



NEWSLETTER

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Proof That Men Do Remember

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of cocoa in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his hot cocoa.

"What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room. "Why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up from his cocoa, "It's the 20th anniversary of the day we met." She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up. The husband continues, "Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating? I was 18 and you were only 16," he says solemnly.

Once again, the wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive. "Yes, I do" she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him.

The husband continued, "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, 'Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years?'" "I remember that, too," she replied softly.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said, "I would have gotten out today."

Then the fight started!!

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

- Dec 2 Our speaker will be Kevin Kallaugher, the editorial cartoonist for *The Economist* magazine of London. After graduating from Harvard College with honors in 1977, Kevin embarked on a bicycle tour of the British Isles, where he joined the Brighton Basketball Club as a player and coach. After the club hit financial difficulties, Kevin drew caricatures of tourists in Trafalgar Square and on Brighton Pier. In March 1978, *The Economist* recruited him to become their first resident cartoonist in their 145 year history. Kevin returned to the U.S. in 1988 to join *The Baltimore Sun* as its editorial cartoonist. Between 1988 and 2006, he drew over 4000 for *The Sun* while continuing to draw two cartoons per week for *The Economist*. He has received numerous awards for his work.
- Dec 9 Annual Holiday Luncheon. 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. Also, please bring a wrapped gift for a young girl or boy, with a tag on it indicating the appropriate age range and gender for the gift.
- Dec 16 Follow in the footsteps of Teddy Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway and William Holden as SMC member Les de Villiers shares his own experiences on numerous safaris across East and Southern Africa. Illustrated with his own photographs, De Villiers explains why an African safari is one the world's of the most addictive pursuits. "The solitude of wild Africa is the best and most exhilarating and rewarding escape from our noisy, argument-driven, electronic-device-ridden world," he contends.
- Dec 23 No meeting. Day after Thanksgiving.
- Dec 30 No meeting. Holiday Season.

NEW MEMBERS - We have two new members since the last newsletter: David Crandall and Robert Webb. Please welcome them when you see them at the meetings.

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.

COUTH

Sept 2012 Plan ahead now for an extended trip from September 16th to the 27th, 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.

The Couth Committee is currently working on additional trips for 2012. Check the website and future newsletters for additional information.

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

- Amateur Chefs** The chefs' next meeting will be December 15. 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** We're done for the season, and will resume next year.
Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)
- Investments** The newly formed investment group will meet at Lapham Center on the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss various investment topics.
Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books** The Mystery Book Club will be entering the world of Nero Wolfe, the world's fattest private detective; his assistant Archie Goodwin and all the colorful characters invented by Rex Stout. On December 5 we are meeting for lunch to discuss the first of the series Fer de Lance followed by a visit to J&L Orchids in Easton, CT (Wolfe is an orchid fancier). Anyone with an interest in murder mysteries is welcome to join us- call Brian Hollstein or email bchollstein@optonline.net for details.
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** Tablet computing update in December with Pete Stair and Jack Messert. Watch your emails and the SMC website for time and place.
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 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)

NEED A RIDE TO FRIDAY MEETINGS? Members are reminded that Getabout van service is available to and from our Friday meetings. Just call Getabout at 972-7433 one day in advance and sign up to travel with the others enjoying this service. Getabout asks for a donation of \$3 each way but does not require it. This is a great way to travel!! You can even arrange to be driven from the meeting to lunch or shopping downtown and taken home after that.

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