

Connecticut



"To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end..." ~WB

Presidents Message



~ Fran Ingallinera

This is my last President letter for the Chatter as I now pass this chore on to our new President, Mark Lupien. Mark and the new slate of officers were installed at the Installation Banquet hosted by Bob and Helen Sandall on Sunday, October 6th, 2013 at the Manchester Country Club in Manchester, CT. Thirty Four of our members joined us for a lovely dinner. Ernie Bauer, Region One 1st Vice President and his charming wife, Madeleine graced us with their presence. After a very

brief business meeting, Ernie installed the new officers.

Highlights of the day, Lois Price read the poem she had composed for me with lots of flattering words and Mark presented me with a gift as outgoing President. Mark had asked me for suggestions for my gift and having become infected with the golf bug, I asked for sock for my driver in the form of an animal head. Mark and Marie picked out a lion's head that I immediately named "Wally". Also in the gift were tees and golf balls. Thank you to all in the club for this great gift. I'll be bringing

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The new ruling class.



OK - Get your presidents message ready.

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours. ~ Milton Berle

UPCOMING

December 1st

Holiday Party - Dakota Steak House
Ted & Lois Price

QUESTION

A man lives on the 28th floor and he takes the elevator to the first floor to get to work. When he comes home he only rides to the 10th floor then walks the rest of the way. Why doesn't he take the elevator to the 28th floor?

Answer Page 5



CAMPING WITH THE NEW ENGLAND UNIT

~ Joyce Rousseau

I had read the first announcement about camping in the White Mountains with the New England group on email. It had piqued my interest, but I don't like traveling on holiday weekends and this was over Labor Day so we hesitated signing up. However, we saw our good friends Sandi Gould and Rick Cipot at our Region One Rally and their persuasive powers went to work. We also met Doug Hart, the organizer along with Sandi and Rick, and he was very "inviting." We took a chance and signed up for what was a great experience.

We went up a day early and returned a day late, avoiding all holiday traffic. This was



possible due to the rally being at a private ski club that Doug is a member of in Jackson, NH. It is in the midst of the White Mountains which gave us beautiful sights and lots of places to visit. We can now claim membership in that group of "This car climbed Mountain Washington" although it was Rick's truck that actually made the climb. Too bad it was fogged in at the summit. We also found kayaking waters with serenity and beautiful views. The "campground" offered a lodge with a large kitchen for meals and bathrooms with showers and was very charming. There were about 12 other units from NE who welcomed us as friends. Most of these people had been at the Region One Rally, so we were known to them already and were able to fit right in.

Watch out for this rally if it is scheduled next year. It is limited in size and takes about 6 hours to get there, but it's worth the trip. Gilles and I send our "thanks" to all involved for a very nice time. ~

THOUGHTS AND CARES

Jane Sanders recovering. ~ Marie Lupien recovering. ~ Charlie & Sandy Eglise struggling.



Homographs ~ Contributed by Russ Melocik

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

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| 1) The bandage was wound around the wound. | 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid. |
| 2) The farm was used to produce produce. | 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row. |
| 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse. | 13) They were too close to the door to close it. |
| 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.. | 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present. |
| 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out. | 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line. |
| 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.. | 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow. |
| 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present. | 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail. |
| 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum. | 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.. |
| 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes. | 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests. |
| 10) I did not object to the object. | 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend? |

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'? ~



Bard & Kathy attending open house at [Edward Tufte's sculpture park](#) in Woodbury, CT

President's Message Continued

“Wally” to Florida for the set of clubs I keep there. Being President of COCU was a rewarding experience. We had some good rallies and dinner meetings. Thank you to all who hosted and those who attended these events.

Jerry and I look forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas Party hosted by Ted and Lois Price.

Till then.....

Be safe, be well, be happy,

Fran Ingallinera, COCU Past President

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It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. ~ Harry S.Truman



From On The Road

~ Richard & Kathleen Kushman

silverhike.wordpress.com

I write this from Las Vegas, Nevada, where instead of beautiful vistas and the fresh bouquet of nature to inhale we camp on macadam, hike on cement, and stroll through smoky casinos. Our time here has been longer than expected because of the National Park closures which leaves our schedule uncertain, however, the most affected are working people and private businesses forced to close while trying to make ends meet. Our school children unable to visit the White House, our citizens and foreign visitors unable to enjoy a long planned vacation simply points to the very low quality of people we have placed in office.

This is the first time Kathleen or I have visited Las Vegas so, if I may, a few observations:

Adults sometimes comment on young people always playing with their phones and electronic gizmos - I watched thousands of adults, many senior, sitting in front of a video screen watching cartoon characters rotate while unusual sounds signaled a win or more often a loss of their savings.

I played the penny slots four times, a dollar each time (100 credits). Not every spin is a loss, I was sometimes encouraged to continue playing when with a flurry of lights and sound my credits increased. So I continued pushing the button until, with great relief, I had lost my dollar and I could finally stop.

Clearly the biggest party town I have ever visited. Exemplified by hotel guests checking in with large coolers and beer funnels strapped to rolling luggage - we left ours at Travelers Rest.

I watched as a somewhat ramshackle person reached deeply into a trash receptacle, retrieved an unfinished Pina Colada, then continue along, his thirst quenched while upholding the high standard of recycling practiced in Vegas.

The highlight for me was the Bellagio fountain. Timed to a different tune every fifteen minutes it was fun to watch.

The accounting - I lost \$4.00, Kathleen played \$12.00 and won \$25.00 - we were ahead \$9.00 - high rollers and most probably, not welcome back.

Monday October 7th we headed for the desert and Death Valley after dumping our holding tanks thereby upholding the maxim - "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas". ~




Doctor Sleep is a novel by Stephen King, a sequel to King's novel The Shining.



REMINDER

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October 2013

- Birthday COCU
- Anniversary COCU
- US Holidays


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6 Dottie Walbridge	7 Steve & Pam Pestretto Bill Flood	8 Mark Lupien Gene Hickey...lotte LaRocca	9 Serafina M. Bachar	10 Raymond & Cynthia Richard	11	12 Niels Rosenbeck Dick Bartram
13	14 Columbus Day 	15 David & Susan Johnson	16 Roger & Ruth Crockett	17 Brian Brosnahan	18	19
20 Susan Rutty	21	22 William & Evelyn Watts	23	24	25	26
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November 2013

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10 Paul Good Beth Petrie	11 Ronald & Brenda Nicholas	12	13 Parker Boylan	14	15	16 Winnie Mangano
17	18 Jeff Blackwell	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Larry & Pat Larson	27	28 Helen Sandall Cynthia Melock Gail Billings 	29 Charlie & Sandy Eglise	30

Answer from page one: He is too short to reach the 28th button!



CHARTER OAK HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: **DECEMBER 1, 2013**
TIME: **12:30 PM FOR SUNDAY BUFFET**
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