

2-DAY BOOK & TAG SALE

Due to the tremendous amount of donations, the Auxiliary's annual affordable treasures book and tag sale will be held on two days, Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22, in the Community Room at Noble Horizons. Saturday only: \$10 early bird special from 8-9am; free admission 9am-4pm both days. Come find books and all kinds of household items, including furniture—everything but clothing. Please contact Joanne Moore at 435-9851 to arrange for donations, which will be accepted through February 20.

FILE ASSESSMENT APPEAL

Those wishing to appeal their 2008 assessed property valuations may file an appeal with the Salisbury Board of Assessment Appeals. Forms are available from the Assessor (Mon/Wed/Fri, 9am-4pm, 435-5176), or Town Clerk (daily, 9am-4pm, 435-5182). By state statute, appeal forms must be completed and received/postmarked no later than February 20, 2009.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

The Scoville Library's **Second Saturday Book Club** will discuss *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengetsu on Saturday, February 14 at 4pm, in the Wardell Community Room. After fleeing the Ethiopian Revolution seventeen years ago, Sepha Stephanos finds himself run-

ning a grocery store in a poor African-American neighborhood in Washington, DC. This novel delves deeply into what it takes to create a new home subsequent to losing family and country. Cynthia Hochswender, editor of *The Lakeville Journal*, will lead the discussion.

In the History room, Thursday, February 19 at 5pm, the **Mystery Book Club** will discuss *Hidden Moon: An Inspector O Novel* by James Church. Returning from a mission, the inspector finds his new commander waiting at his office door demanding quick action on the first ever bank robbery in Pyongyang. Copies of both books are available at the library. Call 435-2838 for info.

WHY JOY IS FLEETING

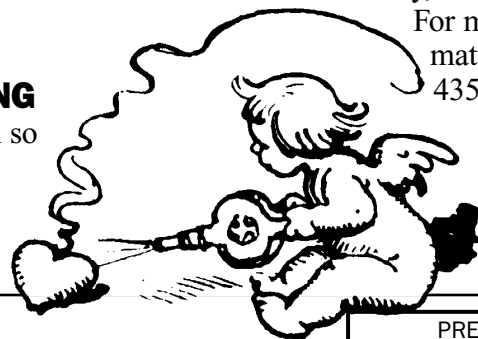
Why does happiness seem so ephemeral? How do you make happiness "stick?" Saturday, February 28 at

4pm, in the Wardell Community Room, local resident, therapist, and author, Richard O'Connor, will discuss his recent book, *Happy at Last*. Dr. O'Connor will discuss how through practice we can tune into ourselves and tune out external stimuli that have little or no bearing on what really makes us happy. Books will be available for sale and signing. For more information, call 435-2838.

GRUMPY OLD MEN

Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau are feeling out of sorts in *Grumpy Old Men*, this month's 104-minute, PG selection for Film Night at the Scoville Library. Decades of insults and wicked pranks erupt into high-stakes naughty jokes and adolescent hi-jinks when an attractive widow moves in near next-door neighbors and former friends, John and Max. Pat McMullan opens the Wardell Community Room doors at 4:30pm for the 5pm screening on Tuesday, February 24.

For more information, call 435-2838.

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**SKI JUMPS**

Everyone is invited to share the excitement as the best ski jumpers in the eastern U.S. defy gravity to compete in the 83rd U.S. Eastern States Ski Jumping Championships Jumpfest Weekend, February 6, 7 and 8, 2009, at Satre Hill, located on Indian Cave Road, off Route 44 in Salisbury. Admission to the events, for any of the three days, is \$10 for adults, free for children 12 years old and under. Hot food and drinks will be available from Friday evening through Sunday at the snack shack. Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA), a non-profit organization, raises money during Jumpfest to fund a variety of youth skiing programs. For more information about events, go to www.jumpfest.org

Friday night, February 6: *Target Jumping* returns under the lights on the 65-meter hill at 7pm. Unlike Saturday and Sunday's competition in which a jumper's form and distance matter, the target jump requires the competitor to gauge his/her jump speed so as to land on a target. A \$500, winner-take-all prize is sponsored by Churchhill Brothers. Also beginning at 7pm, will be a *chili cookoff*, featuring professional chefs from area restaurants, and an *ice carving demonstration* conducted by two of Saturday's competitors.

