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Green Thoughts

By ANNE W. SEMMES

“There is empirical evidence that taking a short break to gaze at varied natural landscapes or look at pictures or photos of natural scenes...leads to reduced levels of anxiety, faster recovery rates from stressful events, and improved cognitive functioning.” Katherine Willis, Oxford Professor of Biodiversity, from her 2024 book, “Good Nature, Why Seeing, Smelling, Hearing, and Touching Plants is Good for Our Health.”

Greenwich Veterans Honored on Veterans Day and Every Day



Lucian Niemeyer, Air Force veteran; James Mack, Vice Commander of American Legion Post 29; Peter LeBeau, Post 29 Commander; former U.S. Navy Lt. William Fowler; Colonel Christopher T. Graves, United States Marine Corps Reserve; and Police Chief Jim Heavey, Senior Vice Commander of Post 29 and retired U.S. Army Captain.

By ANNE WHITE

Greenwich began its Veterans Day commemorations with the inaugural “Flags for Veterans” ceremony, held on Wednesday, November 8, 2024, in front of Town Hall. The event, organized by the Greenwich Rotary Club, honored local veterans and raised funds for the American Legion Post 29. Community members were invited to sponsor flags in memory or honor of veterans, with each \$75 sponsorship providing a commemorative medallion. All proceeds from the event were donated to support local veterans through Post 29.

“This project was close to my heart because honoring and supporting our heroes is incredibly important,” said Rotary Club President Agathe Likoba. “We are honored to launch the Flags for Veterans initiative as a way to pay tribute to those who have served our nation.” Likoba expressed gratitude for the community’s support and for First Selectman Fred Camillo, who embraced the project from the start. “When we presented this project to the First Selectman, he absolutely loved the idea and has been very supportive, standing alongside us to make this vision a reality,” she added. “This partnership truly reflects what Greenwich is about—a place where we come together to do meaningful things, honor our shared values, and celebrate our patriotism.”

Camillo, who attended the ceremony, underscored the importance of establishing new traditions to honor veterans. “Greenwich is a town of traditions, and this is going to be a new tradition,” he said, referring to the Flags for Veterans project. Special honors were given to Rotary members and veterans Joe Benoit, Len Szczesny, and Todd Kennedy, each recognized for their distinguished service. Commander Peter LeBeau of American Legion Post 29 accepted a check representing the funds raised, a powerful symbol of the town’s ongoing commitment to supporting veterans.

The event was made possible through extensive collaboration within the Rotary Club, with key contributions from members such as Jay Feinsod, Shashi Dayal, Jim Boardman, Sally Parris Bruno, Angela Hyland, Len Szczesny, Geoffrey Parkinson, and Bruno Costa. “Our Flags for Veterans initiative is just one example of what we can accomplish together,” said Likoba, expressing gratitude for the dedication of the Rotary’s leadership team.

Greenwich’s Veterans Day tributes continued on Monday, Nov. 11, with a parade down Greenwich Avenue. Veterans, first responders, local officials, and community members walked together, led by American

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COLUMN

The Impact of a Political Contribution on Your Inbox



By STUART ADELBERG

You probably don’t know this, but I am a very popular guy. I have tons of very famous friends who send me dozens of emails and text messages almost every day. It’s true. If you looked at my inboxes, you would undoubtedly be incredibly impressed by the names of the people who regularly correspond with me. The

The election is over, and perhaps all of those funds they raised might finally be used to make a meaningful difference!

odd thing is that they are all notable and successful people, but for some reason, they all need money. Lots of it. And they all think that modest, middle class me is the answer!

I have been offered opportunities to dine with some of the world’s greatest thinkers or travel to different parts of the country for a chance to be on stage with some of our most

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School Budget Process Begins

By STEPHEN JANIS

The Superintendent of Greenwich Schools proposed a budget that would increase spending, allocate funds for contractually required raises for teachers, and adjust for reductions in funding from several federal programs.

The plan, which calls for roughly \$203 million in operational spending next year—a 5.4% increase—highlights expanded capabilities for educating special needs students, adapting to a rise in students for whom English is a second language, and a notable reduction in administrative costs.

This increase amounts to an additional \$10 million over last year.

Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones noted that a significant portion of spending, 76%, goes toward employee salaries, with 92% of that total earmarked for teachers and classroom instruction.

She also pointed out that administrative costs have been reduced since 2017, from approximately 4% to 2.6% of the total budget.

During that time student enrollment has dropped by 650 students but is expected to remain relatively steady in the foreseeable future, with 8,354 students attending public schools across all grades.

However, along with the increase in spending, the presentation highlighted enrollment changes.

The number of pre-kindergarten students identified as having special needs has more than doubled since 2012, rising from 48 to 123 children. Additionally, the population of English language learners has increased by 103 students since 2019. The number of special needs students has also grown, with 233 added since 2019.

Due to additional teachers and support staff working with special needs students, the percentage of those requiring education outside the district dropped from 7.2% to 2.5% of all pupils. This reduction saves the town nearly \$168,000 per student, totaling approximately \$10 million.

BOE member Michael-Joseph Mercanti-Anthony said he was pleased with progress made keeping special education students in the town school system.

“By developing more programs in house, we have been able to keep more students in the district. This not only better meets students’ needs, but is a major cost savings for the district,” he told *The Sentinel*.

Interestingly, about 19% of enrolled students qualify for reduced-price or free school lunches. To enroll in this federally funded program, a student’s family must meet income guidelines set by the federal government. This percentage contrasts sharply with nearby communities: only 1% of Darien students qualify, and New Canaan has no students in the program.

Jones criticized the recently released guidelines from the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), which she said did not allocate sufficient funds to cover the increase in expenses in her budget. The non-binding guidelines, approved on October 29, recommend a 2.9% increase. “The increase does not cover contractual needs and student needs,” Jones said, saying that required salary increases alone amount to \$5.5 million.

To meet the BET guidelines, the proposed budget would need to be revised down by \$4.6 million.

“That would be a tremendous hurdle for us,” she said.

The *Greenwich Sentinel* previously reported that the BET adopted guidelines setting parameters for all town departments. The parameters they set already include a property tax increase of roughly 3.9%.

The tax increase would raise the town’s mill rate—the amount of tax levied on every one thousand dollars of property value—from 11.712 to 12.175.

Conflicts Over Appointments Continue

The meeting was not without conflict, as tensions over the appointment of a replacement Board of Education member

continued as an issue at the beginning of the meeting.

Last month, Democrats called an emergency meeting to appoint Jennifer Behette to a vacant Republican seat on the BOE after a meeting of the Board of Selectman (BOS) had already been scheduled to make an appointment to the same seat. Because of the emergency nature of the meeting, it did not require normal noticing procedures and was held without all the Republican members present. The BOS appointed Paul Cappiali to the vacant seat.

The BOS subsequently questioned the emergency nature of the meeting and voted to consider it a violation of state transparency laws, filing a complaint with the Freedom of Information Commission, which has yet to rule.

Just before Jones gave her presentation, board member Wendy Vizzo Walsh asked for a point of order and requested a roll call.

“I just wanted to take a quick roll call,” Walsh said, proceeding to take attendance at the virtual meeting.

She noted that Paul Cappiali was not present and had not been sent a link to the virtual meeting. She also challenged the presence of Behette.

“I will record that you are here, but unless you can provide certification from the town...”

Her challenge prompted an interruption from Chair Karen Hirsch.

“This is not the place to adjudicate this,” Hirsch replied. “There are legal proceedings.”

SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

BOE Budget Meeting: December 5, 7 PM at Central Middle

BOE Budget Meeting: December 12, 7 PM at Central Middle

BET Presentation: January 23, 7 PM at Town Hall

BET Budget Meeting: February 1, 7 PM at Town Hall

Beautiful Music at The Nathaniel Witherell

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Have you ever heard someone say “Her harp is her heart?” Most likely not. But those at The Nathaniel Witherell, a Greenwich skilled nursing facility for long-term residents & short-term rehabilitation patients, recently enjoyed beautiful music performed by harpist Lisa Tannebaum (<https://www.lisaharpist.com/>).

In this unique concert, Lisa played for residents, patients, friends, and family, performing not only the classics, but also songs of the 1930’s, and sing-along songs like “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” and “Danny Boy.” Lisa performs solo, chamber and orchestral concerts at major venues throughout the U.S. and Europe, including recitals at Carnegie Hall. She is currently a member of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. Her harp weighs almost 80 pounds, has 47 strings and 7 foot pedals. She actually owns 10 harps! Little known fact: you do not use your pinky in playing the harp, only using fingers 1, 2, 3, & 4. For Lisa, home is where the harp is and she so kindly shares her joy and gorgeous music with a special audience at The Nathaniel Witherell.

Friends of Nathaniel Witherell sponsors music, art classes and recreational activities all via its Resident Life Fund. Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, founded in 2007, is the charitable organization dedicated to raising funds to support activities at The Nathaniel Witherell.

Those at The Nathaniel Witherell recently enjoyed beautiful music



In addition, volunteers are always welcome at The Nathaniel Witherell. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Tate, Director of Resident and Volunteer Services, at mary.tate@witherell.org or 203-628-4228. With 150 volunteers contributing 300 volunteer hours per month, there are many opportunities to suit your interests and schedules, including arts and crafts, games, gift shop, and a variety of other activities.

For further information about Friends of Nathaniel Witherell and supporting these vital experiences we provide to those at The Nathaniel Witherell, call Lisa Harding, Director of Development, Advancement & Fundraising, at 203-618-4227 or lisa.harding@friendsofnw.org. Please also visit our website at <https://friendsofnathanielwitherell.org/>.

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The flags displayed at Greenwich Town Hall serve as a powerful tribute to local veterans, marking the inaugural Flags for Veterans ceremony hosted by the Greenwich Rotary Club. Each flag, assembled and displayed with a medallion bearing the name of a specific veteran, symbolizes the service of Greenwich's veterans. This project, championed by Rotary Club President Agathe Likoba, brought together members, volunteers, and the broader community to honor local veterans with a shared sense of respect and gratitude.

Leading up to the ceremony, Rotarians, including veterans Joe Benoit and Jay Feinsod, worked to coordinate sponsorships and logistics, while Club President-Elect Shashi Dayal managed critical details to ensure every flag and medallion was placed with care. The event, held in front of Town Hall, welcomed community leaders such as First Selectman Fred Camillo, Senator Ryan Fazio, and CT State Representatives Steve Meskers and Hector Arzeno. Highlights included a stirring invocation from Heather Smeriglio, the national anthem performed by Alexandra Nana, and heartfelt remarks from Commander Peter LeBeau of the American Legion, who expressed gratitude for the Rotary's dedication to supporting veterans through this effort. The club also presented a \$6,000 check to Commander LeBeau, supporting veteran services in the region.

Following the ceremony, residents visited Town Hall to pay their respects, capturing photos with their families and creating a shared community moment. The medallions will be gifted to veterans' families. The flags will remain on display until November 15.

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An Impressive Outreach to Teach Afghan Women Sewing Skills for their Livelihood

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Witnessing the wondrous web of individuals and organizations working to help Afghan families since those dark evacuation days in 2021 with the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, speaks to - it takes a village. In this case, the town of Greenwich, with a spotlight on the North Greenwich Congregational Church on Riversville Road.

There over a recent weekend was a sale - with reasonable prices - of artfully crafted throw pillows, tablecloths, quilted tote bags, dresses, and more, in appealing colors and patterns, made by the hands of Afghan women. Hence the sale's title, "Hands of Hope - Making Good."

Thank the Rev. Karen Halac and her North Greenwich Congregational Church that opened its doors two years ago "with the goal of assisting recent evacuees from Afghanistan - specifically women - to begin new lives in this country." Thus, Hands of Hope - Making Good has become an interfaith and volunteer effort taking place primarily on the lower floor areas of the church where donated sewing machines are indeed providing these Afghan women with skills for their livelihood.

But there's an important backstory. These Afghan women are part of some 200 Afghans now living in Stamford thanks to the help of the Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Greenwich that has stepped up now for some 1,200 refugees and humanitarian parolees from around the world, shares JFS CEO Rachel Kornfeld. And with these women's inherited customs of face coverings and living low profile alongside men, the need was to find avenues to acclimate these women to the openness of America.

With North Greenwich Church often hosting concerts featuring leading musicians. "And since the [Afghan] men had come here for a concert and they knew that this was a safe place, maybe the women could come here for fellowship for a women's sewing circle," says Stacia Morris. As a member of nearby Harvest Time Church, Morris had started a sewing circle at her church and would be invited by Halac to co-lead with Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup of Ridgefield, founder of the Hands of Hope project, a sewing circle of fellowship at North Greenwich Church.

And, following those sewing classes would be much needed English Language tutoring.

Entering one of those two community-use rooms on the church's lower level, there were some eight sewing machines seen placed on long tables with nearby shelves of donated fabric. Giving this tour was Stacia Morris. With a career at IBM, and herself an immigrant from the Saint Vincent near the Grenadines Morris will also work to teach the Afghan women financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills.

Upstairs, customers were arriving at the sale, and Rev. Halac had good news to share. Her start-up outreach grant from the United Church of Christ grant application for \$2500 was just accepted, "which is a big boost" she says. The grant proposal read, "This effort is entirely dependent upon volunteers (leaders, sewing teachers, babysitters, drivers, English language tutors) and donations (sewing machines, notions, fabric) to operate."

