

REMEMBER HOLLYWOOD SQUARES? (with thanks to Jack Murray)

These Q and A's are from the days when Hollywood Squares' game show responses were spontaneous, not scripted, as they are now. Peter Marshall was the host asking the questions, of course.

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.

A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

Q. Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?

A. Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

Q. Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?

A. Charley Weaver: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.

Q. During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?

A. Rose Marie: Unfortunately Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.

Q. Can boys join the Camp Fire Girls?

A. Marty Allen: Only after lights out.

Q. When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?

A. Paul Lynde: Make him bark?

Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?

A. Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.

Q. When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for its sex?

A. Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him.

Q. According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?

A. Paul Lynde: Point and laugh.

Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?

A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

DECEMBER SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church.)

Dec 5 Christmas Luncheon at the New Canaan Country Club, at noon (no regular morning meeting.) Spouses are invited. Make reservations with, and pay Charlie Morris (\$40 per person in advance, \$45 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 12 Our own SMC member, Nick Fellner, will describe the battle of Leyte Gulf, widely considered the greatest naval engagement in history. Nick spent nearly four years in the service as a dive bomber pilot, not only on Guadalcanal, but also flying from the USS Franklin. It was from this carrier that he participated in the complex battle of Leyte Gulf. In that battle he was successful in his attack on the world's largest battleship, the Japanese Imperial navy ship Yamato. With fifty-five missions, Nick was shot down once, and survived a night-time mid-air collision, but his greatest excitement came from the battle which he will be describing.

Dec 19 Lou Sabini is a noted film historian/archivist who has spent a lifetime collecting, studying and preserving rare and classic films from Hollywood's Golden Age. Mr. Sabini studied under renowned film professor/author William K. Everson, when he attended School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. For over 80 years, since their initial teaming in 1927, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy have been called the "greatest comedy team of all time." Mr. Sabini will present a sampling of one of Laurel and Hardy's classic comedies, *Chickens Come Home*, with a discussion about the careers of these two master comedians.

Dec 26 No Meeting.

COUTH

Dec 16 (Tues) We've got a trip to the Bruce Museum, in Greenwich. Salli Garrick, our speaker who provided an outstanding presentation in October featuring the current exhibit, "Paris Portraits", will be the docent. Salli was honored as the "Docent of the Year" and will guide our private tour, which begins at 10:30. We will car pool from the St. Mark's parking lot, meeting at 9:45 a.m. Directions and a list of local restaurants will be provided. The cost will be \$7.00 per person. Our hosts are Bob Witt (966-2892) and Ladd Seton (972-8786).

Jan We're planning a local event, at the Stamford Center for the Arts. The program is entitled "American Voices" under the direction of Eckert Preu, and will include Tai Murray as violin soloist. Music will be American voices from jazz to the movies, classical to Broadway. Watch the website, listen at the meetings, or check next month's newsletter for further information as details become available.

Feb No trip is currently planned for February.

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

Amateur Chefs The chefs will meet at Lapham Community Center on Thursday, Dec 18. Details to follow at the Friday meetings and on the website. Attendance is limited to 12 chefs.

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. A post-meeting drawing establishes who'll go to Lapham Center for play.

Eric Musa (966-3125)

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.

George Perkins (972-6852)

Photography Listen at meetings or check the website for the next meeting of the photography group.

Jack Messert (966-8754)

Racquetball Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA.

Bill Patton (966-4849)

Skyblazers The planes will be flying Wednesday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Lapham Community Center. In January we'll meet at Lapham on the 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Jack Murray (966-1416)

Trailblazers We're done for the season.

Ray Davis (940-3013)

4F Luncheon There will be no luncheon in December due to Christmas, but we'll gather again on January 23, 2009.

Don Tiefenthaler (966-5794)

MEMBER DUES Jim Davis, club treasurer, will be happy to receive payment of your Senior Men's Club dues of \$35 for the 2009 calendar year. While not due until January, 2009, your early payment will help out by eliminating the need for follow-up reminders. You may pay Jim any Friday, by check to SMCNC, or mail your payment to SMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT 06840.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE - Miss Blue is in Pink, Miss Green is in Blue, and Miss Pink is resplendent in Green.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE - You ask a friend about probability, and he tells you the following: "The odds of three tossed coins turning up all heads or all tails is one in two, that is, fifty-fifty. That's because anytime you toss three coins, at least two must match, either two heads or two tails. So that means that the third coin - which is equally likely to be heads or tails - determines the odds." Is your friend right? If not, what are the odds of three tossed coins turning up all heads or all tails?

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