Saturday, February 7: Often including many Olympic hopefuls, competitors show the extraordinary coordination and skill it takes to soar 64 meters (more than 200') during the SWSA *Salisbury Invitational*. Practice begins at 11am, competition at 1pm, and runs until approx 4pm. See the articles on ice carving contest and the Snow Ball dance.

Sunday, February 8: Start with a *hearty breakfast* sponsored by the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service (SVAS) at their headquarters on Route 41 across from the White Hart Inn, from 7:30-11:30am, (adults \$6, children 12 and under \$4). Proceeds from this great jump weekend tradition help fund SVAS operations. For more info call 435-0058.

The big event is the *U.S. Eastern Championships* at 1pm (practice begins at 11am), featuring the same talented jumpers from Saturday. Skiers hope to better the record of 70.5 meters (231 feet). The weekend ends with awards and naming of the U.S. Eastern Junior Olympic Team.

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ICE CARVERS COMPETE

Some of the tri-state area's most talented professional, and enthusiastic amateur, ice carvers will amaze viewers on the green at The White Hart Inn during the 8th Annual Ice Carving Competition on Saturday, sponsored by Klemm Real Estate, the White Hart, and SWSA. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded and everyone is encouraged to vote for the People's Choice Award. Between events, explore Salisbury and its intriguing shops, many of which will have sales and promotions for the weekend.

SNOW BALL

Everyone is invited to this annual Saturday night dance at the White Hart to rock to the beat of the popular Treetop Blues. The Snow Ball kicks off at 8pm and ends at 12 midnight; admission is \$10. For more information about the Snow Ball and ice carving competition, go to www.whitehartinn.com.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WINTER WEATHER

During the winter months bad weather causes programs to be canceled, sometimes at the last minute. All Salisbury recreation program cancellations are posted on the town website. So, before heading out, go to www.salisburyct.us and click on "recreation news" on the right side of the page.

LEARN FOR FUN AT TLC

The Taconic Learning Center Winter/Spring 2009 session is beginning. Go to the newly

redone website, www.taconic-learningcenter.org, or call 860-364-9363, for course descriptions, information, or to sign up.

Courses this semester include: The Obama Transition: Challenges Facing the New Administration; Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*; Back to Bach, Forward to Mozart, By Way of Haydn; Colonial America: a Search for Truth; The Plays of Oscar Wilde; Advanced French; Knowing Ourselves; and Survey of Modern Art.

The TLC offers non-credit, college level courses in a wide variety of disciplines to residents of the Connecticut's NW corner and adjoining areas in Massachusetts and New York. Weekly two-hour classes are held for four to twelve weeks in the fall and winter at convenient locations such as Noble Horizons, Geer, Scoville Library, and St. John's. Annual dues are tax-deductible and cover overhead expenses; all instructors are volunteers.

MICHAEL HARNEY ON TEA

On February 7, at 2pm in Noble Horizons' Learning Center, Michael Harney of internationally—and locally—renowned Harney & Sons Tea, will speak about and sign his new book, *The Harney & Sons Guide to Tea*. An indispensable guide for tea neophytes to aficionados, it explains tea's complex agricultural, historical, and cultural significance. Also included are a compendium of 56 guided tea tastings as well as tasting menus. Following the discussion, Mike will offer a tea tasting with Harney & Sons teas. Call 435-9851, ext. 190, for info.



Under the direction of Pat McMullan, the Scoville Library will begin a film society dedi-

cated to sharing all manner of film genres, from classic to contemporary, animated to documentary, foreign to independent. It will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 7pm. The first selection on Sunday, February 8, will be the 1946 masterpiece, *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, by noted director Tay Garnett. Wine and nibbles will be served. For more information, call 435-2838.

HOTCHKISS COLLOQUIUM

Noble Horizons invites the community to attend, in the Learning Center, a free, ongoing discussion series with members of the Hotchkiss faculty who present topics within their fields of study and expertise.

The first program, "National Identity and International Norms: Managing Immigration and its Consequences in Contemporary France and Germany," will be delivered by Thomas Drake, a 25-year veteran of the history department and a PIER Fellow at Yale University, at 2-3pm on Wednesday, February 4. Initially delivered at Yale in December 2008, this presentation examines the international collaborations spawned by the European Union and their role in shaping contemporary approaches to immigrant populations.