It continued: "The women have met with great success on many levels thus far and have held two successful public sales of their work in Greenwich and in Ridgefield. For many, these sales were their first ever occasions of earning an income. For all, they received the encouraging message that there are people in this new world eager to support them, resulting in hope for these displaced persons who lost so much and



L to R Afghan women Sewing Circle Co-leader Stacia Morris and Rev. Karen Halac of North Greenwich Congregational Church at the Hands of Hope sale. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

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Stamford Afghan mother, Kobra, and her two daughters, Horia and Robins, finding some of their sewn handcrafted works. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup of Ridgefield, expert seamstress, founder and co-leader of the Hands of Hope Afghan women sewing circle. Contributed photo.

left all possessions, loved ones, and familiar ways of life behind in Afghanistan."

The grant also mentions the evolving openness of the women appearing at the public sales, of "approaching the sales tables and shyly announcing to interested patrons, 'I made that!' - a starting point for warm and affirming conversations."

Arriving on Saturday was an Afghan family of mother and two grown daughters, all participants in the sewing fellowship, with works of their own featured. But no photos of themselves were requested - and only their first names to be shared. They were driven by a relative, Shabir who served as interpreter. They were happy to share their work on sale - a bag, napkins, and a pillow.

Their family had arrived only a few months ago, having moved north from Virginia where they were initially evacuated to. When asked what their biggest challenges were, the youngest, Zahra responded via Shabir, "We don't know English - this is the big problem...Is it possible you can find someone who wants to volunteer to come to my home and teach me English?" She also "so needs someone" to teach her how to drive.

With her little daughter in tow, she needs a babysitter too, she says, "and a job. I don't

have money." Zahra arrived in America with her daughter only two months old, and without her husband, who in the hurried evacuation got separated off and wound up in Sweden. And things were looking bleak for when and if she would see him again.

But a following conversation with another mother and two daughters, with two years in Stamford - and help from Hands of Hope, brought more positive responses. "It was the first time when I'm using the sewing machine, so I learned how to sew," says Robina, with a smile. "We couldn't talk anything in English when we were in Afghanistan," says sister Horia, "But when we came here, we start to learn and study." She adds, "It's nice because people are very nice here. I really appreciate that. And they never make me feel that I'm foreign here in this country. I'm happy."

For those wanting to see the handcrafted work of these Afghan women, the next Hands of Hope sale will be at The Carriage House located at Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup's home Jesse Lee Church in Ridgefield Connecticut on Friday, December 6 from 10 to 3. For more information, visit www.greenwichchurch.org

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Greenwich Roots, Global Glow: Evelyn Sprigg's JustUs Skincare Revolutionizes with Nature's Finest

BY LIZ LEAMY

Evelyn Sprigg, a Greenwich resident with longtime and profound connections to the community, has, in her characteristic style, scored gold with a remarkable skincare line, 'JustUs,' based around a stellar collection of clean and natural creams, serums and other products that perform in game-changing fashion, much to the delight of its scores of many delighted users.

Since first launching JustUs back in 2019 with her business partner, Brook Dougherty of Indio, California, who is also author of the memoir, 'Nothing to Write Home About,' Sprigg, a Greenwich Country Day and Greenwich High School graduate who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University has seen the company grow exponentially as many of its dedicated customers, including Bethenny Frankel of Bravo TV's Real Housewives of New York fame have all raved about the products' amazing and visible effects.

Notably, the JustUs skincare line has gained such incredible traction and popularity since its launch due to the fact that each product features a myriad of nature-based ingredients consisting of plant and modern active ingredients, most of which have been used by healers around the world for centuries, something Sprigg and Dougherty are adamant about as a means to generate the finest and most gratifying

experience for their clients.

"Our products are carefully curated blends of actives from the natural world alongside cutting-edge lab actives," said Sprigg and Dougherty. "Each ingredient is a powerful instrument on its own. These are products that take on your skin's toughest challenges—the ravages of stress, hormones, travel and your everyday harsh climate with ancient ingredients that hold the secret to healthy, radiant skin."

Notably, the JustUs products, created with such natural products as buriti oil, bacuri butter, wheat protein, geranium oil, snow mushrooms, watermelon, spirulina, soy rice and cupuacu butter, among other vital things, are headlined by the company's best seller, the Fab Four.

These items consist of the 'Tighten and Glow' anti-aging peptide-forward mist, 'Transform' nourishing serum, 'Meta' day and night cream and 'Condition' butter and oil balm to help repair and protect one's skin for a comprehensive skin care experience for day and night.

"We want to help everyone look and feel their best," said Sprigg. "We weren't happy with what beauty was selling to us and we knew we could do something better with the purpose and intention of skincare to help your skin retain its natural barriers, as well as help retain its strength and resiliency. It's all about

helping your skin to be as healthy and strong as it can possibly be."

Sprigg, who also reached stellar heights in the advertising and marketing arenas prior to establishing JustUs with Dougherty said achieving this level with the company has been a fulfilling and also challenging pursuit.

"To be a small business owner, you have to be nimble and thick-skinned and be able to always adapt and pivot," said Sprigg. "There are hard times and good ones and I love all of it. It's never about overnight success, as most overnight successes come from work that's been years in the making and there's always a history and story to get there."

Some of the situations Sprigg and Dougherty typically face on any given day include navigating the ever-changing digital media environment, getting that 'perfect' shot or dealing with shipping challenges, as the duo is steadfast about always finding solutions while also working with their team of dedicated employees so that all bases are covered.

For Sprigg and Dougherty, it's all about putting in as much brainpower, time, effort and heart to provide their clients with an optimal experience in regard to anything and everything related to skincare.

"Our biggest spend is our ingredients," said Sprigg. "All we do all day is think about what the skin needs,

what ingredients we can use to help that and how we can blend them in a way that makes the best possible outcome for everyone."

In regard to looking ahead, Sprigg and Dougherty are excited to keep formulating and offering products to serve as many people as possible in a memorable, effective and dedicated fashion with their skincare line.

"We want to continue selling really good quality products, but we want to scale," said Sprigg. "So we're looking to scale, grow, reach more people, get the products into more hands and get bigger but we never want to sacrifice what we put in the products. In terms of the quality, the manufacturers, the teams and the people we work with, we are uncompromising about that."

In regard to the impact of JustUs upon their clientele, Sprigg credits its role, purpose and effects to much of her experience of having grown up and resided in Greenwich.

"I feel like growing up with my family and in Greenwich gave me the confidence in myself that I can do anything," said Sprigg, whose mother, Gloria Coe Sprigg, also of Greenwich, is a decorated Kindergarten teacher at Hamilton Avenue Elementary School in town. "To start a business, you have to place a bet on yourself. Everyday in the business, I do something that initially I might not know how to do, but

then try to figure out, and I think my background growing up here helped with that. It instilled in me the ability that I might not know everything, but that I can figure anything out with hard work, determination and collaboration."

Sprigg, who was also a decorated U.S. Figure Skating competitor through the Championship level and is a U.S. Figure Skating Double Gold test medalist, said the work ethic, energy and team dynamic among so many in the Greenwich community, along with those people with whom she worked with in sports growing up has helped her establish a strong foundation for her pursuits so far.

"I learned so much from skating and I think it has influenced so much in how I approach and handle things now," said Sprigg. "I learned about how to work hard, believe in myself, time manage and figure things out. It was an important and inspirational time that continues to stay with me to this day."

Ultimately, it is all about discipline, hard work and trust, particularly in terms of collaborating with others that defines the philosophy of JustUs, characteristics that also embody what Sprigg herself, as well as her partner, are all about, something in itself signifies its own victory.

For more information on the JustUs products, please visit the company's website at www.justusskincare.com



Evelyn Sprigg and Brook Dougherty, co-founders of the popular JustUs skincare line (Photo courtesy of Evelyn Sprigg)



Evelyn Sprigg and Brook Dougherty, co-founders of the popular JustUs skincare line (Photo courtesy of Evelyn Sprigg)



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- Shrimp Oreganata** | lemon, white wine, butter sauce, fresh herbs
- Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail** | cocktail sauce
- Scallop Tempura** | yuzu aioli, asian slaw
- Veal Shank Dumplings** | goat cheese, butternut squash, barolo sauce
- Filet Mignon Potato Croquettes** | truffle honey, parmesan
- Pesto Gnocchi** | basil arugula pesto, ricotta, pine nuts, shaved truffle pecorino

ENTREES - CHOICE OF ONE

- Traditional Roasted Turkey** | cornbread dressing, cranberry chutney, sweet potato, gravy
- Beef Wellington** | puff pastry wrapped filet mignon, mushroom duxelles, seasonal vegetables, bordelaise sauce
- Braised Lamb Shank** | couscous, spiced broth, baby vegetables
- Lobster Risotto** | saffron, broccolini
- Dry Aged NY Strip** | au poivre, truffle mashed potatoes, baby spinach
- Chicken Limoncello** | parmesan crusted, limoncello, spinach, roasted potatoes
- Wild Mushroom Lasagna** | whipped ricotta, buffalo mozzarella, truffle bechamel
- Veal Chop Parmigiana** | pounded thin, fresh mozzarella, capellini pasta
- Sea Bass** | potato wrapped, caviar, braised leeks, Champagne cream sauce

DESSERT - CHOICE OF ONE

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- Apple Pecan Strudel**
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Greenwich Alliance for Education's Turkey Trot is More Than A Race



BY JULIE FARYNIARZ

Heading into the holiday season, the Greenwich Alliance for Education is excited about our annual Turkey Trot 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. The race is set for Saturday, November 30 and will be our 14th annual community fundraising and friend-raising event.

Turkey Trot began as an idea from Emmy Stocker, a lifelong runner, who leveraged her extensive experience and enthusiasm to set up the logistics necessary to put on a community race. Emmy also brought in her running friend, John Gibbons, to run the first race and help by sponsoring. The Gibbons & Forti families have supported the Turkey Trot for all fourteen years.

Our first Turkey Trot in 2011 included 300 runners. Today over 1500 people of all ages, who are filled with energy and

a bit of competitive spirit, come out to either walk the 1 mile or run the 5K. The anticipation of which Greenwich school will win the school's competition is always a nail biter, with the top school usually leaping ahead with registrations late on Thanksgiving night. Last year, North Mianus and Parkway Schools won the coveted turkey trophies - who will take home the title this year?

What many of our racers do not know is that being part of the Turkey Trot makes it possible for the Greenwich Alliance for Education, our town's only education foundation non-profit 501(c)3 organization, to fund programs for students, teachers and alumni of the public schools.

For 18 years, we have been funding possibilities! Inspiring musicians have access to free private instrumental music lessons and first-gen students are attending college and graduating to pursue interesting careers or continuing education in graduate school. An array of grants has expanded opportunities in all 15 Greenwich Public Schools. These programs offer theater arts, visual/graphic arts, virtual reality & STEM

extensions, literacy enrichment, eSports, and mindfulness/mental health supports - just to name a few. Nearly \$1M has been given in college scholarships. Educators have had the chance to champion innovative ideas, and our talented volunteers have mentored students, taught financial literacy and helped us build capacity. We have fueled successful academic outcomes!

So, take a moment to register for the largest event of the Thanksgiving weekend - Greenwich Alliance for Education's Turkey Trot and enjoy a healthy, fun day with family and friends while knowing you are making a big difference for education in our community.

10 Years Running... Thanks to the following sponsors for a decade of sponsorship - Cadillac of Greenwich, Cynthia DeRiemer, 400 Capital Management, Gilbride, Tulsa, Last & Spellane LLC, Garden Catering, Gibbons & Forti Families, Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara LLC, MBI Inc, Morgan Stanley - The Markey Group, O'Shaughnessy Asset Management LLC, Pizza Post, Putnam Shell and Upper Crust Bagel.

What many of our racers do not know is that being part of the Turkey Trot makes it possible for the Greenwich Alliance for Education, our town's only education foundation non-profit 501(c)3 organization, to fund programs for students, teachers and alumni of the public schools.



Turkey Trot mascot Tom the Turkey & race founder, Stocker, high five a young runner

Julie Faryniarz has been for 15 years. She has 3 children who Women Who Inspires Honoree the Executive Director of the all graduated from Greenwich and a PTA Excellence Award Greenwich Alliance for Education Public Schools. Julie is a YWCA recipient.

Greenwich High Freshman Boys' Cross Country Team Dominates Fall Season with Championship Sweep

Greenwich High School's freshman boys' cross-country team outran the competition all fall, capping its regular season with a commanding victory in the Hatters Freshman Championship at scenic Tarrywile Park in Danbury on October 24th.

That win completed a season sweep of top finishes. The GHS freshman boys team also won the Wilton Invite, Brewster Invite and the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC) Championship.

"The future of GHS boys' cross-country is bright," says Coach Sean Astle, who was named FCIAC Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year in November.

In cross country, the team with the lowest score wins. Greenwich freshman crushed the competition at the Hatters meet with a score of 18. The next closest team was Staples High School with 37. Third went to Trumbull with 77 points and New Canaan in fourth with 99 points.

