

# INN-SIGHTS

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April 2019

## **Café Les Trois Chats** **Tuesday, April 30 -7:30 p.m.**

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Musical Revue takes place this month in Paris at an outside café – ooh la la! Come enjoy an evening of French inspired songs, skits and “schtick,” starring our resident Inn-Notes, invited soloists and musicians. C’est Si Bon!

## **Short Story Discussions** **Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22** **2 p.m.**

At 2 p.m., one half hour before each short story discussion, Lily Mayer reads the story out loud. This month we’ll be reading stories by Edgar Allen Poe and Isak Dinesen among others.

## **Biblical Wisdom** **Tuesday, April 2 – 2:30 p.m.** **Followed by Tea**

Nell Smith will join us for a discussion of Biblical Wisdom as expressed in the Book of Proverbs and by notable believers. These proverbs, or maxims for life, have been part of all cultures down through the ages. Come share these godly principals that we all seek to observe daily in our lives. Followed by tea.

## **Let’s Talk** **Thursday, April 4 - 11 a.m.**

Kathy Blance, librarian from the New Canaan Library, picks a subject, does in-depth research, and finds books, posters, and photos on the topic to share and stimulate! Meets in the living room.

## **Knitting Project** **Thursday, April 4 - 2:30 p.m.** **Tuesday, April 16 – 3 p.m.**

Sue Scannell, knitter extraordinaire, will be on hand to help with our new project: knitting receiving blankets for newborns at the Norwalk Hospital Pre-Natal Classes for first-time mothers. The pattern is extremely easy, all knitting-no

other stitches! We supply the yarn and needles!

**Country School Students**  
**Saturday, April 6 – 10:30 a.m.**

Every year, the student body at New Canaan Country School holds a day of community service in honor of a classmate who died. A group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders will come to the Inn and participate in either a craft project or a planting activity!

**Silver Scouts**  
**Saturday, April 6 – 3 p.m.**

These young scouts are working toward their Silver Award and come every month to The Inn. We've grown to enjoy them so – and bask in their friendly and caring ways – not to mention their refreshments and planned activities!

**Bingo with The SLOBS**  
**Sunday, April 7 – 4:30 p.m.**

The high school students from The Service League of Boys come the first Sunday of the month and call bingo. Join these friendly young men.

**St. Luke's Tech Help Day**  
**Monday, April 8 – 10:30 a.m.**

Due to a snow storm, school was cancelled last month when these eighth grade students from St. Luke's School were scheduled to come. They were so disappointed so their teachers prioritized another visit! Ten to fourteen students

will come and pair off with residents. They can do all sorts of technical things with you: look up your hometown and take you back there (virtually) on google maps, talk about your favorite TV shows from the 50s or 60s and look up photos from that show, etc. Technology doesn't get any better!

**Tots**  
**Tuesday, April 9 – 10 a.m.**

The four-year-old nursery school children from St. Mark's walk down the hill from their classrooms once a month. We love these little friendly and dear youngsters. They sing, read stories with residents and share a craft activity. Pure joy!

**ABCs of World Religions**  
**Tuesday, April 9 – 2:30 p.m.**

Join Barbara for a bird's eye overview of some of the major religions. We have a booklet, for participants, in outline form, which will provide succinct explanations of these religions as well as their similarities and differences.

**Mimi's Artwork**  
**Wednesday, April 10 – 3 p.m.**

Mimi Szanto will talk about her wall of paintings –we'll set up chairs in front of the exhibit.

**Recipe Project**  
**Thursday, April 11 – 3 p.m.**

We're gathering recipes from residents (and their families) and staff hoping to

put together a little booklet. We want to make it whimsical and fun, so we're wracking our brains with the help of our volunteer Virginia Stephens. If you have Grandma's favorite recipe, or a kitchen tip or trick, please alert Barbara.

