

## NEWSLETTER

### WHAT'S IN A NAME? WELL, SOMETIMES MORE THAN ONE MIGHT THINK!

A New Canaan Police officer stopped a Harley on Rt. 123 for speeding, He asked the biker's name. "Fred," he replies. The officer asks: "Just Fred? What's your last name?" The man tells him that he used have one but he lost it. The officer plays along with the man. "Tell me, Fred, how did you lose your last name?" The biker replies, "It's a long story. I was born Fred Johnson. I studied hard and got good grades. When older, I wanted to be a doctor and became Fred Johnson, MD. After a while I got bored being a doctor so I went back to school and I became a dentist. So then I became Fred Johnson, MD, DDS. Then I got bored with dentistry and started fooling around with my pretty assistant and she gave me VD...so now I was Fred Johnson, MD, DDS, with VD. The ADA found out about the VD so they took away my DDS. Then the AMA found out about the ADA taking away my DDS because of the VD, so they took away my MD leaving me as Fred Johnson with VD. Then the VD soon took away my Johnson....so now I am just Fred." The officer walked away in tears, laughing.

### IS YOUR NAME IMPORTANT WHEN APPLYING FOR A JOB? GUESS SO!

Mujibar was trying to get a job in India. The Personnel Manager said, "Mujibar, you have passed all the tests, except one. It is a simple test of your English language skills. Unless you pass it, you cannot qualify for this job. Mujibar said, "I am ready." The manager said, "You must make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink and Green." Mujibar thought for a few minutes and said, "Mister manager, I am ready." The manager said, "Go ahead." Mujibar said, "The telephone goes *green, green*, and I *pink* it up and say, *Yellow*, this is Mujibar". Mujibar now works at a call center. No doubt you have spoken to him. I know I have!

### OCTOBER SPEAKERS – (Meetings are at 10am in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

October 6 Dr. Brian Luizzi, New Canaan Superintendent of Schools, will be talking about the "State of New Canaan Schools. He began his career as a teacher in Newtown High School, progressing through increasing administrative responsibilities until he became in 2011 the Principal of New Canaan High School. In 2014, he was named Superintendent of NC Schools. Throughout his professional career he has been involved in higher education at both the high school and college levels.

October 13 Dr. Ofer Wellisch, MD, MPH, is Chief of Pain Management at Stamford Hospital. The subject of his talk will be "Opioids – The Good and the Bad", involving both the positive medical power of opioids as well as their addictive properties when the drug is used improperly. After obtaining his MD at Sackler School of Medicine, he trained in Pain Management at Stanford University School of Medicine and continued as a researcher and educator at Stanford. He returned to the East Coast to a medical practice at Mt Sinai-Icahn School of Medicine.

October 20 Clif McFeely, founder of Future 5, a membership based community, that he launched to help connect low income high school students to associate, identify and link with other people in their lives to help them move forward to their full potential leading to financial independence and productive citizenship. Since the founding, they have helped more than 500 students, and are currently working with 150+ students this year. The subject of the talk is "The Power of Connection".

October 27 Icy Frantz, a certified Alcohol and Drug counselor, will be joined by Alan Mathis, CEO of Liberation Programs, one of Connecticut's leading nonprofit providers of prevention and treatment services for people with substance abuse and mental health issues. They will spend time with us discussing the epidemic that is plaguing Fairfield County and our country. They will discuss the intimate details of addiction, the hope and joy of recovery and the possible solution for a healthier community.

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(Check the website at NCMENS.CLUB for Couth and Activities updates)

## ACTIVITIES

- Amateur Chefs**      Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – OKTOBERFEST will be held at Lapham at 12 noon. \$15 holds your reservation. Sign up at Couth Table.  
Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Book Club**      The Club's October book selection is *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. Based on the experiences of a real family, the fictional Ki Lim, Sang Ly and their ill child, Nisay, live in Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. Their lives are forever changed, however, through the intricate interaction between the family and The Rent Collector. We will be meet on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Lapham at 1:30.  
Dan Eng (203-972-0649), Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107)
- Golf**      Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Whitney Farms in Monroe. 1<sup>st</sup> tee time 9:30am, \$45 incl. cart.  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments**      Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> the club will provide a presentation by Jack Foster on "How to Buy Bonds". The presentation will share with the unsophisticated investor criteria on how to evaluate bonds. The analysis is based on proper portfolio diversification and preservation of capital and focuses on how to allocate assets, how to select investment funds and how to reduce management fees.  
Jack Foster (203-966-8804) or [jfoster899@aol.com](mailto:jfoster899@aol.com)
- Pickleball**      Play Tues, Wed & Thurs. at Grace Farms -10:15 to 11:45am. George Perkins(203-972-6852)
- Sidewalks of NY**      Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> - Roosevelt Island & Cornell Tech - Take the Tram to Roosevelt Island, tour the newly opened campus of Cornell Tech and visit the Four Freedoms Park. Cost: pay as you go - \$25 transport plus lunch. Meet at 8:30am at the NC train station. Sign up at the Couth Table. Friends and spouses welcome. Limit 14. Pete Stair (203-962-2034)
- Tennis**      Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8-10am. A Rec Department permit is required.  
Ted Foster (203-966-4002)
- Table Tennis**      Play at the YMCA, Monday and Wednesday at 8am. Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)

**NEW MEMBERS** – Happy to announce that we have 2 new members: Mike McGlinn and Les Larsen. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted that you have joined the New Canaan Men's Club!

**AARP SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM** – Tuesday, November 14, 8:45am to 1pm at Lapham. Roger Colson will be leading a driving class that will give you valuable driving tips and a state-mandated reduction on your auto insurance of at least 5% for 2 years. Fee: \$15 for AARP members. \$20 for non- members. Please contact Roger at [rochar@aol.com](mailto:rochar@aol.com), or at 203-966-9258.