At Hatters, Greenwich had six runners in the top 10 out of 48 runners doing the 3200 meter race: Soren Edwards #3 (12:30), James Hayes #4 (12:46), #5 Mateo Grandjacques (12:54), #7 Aiden Towle (12:57) and #9 Iri Pullepu (13:05).

Astle credits the athletes and assistant coach Annette Fiore for the strong freshman performance. "The athletes are as dedicated and determined as they are talented. The freshmen are trained by Annette Fiore, who I believe to be the best assistant coach in the state. When you mix these types of

kids with an elite coach, special results can happen," Astle says.

The story was the same at the FCIAC Championship on October 16th at Wickham Park in Wilton. The GHS freshman boys XC team dominated with five runners in the top ten out of 83 competitors. That gave them an overall score of 20, besting Staples which had 44 points and Trumbull with 93. Top scorers for Greenwich in the 3000 meter race were #2 Soren Edwards (10:21) and #3 Ritvik Prabhu (10:36).

It's been a strong season for GHS boys' cross country overall. The Junior Varsity team nailed first place in the FCIAC cross country championship on Oct. 16th and Varsity Boys placed third, their highest finish in decades. Top scorers for Greenwich JV runners in the 5k: #4 Murphy Bennett (17:51), #5 Will Monaco (17:54), #6 Leif King (17:55), Michael Yardis (18:07), #13 Shafi Reilly (18:17), #14 Vihaan Kamath (18:18) and #15 Owen Costello (18:29).

Top scorers for Greenwich Varsity at FCIAC were Benjamin Webster (16:14), Dylan Jelliffe (16:21), Ryan Newcomb (16:27), Chase Nizielski (16:42), Quentin Koch (16:46), Ben Hayes (16:48) and Lucas Grandjacques (17:20). The Varsity boys team placed 6th in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Championship on Oct. 26th and 9th in the CIAC State Open Boys Championship on Oct. 31st.

As the fall cross country season comes to an end, it's also the end of the high school cross country



career for GHS seniors.

"Our seniors have worked their entire high school careers to build an impressive culture for our program that the freshman runners are inheriting. I trust this special group will grab the torch, run with it, and make it something special of their own," says Astle. "The entire team is a joy to coach, and one of the great privileges of my life."

Next up and the last race for the fall cross country season is the Nike NXR Northeast Regional Championship meet on November 23rd at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, NY. Greenwich will face runners from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. Go Big Red!

Greenwich Country Day School boys soccer captures FAA Tournament title with win vs. Greens Farms



Photo by Jon Lopez, Greenwich Country Day School Sports Photographer: Dylan Ever of the Greenwich Country Day School varsity boys soccer team in action during the FAA Boys Soccer Tournament final vs. GFA. Ever scored a goal in GCDS' home win over the Dragons.

BY DAVID FIERRO

After earning an undefeated record and winning the Fairchester Athletic Association regular season title, the Greenwich Country Day School varsity boys soccer team was determined to capture another championship this fall.

Mission accomplished.

For the second time in three years, top-seeded Greenwich Country Day School won the FAA Boys Soccer Tournament championship, defeating third-seeded Greens Farms Academy, 2-1, in the title game on Nov. 8.

"I think the key to our victory was the intensity we played with," said Greenwich Country Day senior William Steel, one of the Tigers' captains. "It's an amazing feeling to win the championship and cap off a historic season."

Indeed, it was a historic soccer season



Photo by Jon Lopez, Greenwich Country Day School Sports Photographer: Members of the Greenwich Country Day School varsity boys soccer team gather around the trophy with their coaches after winning the FAA Boys Soccer Tournament Championship on Nov. 8, 2024. The Tigers won the title by defeating Greens Farms Academy in the FAA final.



Photo by Jon Lopez, Greenwich Country Day School Sports Photographer: Mateo Sierra of the Greenwich Country Day School varsity boys soccer team moves the ball through the midfield.

for GCDS.

"It was great to be the first team in school history to not only win our league in the regular season, but also the first team to go undefeated in the regular season and playoffs," Steel noted.

Greenwich Country Day, which received a first-round bye, posted a 4-1 victory over fourth-seeded St. Luke's School in the FAA Tournament semifinals. The Tigers received goals from Dylan Ever, a junior and Devin Kellan, a junior captain in the title game.

Following a scoreless first half against Greens

Farms Academy in the championship game, GCDS drew a penalty kick early in the second half. Ever converted the penalty kick, putting the Tigers on top, 1-0.

The Tigers then conceded a penalty kick to the Dragons, who scored on the kick, evening the score at 1-1. Late in the second half, Kellan scored, giving the host Tigers a 2-1 lead - an advantage they would not relinquish. Seniors Mason Zuniga, Ollie Eisenberg, Noah Sokol and Steel were among some of the defensive standouts for GCDS in the championship win.

"We set out to win the regular season, and achieving that with seven wins from seven games was incredible," Greenwich Country Day coach Alan Marsh said. "To get a home draw in the playoffs was massive for us. The final was typically nervy, and GFA put up a great fight, and gave us some real scares. I couldn't be more proud of our players—they have a great camaraderie and work really hard for each other. It's a squad game and we are lucky to have real depth."

GCDS finished the season with a perfect 9-0 record in the FAA, including a 7-0 regular-season mark and earned 11 victories overall. Tigers senior captain Tal Lipschitz spoke of the impact the coaching staff has had on the soccer program.

"We would have gone nowhere without our coaches: Alan Marsh (head coach), Chris Cleary and Levin Morant," Lipschitz said. "The culture, the attitude, discipline and respect that they created allowed us to win games and be better players/teammates. Without fail, the coaches had a plan for each practice, different from the last."

"They constantly made sure everyone was included; they would let us feel seen when doing something well and would respectfully, hold players accountable when doing something wrong," Lipschitz continued.

Director of Athletics Tim Helstein praised the coaches and players: "Coach Marsh, Coach Cleary, and Coach Morant emphasized possession and teamwork from the first day of preseason, and the team they created was exactly what they had envisioned. Our players controlled the games through patience, communication, and tactical play. Congratulations to the boys varsity soccer team for making it to their third straight FAA Final and bringing home the trophy to Offit Field."

Said Lipschitz: "A team brotherhood and family was created on this soccer team and I could not have asked for a better group of guys to lead us."

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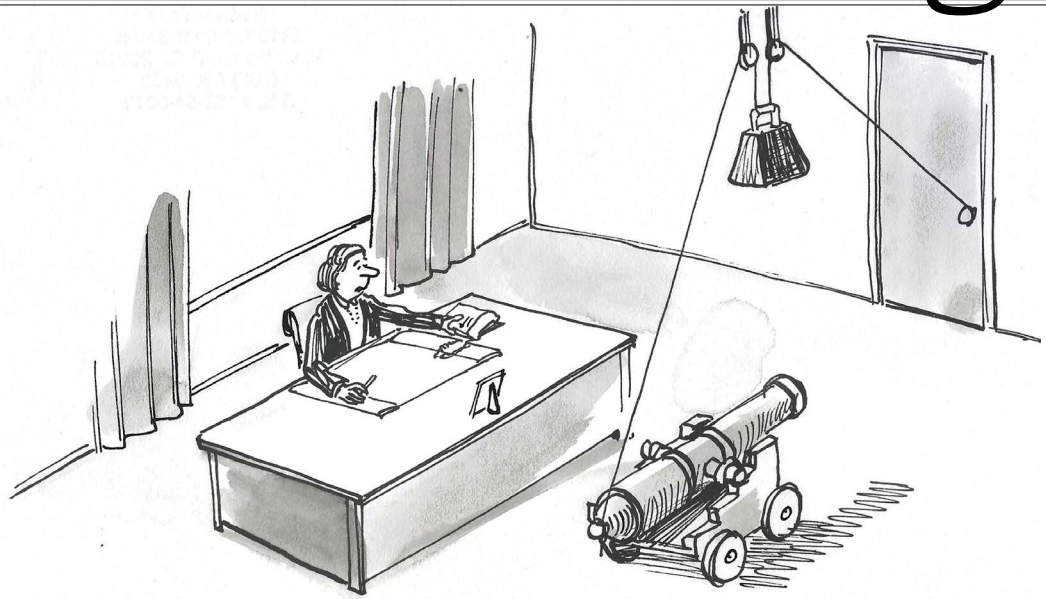
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Editorial Page



“Send my rivals in.”

Public Service

In the days after an election, we're reminded of a simple truth: winning an election is not easy; governing well is even harder. Here in Greenwich, victory in any contest—whether local or national—comes with more than a title; it brings a duty to serve every resident, regardless of where they stood at the polls. In a town where hundreds step forward to serve, often without pay or recognition, this is no abstract principle—it's how we operate on a daily basis.

And hot on the heels of the election earlier this month will be local elections here in town. Some will be for paid positions, most will be for volunteer positions.

When we turn on each other, the results are as predictable as they are disastrous.

Greenwich is unique in its governance. The town's Representative Town Meeting (RTM) alone is made up of 230 members, all volunteers. These individuals are not career politicians; they're our neighbors, stepping up from every corner of our community to represent their districts in decisions that impact our daily lives. This is democracy at the granular level, and it requires an extraordinary degree of commitment, cooperation, and respect. Each member of the RTM serves not for personal gain but for the purpose of doing their part in shaping a stronger Greenwich. Add to that the work of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), the Board of Education (BOE), and dozens of other commissions, and the picture is clear: Greenwich thrives because of its volunteers.

When we turn on each other, the results are as predictable as they are disastrous. Gridlock sets in, and priorities fall by the wayside, casualties of the fixation on being right rather than doing right. Needs go unmet, problems compound, and the essential work of serving the community is left to languish. We cannot afford, nor should we tolerate, a return to this kind of paralysis.

First Selectman Fred Camillo knows this well. As a lifelong resident and a public servant with decades of experience, Camillo understands the value of collaboration and humility. His work to get things done is most effective with the help of the very people who volunteer their time on committees and boards. He also understands the incredible value of public/private partnerships. That understanding is crucial because, in any community, the strength of leadership is not in how loudly one speaks but in how effectively one listens. And listening, especially to those who did not vote in favor, takes maturity and focus. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin also understands this. Both have written numerous columns for the *Sentinel* discussing this very issue.

It's easy, in times of victory, to forget that winning an election does not mean winning over every heart. But that's precisely why leaders and supporters alike must practice something that may seem rare in politics: humility. A genuine leader, as Greenwich has demonstrated time and again, is not measured by election results alone but by how they carry the weight of the office afterward. A town as volunteer-driven as Greenwich deserves leaders who respect this spirit of service.

When elections end, supporters have a role that's as important as the one candidates played on the campaign trail. Winning doesn't mean silencing opponents; it means engaging them. Greenwich has seen, through countless local issues and debates, that real progress emerges when differing perspectives come together, not when they are brushed aside. Supporters and leaders alike should resist the temptation to revel in victory by dismissing other voices. Instead, they should lean in closer, hear out differing views, and recognize that today's victory is no permanent endorsement. It's merely a moment, one that tomorrow's work will define.

And there's a practical lesson here, as well. The strength of Greenwich is not in any single election outcome but in the willingness of its residents to volunteer, to contribute without pay or special privilege. It's this commitment that holds our community together—more than any political slogan ever could. We have hundreds of volunteers working through the RTM, the BOE, the BET, the Republican and Democratic town committees, and countless other groups. This spirit of service is not just an ideal; it's a necessity. Without it, Greenwich wouldn't function as well.

Winning an election is a brief event; building a community that works for everyone is the ongoing task of each resident who steps forward to serve.

COLUMN

Here's to A Cheerful and Grateful November and December!



By LAUREN RABIN

It was a delightful surprise on November 5 to learn that SiriusXM had already begun playing holiday music on multiple channels. Subscribers can now enjoy over 20+ channels, including Holiday Traditions, Country Christmas, Jimmy Fallon Holiday Season, Radio Hanukkah, and New Year's Nation. This early start to the holiday music season brings a sense of joy and anticipation, getting us ready to embrace the festive spirit.

Surely, readers will think it's way too soon to be listening to holiday music, especially with the warmer weather we've been experiencing, but Halloween is over, the Election is over, and as the year winds down, I'm turning my attention to the winter holidays. So, why not start listening to some Christmas music? After all, it's never too early to embrace the holiday cheer. I

think we are all ready to be more cheerful and thankful.

Let's start by thanking our Veterans. Thank them for their service! Thank them for protecting us and defending our rights. Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military—in wartime or peacetime. Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service, acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and underscore that all those who served have sacrificed and done their duty.

Then we have Thanksgiving, first to celebrate the harvest and to acknowledge and symbolize intercultural peace, America's opportunity for newcomers, and the sanctity of home and family.

December isn't just about Christmas—there are plenty of other festive holidays to enjoy! Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, brings warmth and joy to the heart of winter. Kwanzaa is a vibrant celebration of African American culture, with seven days of honoring

family, community, and heritage. And, of course, New Year's Eve on December 31 is a time to welcome the coming year and establish our resolutions. These holidays bring a sense of warmth and joy, reminding us of the good things to come.

Speaking of resolutions, for decades, I have carried a faded and frayed copy of “New Year's Resolutions” written by Lloyd Shearer, who wrote the popular “Personality Parade” column in Parade magazine under the name Walter Scott.

