Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have 4 new members: David Christie, Richard Hummel, Frank Lyon and Robert Zeinick. Gentlemen, welcome to the SMC. We are delighted that you have joined us!

SAVE THE DATE! - The Senior Men's Club Annual Christmas Luncheon will be on Friday, December 12th, starting with cocktails at 11:30am and a glorious luncheon to follow at 12:20pm. Wives and significant others all are invited to this very popular event at the Country Club of New Canaan. Details to follow.