

NEWSLETTER

LOST AND FORGOTTEN WORDS FROM THE PAST – REMEMBER THEM?

Murgatroyd? Remember it? – “Heavens to Murgatroyd!” How about “Whatchamacallit?” A NCMC member said to his son the other day about Driving a Jalopy. His son had never heard the word. I hope you are “Hunky Dory” after reading this. How about these expressions: “Don’t Touch That Dial”, “Carbon Copy”, “You Sound Like a Broken Record” and “Hung Out To Dry”. Years ago we had “Moxie”. We’d put on our best Bib and Tucker to Straighten Up and Fly Right – Heavens to Betsy! Gee Whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were “In Like Flynn” and “Living the Life of Riley”. And no one could accuse us of being a Knucklehead, Nincompoop or a “Pill”. “Not for all the Tea in China.” “Oh, My Aching Back”, “Kilroy Was Here” but he isn’t anymore. When was the last time anything was Swell? It’s gone the way of Beehives, Pageboys, Spats, Knickers, Fedoras, Poodle Skirts, Saddle Shoes and Pedal Pushers. “Well, I’ll Be a Monday’s Uncle.” “This is a Fine Kettle of Fish you got me into.” “Knee High To A Grasshopper.” “Fiddlesticks!” “I’ll see you in the Funnypapers.” “Heavens to Murgatroyd!” And there are more of these lost words and expressions than “Carter Has Liver Pills.” We of a certain age have been blessed to live in later times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the Chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It’s one of the greatest advantages of aging. “See You Later, Alligator!”

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

December 1 Scott Semple is the Commissioner of Connecticut Department of Corrections. He started his career as a front line Correctional Officer in 1988 at the high security Cheshire Correctional Institution and moved to increasing responsibilities in prison management, becoming Commissioner in 2015 by unanimous consent of the Connecticut Senate. He is a major part of Governor Malloy’s Second Chance program of enhancing ex-offender re-entry into a productive, successful life. The subject of his talk is: *Enhancing Re-Entry and Reintegration Centers*.

December 8 No Meeting – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – For all members, wives, friends, NCMC widows and member’s lady friends. Everyone is coming and you should too. It’s on Friday, December 8th at Country Club of New Canaan. Cash bar opens at 11:30am with delicious lunch served at 12:20pm. Choice of mouthwatering roast beef or delicious salmon. Salad, dessert and wine included in very reasonable price of \$55 (or \$60 at door). A most enjoyable and convivial time for everyone attending. Open seating. Easy parking. Also, please bring a wrapped gift for a child age 3 – 10 which Jack Murray will collect for those in need. Make reservations this Friday at Couth Table or mail check to Paul Stein, 172 Oenoke Lane, NC, CT 06840. Write “meat” or fish on your check. Feel free to Invite potential member as guests. Also, check with your wife...this is a great way to return social obligations.

December 15 Trey Urbahn is Chief Commercial Officer for TAP Air Portugal. The subject of his presentation is “*Building an Airline – Perspectives on the exceptionally complex and competitive airline industry*”. He is the chief architect of the TAP turnaround as a privatized company. Prior to TAP, he was founder with David Neeleman of AZUL, a Brazilian airline that was named by Advertising Age magazine as one of the world’s hottest brands, and serves over 100 cities in Brazil. Trey also worked with Mr. Neeleman at JetBlue where he was Chief Revenue Officer.

December 22 No Meeting – Merry Christmas!

December 29 No Meeting – Happy New Year!

NEW MEMBERS – Happy to announce that we have 2 new members: Richard Maynes and Harry Musikas. Welcome, gentlemen! We are delighted you have joined the New Canaan Men’s Club!

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ACTIVITIES

- Amateur Chefs** Thursday, December 21st–THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA luncheon will be held at Lapham at 12 noon. \$15 payable by check or cash holds your reservation. Pay at the Couth Table. Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217) or Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696)
- Book Club** The Book Club will not be meeting in December.
Dan Eng (203-972-0649), Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107)
- Investments** Go to the NCMC website for future activity. Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505)
- Paddle Tennis** Play Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays, 9-10:30am. All welcome to play and/or socialize .Join us for coffee even if not playing. A Rec. Dept. permit is required.
Joe Adiletta (203-966-5843), Nick Guthrie (203-273-4051)
- Pickleball** Play Tues, Wed & Thurs. at Grace Farms -10:15 to 11:45am. George Perkins (203-972-6852)
- Sidewalks of NY** Watch for our Spring 2018 Walks in NY! Pete Stair (203-962-2034)
- Table Tennis** Play at the YMCA, Monday and Wednesday at 8am. Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)

A END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM YOUR NCMC PRESIDENT – It has been a privilege to serve as your president and I look forward to working with you through the conclusion of my term. It is heartwarming to see the positive momentum of our organization. Participation in activities is healthy as is the attendance at our meetings. Membership continues to grow as we attract outstanding new members to compliment the quality of our existing membership. This is all possible due to the dedication of those serving in governance and those working behind the scene to maintain the joy and vitality of our club. Take a few moments at our meetings to thank our committee representatives including membership, technical support, refreshments, programs, public relations, newsletter, website, directory, membership assistance and new member orientation. My compliments also to the chairmen leading our activities and those serving on committees to keep our club vibrant. We encourage all new members to become involved and feel free to discuss whatever activities interest you and ways that would allow us to benefit from your background. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have about programs, speakers or anything else you feel will benefit our members. NCMC membership also enhances the community in many ways as our members participate fully in local government and non-profit activities. Thank you for sharing your experiences and offering unique opportunities to appreciate what we have and what we offer to the New Canaan and nearby areas. That said, I extend my heartfelt wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season and every good wish for the coming year. May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you and those you love. And may the New Year bring you happiness and good health as we go forward spreading love, warmth and good cheer.

- Nick Yanicelli

2018 NCMC DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW – Our dues will continue to be \$50 for 2018. Because of the generous voluntary additional donations that many of you have made in the past we actually have a modest surplus which, combined with the \$50 regular dues, should comfortably cover our expenses for 2018. So this year we are not asking for you to make those additional donations! Please feel free to make your payment at the membership desk at the Friday meetings in cash or by check, payable to NCMC. Or mail the check to NCMC, c/o YMCA, 564 South Ave., NC, CT 06840. We are not using PayPal this year, as we have had serious problems with their system.