Parade was a colorful supplement found inside 350 Sunday newspapers. (Who else longs for those days of media?) One fun fact is that in 1973, Shearer wrote that Ronald Reagan would become president!

Now for the resolutions:
• No one will ever get out of this world alive. Resolve therefore to maintain a reasonable sense of values.

• Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth, and without it, happiness is almost impossible.

• Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will

repay you in kind.

• Avoid angry, abusive persons. They are generally vengeful.

• Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.

• Resolve to listen more and talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

• Be wary of giving advice. Wise men don't need it, and fools won't heed it.

• Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in your life, you will have been all of these.

• Do not equate money with success. Many successful money-makers are miserable failures as human beings. What counts most about success is how a person achieves it.

As we step into November and December, let's make a conscious effort to be cheerful and grateful. These simple acts can uplift our spirits and spread positivity, making the holiday season even more enjoyable. So, here's to a cheerful and grateful November and December!

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accomplished world leaders. I am apparently the only one who can help these famous folks to achieve their goals, but time is of the essence! I must respond within hours or I will miss the deadline to save the world. My response will be a signal to the rest of the world that I and I alone am with them. And, of course, they will never ask me to do this again.

A few months ago I was nobody special - just a poor schnook! My inboxes were a sad mix of advertisements for products that promised to solve the many disgusting diseases plaguing my aging body that I didn't even know I had. But now - no one seems to care anymore about my hair loss, fatigue, or the condition of my dysfunctional internal organs as long as I have a valid credit card and can respond within the next twenty-four hours!

I don't know if this is all connected to the recent election, but if memory serves me, that seems to have been the trigger for

my newfound popularity. Though I generally have opted to stay out of politics, I decided this year to make my first contribution to a campaign. This was not a major commitment, just a small donation. Well. . . You would have thought that I was the Publisher's Clearinghouse!!

One donation, in an amount less than a nice dinner in a local restaurant, apparently caught the attention of past presidents, senators and representatives, famous actors, athletes, singers, you name it!! It seems like those professions are not quite as lucrative as I was always led to believe since they all thought that my small contribution was worthy of their non-stop communications! In addition to the messages from the above notables, I am also hearing from people running for office in places I never heard of. Apparently the folks in other states don't have enough money to support their local candidates, so little me, in little Connecticut, needed to help!

The day after the recent election, after all of the

votes were counted and we knew the results, I assumed that all my new friends would drop me like a hot potato. But no! The need for me to stand with all of these folks continues and I have the crowded inbox to prove it. It is nice to know that these sincere celebrities will continue being my pen pals even after there

are no votes at stake. Maybe I will start writing back and asking them to consider contributing to the many local charities I support. After all, it is time to reciprocate. The election is over, and perhaps all of those funds they raised might finally be used to make a meaningful difference!

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POLICE & FIRE

Police Address Burglary Surge

Greenwich police report an increase in burglaries, with 11 incidents since September, linked to a group called the "South American Theft Group." The group is known for targeting high-value homes, often using surveillance and tools to access properties, particularly in the Midcountry area. Police are collaborating with regional departments to address the organized crime pattern.

Fire Near Boatyard Contained

On November 8, emergency responders in Greenwich quickly extinguished a small fire near a boatyard and lumberyard on South Water Street. Witness reports indicated that two individuals had set off fireworks before fleeing the scene. Amid statewide drought conditions, Connecticut authorities continue to enforce a burn ban, prohibiting open flames across public lands.

Police Honor Lions Club



Chief Heavey and other Greenwich Police officials attended the Lions Club Centennial celebration on November 7, acknowledging the club's commitment to service. The Lions Club unites members to support communities locally and globally. The Greenwich Police Department values its partnership with the Lions Club and their efforts in Greenwich. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department Instagram.

PD Joins Silver Shield Walk



Chief Heavey and Greenwich Police officers participated in the Silver Shield Foundation's Greenwich Walk at Tod's Point on November 9. The Foundation offers educational support to families of fallen police officers and firefighters. The walk aimed to increase awareness of this mission. Photo credit: Greenwich Police Department Instagram.

Brush Fire Destroys Police Vehicle



On Wednesday, November 13, no one was injured, but one vehicle was destroyed by a brush fire while an officer was away from the vehicle treating a patient. Residents are reminded that the Red Flag Warning means high fire risk, and they should avoid lighting fires of any kind if possible. The Greenwich Fire Department quickly extinguished the fire before it spread.

Busy Weekend for Local 1042



Last weekend, members of Local 1042 firefighters responded to a structure fire, rescuing two dogs and containing the fire to its origin. They later attended a vehicle rollover where the car was wedged between a pole, tree, and wall. Throughout the weekend, Local 1042 managed multiple calls and non-emergency tasks, with Stamford Fire Rescue providing backup support. Photo credit: IAFF Local 1042 Instagram.

Police Launch Food Drive

The Greenwich Police Department is partnering with Neighbor to Neighbor this November to run "fill a cruiser" food drives at local grocery stores, aiming to collect 1,000 pounds of food by November 30. Neighbor to Neighbor serves 500 Greenwich families weekly, providing food, clothing, and other essentials. Residents can also contribute through online purchases that are delivered directly to the nonprofit.

FROM TOWN HALL

Registrars Seek Voter Feedback

The Registrars of Voters are seeking feedback on early voting at Town Hall and on Election Day polling locations. Two anonymous surveys are available: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYG9MC7> for early voting and <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YMJYNBL> for local polling sites.

GDHS Seeks Holiday Donations

The Greenwich Department of Human Services Fund seeks community donations to provide grocery cards, clothing, and toys for local families in need this holiday season. Donations can be made online, through the GDHS Fund's Amazon Wish List, or by

check. For information on the Adopt a Family program, contact Community Programs Coordinator Jamie Annunziato at jamie.annunziato@greenwichct.gov or 203-622-3715.

Diwali Celebration



Greenwich held its first Diwali celebration at Town Hall last Thursday, featuring music, food, and prayer. Organized by Rajeev Pahuja with support from local volunteers, the event marked the beginning of an annual tradition for the town's Indian community.

AROUND TOWN

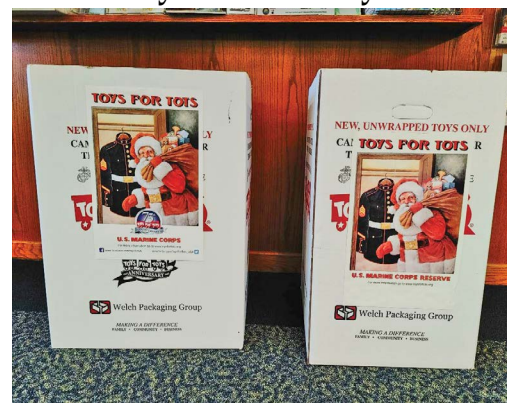
DPW Leaf Collection Begins

Greenwich DPW's 2024 Leaf Collection Program began November 12th, with crews collecting leaves across town. Residents can track the collections at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/257/Leaf-Collection>.

Boosting Water Safety Testing

Aquarion Water Company recently alerted certain Greenwich residents about potential lead in service lines, leading to increased water testing requests at the Greenwich Department of Health. The Health Department lab, certified by the state, conducts lead testing for \$51, with a \$20 deposit for sample kits. Due to demand, sample bottles may not be immediately available.

Community Rallies for Toys for Tots



The Toys for Tots collection is underway, with donation boxes in Town Hall's lobby until December 20. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are accepted, with a particular need for items for boys aged 10 to 14. Additional drop-off locations include the Greenwich Senior Center, Cos Cob and Riverside post offices, the Mercedes dealership, and several local schools.

Photo Credit: First Selectman Camillo's Community Connections

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS

Winter Clothing Drive

The Outreach Winter Clothing Drive at Christ Church is accepting new or gently used winter clothing for all ages through November 22. Donations can be placed in bins outside the Parish Office. Volunteers

are needed on November 23rd to help sort items; those interested can email outreach@christchurch-greenwich.org to sign up.

Library Welcomes Mariano

Greenwich Library's first Innovator-in-Residence, Vladimir Mariano, will work in the Innovation Lab on Fridays, creating kinetic artworks and sharing expertise in robotics and 3D design. Mariano, founder of CT Robotics Academy and Desktop Makes, has extensive experience in maker education. He also regularly leads workshops on electronics and programming at area libraries.

Tree Conservancy Foliage Walk

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy held its Fall Foliage Tree Walk on November 7, led by Arboretum Curator Lisa Beebe and Dan Brubaker from the Greenwich Land Trust.

WWI & WWII Stories

The Greenwich Historical Society and the Greenwich Library's Oral History Project will present personal stories of local residents' experiences during World Wars I and II on November 20. A free screening of the WWII documentary "Rohna Classified" will follow on November 26, recounting the 1943 attack on the HMT Rohna and its high casualty toll. Registration is required for both events via the Historical Society's website.

Turkey Trot Registration Open

Registration is open for the Greenwich Alliance for Education's 14 annual Turkey Trot, featuring a 5K race and a 1-mile fun run on Saturday, November 30, 2024. The event begins at the Arch Street Teen Center and raises funds for Greenwich Public School programs. Participants can register online, with fees increasing closer to race day, and awards will be given for top finishers and fundraisers.

Church Hosts Annual Tree Sale

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich will hold its 58th annual Christmas tree and wreath sale on the front lawn at 108 Sound Beach Avenue, starting Nov. 30. Proceeds will benefit nine local charities supporting families and children. The sale runs on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 7, and Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Old Greenwich Deli Welcomes Back Community

Diego Proano has reopened Old Greenwich Deli at 1345 East Putnam Ave., close to his previous location. After a stint in Stamford following his earlier deli's closure, he returned to serve Italian and Latin American-inspired offerings and provide catering. The deli has quickly attracted customers who missed Proano's familiar sandwiches.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Dr. Oh Leads Cancer Care Expansion

Dr. William K. Oh has been appointed as medical director at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Greenwich Hospital and director of precision medicine for Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital. He will lead oncology services for Smilow's lower Fairfield and Westchester regions and develop integrated, multidisciplinary cancer care. Oh also aims to expand precision medicine through advanced molecular and genetic testing for cancer patients.

SCHOOLS

"Joyful Harmonies" Holiday Choir Event

The Greenwich Public Schools Honor Choir will host "Joyful Harmonies of the Holidays" on December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greenwich High School Performing Arts Center, featuring performances by students in grades 5-8, the GHS Madrigals and Witchmen, and guest group Backtrack Vocals. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a \$10 entry fee. Proceeds will benefit the Honor Choir program.

Julian Curtiss Celebrates United Nations Day

Recently, Julian Curtiss School marked its 33rd annual United Nations Day with an assembly and Parade of Nations, representing 60 countries. Students wore traditional attire and carried flags of their heritage. Principal Eduardo Calderón emphasized unity, empathy, and learning about different cultures.

Schools Honor Difference Makers

Greenwich Public Schools awarded 37 employees the first "Difference Maker" honor for significant contributions inside and outside of school. Selected by peers and student families, these employees were recognized for supporting students' development. The award is open to GPS employees, with nominations available online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQjTT_0mtnSoI8iNAmC0x-3Z2EB76pzl3ZigjTXPnm4FORg/viewform.

GA Students Honor Veterans



Greenwich Academy Middle School students wrote letters and gathered treats for U.S. military veterans and service members in honor of Veterans Day. Photo credit: Greenwich Academy Instagram.

Eastern MS "Gittens" Gator Walk

Recently, Eastern Middle School hosted its 11th Annual "Gittens" Gator Walk, with a theme of "Lights, Camera, Action." Students and teachers designed themed T-shirts and decorations as part of a school spirit competition. This fundraiser supports student programs.

Members of the public are invited to

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 56-324 I-95 Greenwich Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study

Open House Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 12 p.m.

Register: [i95Greenwich.com](https://www.i95greenwich.com)

YouTube Livestream: [youtube.com/@i95Greenwich](https://www.youtube.com/@i95Greenwich)

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the potential project improvements. CTDOT is performing the I-95 Greenwich PEL study, which began in 2023, to analyze potential improvements for safety and mobility along the I-95 corridor from New York State line to Exit 7 in Stamford and along U.S. Route 1 within the study limits. A PEL study is a collaborative approach to decision-making used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns. This integrated approach considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning process and uses this information to transition from the long-range planning process to transportation project development and environmental review.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at [http://www.i95greenwich.com](https://www.i95greenwich.com). Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting. No registration is required for the in-person meeting.

The public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting.

Direct comments and questions by December 6 to info@i95greenwich.com, (203) 806-0804, or Jonathan Dean at (203) 993-6529 or Jonathan.Dean@ct.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY

The virtual public meeting will be livestreamed on [youtube.com/@i95Greenwich](https://www.youtube.com/@i95Greenwich), and closed captioning will be available.

Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 309-205-3325 and enter Webinar ID 847 1444 9908. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Jonathan Dean (Jonathan.Dean@ct.gov; 203-993-6529).

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Meals-on-Wheels Delivers Fresh Bread and Fruit to our Clients



These faithful drivers are all packed up to deliver lunch, dinner and COBS Bread to our grateful recipients. From L to R, volunteer drivers Rob Sinnott, Donna Mabes, Ann Thaxter and Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Peel.

By DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Long story short, food prices remain high, and COVID assistance is depleted. These combined facts burden Meals-on-Wheels clients. So we strive to deliver not only nutritious prepared meals, but we also deliver fresh bread and fruit to those we help. Every two weeks these additional fresh items are brought to our clients by compassionate and dedicated volunteer drivers. Meals-on-Wheels' goal is to always support our clients, oftentimes with the help of other organizations in the community.

Examples of this help over the last four years include the supplement fresh bread Meals-on-Wheels delivers to our clients from COBS Bread Bakery and the fresh fruit we deliver from Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry.

Long story short, food prices remain high, and COVID assistance is depleted. These combined facts burden Meals-on-Wheels clients.

Fresh baked bread offers carbohydrates for energy, fiber for digestion and essential vitamins like B vitamins for energy metabolism. Fresh fruit provides vitamins, minerals and fiber that support overall health and boost immunity. Fresh fruit is low in calories and high in antioxidants to help protect the body from damage. COBS Bread is located on Riverside Lane in Greenwich and bakes with quality ingredients and scratch baking techniques to create that warm, buttery smell and happy feeling when you walk into COBS Bread. COBS Bread provides a wonderful discount on the bread we purchase in bulk.

We thank COBS Bread for their gracious generosity!

Neighbor to Neighbor is located on E. Putnam Ave in Greenwich on the Christ Church campus. This incredible organization operates a "client choice" food pantry, designed to resemble a small grocery store. Clients select their own food from a healthy array of protein, fruits, vegetables, grains, cereals, eggs, and milk. Neighbor to Neighbor allows Meals-on-Wheels to buy at a discount for our clients fresh bananas, apples and oranges.

We thank Neighbor to Neighbor for their compassionate contributions!

Our volunteer drivers dedicate their time week after week to bring nutritious prepared foods, fresh bread and fruit to our clients, and often Volunteers reduce isolation and provide a safety net for those living alone by building meaningful relationships with them. Meals-on-Wheels helps nourish both the body and spirit of our clients. Last month our drivers made 1,644 deliveries to Meals-on-Wheels clients.

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Together, we'll continue to provide more than just a meal.

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If you would like to become a volunteer at Meals-on-Wheels, please contact us at 203-869-1312 or mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com. You can also visit our website at <https://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org/>.

Meals-on-Wheels Loves Our Halloween Volunteers!



Greenwich Country Day School volunteers deliver meals in costumes! We dress in costumes for Halloween because it's a fun way to transform into something or someone else for a night. This tradition started a long time ago, with people dressing up to scare away ghosts and spirits. Over time, it evolved into a celebration where people dress up as anything they want, from spooky characters to favorite superheroes. Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich is grateful to all of our volunteers during this time of appreciating what we have as we express our gratitude for those helping our community. If you would like to become a volunteer at Meals-on-Wheels, please contact Willow at 203-869-1312 or mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com. You can also visit our website at <https://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org/>. Together, we'll continue to provide more than just a meal.

Bruce and The Greens Collaborative Afternoon of Wellness Series

By LIZ LEAMY

Last Tuesday, more than a dozen people convened at the Bruce Museum for an unforgettable experience of expressing themselves with their own storytelling through art, an event marking the third and final portion of the popular 'Afternoon of Wellness' collaborative series offered by this iconic art, science and natural history town-based institution and The Greens at Greenwich.

Held on a picturesque sunny autumn afternoon, this event was memorable as well as enlightening as all participants responded to the art with wonderful energy to in turn, ignite a series of enlightening conversations among the entire group.

Centered around Joel Sternfeld's moving 'American Prospects' exhibition that is on display at the Bruce Museum through January 5th, 2025, those attending this event seemed to be affected by his work, for certain.

Specifically, this body of work by Joel Sternfeld, the famed American fine art photographer based in New York City known for his large-format color pictures of contemporary American life and identity, features several dozen pieces of his work chronicling life at locales all throughout the U.S. from 1978 to 1984.

Some of these iconic images feature the back parking lot of a shopping center in Rancho Mirage California next to a giant sinkhole that occurred as the result of a flood, along with a white limousine parked in front of Alaskan glaciers, among other interesting narratives.

"Each photo gives us the opportunity to make our own connections," said Corinne Flax, Manager of School and Community Partnerships at the Bruce Museum. "You see things and it brings you back to your own personal story."

Maria Scaros, Executive Director of The Greens at Greenwich, the renowned assisted living community for those individuals living with memory impairment based on King Street, further elaborated about this.

"I realize how often I walk past so many places and things and there are so many stories



Maria Scaros, Executive Director of The Greens at Greenwich at the event (Photo by Liz Leamy)

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Participants take in and chat together while viewing the Joel Sternfeld exhibit on display at the Bruce Museum through January (Photo by Liz Leamy)

they are trying to say," said Scaros. "Now I take my time, especially in a museum."

Notably, one of the primary themes of this exhibition was the juxtaposition of the beauty of one's surroundings, mostly pastoral in relation with the realities of humanity and its man-made creations.

"There are all of these layers to each of these pictures and you see the beauty of nature in relation to man's footprint, which is everywhere," said Flax. "We get used to where we live and this reminds me that it's always important to appreciate our surroundings and not take them for granted. It's a powerful message."

For virtually all of those attending this event, conversations had also been sparked about life during this time, as many spoke about their experience in the 1970s and 1980s in relation to the narratives and locales featured in Sternfeld's photographs.

"This is a stunning exhibition," said Flax.

This collaborative event, meanwhile, represented the final installment of a three-series experience in which individuals interact with the art on display at the Bruce Museum in conjunction with the professionals there as well as leaders from The Greens at Greenwich, who

lead participants with their knowledge and experience of art and the human condition, respectfully.

This memorable series plans to be offered by the Bruce Museum and The Greens at Greenwich in 2025 while Sternfeld is slated to speak at the Bruce on December 12th.

For more information, please contact:

The Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830, 293-869-0376; www.brucemuseum.org

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The Current State of AI and its Future Potential

By MICHAEL TEBAY

At the November 6th meeting of the Retired Men's Association Bob Meaney introduced the day's speaker, artificial intelligence (AI) expert John Reese, talking on "The Current State of AI and its Future Potential." With over 50 years of experience incorporating AI into his work and life, and having witnessed its evolution from early systems to today's sophisticated platforms like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Claude, John brought a unique historical understanding of where Generative AI stands today and where it is going in the near future. As the founder of Validea.com and Validea Capital Management—companies named for their mission of "validating ideas"—John has successfully leveraged expert system AI technologies in both ventures. His credentials include a BSEE in Computer Science from MIT, an MBA from Harvard Business School, three patents, and two books, including "The Guru Investor" (Wiley). He served as VP of Strategic and Technical Development for a Fortune 500 telecommunications company, and now consults with executives on optimal implementation of GenAI in their organizations.

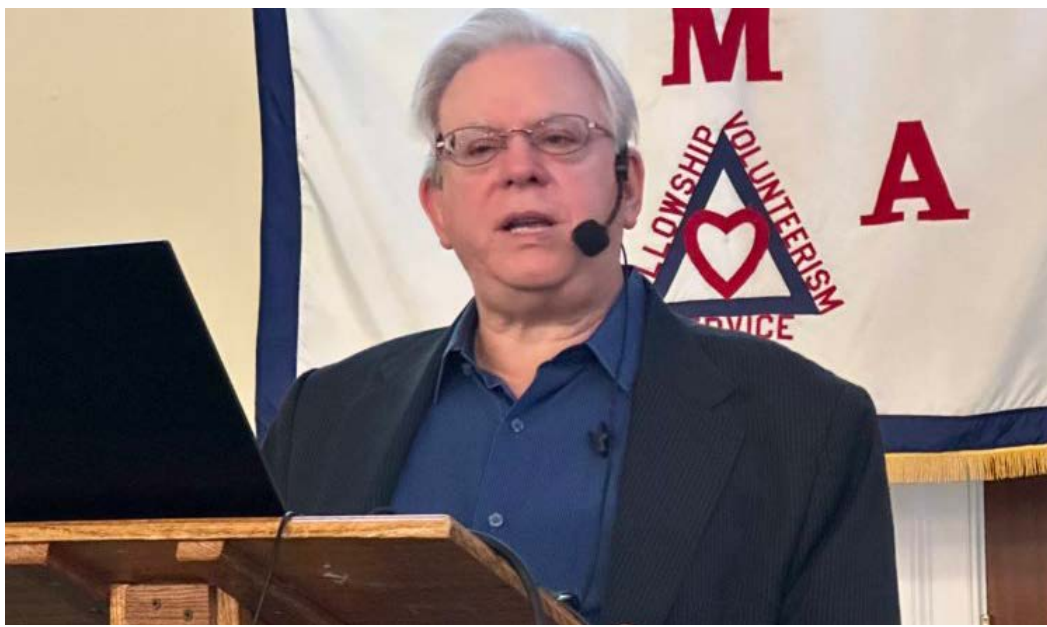
In his presentation, which offered both surprises and confirmations about the current state of artificial intelligence, John revealed how dramatically AI has already transformed business and daily life, while challenging some common assumptions about its adoption and use. The presentation highlighted ChatGPT's extraordinary rise to prominence, which defied all historical comparisons. While the iPhone needed 74 days to reach its first million users and Facebook took 10 months, ChatGPT achieved this milestone in just five days. Even more remarkably, it reached 100 million users in under two months – a feat that took the iPhone 16 months to accomplish.

Usage statistics painted a picture of broad adoption across age groups, with 39% of U.S. adults aged 18-64 having used generative AI tools, and surprisingly, 14% of those 65 and older having used ChatGPT in the recent past. Perhaps most telling was the average usage time of over 15 minutes per session – significantly higher than typical social media engagement.

The corporate adoption story proved more nuanced than headlines might suggest. 73% of U.S. companies reported implementing AI technologies, with functions like customer support, marketing copy and R&D leading in use cases. However, a deeper look revealed that only 4% had put their AI technology into full production. This surprising disconnect suggested that much of the current AI usage came from individual employees independently using AI tools to assist with their work, often without formal corporate oversight.

Major financial institutions emerged as leaders in meaningful AI integration. JPMorgan Chase deployed its COIN platform and LLM Suite to support over 60,000 employees, while Morgan Stanley introduced Debrief, an AI assistant for conversation summarization, and Goldman Sachs launched its GS AI Platform for enhanced machine learning.

To demonstrate AI's current practical value, John shared six compelling real-world applications: creating personalized nutrition plans for seniors with specific health conditions, preparing scripts for difficult conversations about inheritance planning, providing sophisticated financial advice for retirement portfolios, analyzing legal contracts for risks and missing clauses, summarizing video content, and developing comprehensive business plans and strategies. These tasks, which could take weeks to



John Reese, a technology expert with over 50 years of experience in AI, presented insights on the current state and future of Generative AI.

John emphasized that AI would more likely augment rather than replace human work.

accomplish oneself, could be done with AI in just five minutes. He dramatically illustrated this in real time by demonstrating the first example, and showed the audience how to use AI to design a nutrition plan on their smart phones.

John gave a brief explanation of how large language models (LLM's) work, including, for example, ingesting as many as 225 billion words, and mapping information in a digital neural network which emulates the neural connections in the human brain. He pointed out that an LLM doesn't just regurgitate information, but it learns logic. He also summarized some of the recent advancements in generative AI, such as integrating text, images and audio, enhancing factual accuracy, and mitigating bias. Of special interest to the audience, John outlined a number of striking implications for seniors in the role of AI in healthcare, ranging from powering diagnostic tools for early disease detection, to personalized treatment plans, to dramatically accelerating drug discovery.

One of the most unexpected revelations concerned the evolution of AI interaction. Recent advances had eliminated the need for special prompting techniques – users could now interact with AI as naturally as they would with a spouse, assistant, or professional advisor. This development marked a significant shift from the early days of careful prompt engineering. While certain jobs like paralegals, content writers, and medical transcriptionists might face displacement, John emphasized that AI would more likely augment rather than replace human work. He suggested that the technology might actually elevate rank-and-file employees to more managerial roles by providing them with AI assistants.

John predicted that within three years, smartphones would evolve into polymaths, offering deep expertise across multiple disciplines. AI would navigate websites independently, handle complex multi-step tasks, and work in teams mimicking creative agencies with specialized roles. Personal AI tutors would become commonplace, with ChatGPT integration becoming standard in educational curricula.

John concluded by drawing a powerful parallel to the television revolution, suggesting that AI's transformation of daily life would prove even more profound. By 2027, he predicted that AI would evolve from a mere tool into something akin to a knowledgeable companion, fundamentally changing how we manage businesses, plan for retirement, maintain social connections, and keep our minds sharp.

The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on "Speakers."

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Greenwich United Way: The One Organization That Helps All of Greenwich," by

David Rabin, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. This presentation will examine the significant impact of the Greenwich United Way, the myriad programs and organizations started by the G.U.W., and what lies ahead. What are the major challenges Greenwich will face in the coming years? Greenwich United Way has been a trusted partner of the Greenwich community, government, and local organizations since 1933. It is focused on community solutions in the areas of education, financial stability and health. It is a self-governing affiliate of the parent United Way, an international organization founded in 1887, now in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories worldwide.

