



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEW "HUSBAND STORE" OUTLET OPENS IN NEW CANAAN - (thanks George Brakeley)

A new store that sells new husbands has opened in New Canaan, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates: "You may visit this store once! There are six floors and the value of the products increases as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, however, you cannot go back down except to exit the building." So a woman goes to the store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads: Floor 1: "These men have jobs." She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor. Floor 2: "These men have jobs and like children." That's nice she thinks, but I want more so goes to Floor 3: "These men have good jobs, like children and are good looking." Wow, she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going up. Floor 4: "These men have good jobs, like children, are extremely handsome and help with housework." Wow, now she has to go to Floor 5: "These men have exceptional jobs, they love children and are drop-dead handsome, help with the housework and have a strong romantic streak and they are 100% faithful." She is tempted to stay, but decides to go on up to Floor 6: "You are visitor 18,456,012 to this floor. There are no men here. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store. Please exit to the right to make room for more unreasonable shoppers." To avoid accusations of gender bias, the store's owner opened a New Wives Store just across the street. Similar instructions are posted at the entrance of this store as well. "The first floor has wives that love sex. The second floor has wives that love sex and have their own money and like beer. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors have never been visited!"

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

### November 7

Les DeVilliers, the SMC's very own Sultan of Safaris, will share with us some of Africa's most interesting inhabitants that he encountered on recent trips to that part of the world. Having seen most everything Africa has to offer by way of wildlife during numerous safaris, Les went once again to visit gorillas on both the Rwandan and Ugandan side of the Virunga Mountains. The title of his speech is: *Gorillas in Our Midst*. Be careful whom you sit next to at the meeting!

### November 14

Jack Cavanaugh, author and veteran sportswriter, will be talking about his best selling book, *Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside* about Heisman Trophy winners, Glenn Davis and Felix Blanchard, the best known college football players in the country between 1944 and 1946 when Army was the nation's top ranked team. He will give us a unique look at the changes that took place in sports as well as almost every aspect of American life in the wake of WW II.

### November 21

Frederick C. Hart CG, FASG, is a genealogist. Topic of his presentation is "*Inside Genealogy Today: How Family History Became a Growth Industry*". Mr. Hart, an electrical engineer by profession, finding discrepancies in published histories of his mother's family, took on the challenge of resolving the differences and became dedicated to the discipline of genealogy. In 2007 he was named a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

### November 28

NO MEETING. Thanksgiving weekend.

## SMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON! - Friday, December 12 - SMC Event of the Year!

Lunch at the Country Club of New Canaan. Wives and guests are invited. Great conviviality and fun as well as delicious food. Choice of delectable salmon or mouth watering roast beef. Salad, table wine, tip and tax are all included in the modest cost of \$55 (\$60 at the door so make reservation early). Cash bar at 11:30am, luncheon at 12:20pm. Please write on your check your choice of salmon or beef and mail to: Paul Stein, 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT. 06840 or present him with a check at the Friday meeting. If questions, call Paul at 203-966-1262.

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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 the ride home and all gratuities. Contact Bob Witt (203-966-2892).

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

- Amateur Chefs**      The November luncheon will be held at Lapham Center on Wednesday, November 12th. For information contact Nick Zaccagnino (203-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Bridge**              Organize your own games after the Friday meetings.                      Eric Musa (203-966-3125)
- Cycling**            Bicycle rides are every Thursday. Meet at Lapham Thursday mornings at 9:00am.  
Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)
- Investments**      Next meeting; Monday, Nov. 3rd at Lapham. Time: 10am.      Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505)
- Mystery Books**    In November we will be discussing *The Silence of the Lambs* by Thomas Harris. We will meet at the New Canaan Library in the Lamb Room (what a coincidence!) at 1:30pm on Tuesday, November 18th to discuss the book and see clips from the film. Look for the book in the Book Club section and the library has a copy of the even scarier film. And don't read or look at the film shortly before going to bed. You've been warned!                      Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Paddle Tennis**    Play at Waveny on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10am. A Rec Department permit is required.                      Nick Guthrie (966-6192) and Sam Samai (203-966-0427)
- Sidewalks of NY**    Done for this season. Watch for the announcement of new walks in 2015. Questions or new walk suggestions, contact Pete Stair (hstair@gmail.com)

### AARP SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM - Tuesday, November 4th - Time: 9am-1pm

Roger Colson is leading the course at Lapham. Students over 60 will receive a certificate entitling them to a state mandated insurance reduction of 5% for two years. Spouses are invited. Cost: \$20 - \$15 for AARP members. Checks payable to AARP. Please sign up at meetings or at Lapham or contact Roger at (203-966-9258) or rochar@aol.com.

MEDICARE PART D PHARMACEUTICAL COUNSELING - Starts at Lapham, Wednesday, October 15th and ends Friday, December 5. For appointment contact Aggie Aspinwall at Lapham at 203-594-3620.

SENIORS WELLNESS TELE-HEALTH PIONEERS is expanding! First participants became smarter health care consumers, more active walkers and exercisers, ate a healthier diet, and improved dealing with stress. The town furnishes vital signs monitoring & FITBIT to measure physical activity. The formal program starts on January 1, 2015. They will be conducting public informational sessions over the next few weeks. Candidates can call or email either Bethany Zaro (203-594-3093) or Vine Cottage (203-594-3076) to learn more.

2015 SMC DUES ARE DUE - Please submit your \$50 payment at next Friday's meeting in cash or check, payable to SMCNC. Or mail check to SMCNC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, NC, CT 06840. It would be a wonderful help if members made a voluntary donation above the \$50 to help the Club balance the budget.

NEW MEMBERS - Very happy to announce that we have one new member: Duncan Chisholm. Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined the SMCNC!