

February Meetings

Fridays at 10am at Morrill Hall, St Mark's Episcopal Church, and remotely, over **Zoom**.

BTW – Our President (Club *not* US) has declared **February 13th Flannel Shirt Day**. Air out those warm and wooly plaids and solids and join the fun! Prizes will be awarded.

NCMC Membership Dues for 2026 are overdue!

If you have not already paid, please make your **\$75** check payable to **NCMC** and deliver it to the Membership Desk at a meeting or mail it to

New Canaan Men's Club
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OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

FEB
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Keith Simpson, NCMC member and founder & president of **Keith E. Simpson Associates**, will take us on a journey back in time to *New Canaan before New Canaan*. As a landscape architect, Simpson will provide a history of the land from the land's point of view: it's transformation from forest in 1640 to farmland in 1801.

FEB
13

Mike Curran, NCMC member and former management consultant, upon retiring earned a master's degree with a thesis on the role of Native Americans in the **French and Indian War**. He has written an historical novel about this period and a history of various conflicts, including *The Battle for Fort William Henry*, dramatized in James Fenimore Cooper's 1826 novel *The Last of the Mohicans*, which is this month's novel for the **Book Club** and this month's film for the **Cinema Club**.

FEB
20

Dr Joseph Polisi, former president of **The Juilliard School** and author of *Beacon to the World: A History of Lincoln Center*, will review the histories of both Lincoln Center and Juilliard, and how they were brought together by **John D. Rockefeller III**, with the involvement of artists, architects and politicians.

FEB
27

Jared Woodard, Managing Director, Head of the Research Investment Committee at Bank of America, New York, analyzes markets and investments. For us, Woodard will present his *Ten Surprises for 2026*.

ACTIVITIES

Paddle Tennis

Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30 – 10:30am
Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:30pm (except January 1st)
Waveny Park Paddle Courts

To cover the cost of balls, coffee and snacks, paddle players are asked to pay \$30 dues. If you don't play, but join for coffee, dues are \$20.

To get your paddle tennis pass go to: newcanaanct.myrec.com.

For more information email

paddle@newcanaanmensclub.org

Squash

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30am
Ox Ridge Riding & Racquet Club, Darien

We play on both **singles** and **doubles** courts.

For more information contact Peter Nemiroff

peter.nemiroff@nemiroff.com 203.570.0591

Hiking

Wednesday, February 11th
Bad weather date: February 18th
Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, Stamford

93 acres of open space with trails rated **easy**. There are some rocks and roots to be avoided.

Lunch will follow at **Amore Cucina & Bar**, Springdale.

Meet at **St Mark's** at **9:30am** to carpool to the Arboretum, the restaurant and back.

Spouses and guests are welcome.

Dogs are also welcome but must be leashed and poop picked up.

Sign up at the Couch Table or email

hiking@newcanaanmensclub.org

Yoga - Winter Sessions

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 – 3:30pm
Lapham Community Center

Monday classes continue through **February 23rd**.

*No class **February 16th** (Presidents' Day)*

NOTE – There will be a makeup snow-cancelled class. Date **TBD**.

Wednesday classes continue through **February 18th**.

Call **Lapham Center** for details and to register: **203.594.3620**.

If you have questions about these programs email

yoga@newcanaanmensclub.org

Silver Skiers

Local Outing:

February 10-12th

(4 double rooms reserved with 2 queen beds in each.

\$572 for 2 nights at [Killington Mountain Lodge](#))

Killington, Vermont

Utah:

February 23-27th

Deer Valley, Park City

Waitlist open

Sign up at the Couth Table or contact **Chas Timberlake**

chasman89@gmail.com 203.247.9747

CLUBS

Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays, 12:30pm

Cherry Street East

Great food. Great conversation. Great time.

Bridge Club

Mondays 9:30 – 10am (reviewing Bridge basics)

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am – noon

Fridays, after our weekly meeting, around **noon**

When there is no weekly meeting, we start play at 10am

Lapham Community Center

There are lessons for novices, and skills-building for intermediate players, as well as open games for all skill levels.

Wives and guests are always welcome.

For more information, contact

bridgeclub@newcanaanmensclub.org

Investment Club

Tuesday, February 10th, 10am

Lapham Community Center

Tiffany Kent, Certified Financial Planner and founder of **Wealth Engagement, LLC**, will share her thoughts on what every spouse should know to handle family finances confidently.

Spouses are invited to join this discussion... obviously!

For more information contact [ncmens@ncmens.club](mailto:nemens@ncmens.club)

Cinema Club

Tuesday, February 10th, 1:30pm

Lapham Community Center

Our next meeting will be a discussion of the film *The Last of the Mohicans* (1992) directed by Michael Mann and starring Daniel Day-Lewis.

This is a hot topic: Our **speaker on the 13th** will be talking about a battle recounted in the novel the **Book Club** is reading, that is the basis for this film.

Spouses are invited to join this discussion.

For more information, contact

Auto Club

Wednesday, February 18th, 1:45pm

The Cultivated Collector (*tentative location for our meeting*)

19 Vitti Street (*a block away from Cherry Street East*)

Topic: Exotic and collectible car sales and consignment

For updates, email autoclub@newcanaanmensclub.org

Amateur Chefs

Thursday, February 19th, noon

Lapham Community Center

Mardi Gras Feast!

MENU

Citrus Creole Salad

Chicken, Shrimp & Sausage Jambalaya

Gelato

Wine

\$15 per person

There's space for **24** diners

Make your reservation at the Couth Table or contact

amateurchefs@newcanaanmensclub.org

Book Club

Tuesday, February 24th, 1:30pm

Lapham Community Center

This month's book: ***The Last of the Mohicans*** (1826) by **James Fenimore Cooper**.

Set in 1757, during the **French and Indian War**, this historical novel includes New York frontiersman Natty Bumppo who guided British troops dependent on his knowledge of the land and its people.

For more information, contact

book@newcanaanmensclub.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2026 Distinguished Service Award

Committee Chair **Ralph Hills** invites you to discover one of our own who has shared his gifts and talents with our club and our communities. Ralph is requesting nominations of club members worthy of this prestigious annual award. For more information about how to nominate a recipient click [here](#).

NOTE: The **deadline** for nominations is **February 15th**.

For more information or to make a nomination, contact

distinguishedservice@newcanaanmensclub.org

Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County

Saturday, February 21st

Work a full or half day. No experience or tools required.

Spouses are invited.

Sign up at the Couth Table or contact **Rich Townsend**

rtown34@gmail.com 203.644.0014

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce new members

James Arliss, Garry Clancy and Federico Marsili

Welcome Jim, Garry and Federico!

JUST KIDDING!

If you ever get an email about pork, ham, salt and preservatives, DON'T open it... It's SPAM!

Note to self: DO NOT sit on the floor with your grandchild without a plan for getting back up.

If you see cows sleeping in a field, does that mean it's *pasture* bedtime?

If you wait long enough to start preparing dinner, everyone will be happy with just a bowl of cereal.

On a positive note... You are now too old to have a midlife crisis.

Eliot Tarlin, editor

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