David Rabin, CEO of G.U.W., is originally from Clarence, NY, just outside Buffalo. Moving to the area in 1984, his experience includes strong and successful leadership roles in banking, operations, business development, client service and the non-profit sector. He has a 30-plus-year history of helping others in his "adopted hometown" of Greenwich. From coaching youth sports to revitalizing a town community center, Rabin knows the importance of giving back. He has served, or currently serves, on several boards / organizations in town, including the Byram Archibald Neighborhood Center, Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, Greenwich September 11th Memorial, Greenwich Youth Football League, Representative Town Meeting, and several town commissions and task forces.

David is married to Lauren

Rabin, the current Second Selectwoman of the Town of Greenwich, who is now in her third term in that position. They have two sons, Scott, and Eric, both of whom were born and raised in Greenwich and attended the Greenwich public school system. Scott and Eric both now work in finance, in New York City and Tokyo, Japan. The Rabins have two grandsons in Tokyo.

To stream the presentation by David Rabin at 11 AM on Wednesday, November 20, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2l>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79. The public is also invited to attend the presentation in person at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich at 1 West Putnam Avenue.

Note: The views expressed in these presentations are those of the speakers. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its members.

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COLUMN

Strengthening the Roots of Our Jewish Heritage



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

Within our present Torah reading cycle, we now read from the stories of Genesis. One of my personal favorites is the story of Noah and the Ark.

Within my office, I treasure an original painting (pictured above) of Noah's Ark by my dear friend, Carol Ann Henderson.

And in my childhood memory, I fondly recall singing the song "Rise and Shine." The Lord said to Noah: There's gonna be a flood, floody... Get those children out of the muddy, muddy... Children of the Lord... Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory ...

An anonymous and humorous internet teaching states that everything we need to know about life, we can learn from Noah's Ark:

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on

board with the cheetahs.

- When you're stressed, float a while.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

On a serious note, however, there are many poignant lessons to learn from the Genesis story of Noah and the Ark and then soon after the story of Abraham. Genesis reports, "Noah was a virtuous man, unblemished in his generation. Noah walked with God. Later, we read, "God says to Abraham: Walk before Me; and you will be pure."

Rabbinic tradition states that both Noah and Abraham are "pure" men. But, the Rabbis ask: what is the difference between the two Biblical heroes, and who was the better man between them?

The rabbinic debate over the centuries asserted different answers:

- The people around him were all bad when Noah lived, yet Noah remained unblemished. If Noah had lived in another generation like Abraham, he would have been an even greater man, for he walked with God.
- Abraham walked before God because he didn't require God's help to stand up; his righteousness supported him. Noah required God's help to stand upright.
- In Noah's generation, people were so bad that God destroyed the earth with a great flood, and Noah rode out the flood in an ark he built with his own two hands. Without Noah, neither humanity nor the animal kingdom would have survived.
- In Abraham's era, people were also bad, and because of this, God destroyed the cities of Sodom

The religious person must love their religious identity nobly. When we love something that way, there's a passion and energy for it that knows no bounds.

and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone. Abraham didn't build an Ark, but he saved a few people. But, unlike Noah, he tried to save the doomed people. He argued and pleaded with God. He couldn't save them, but at least he tried.

Ultimately, the majority rabbinic view is that Abraham was the more remarkable. Noah was silent before God, but Abraham spoke up. Noah followed God's command and saved the animals and his family but did nothing to help his fellow human beings avoid the cataclysmic consequences of their evil ways. Abraham spoke up and was willing to argue with God when the lives of others were at risk.

The Hebrew meaning of Noah's name is "Rest." Noah rested when more significant action was required to attempt to save humanity.

Elie Wiesel wrote: "To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all." Noah sinned because he remained silent.

If someone threatens another's life, and a witness to this is silent, then they too are guilty. God commands us: "Do not stand idly by the blood of your fellow."

If someone is in a position to try and save another, they must attempt their best, and this Jewish legal principle is paramount. It is called "Pikuach Nefesh" - Preservation of Life. All ritual laws are suspended when one

must observe the mitzvah of Pikuach Nefesh, and this is why people employed in professions like doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, paramedics, etc., are always permitted to work on the Sabbath.

The Talmud records the teaching that "if one saves one person, it is as if they have saved an entire world." Noah was silent, and the entire world was destroyed. His silence significantly diminished Noah's righteousness. If we are like Noah and refuse to challenge and speak up as needed, we also diminish our righteousness.

Abraham walked before God. He understood the mission to be a "light unto the nations." When we walk before God, we take over for God when we feel God's absence, and this is when we succeed to "rise and shine and give God the glory..."

Shabbat Shalom.
Temple Shalom's Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders in the Greenwich area and beyond. A frequent guest speaker at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found in Greenwich Sentinel and in other local and national publications.



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Obituaries



MADELEINE CONWAY

Madeleine Ann Ruth Adler Conway, aged 87, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 11, at her home in Greenwich, CT. She was born on August 4, 1937, in Breda, Holland to Dr. Hans and Else Adler. She moved to Great Neck, New York in 1940 and was a 1955 graduate of Great Neck North High School, a 1959 graduate of Bryn Mawr College, and a 1961 graduate of the School of International Affairs at Columbia University. She married Paul E. Conway (deceased) on August 4, 1963 at the Dolder Grand in Zurich, Switzerland and married Stanley Rubenfeld (deceased) in 2001. She later enjoyed the company of Victor Rubino (deceased) of Port Chester, New York.

She was prominent in the art world helping artists launch careers in the 1970's in NYC. Madeleine was most known for authoring The Museum of Modern Art Artists' Cookbook (1978) with fellow author Nancy Kirk and the book, Gourmet to Go: The New York Guide to Dining Out at Home (1982) with fellow author Lydia Moss. She is a Trustee Emeritus of The Perez Art Museum in Miami, Florida and was a Founding Board member. Her family, art, reading and travel were her biggest passions. She is survived by her son Andrew Conway and wife Jill and their children Jonathan and Steven, her daughter Victoria Newman and her children Lia and Kylie, her daughter Alexandra Conway Marks and her husband Steven and their children William, Sophie and Charlie as well as two sisters, Dorothy Bennett (Richard) and Jacqueline Walker (Arthur).

For those who wish to honor Madeleine's memory, donations can be made to the Colorectal Research Foundation at MSK/Attn: Dr. Lagunes Reidy or by contacting Emma Heald at eheald@pamm.org at the Perez Art Museum.



JAYNE SCHIFF

Jayne (Nemerow) Schiff, age 79, passed peacefully at her home in Stamford, CT on November 9, following a brave and lengthy battle with cancer.

Jayne resonated positive energy with her family and extensive network of friends, who admired her vitality, her infectious smile and her unbridled energy in helping numerous non-profit causes that spanned higher education and her pride in her Jewish faith.

Jayne was born on August 8, 1945. Born to Milton and Shirly Nemerow-Wachtel, both deceased, she was also pre-deceased by her late stepfather Harry Wachtel.

Jayne attended The Calhoun School for Girls, and earned two bachelor's degrees, one from Finch College and a second from Hunter College. She continued with her passion for education by earning a Master of Special Education degree from Manhattanville College and a Master of Science in Financial Services from The American College of Financial Services.

Jayne was passionate about education. As an active leader in the insurance industry, where she worked as an agent and agency leader, she achieved an astounding five designations from The American College - the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU); Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC); Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP); Chartered Special Needs Consultant (ChSNC); Retirement Income Certified Professional (RICP). She was the first female to become the President of The American College Alumni Association in Bryn Mawr, PA. She was able to build a network of tens of thousands of graduates from that institution. She often referenced the founder of that College, Dr. Solomon S. Huebner of The Wharton School, as one of her inspiring heroes. She was inducted into The American College Hall of Fame in 2017, for her extraordinary service and leadership.

Jayne was a loving and devoted wife to her husband of 53 years, Albert (Bud)

Schiff, Managing Director of Alvarez and Marsal in New York City. They met in 1967 and were married in 1971. Bud and Jayne lived in New York City from 1971-1978, moving to Greenwich, CT, in 1978, and then Stamford, CT, in 2018. Together, they shared passions that included enjoying yachting, taking dozens of cruises to unique places globally and attending hundreds of performances of various Broadway plays.

Jayne championed causes that impacted her friends and people she never knew. For instance, she was featured in a PBS documentary on learning disabilities and helped the production team deconstruct how parents and students can excel by navigating relationships, working with teachers and forging friendships during difficult years when diagnosing such disabilities was difficult at best.

In addition to her loving husband, Bud, Jayne is survived by her son, Matthew E. Schiff, daughter Kara A. Schiff, daughter-in-law, Nancy Goodman-Schiff and her son-in-law, Dr. Joseph S. Feuerstein.

As a generous and fun-loving grandmother, Jayne leaves a legacy of love to her grandchildren, Courtney Schiff, Alexa Schiff, Ty Schiff; Nicholas Schiff; James Schiff; Sofia Schiff-Feuerstein and Noah Schiff-Feuerstein. She was also a proud step-grandmother to Ella Feuerstein and Gavin Shernan.

Jayne was pre-deceased by her sisters, Eileen Braha and Gail Laddin. She has two surviving stepbrothers, Robert "Waddy" Wachtel and Jimmy Wachtel.

Among the many charities she championed, Jayne gave her talent and treasure to Temple Sinai, Stamford, where she is a Past Trustee and as Chair of the Schiff Creative Education Fund at Temple Sinai. She is Past Treasurer of The Greenwich Academy and, with her husband Bud, served as co-chair of the University of Rochester Parents Council.

Jayne was elegant, smart and fiercely loyal. Her legion of friends knew they could count on her to open her door and heart to them in their time of need. She never sought recognition and was remarkably modest despite championing many causes, often as the first woman to do so in many ventures.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, November 13, at Temple Sinai, Stamford, CT. Interment followed at Sharon Gardens Cemetery Valhalla, NY.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, please send contributions to The Schiff Creative Education Fund at Temple Sinai Stamford - 458 Lakeside Drive, Stamford, CT 06903 - https://www.templestamford.org

COLUMN

BY JUSTIN CRISP

I was reminded recently of the old MasterCard commercials—the ones that conclude, “There are some things in this world money can’t buy. For everything else there’s MasterCard.” One of my favorites features a dad and his son going to a baseball game. The voiceover says, “2 tickets: \$28. 2 hot dogs, 2 popcorns, 2 sodas: \$18. One autographed baseball: \$45. Real conversation with eleven-year-old son: priceless.”

Those commercials were fantastic. They spoke to something true. There really are some things that money can’t buy, and the commercials always suggested it’s those things that make life worthwhile. Money at its best serves the priceless thing, makes it possible, but money isn’t the thing itself.

It’s a valuable lesson, one which Jesus tries to get across to his disciples in Mark 10:17-27—a passage famous for the zinger, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:23). The story begins with Jesus meeting a rich man who (according to the rich man, anyway) has lived a nearly perfect moral life: he says he’s never murdered anyone, never committed adultery, never lied, and so on. Jesus responds to the rich man, “That’s all well and good, but there’s one thing you haven’t done: ‘Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven’” (Mark 10:21).

Jesus gives advice like this a couple times in the gospels. He doesn’t quite have a formula, though. He tells this guy to sell everything he owns, but in Luke 19, he’s satisfied when a tax collector named Zacchaeus sells just half his possessions. Sure, I’m intimidated by the latter almost as much as I am the former, but the fact Jesus counsels different people to give up different amounts of wealth means he’s taking a scalpel to their hearts not their pocket books. Jesus knows just how much it’s going to take to get the person to stop thinking their money is going to save them and get them to trust him with their life and their livelihood instead.

Priceless

Despite what some people may tell you, Jesus was not a Marxist. Jesus loves the rich man in the Gospel of Mark. He wasn’t going to send him to the guillotine. He tries to help him.

The most important verse of the story in Mark 10, in fact, comes before Jesus gives the rich man any advice. It reads, “Jesus, looking at [the rich man], loved him” (10:21a). Jesus loves him. Despite what some people may tell you, Jesus was not a Marxist. Jesus loves the rich man. He wasn’t going to send him to the guillotine. He tries to help him.

I think we all know how easy it is to think money is going to save us. As a matter of fact, money is great. Notwithstanding the Biblical counsel that “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10), I’ll admit that I love money. I love money because money is powerful, and it can be a powerful tool for good. Readers know I have a child in the NICU at Greenwich Hospital. Money means insurance premiums which mean life-saving care for my baby. That’s good, period. But, crucially, money as such won’t save my baby. Money, at its best, can create the conditions under which my baby can be saved, but money’s not God, not the neonatologist, not knowledge and expertise and medicine. Money pays the hospital, paid for education and R&D and tech and so on, but money is always the means, never the end. And that’s where Jesus knows so many of us get tripped up. We think that the escalating number on our 401(k)s will buy us a ticket to the good life, when the good life, friends, is made up of stuff that is priceless.

That’s what brings Jesus to the tricky saying about the camel and the needle and all that. There is a tradition in the Bible that interprets

wealth as a sign of righteousness. You can find it in the book of Proverbs, for example. Work hard, save wisely, spend prudently, and you’ve got the makings of wealth. That’s all true. But sometimes adherents of that tradition take it one step further: that being wealthy means being righteous, and being righteous means being worthy of God’s love—more worthy than the ne’er-do-wells anyway.