### **Flower Power**

**Friday, April 12 – 3 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 25 – 3 p.m.**

The colorful and delightful dining room table centerpieces are the results of our residents' nimble fingers. Mary Tanzi brings a cartful of flowers and helps folks turn them into these happy creations.

### **Cyber Savvy Seniors**

**Saturday, April 13 – 1:15 p.m.**

Henry Benton, a sophomore at New Canaan High School, has his own business called "Cyber Savvy Seniors." He will come this afternoon to help residents with their tablets, cell phones, smart phones, etc. He will work on an individual basis – and it's free! Speak with Barbara if you'd like his help.

### **St. Mark's Communion**

**Sunday, April 14 – 11:30 a.m.**

On the second Sunday of every month, St. Mark's Church will administer and share Holy Communion with residents. All are welcomed, regardless of faith. Meets in our library.

### **Visit to New Canaan Library**

**Monday, April 15 – 11:15 a.m.**

Once a month, we take the Waveny van to go to the library. Back for lunch. A great time to get your own library card, browse, find a good book to read, and see the art exhibit. Sign up on bulletin board.

### **True Encounters**

**Thursday, April 18 – 3:30 p.m.**

Truth can often turn out to be stranger than fiction and these stories prove that. Barbara will read short true accounts of such unlikely encounters when Mark Twain meets Helen Keller, Truman Capote meets Peggy Lee, Princess Diana meets Princess Grace, and more!

### **Rev. Tom Lilly**

**Friday, April 19 – 11:15 a.m.**

In keeping with the Lenten spirit, Rev. Tom Lilly, Director of Spiritual Services for the Waveny LifeCare Network, will present "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" on Good Friday morning. He will be accompanied by pianist John Peter Strybos. You are invited to come and reflect on the impact that these words have on your life.

### **Sadie Visits**

**Monday, April 22 - 11 a.m.**

Sadie is an adorable one-year old Cock-A-Poo puppy who has just returned from boarding school. She's sweet, calm and loves to have residents feed her treats!

### **Blood Pressure Clinic**

**Wednesday, April 24 - 2 p.m.**

**Poetry Jam & Tea**  
**Tuesday, April 23 - 3 p.m.**

In honor of National Poetry Month, we'll gather to read some of our favorite poems. Books of poetry on the library table – come choose one you love.

**Nature Center Animals Here**  
**Wednesday, April 24 – 3 p.m.**

Two or three times a year, the Director of Animal Care brings several “critters” over – we never know whether they have fur, scales, or wings – and are always delighted to find out about these interesting animals.

**Easter Dinner**  
**Sunday, April 21 - 12:30 p.m.**

A festive holiday meal – lovely time to invite family and friends!

## **inn-formation**

**Musical Revue Rehearsals** We're ramping up our rehearsals for the Revue at the end of the month!

**Justine:** Tuesdays 4/2 and 23 – 10:45  
Thursday, 4/18 - 10:45  
Other Tuesdays with Barbara – 10:45

**As needed, we'll call extra rehearsals.**

**Poem-in-Your-Pocket Day**

**Friday, April 26**

**Saturday Mornings with Brant**  
**9:30 Drawing – 10 Exercise – 10:45**  
**Tech Help**

**Exercises/daily/ see bulletin board**

**Communion from St. Aloysius Fridays**  
**at 10 a.m. in library**

**Volunteer Shoppers**  
**Mondays & Thursdays**

We have a dedicated corps of volunteers who go to town and shop for residents. Please give your “order” to Delia or Pattie by 9:15 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

**Saturday Mass at St. Aloysius/5:00**

Please be ready in the lobby to meet your driver before 5 p.m. If you're not going, please tell the receptionist.

**Resident Meeting – 4/18 – 1:15 p.m.**

We encourage residents to attend our monthly meetings – a good opportunity to hear firsthand about what's going on, projects in process, and to voice your opinions and concerns about living at The Inn.

**April Birthdays**

**Allison Caesar – 4/13**  
**Ellie Arbusto – 4/24**  
**Katie Babbitt – 4/27**

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