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**Paraprosdokians (Look it up!)** (with thanks to Alan Fleischer)

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The Evening News is where they begin with "Good evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

**NOVEMBER SPEAKERS** (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church, except November 11 will start at 9:00 due to Veterans' Day activities.)

Nov 4 On November 4, Dr. Stephen Winter will speak to the New Canaan Senior Men's Club about his experiences serving with Doctors Without Borders. His presentation will feature the difficulties involved in providing care and medicine to the native population in the upper reaches of the Amazon. Dr. Winter is Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Norwalk Hospital. He also teaches at Yale as a Clinical Professor of Medicine. Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international medical humanitarian organization created by doctors and journalists in France in 1971. Today, MSF provides independent, impartial assistance in over 60 countries to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe, primarily due to armed conflict, epidemics, malnutrition, exclusion from health care, or natural disasters. In 1999, MSF received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nov 11 9:00 START - Senator Toni Boucher will speak on "Progress of the Legislature", bringing us up to date on the issues of the last session and including special sessions on the state budget, deficit, taxes and reforms. One viewpoint for discussion - "The state is becoming too dependent on a small number of high earners and a group of lower Fairfield County towns. Fairfield County cannot continue to be used as the ATM for the State of Connecticut." Senator Boucher represents the 26th Senatorial District and serves as a Deputy Minority Leader, Ranking Member of the General Assembly's Transportation Committee, Education Committee and of its Higher Education Committee. She also serves as a member of the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee.

Nov 18 Charles J. Urstadt, Chairman and CEO of Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc., will speak to the New Canaan Senior Men's Club. His subject will be "Selling the Real Estate Cycle." Urstadt Biddle Properties is a Real Estate Investment Trust listed on the NYSE. They own 50 commercial properties in seven states totaling 9.8 million square feet. Mr. Urstadt has long been associated with Battery Park City Authority. He was appointed the first Chairman in 1968 by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. He served in this capacity at various times through 2010. Mr. Urstadt holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Dartmouth and law degrees from Cornell and NYC.

Nov 25 No meeting. Day after Thanksgiving.

**SMC Annual Christmas Luncheon** Friday, December 9 at Noon at the Country Club of New Canaan. Back by popular demand are the lovely Blue Notes to provide festive entertainment. Wives and SOs are most welcome. \$45 per person in advance (\$50 at the door) Checks please to Rad Stone at meetings or by mail to 35 Lakeview Ave. The entree will be roast sirloin of beef. Those preferring the alternative, grilled salmon, should so indicate by writing "fish" on their checks.

**NEW MEMBERS** - We have three new members since the last newsletter: Jack Baney, Robert Bayne, and Boris Pogacnik. Please welcome them when you see them at the meetings.

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Nov 12 (Sat) The Army-Rutgers football game will be played in the new Yankee Stadium at 3:30 PM. The price will be bargain at \$65 per person and will include transport on a bus departing from St. Mark's at 12 Noon, a box lunch and a grandstand seat. SMC members are free to bring along guests. And if it is chilly, BYOB as the saying goes... Your host will be Clancy Fauntleroy (203-438-2461).

Sept 2012 Plan ahead now for an extended trip from September 16<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Based upon the very successful Canadian Rockies trip, join with SMC members for a grand tour of our most breathtaking national parks. Highlights include Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks. We will also see Old Faithful, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and more. Overnight stays in rustic lodges. Coordinated by Collette Vacations. Double \$3,399 includes air and transfers to/from St. Mark's. Call Bob Witt, 203 966 2892 for brochure.

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

Amateur Chefs The chefs' next meeting will be November 17. Details will be announced at the Friday meetings.  
Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217)

Bridge Talk with your friends and organize your own games after the Friday meetings. You may play at Lapham or stay at St. Marks.  
Eric Musa (203-966-3125)

Cycling Winding down as the weather heads to winter, but may still ride on a good Wednesday, so check with Les beforehand. Then meet at Lapham Center at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings for the ride.  
Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)

Investments The newly formed investment group will meet at Lapham Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month to discuss various investment topics.  
Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)

Mystery Books We will be discussing Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express and Death on the Nile at our meeting at New Canaan Inn library in the week of Nov. 6, time to be announced.  
Brian Hollstein (203-972-633)

Paddle Tennis 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)

Photo/Computer No meeting in November, Lapham unavailable. The next meeting of the group will be announced at Friday meetings and on the website.  
Jack Messert (203-966-8754)

Sidewalks - NYC We're done for the season, and will resume next year.  
Pete Stair (203-966-6497)

Trailblazers Stay tuned for the next walk – next spring.  
Jack Murray (203-966-1416)

4F Luncheon Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is usually on the Fourth Friday, but will be on hold until January due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Details about future lunches will be announced at Friday meetings. All are invited to join in. Sign up at the Couth desk, either before 10 a.m. or during the coffee break.  
Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

**SMC DUES BULLETIN** - The 2012 membership dues are due by January 1, 2012. Please make your check for \$40.00 payable to "SMCNC" and mail it to Senior Men's Club, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840 (Attn: Membership) or you may bring your check to the Membership table at a Friday meeting.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:** Our Club needs *more* members! We know that the best sources of new members are you and other present members who encourage friends and neighbors to join. To that end, we enclose with this newsletter an application form. *Your Board of Directors hopes that you give this form to a friend, perhaps a neighbor, who is not a member and encourage him to come with you to a meeting. It is even better if you offer to pick up the potential member and bring him with you to a meeting.* We know from past experience that bringing a potential member to a meeting is the best way to get him to see the benefits of membership and join the Senior Men's Club. Who can you think of who would make a good member?

**VETERANS NEEDED** – Saxe Middle School is looking for veterans to volunteer to take part in its 4th annual Veteran's Day observance on Friday, November 11th. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Mona Biondi at Saxe: 203-594-4566 or email [Mona.biondi@newcanaan.k12.ct.us](mailto:Mona.biondi@newcanaan.k12.ct.us)