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IF YOU HAVE PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

With the passing of our beloved Ralph DiDomenico not only did we lose a good friend, but we lost the Chairman of the Directory Committee. The Committee is still in place and has a number of members who can take photographs in Ralph's place, but we need to find someone who is familiar with publishing, especially Microsoft Publisher, to perform the directory layout function. This activity takes place in the March-May timeframe. Becoming the Committee Chairman is nice to do, but not a requirement! Please contact Joel Pelzner at imjp@optimum.net or at 203-972-1771 if you are interested.

And now a few smiles:

A LESSON IN FINANCIAL PLANNING

Scott is a single guy living at home in New Canaan with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed to find a wife with whom to share his new fortune. One evening, at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen! He went up to her and said, "I may look like just an ordinary guy, but in just a few years, my father will die and I will inherit \$200 million." Impressed, the woman asked for his business card. Three months later she became his stepmother. Women are so much better at financial planning than men!

A TRIP BACK IN TIME - Some infamous one-liners from the Catskills (thanks to Jack Murray)

1. "I just got back from a pleasure trip; I took my mother-in-law to the airport". 2. "Someone stole all my credit cards but I won't be reporting it...the thief spends less than my wife did." 3. The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much; it revealed that this is due to the fact that Won Ton spelled backward is Not Now. 4. Why are Jewish men circumcised? Jewish women don't like anything that isn't 20% off. 5. A doctor gave a man a year to live; when he couldn't pay his bill, the doc gave him another year.

YOGI-ISMS - Start of a monthly series of Yogi Berra's infamous quotes (thanks to Alan Fleischer)

Sure you've all heard: "It's like déjà vu all over again" and "It ain't over til it's over". Well there are many more: "We made many wrong mistakes". "You can observe a lot just by watching". "Never answer anonymous letters".

DECEMBER SPEAKERS - (Meetings are at 10am in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

- Dec 7 Kristen Cusato, Southwestern Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association-Connecticut Chapter, will be giving an overview of dementia and talking about the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's; what to look out for in your friend, family and neighbors. Awareness gives hope. Kristen is a past TV news anchor on WTNH-TV, the ABC station in New Haven. She left her position on News 8 to join the CT chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.
- Dec 14 No Meeting - Annual Holiday party - "12/12/12" - Wednesday December 12th at the Country Club of New Canaan. 11:30am - 2:30pm. Entertainment by the lovely Blue Notes. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend. Tab for the roast beef or grilled salmon feast will be \$50 per person in advance. \$60 at the door. Contact Rad Stone for the tickets.
- Dec 21 No Meeting - Christmas Holiday
- Dec 28 No Meeting - New Year's Holiday

SMC YEARLY CLUB DUES NOTICE - Thank you all for your payment of the SMC dues! There are still a small few yet to be paid. So as a reminder, please submit your \$40 payment at next Friday's meeting in cash or check, or you can mail your check to SMCNC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Avenue, NC, CT. 06840. And, due to higher club expenses, an additional \$20 contribution would be greatly appreciated.

COUTH

- December** Tuesday, December 4th - WWII & NYC Exhibition will range from mobilization of workers to the frenzy of shipbuilding; the home front arts and the entertainment industry to the dispatch of troops to the European and Pacific theaters; and from the struggles over segregation to the Times Square celebration of V-J Day. \$85/person. Depart from St.Mark's parking lot. Confirmation of trip is pending. Stan Stanziale (203-966-2862); Ladd Seton (203-972-8786)
- January** Thursday, January 31st - Annual trip to NY Philharmonic open rehearsal. Eminent conductor Christoph von Dohnanyi will direct an all-Beethoven program: Overture to Prometheus, Piano Concerto No. 1 with Jadu Lupu as soloist and the Fifth Symphony. Will bus to City Island for lunch at Sea Shore Restaurant. Bus departs St. Mark's at 8am, to return about 4pm. Probable cost: \$95 per person; confirm in Dec. Tracey Mackle (203-966-1149); Pete Stair (203-966-6497)

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

- Amateur Chefs** Thursday, December 20th -Annual Chefs Gourmet Holiday Luncheon, Noon at Lapham. Cost: \$20 per person.. Sign up at Couth table. Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7212)
- Bridge** Talk with your friends and organize your own games after the Friday meetings. Eric Musa (203-966-3125)
- Investments** Monthly meeting in December is pending. Stay tuned. Harry Hitch (203-966-1947)
- Mystery Books** Currently reading and discussing Ian Fleming's *Dr. No* and *From Russia with Love*. The date/time/location of future meetings announced at Friday meetings. Brian Hollstein (203-972-0633)
- Paddle Tennis** Play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am-11:00am at Waveny. A Rec. Dept. permit is required. \$10 ball fee. Steve Rowley (203-966-2376, John Ross (203-966-8339)
- Photo/Computer** Stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check website. Jack Messert (203-966-8754)
- 4F Luncheon** No event in December. Next will be in January. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

NEW MEMBERS - Happy to report we have 4 new members. Stephan Johnson, Peter Lawrie, Jerry Ward and Tom Butterworth. Welcome, gentlemen, to the Senior Men's Club...delighted to have you aboard!

AND NOW, END OF YEAR WORDS FROM THE PREZ

"There are a lot of festive activities are packed into the last month of the year! First, SMC celebrates with our Holiday Luncheon on the 12th. Our Jewish friends celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, for 8 nights starting on 12/8, adding a candle to the Menorah each night. Then there is Christmas on the 25th when Santa (gladly not Sandy!) leaves you a nice present in your stocking if you've been good all year and, if not, you get that unwelcome piece of coal! Then, from the 26th to January 1st, the 46th annual Kwanzaa is celebrated not as a replacement for Christmas, but rather a celebration honoring the values of ancient African cultures and inspiring African-Americans who are working for progress. We finish by celebrating New Year's Eve on the 31st. From me and mine to each of your and yours, I wish you a warm, happy, and healthy holiday season!"

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