

## Why Judges Get Crabby (thanks to Walt Bork and Jack Murray)

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, taken down verbatim by court reporters!

Q. This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A. Yes.

Q. And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A. I forget.

Q. You forget? Can you give us an example of something you've forgotten?

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Q. So the date of conception of the baby was August 8<sup>th</sup>?

A. Yes.

Q. And what were you doing at that time?

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Q. Doctor, before you performed the autopsy did you check for a pulse?

A. No.

Q. Did you check for blood pressure?

A. No.

Q. Did you check for breathing?

A. No.

Q. So, then is it possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A. No.

Q. How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A. Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q. But, could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

A. Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive, and practicing law somewhere.

Q. How was your first marriage terminated?

A. By death.

Q. And by whose death was it terminated?

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Q. She had three children, right?

A. Yes.

Q. How many were boys?

A. None.

Q. Were there any girls?

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Q. Are you sexually active?

A. No, I just lie there.

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Q. What is your date of birth?

A. July 15.

Q. What year?

A. Every year.

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Q. What was the first thing your husband said when he woke up that morning?

A. He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q. And why did that upset you?

A. My name is Susan.

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Q. Were you present when your picture was taken?

A. Would you repeat the question?

## NOVEMBER SPEAKERS (All meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

Dec 2 Brandon Sweitzer is a Trustee of Save the Children (USA), a member of the Executive Committee and chairs the Audit Committee. He travels the world on their behalf, having recently returned from India. He is also a senior adviser to, and member of the US Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He retired from Marsh and McLennan, Inc, in 2002 having served there as president, and prior to that as chief financial officer. His talk to us is entitled "Save the Children – The Brand is the Mission."

Dec 9 Christmas Luncheon at the New Canaan Country Club, at noon. Spouses are invited. Make reservations with, and pay Charlie Morris (\$35 per person in advance, \$40 at the door). Also, please bring a gift for a boy or girl, ages 4 to 10, for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. It would be appreciated if the gifts were wrapped. Please be sure to attach a tag indicating the appropriate age and sex for the recipient.

Dec 16 Mayor John Fabrizi of Bridgeport will be our speaker. He will be outlining the progress that has been happening in Bridgeport since he took office in April, 2003. The mayor has developed a five point plan focusing on high ethical standards, strong schools, a healthy housing market, and a clean and safe city, with the belief that these factors will lead to an environment that is conducive to economic development. He will outline progress in each of these areas, with a particular focus on economic development.

Dec 23 NO MEETING

Dec 30 NO MEETING

## COUTH

- Dec 5 (Mon)** Experience the Christmas spirit. We will have dinner at Il Falco, at 59 Broad Street in Stamford, followed by the performance by the Three Irish Tenors of “Christmas in Dublin” at the Palace Theater. There will be no bus, so drive on your own or car pool with friends. Dinner time is 5:30, with the show to follow. Price is \$84 per person. Hosts are Ron Seger and Mike Alloca.
- Jan 18 (Wed)** It’s theater time in New York City again! We’ll be back at Le Rivage for dinner, and then on to the Broadway production of Jewtopia. It’s a very, very funny show about one man’s search for a Jewish girl – so he’ll never have to make decisions. There’s a special price of \$110 per person. Departure time from St. Mark’s will be 3:00 p.m. Hosts again will be our Broadway critics, Ron Seger and Mike Alloca.
- Feb** There will be no couth trip in February.
- Mar 16 (Thur)** Mark your calendar for one of the most popular couth trips, the New York Philharmonic open rehearsal. The program includes Rossini’s *L’Italiana in Algeri* Overture, Paganini’s Violin Concerto No. 1 in E-flat, and, Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 5. Lunch will be at an SMC favorite, La Grolla, at Amsterdam and 79<sup>th</sup>. Price and time to be announced. Tracey Mackle will be our host.

**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

- 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. A post-meeting drawing establishes who’ll go to Waveny House for play. Eric Musa (966-3125)
- Paddle Tennis** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. A Rec Department permit is required. George Perkins (972-6852)
- Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (966-4849)
- Skyblazers** The Skyblazers will be flying on December 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the new Lapham Community Center. Jack Murray (966-1416)
- 4F Luncheon** Selection of the site for the luncheon is announced at a meeting during the month. Sign up prior to or during the break at the fourth Friday meeting. Eric Petschek (966-0624)

**Attention Amateur Chefs** Are there any would be gourmet cooks out there? Would anyone be interested in getting together once every 2 weeks or once a month in the new kitchen at Lapham Community Center for a “hands on” cooking discussion? We’ll bring favorite recipes and decide ahead of time what will be cooked for lunch. We promise lots of laughs and fellowship. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, December 1 at 11:00 at Lapham. Please contact Marvin Newman at 972-8165 for more details.

**Wanted:** A publicity volunteer for the Friends of the New Canaan Library. The group meets once a month – usually Thursday mornings – to support and enhance the Library’s programs and services, such as Notes in Midwinter, art exhibits, and the book sale. The need is for a professional to help get more effective publicity out to the greater New Canaan community. If interested, please contact Wendy Lucas at 966-7616

**Dues For 2006** Joe Elmlinger, club treasurer, will be happy to receive payment of your Senior Men’s Club dues of \$30 for the 2006 calendar year. Your prompt payment will help out by eliminating the need for follow-up reminders. You may pay Joe or Chic Lyttle any Friday, by check to SMCNC, or mail your payment to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840.



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