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OLD GUYS (with thanks to Walt Bork)

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. Finally, he went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a hearing aid that restored his hearing 100%.

The man went back in a month to the doctor for a checkup and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be pleased that you can hear again."

The elderly gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversation. But I have changed my will three times."

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A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly...painfully...up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied. "Arthritis."

NOVEMBER SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church, except the November 20 meeting will be at the Presbyterian Church.)

Nov 6 Our speaker will be Steve Lanza. As Executive Director and Clinical Director for Family ReEntry, Mr. Lanza has overseen a wide range of community justice, reentry, and clinical programs. For over twelve years, he has served the Greater Fairfield County area as a leader in the fields of domestic violence, and victim/offender counseling. His current area of interest includes promising practices in prisoner reentry, best practices in domestic violence intervention, and inter-agency and inter-departmental collaboration.

Nov 13 We will be hosting Prof. Steve Berizzi, History Department of the Norwalk Community College who will be speaking on the topic "Three Transformative Presidencies- Lincoln, Roosevelt and Obama". All three of these presidents have come into office and served under very difficult circumstances. Comparing and contrasting the nature of their challenges, Prof. Berizzi will draw some interesting observations for current times.

Nov 20 (Presbyterian Church) Congressman Jim Himes will provide an update on where financial regulation stands. He will also take us behind the scenes in Washington and tell us how laws are really made and what the life of a Congressman is really like, particularly that of a freshman Congressman. What are the satisfactions and frustrations of the job? What are the most important aspects of his job that are as he expected and what was unexpected? What are two or three issues he is particularly committing himself to, why, and what does he intend to do about them?

Nov 27 No meeting, day after Thanksgiving.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - The annual Christmas luncheon will not be on a Friday, but rather will be held on **WEDNESDAY, December 9th**. So mark your calendars accordingly.

NEW MEMBERS - We have three new members since the last newsletter: Rene J. Coudert, Roger Saunders, and James M. Stewart. Please welcome them when you see them at the meetings.

COUTH

- Nov 4 (Wed) We have a trip to see a Wednesday matinee performance of South Pacific. Following the show we'll go across the street to Josephina's Restaurant for dinner. The cost per person will be \$155. Departure time and further details will be announced at the Friday meetings. Your hosts will be Ron Seger (966-8184) and Bert Liebelt (966-3696).
- Nov 7 (Sat) We're planning a trip to see a the Yale-Brown football game in at the Yale Bowl in New Haven. Members will make their own transportation plans, carpooling as they wish. Meet at St. Mark's at 10:00. There will be a tailgate arranged at a designated parking spot at the Yale Bowl. Price of \$40 per person includes game ticket, lunch and wine. Clancy Fauntleroy (438-2461) will be your host.
- Future No trips are planned for December. Plans for January will be announced later.

Please note: As a reminder, the Couth policy is as follows: The sign-up sheet is to be used as an indication of interest and intent to participate, but not to establish a reservation. The date of the check receipt by the Couth Committee will be the control of a confirmed reservation.

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

- Amateur Chefs The chefs will meet at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, November 19. Details will follow at the Friday meetings and on the website.
Bert Liebelt (966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (966-7217)
- Bridge Bridge follows weekly meetings. Games last until about 2:00 p.m. Sign up before the meeting or at start of the break at the Couth Desk.
Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Cycling A new activity, for all levels, not just expert riders! Meet at Lapham Community Center at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings for a ride. Sometimes we'll go from there, other times we'll carpool to a starting point.
Les DeVilliers (966-9645), Roger Colson (966-9258)
- Golf We're done for the season, see you in the spring!
Harvey Place (966-1821)
- Paddle Tennis Play has begun. Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 at Waveny. A Rec Department permit is required. \$10 ball fee. Steve Rowley (966-2376), John Ross (966-8339)
- Photography The time and topic will be announced at the Friday meetings. Jack Messert (966-8754)
- Racquetball Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers The planes are in the hangar. Stay tuned at Friday meetings and on the website for further information. Jack Murray (966-1416)
- Tennis We're done for the season, see you in the spring! Craig Wright (966-4399)
- Trailblazers Listen at the Friday meetings and check the website for more details on any upcoming hikes. Ray Davis (940-3013)
- 4F Luncheon Since there are no SMC meetings on the fourth Friday in November or December, our next 4_F lunch will be in January. Don Tiefenthaler (966-5794)

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE -.Can you solve one of the greatest puzzles of antiquity? In Greek mythology, the Sphinx was a monster who possessed the head of a woman, the body of a lion, and the wings of an eagle. The Sphinx guarded the gates of the city of Thebes, challenging all who would enter with this simple riddle:

“What goes on four legs in the morning, on two legs at noon, and on three legs at dusk?”

The Sphinx killed anyone who could not answer the riddle, and vowed to destroy herself should anyone solve it. She had to make good on her word when Oedipus told her the answer. Can you?

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