Next, Keith Moon, a teacher of Russian and Spanish for over 20 years, will offer "Russia in the 21st Century," which will focus on the complex issue of Russian identity, on Sunday, February 15

at 2pm. After years as a Czarist empire, and later as the Soviet Empire, how does the state of Russia and its citizens envision its position and role in the world today? Mr. Moon living and traveling extensively and regularly throughout Russia since the 1980s (12 trips), has witnessed firsthand the country's transition from global superpower to a nation defining itself on the world stage. Call 435-9851, ext. 190, for more information on either program.

AARP TAX-AIDE

Salisbury Senior Services, in cooperation with the IRS, is again sponsoring a free-of-charge AARP Tax-Aide Program at Salisbury Town Hall on Thursdays, 9-4pm, from February 19 through April 9, 2009.

Volunteers, trained by AARP and certified by the IRS, will assist low and middle income taxpayers (with special attention to those 60 and older) with the preparation of tax forms and to answer questions. Due to the limited number of volunteers, those interested are asked to call Mike Beck at 435-5191 to make an appointment and get the list of what to bring to the session. We hope to e-file all returns this year.

VITAMIN D IS IMPORTANT

Join Torrington-based naturopathic doctor, Heather Veronesi, as she discusses the benefits of Vitamin D. Once known for its use in osteoporosis, this vitamin is also a valuable adjunct in cancer prevention, heart and mental health. Most do not get enough of this nutrient due to short winter days here in CT and the need for sun protection in summer. The

lecture will be on Saturday, February 7 at 10am, in the Wardell Community Room of the Scoville Library. For more information, call 435-2838.

WINTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

At the Hotchkiss School: the pool is available for adult lap swim only from 8-9:30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through June 13, for \$5 per session.

The indoor track is available for walking or jogging Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8-10am through June 13. The \$2 cost per session is payable at the door. *Please do not wear street shoes on the track.*

Open skate at Schmidt Rink begins January 7 on Saturday mornings from 11am-12:30pm, and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm, through Feb 28, for \$2 per person. Helmets are recommended, hats and skates are required. Sticks and pucks are not permitted on the ice. Skate sharpening is available for \$5.

At the Salisbury Central School Gym: women's basketball program meets Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm through February 23. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to have fun. Men's basketball program meets Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm through February 24.

Contact Lisa McAuliffe for further information at 435-5186, or email salisburyctrec@yahoo.com.

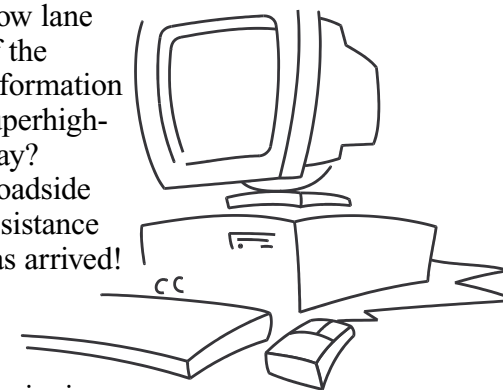
RICHARD SMITH: AN UNEXPECTED INFLUENCE

Salisbury is fortunate to have an active historical society devoted to sharing the area's rich local history. Join Lou Bucceri as he dis-

cusses Richard Smith, a Revolutionary War-era entrepreneur who owned, among other things, the Salisbury furnace and what is now the Holley-Williams House. Famous for producing a significant number of cannon for patriot forces, the furnace did so under the direction of the soon-to-be independent state of Connecticut. Co-sponsored by the Salisbury Association Historical Society, the lecture will be on Saturday, February 21 at 2pm, in the Wardell Community Room of the Scoville Library. For more information, call 435-2838.

TECHNO WORKSHOPS

Experiencing techno-breakdown? Just trying to stay in the slow lane of the information superhighway? Roadside assistance has arrived!



Beginning February 21, Claudia Cayne, director of the Scoville Library, will run workshops and demonstrations on technology and the Internet on the third Saturday of each month from 10-11am. Starting with Google, expand your reach beyond using it as a search engine, into Google docs, gmail, Google calendar, etc. Participants are welcome to bring their own computers, but it is not necessary. Experience level is Google beginner and up. For more information, call 435-2838.