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A HUMOUROUS GOODBYE TO GOLF FOR THE SEASON - SO UNTIL NEXT YEAR..

Towards the end of a round of golf, a SMC member hit his ball into the woods and found it in a patch of pretty, yellow buttercups. Trying to get his ball back in play, he ended up thrashing just about every buttercup in the patch. All of a sudden, POOF! In a flash and puff of smoke, a little old woman appeared. She said, "I am Mother Nature! Do you know how long it took me to make those buttercups? Just for doing what you have done, you won't have any butter for your popcorn or toast for the rest of your life. As a matter of fact, you'll never have any butter for anything for the rest of your life!! Then POOF! She was gone. After the shocked golfer recovered, he hollered for his golfing partner, "Harvey, where are you?" Harvey yells back, "I'm over here in the pussy willows." He yells back, "DON'T SWING, Harvey! FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, DON'T SWING!"

A SMART KID MEETS HIS MATCH...HIS DAD!

A teenaged boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the family car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we can talk about the car." The boy thought about that a moment and decided he'd take his dad's offer. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that: Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair." [You love his dad's answer] "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

NOVEMBER SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10:00am in Morrill Hall, St. Marks Church)

- November 6** **Dick York** will be speaking on his round-the-world sailing trip which started in 2003 and ended 2006, leaving Larchmont Harbor sailing to Antigua, went through the Panama Canal, across the Pacific and Indian Oceans, through the Suez Canal and into the Mediterranean. During this three year trip while in the waters of Thailand, they experienced their greatest adventure: dealing with a "tsunami"!
- November 13** **Brian Hollstein**, former SMC President, head of our Mystery Book club and Garden Guru, will enlighten us with his recent trip through Russia, which will including visits to Moscow and St. Petersburg. Further information will be available on the website.
- November 20** **Laura Miler**, Digital Services Librarian and **Alexa J. Roy**, Reference Librarian for the New Canaan Library will be talking about the 24/7 access availability to the NC Library's resources. We will hear about all the digital resources available to us from anywhere (e-books, downloadable audio, streaming video and music, research databases, and more. Additionally, they will answer any and all questions regarding the library's services.
- November 27** **NO MEETING** - Thanksgiving Weekend

SMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON! - **Friday, December 11** - **SMC Event of the Year!**

Lunch at the Country Club of New Canaan. Wives and Guests are invited to this thoroughly enjoyable event. Great conviviality and fun as well as delicious food. Choice of delectable salmon or mouthwatering roast beef. Salad, dessert, table wine, tip and tax are all included in modest cost of \$55 (\$60 at the door so make reservation early). Cash bar opens at 11:30am, luncheon at 12:20. Please write on your check your choice of salmon or beef and mail it to Paul Stein at 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840 or give it to him at a Friday meeting.

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

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| Amateur Chefs | <u>Thursday, November 19th - NOVEMBERFEST</u> luncheon at Lapham; 12 noon. \$15 will hold your reservation, payable by check or cash. Sign-up sheet will be at the Couth table. Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696) |
| Bridge | Talk with friends and organize your own games after Friday meetings. Marvin Newman (203-972-8165) |
| Mystery Books | Please consult the SMC website for the latest Mystery Book information. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633) |
| Investments | <u>Monday, November 2nd</u> is the next meeting at 10am meeting at Lapham Center. Topic: The Benjamin Graham Method for Making Investments. Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505) |
| Paddle Tennis | Play on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays, 9-11am at Waveny. A Rec. Department permit is required. Nick Guthrie (203-966-6192), Sam Samai (203-966-0427) |
| Poker | Meet on Tuesdays at Lapham, 11am-1pm. George Perkins (203-972-6852) |
| Sidewalks of NY | We will resume New York City walking tours next Spring. Questions or suggestions for new walks, contact Pete Stair (203-962-2034) or hstair@gmail.com. |
| Table Tennis | Play at the YMCA, Tuesday and Thursday at 8am. Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555) |

2016 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW! - The Board has agreed to keep our dues at \$50 for 2016. We are only able to maintain the \$50 amount because of the generous voluntary additional donations that many of you have made in the past. Please feel free to make your payment at the membership desk at the Friday meetings, in cash or by check, payable to SMCNC. Or mail your check to SMCNC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Ave., NC, CT 06840. And, of course, it will be a wonderful help if you can make a voluntary donation above the \$50 to help the Club balance the budget for 2016.

NEW MEMBERS - Glad to announce that we have 3 new members this month: Bud Olsen, David Bentley and Dennis Taylor. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted you have joined the SMCNC.

NOW A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

SETTING AN EXAMPLE...

Recently a former president of our Club, Bob Witt, passed away after a battle with cancer. In my view, Bob personified all that is good about the SMC of New Canaan. In a quiet way, he made a difference where it counted, not only as a volunteer but also as a participant in numerous activities ranging from Couth trips to tennis and paddle. He never sought recognition or pursued the spotlight, regardless of whether he was heading a committee or bargain hunting for snacks for our Friday coffee clutch. I am honored to fill the post that he had when he recruited me into becoming a member some twelve years ago. If only I can emulate part of what made him special, I would be doing my job well. We will miss him. --- Les de Villiers

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Dear Fellow Member,

Our Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon is one of the most enjoyable times of the year with good fellowship, seeing friends, mingling, conviviality, great food and drink. Open seating. Easy parking. We enjoy all this on Friday, December 11, at the Country Club of New Canaan. Cash Bar Opens at 11:30AM for a social hour. Delicious lunch with wine is served at 12:20pm – *your choice of prime roast beef or roast salmon.*

Relax with your friends and make new ones. Wives and significant others are invited and seem to enjoy the socializing as much as we do. If you are a new member, this is an especially great way to make new friends. Or socialize with members you have known for a long time.

Reservations should be made right away.

Please bring a check for \$55 per person to our next meeting and turn it in at the Committee table. Price escalates to \$60 per person if you wait until the day of the luncheon so do it now! Checks may also be mailed to Paul Stein at 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT for a reservation. Write “beef” or “fish” on your check and enclose a note with the name of anyone you will be bringing so that a name tag can be prepared for them.

Getabout is offering free rides (although they appreciate \$3 donations each way if you can). Call Getabout at 203-972-7433.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Les De Villiers, President