In the culture Jesus and his disciples were walking around in, wealth was considered a sign God found you lovable. That’s why, when Jesus says it’s easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God, the disciples “were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’” (Mark 10:26). It’s as though Jesus said, “it’s easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for Mother Teresa, or Gandhi, or Martin Luther King, Jr. to enter the kingdom of God.” We’d all be greatly astounded too and exclaim, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus responds, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Jesus’ point is that salvation, a relationship with God, the fact that God loves you—that’s one of the things money can’t buy. Your IRA can’t pay for it. Your good works and good behavior can’t buy it. Love can’t be earned. We love who we love just because. And God’s love is like that too. The rich man is tempted to think he’s earned God’s love—by his righteousness and by his wealth—when, the fact is, Jesus loves him, and would still love him, even if he were penniless.

So, no, Jesus does not say rich people go to hell. But Jesus does say that wealth isn’t proof you’re loved by God more than other people are. Jesus does say you can’t pay for God’s love with money any more than you can pay for it with good works. In other words: it’s priceless.

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp is a husband, dad, music lover, and priest. He serves as the priest in charge of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and lives with his wife, Jewelle, their pug, Val, and (soon!) their daughter, Beatrice, on the St. Barnabas hilltop in backcountry. He also teaches Anglican history and theology at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

Worship Directory and Services

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Harvest Time Church
1338 King St., 203-531-7778
www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church’s website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. *Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Nov. 15, 7pm.*

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
10 Northfield St.; 203-869-7988
www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com

Sunday Servings: 11:30am, Facebook Live or for Devotion: 11-11:25am (Dial in 701-802-5355, Access code 360922).

Greenwich Baptist Church
10 Indian Rock Ln.; 203-869-2807
www.greenwichbaptist.org

Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor’s Office or virtual on Google Meets.

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Church
95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. *Thanksgiving Food Drive: non-perishable food donations, Please leave items at the front or rear entrances of the church each weekend through Sunday, Nov. 17. Suggested items: \$20 Store gift cards (Stop & Shop or Shoprite). For information or to help with this ministry contact John Innominto at 914-565-1637.*

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes
4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661
www.stc-sta.org

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>)

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine’s Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine’s Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Church; 5:15pm – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine’s church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There’s no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes

or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If inter ested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). *Auditions for St. CATHERINE’S PLAYERS “THE WIZARD OF OZ”: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7PM.*

St. Mary Church
178 Greenwich Ave.; 203-869-9393
www.stmarygreenwich.org

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm.

St. Michael the Archangel
469 North St.; 203-869-5421
www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. *Blessing of knitters & shawls: Sunday, November 17, 8:30am. Put Your House In Order (Discussion with Fr. Paul): Wednesday, November 20, 7pm. Thanksgiving Drive: November 21-25.*

St. Timothy Chapel
1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am.

St. Paul Church
84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741
www.stpaulgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm.

St. Roch Church
10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176
www.strochchurch.com

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist
11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.org/greenwich

Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 11-3, some Saturdays. Bibles and children’s books for sale.

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill
464 Round Hill Rd.; 203-629-3876
www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church
395 Round Hill Rd.; 203-869-1091
www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children’s Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. *Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm.*

CONGREGATIONAL

The First Congregational Church
108 Sound Beach Ave.; 203-637-1791
www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. *The Giving Tree: through November 24.*

North Greenwich Congregational
606 Riversville Rd.; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @ north_greenwich_church)

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.

Second Congregational Church
139 E Putnam Ave.; 203-869-9311
www.2cc.org

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children’s Chapel during worship. Elementary & Youth Choir: Wednesdays, 4:30pm. *Friday Yoga: through Nov. 22, 9-10am, (\$20/class). Friendsgiving Potluck: Sunday, Nov. 17, directly after worship. Teddy Bear Story Hour: Saturday, Nov. 23, 8am, Coffee for Good. Christmas is coming, check out our events on our website.*

EPISCOPAL

Anglican Church of the Advent
606 Riversville Rd.; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

Service: Sun, 9am, Holy Eucharist. Sunday School during academic year.

Christ Church Greenwich
254 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-6600
www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children’s Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Sunday, November 17: Sunday Forum: What Impact does AI have on the Church and Christianity Today?, 11:15am; “Friendsgiving” Harvest Dinner, 6pm, \$20. Spiritual Classics Book Club with Rev. Marek Zabriskie: Monday, November 18, 7pm. Outreach Winter Clothing Drive: through November 22.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). *Join us as we celebrate all the new beginnings brought by the fall in the company of one another and of our Lord. Every Sunday features joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids take place every Sunday during the 10am service: Children’s Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come kick off your fall in faith. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @*

st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
200 Riversville Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpaulsriverside.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children’s Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning.

St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church
350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

JEWISH

Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich
75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059
www.chabadgreenwich.org

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am.

Congregation Shir Ami
One W. Putnam Ave.; 203-274-5376
www.congregationshiram.org

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10-11:30am, on Zoom. *Unlocking the Jewish Prayer Book with Rabbi David: Sunday, Nov. 17, 5pm, on Zoom.*

Greenwich Reform Synagogue
92 Orchard St.; 203-629-0018
www.grs.org

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Red Cross Blood Drive: Dec. 2, 1:30-6:30pm.*

Temple Shalom

300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191
www.templeshalom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Itsy Bitsy Playgroup: Fall Session: Fridays, Sept. 6-Nov. 22, 9:15am. Shabbat Mishpacha: Saturday, Nov. 16, 11am. Women’s Musar Class: Mindfulness in Jewish Texts with Rabbi Gisel: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7pm. Sisterhood Annual Membership Dinner - Recognizing Righteous Gentiles: Women Who Saved Jewish Lives: Thursday, Nov. 21, 6pm.*

LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran Church
286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466
www.firstpaul.com

Sunday Divine Service: 9am. Sunday Bible Study: 10:30am. Wednesday Dinner: 5:30pm. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm.

METHODIST

Diamond Hill United Methodist
521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395
www.diamondhillumc.com

In-person & Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Wednesday Evening Bible Study. (Details at diamondhill.com).

First United Methodist Church
59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584
www.fumcgreenwich.com

Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock – music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom.

Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal
42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).

NONDENOMINATIONAL

Dingletown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone – Chaplain.

Revive Church

90 Harding Rd., Old Greenwich (Old Greenwich Civic Center)
www.myrevive.org

Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook (facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich) and on YouTube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at 203-536-2686 or revivecfm@gmail.com.

Stanwich Church

202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420
www.stanwichchurch.org

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 and above, are offered. *Live stream and recorded media are available at stanwichchurch.org. We’d love to meet you here!*

Center for Spiritual Development. NSAC

293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615
www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children’s Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Spiritual Mediumship class - The Joy of Mediumship - a series of virtual interactive classes with exercises and individualized coaching: Nov. 18 & 25, 7-9pm \$120, Register at CSDPastor@gmail.com.*

Trinity Church

5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808
www.trinitychurch.life

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich, 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *Connecticut Men’s Breakfast: Nov 16, 8am, Ministry Center.*

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church
1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686
www.fpcg.org

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

Grace Church of Greenwich
89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555

www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman’s Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Ave.; 203-637-3669
www.LivingHope.org

In-person & online (LivingHope.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghope.org/resources/alpha. *Old Greenwich Farmers Market: Wednesdays through Oct. 30, 2:30-6pm, Rain or shine, oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com. Alpha, Delta & ReGenerate course: Wednesdays through Nov. 20, 7-8:30pm. Grow Night Dinner: Wednesdays, 6-7pm. The Great Pumpkin Rescue: Saturday, November 16, 1-4pm.*

OBITUARIES

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RONALD TYMULA

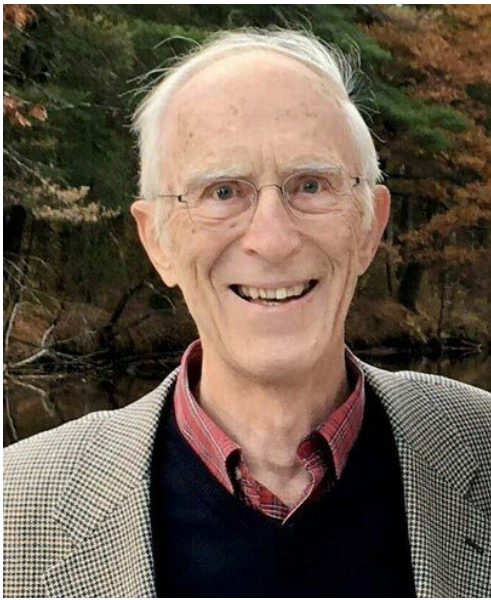
Ronald Edward Tymula, 72, passed away peacefully at his home in Charleston, South Carolina on November 8.

An executive in the transportation industry, Ron began his career with Laidlaw as a district manager whose experience over 40 years brought him to be known as a skilled contract negotiator with his talents brought to Student Transportation America from where he retired in 2021.

Ron was born in Stamford, Connecticut on April 16, 1952 to Ann and Stanley Tymula and attended Stamford schools, graduating Rippowam High School in 1970 and later with a degree in history and education from the University of Connecticut in 1974. Ron was a dedicated New York sports fan, an avid reader, a car enthusiast, enjoyed gardening acres of his property in New Milford, CT for many years and possessed a quietly wry sense of humor.

Surviving are his family in Charleston, wife of 40 years Margery (Lawlor) Tymula, son Matthew Tymula, daughter Abigail (Tymula) Miranda, son in law Joseph, grand sons Levi and Maxwell Miranda and the family dog "Bear" who was always at his side as well as many family members from both sides and many long time friends. Ron was predeceased by his parents and recently his brother Gary earlier this year.

A memorial visitation will be held in his honor on November 23 at Green Funeral Home in Danbury, Connecticut from 1-3pm.



JOHN KUCK

Longtime Greenwich resident, John H. Kuck, died on Thursday, November 7, at the age of 92. Born in Ithaca, NY on July 14, 1932, he moved to town as a child, attending both the Cos Cob School and Greenwich High School. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1954.

Upon graduation, John returned to Greenwich to start his banking career at the Putnam Trust Company, beginning as a mail clerk, working his way up to the teller line, earning an accounting degree, and eventually rising to the position of Chief Financial Officer. He ultimately helped facilitate the transition when the Bank of New York purchased Putnam.

John was drafted into the Army during the height of the Cold War and operated a Nike anti-aircraft missile battery in Cambria, New York. At a USO dance, a vivacious woman, Sally A. Fies, invited him to dance. So began their lifelong partnership of love and devotion to each other. Their boundless affection would grow to envelope their two children, Nancy (Kuck) Morimoto (Rod) and Thomas Kuck (Lea Haber) and then their grandchildren Samuel and Lauren Morimoto and Henry and Julia Kuck. He founded Grandfather's Club whose special members met only when all the grandchildren were together, with all wearing their matching baseball caps and sharing special activities and mementos.

Always a lover of athletics, John competed on the springboard diving team in college and joined in a variety of other sports after graduation. He loved playing outfield on local softball teams and did so for many decades, usually on the Putnam Trust Bank team but also on other senior league teams. He golfed and played tennis regularly with his crew of friends. On family vacations, he enjoyed hiking and scuba diving.

John loved his neighbors and served them generously. An elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, he also worked behind the scenes to maintain the congregation's financial account books. He earned a bus driver's license so that he could volunteer at Hill House by shuttling the elderly residents to their appointments. He loved the mission of At Home in Greenwich and, together with Sally, worked to help seniors live in their own homes as long as possible. John was always ready to help, whether it involved something as minor as making a quick phone call or as significant as extending an unlimited invitation to stay in his and Sally's home.

He will be dearly missed.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00 on

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center or At Home in Greenwich.



WILLIAM MARTIN

William D. Martin, 83, a longtime resident of Greenwich, CT and formerly of Port Chester, NY died November 6. He was born on July 5, 1941, in Port Chester, NY to the late Leland and Jane Dusenbury Martin. He was predeceased by his fiancée Jill Uzar. He was raised and educated in Port Chester graduating from Port Chester High School. He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966 and received the Vietnam Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. William was a bartender for many years at Raimondo's in Port Chester and the Sokol Club in Byram, CT. He was active with the friends of the Byram Library, the Sokol Club and the Byram Vets. He was a cat lover and owner of multiple cats.

William is survived by a multitude of friends.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 12, at White Plains Rural Cemetery White Plains, NY.

Memorial donations in memory of William may be made to PAWS, 504 Main Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851.



ROBERTA CEMPROLA

Roberta Fabrizio Cemproma, of Greenwich, CT, sadly lost a short, but courageous battle with lung cancer on November 5, at the much too young age of 53, surrounded by her loving family.

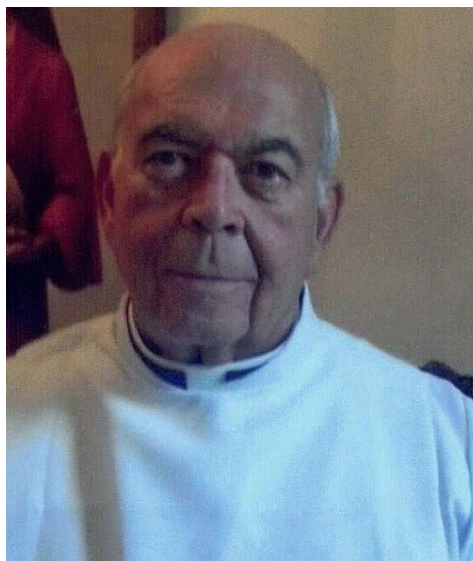
Roberta was born in Bridgeport, CT on May 29, 1971 to her parents Antoinetta and the late, Rocco Fabrizio. She was raised in Bridgeport and was part of the Notre Dame High School Class of 1989. She attended Sacred Heart University and over the years worked for a few Bridgeport law firms until she had her children. Most recently, however, Roberta worked as a Program Coordinator for The Workplace, in Bridgeport, CT.

Roberta is survived by her young, beautiful daughters, Julianna and Isabella Cemproma; her mother, Antoinetta Tocci Fabrizio; two brothers, Fabrizio Fabrizio and his wife Suzanne and Anthony Fabrizio and his partner Sylvana Chiluisa; her nieces Gabriella, Carla and Sofia Fabrizio; as well as many extended family members and very close friends who will all miss her dearly. Roberta was predeceased by her father, Rocco Fabrizio in 1997.

Roberta was a very proud first-generation Italian American. She adored her parents' hometown of San Donato Val di Comino in Italy, spoke fluent Italian and cherished every opportunity to visit her family and lifelong friends there. Roberta was a faithful and spiritual person. She had a fun sense of humor, and was dedicated to staying healthy and loved working out. She enjoyed trips into NYC with her girls and would think nothing of getting in the car and heading to Manhattan for lunch and a stroll with them. You could always count on Roberta to be in tune with the latest fashion trends and celebrity gossip. She will be missed beyond measure, but will forever be in our hearts.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Greenwich Hospital's Medical Oncology unit for the compassion and care you gave to Roberta. We are forever grateful.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 9, directly in St. Theresa's Church, Trumbull. Interment followed in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport.



CHAPLAIN LT. COL. WILLIAM F. CAREY

In the words of J.R.R. Tolkien, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us." While on this earth, we should all try to use that time to follow our dreams, do what is right, and help others. If we are blessed, we achieve all of the above.

Chaplain Lt. Col. (Retired) William Francis Carey, of Jensen Beach, FL and formerly of Bridgeport, CT, lived that life and the world is not the same without him. He passed away Tuesday November 5. Born September 27, 1940, to the late William F. and Mary DeMasi Carey. He served 26 years in the Army as a Chaplain, and later served as the pastor of St. Agnes Church from 2006 until 2011.

Father Carey is survived by his younger sister, Maureen; his niece Kaitlin and her husband Michael; several aunts, and many cousins. He touched the hearts and lives of everyone who knew him. His devotion to his faith, family, and the fight for freedom will always be remembered.

Father Carey died in state Wednesday at St. Catherine of Siena - St. Agnes Church. A Mass of Christian Burial was held after the visitation. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation t2t.org or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.



BARBARA FARRAHER

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Ann Nicklis Farragher, who left us for a better place on November 2. Barbara is survived by her beloved daughters Nancy Farragher Houlihan (Steve), Joanne Farragher Salline (Calvin), Suzanne Farragher Roberts (Jerry), her loving grandchildren Michael (Becca), Kerry (Adam), Kirsten (Aleem), Colby (Paige), Trevor and Shane, her great grandchildren Henry and Harper and her partner of 19 years, Lou Santin.

Barbara is predeceased by her husband of 44 years, John R. Farragher (Jack) and her parents John Nicklis and Dorothy Heffernan Nicklis.

Barbara was born in 1932 in Greenwich, CT, grew up in Shaker Heights, OH, graduated from William Howard Taft High School and attended Hunter College in NY. She worked at CBS Radio, spent years as a Real Estate agent in Westchester and worked at Christiania Insurance until her retirement.

Barbara raised her family in White Plains, NY and spent the last 25 years between Greenwich, CT and Vancouver, WA.

Barbara was an avid traveler who loved to travel abroad and spent over 40 summers at her second home on Martha's Vineyard. She will be remembered for her classy sense of style with a spunky twist. She carefully curated many collections which brought her joy. Always a lot of fun to be around, we will all miss her deeply.

Brief Funeral Services will be held from 11:30-1:00 Saturday November 16, at Hawthorne Funeral Home located at 21 W Stevens Ave, Hawthorne, NY 10532. A private burial to follow.



JAMES LENSING

James R. Lensing, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, died peacefully at his longtime home in Greenwich, CT on Monday, October 28, at the age of 97.

Jim is predeceased by his cherished wife of

60 years, Janet Harty Lensing, and an infant son, James Thomas Lensing. He is survived by five loving children, John C. Lensing of Toronto, OH; Joan K. Lensing of Greenwich; Janet A. Lensing of Greenwich; James H. Lensing (Brenda) of Mansfield, TX, and Jenny E. Lensing (Steven) of Canastota, NY. Jim was an immensely proud grandfather of six, Matthew (Julia), Nicholas (Molly), Peter, Maggie, Luke, and Joshua; and great-grandfather of eight, Maddie, Brooke, Liam, Agatha, Felicity, Anastasia, Nicholas, Jr., and Elias. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, John E. Harty; two nephews, Thomas M. Lensing (Becky) and Charles J. Harty III (Regina); cousin John H. West; and their extended families.

Jim was born on October 8, 1927, in Rochester, NY to parents John Bernard and Henrietta Lillian (Free) Lensing. He was the youngest of four children and adored his older siblings, Thomas F. (Kay), John C. "Jack", and Lillian N. Lensing. A proud military veteran, Jim served honorably in the U.S. Marines, U.S. Army, and U.S. Navy during and immediately following World War II. He attended Champlain College and graduated from St. Bonaventure University. Jim enjoyed a long and successful career in sales, beginning with the Haloid Company of Rochester, during the initial years when it began selling and distributing the first Xerox machines. As the technology and sales took off, he was given the opportunity by the company, known then as Haloid Xerox, to take on the New York City financial district territory. He and his new bride Janet moved to Greenwich in 1957, where he continued his career with Xerox, and they raised their five children. After leaving Xerox, Jim sold residential real estate in Greenwich for many years before retiring.

Jim's "go bag" was always packed, and his sense of adventure and exploration were infectious. He was as excited to take long trips by car with Janet, crisscrossing the United States numerous times, as he was to travel to Europe and explore Paris by foot. Jim was a voracious reader, dedicated walker, and friend to everyone he met. He was genuinely interested in people and their stories and was legendary for striking up conversations in any circumstance and turning complete strangers into new friends. Jim will be missed for his warmth, humor, and individualism. Vital and active to the last, he loved shocking people with his actual age. May we all live our lives with the same curiosity, joy, and fullness as he did.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at St. Timothy's Chapel, 1034 North Street, Greenwich. A private burial service will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Francis Breadline at stfrancisbreadline.org or St. Francis Bread for the Poor, Inc. (444 W. 32nd Street, New York, NY 10001).

JOAN DYSON-HOGAN

Joan Agnes Close Dyson-Hogan, descendant of one of Greenwich's founding families, passed away peacefully on October 22. Born on May 24, 1935, Joan traced her heritage to Thomas Close, one of the original patentees named in the 1642 Greenwich town patent granted by the General Assembly.

Raised in Newtown, CT, Joan graduated from the Hawley School and later attended the University of Connecticut, where she met her first husband, Charles Edward Dyson. Together, they had three children: Hilary (deceased), Lesley, and Brendan. Joan's life was marked by her commitment to education, community, and love for nature.

While raising her children, she returned to the university to complete her bachelor's degree in horticulture and a master's degree in plant and soil sciences. She was an active member of several professional organizations, including the Connecticut Horticulture Society, the American Rock Garden Society, the Royal Horticulture Society, the Alpine Rock Garden Society, and the Scottish Rock Garden Society. Joan was also dedicated to her alumni chapter, serving as treasurer, chapter president, and executive board member.

Joan took pride in her family's Greenwich legacy. Upon learning that her grandchildren would attend Greenwich Academy and Brunswick School, she shared a genealogy, showing that that over a dozen ancestors—dating back to the 1800s—had also attended Greenwich Academy. Her son Brendan and daughter-in-law Katelyn reside on Lake Avenue, just south of the Close Family Cemetery and Tompkins-Close Homestead.

Joan's father, Emmett Barrett Close, was born in the Tompkins-Close House. According to family lore, every generation from the 1700s through Joan had been rocked in the same wooden cradle within the Tompkins-Close House. In 2000, Joan married George Hogan, and they shared 20 happy years together at Heritage Village in Southbury, CT. After George's passing in 2020, Joan moved to Darien to be closer to family. She is survived by her daughter, Lesley and grandson Ian; her son Brendan, daughter-in-law Katelyn, and their children, Emma and Julian; and her sister, Ruth-Ann, along with Ruth-Ann's children, Robert and Mark.

A private service will be held in Greenwich for family and close friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Parkinson's Foundation.

MARGARET THERESA KOVAC

Margaret "Ducky" Kovac, longtime resident of Greenwich, CT, passed away on Monday, October 21. Her husband, as always, was by her side. She was 78 years old.

Ducky was born in Bronxville, NY and raised in Port Chester. She was the daughter of Theresa

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Hanafe McMahon and William McMahon. She attended grammar school at Our Lady of Mercy, where she first met her future husband, Jim Kovac. She went on to attend Academy of the Resurrection and Westchester School of Business. Ducky was a loving daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother, and grandmother. She had a successful career as an administrative assistant. In addition, Ducky supported her husband in his career, especially once computers and technology came on the scene.

Ducky was a member of St. Clements Church in Stamford, CT and was previously a member of St. Catherine's Church in Riverside. She loved spending time with her husband and her family. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, visiting Todd's Point, and going out to eat. She was an avid listener of the local radio station and possibly holds the record for most wins of their call-in contests.

Ducky's husband recalled that she couldn't cook when they got married, which resulted in many early kitchen mishaps of family lore. However, she taught herself over time and became a truly incredible cook. Her home was always filled with the aroma of her next delicious meal. And, as many friends can attest to, her Iced Tea was legendary. More than this, Ducky's home was always filled with people, music, and cheer. Whether it was kids done biking around the cul-de-sac, musicians in the basement, or sports teams at a pregame meal, her house was always open and full of life. And boy, could she host of holiday party! Her many nieces, nephews, and other extended family still cherish memories of Christmas at Ducky and Jim's.

Ducky enjoyed traveling and had cherished memories of family trips to Lake George, Notre Dame, and especially of her visit to Ireland. She was very proud of her Irish heritage, loved to listen to Irish music, and hosted a wonderful Irish feast for her family every St. Patrick's Day. Ducky loved a good game, whether it was a tennis match at The Italian Center, a neighborhood competition on the cul-de-sac at Griffith Road, or even a game of Monopoly. Ducky's playful and competitive spirit would come out on such occasions, and this was a good representation of her personality- Ducky was sweet and caring, but she was also incredibly strong and possessed rock-solid resolve and determination.

Although Ducky achieved many things throughout her life, her most enduring legacy is how she lived it- with so much love and care for her family and friends. She found joy in this- it was natural to her- and it filled up her life as well as the lives of those around her.

She is survived by her devoted husband, James Kovac, children, Frank Kovac (Christine Kovac), Jim Kovac (Stephanie Kovac), Megan Kovac (Crista Farrell), and grandchildren Jack Kovac, James Kovac, Kylie Kovac, Brooke Kovac, Sadie Kovac, Benjamin Kovac, and Lila Farrell-Kovac. She is also survived by her sister, Rosemary Rarick, brother, William McMahon, and many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is already terribly missed.

A Catholic memorial Mass will be held on Friday, November 22, at 10 AM at St Catherine of Siena Church, located in Riverside, CT. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to The American Cancer Society.



MARY PRESTON ANDERSON

Mary Preston Anderson, a beloved resident of Stamford, CT, formerly of Greenwich, passed away peacefully on October 17, at the age of 87.

She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth DeVotion Anderson of Stamford and Sarah Preston Flood, and her husband Sean Flood, as well as her four cherished grandchildren: Adam Edward Trainor, Kelly DeVotion Donnelly, Jackson Deane Flood, and Charlotte Preston Flood.

A graveside service will be held in her honor at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg, VA, on Saturday, November 16, at 10:00 AM.

JUDITH DEWOLFE

Judith Beecher "Judy" DeWolfe passed away in Sarasota on Sunday, September 15. She was 82.

Judy is survived by her partner of 33 years, Adrienne Kaplan, her sister Sandra Beecher Ringo, nephews Evans, and Scott Ward, and their families. Judy's sister Betsy predeceased her.

Judy was born in Chicago, the first child of Phyllis Channer Beecher and Nevin Beecher. She spent her formative years in Greenwich and graduated from Abbott School and Bennett Junior College.

Judy had a long and successful career in fashion, notably as production editor of Harper's Bazaar in New York City and later as owner of

DeWolfe's Casual Clothes in Lakeside Michigan.

Judy was passionate about fashion, was an accomplished portrait and still life painter. Her creative touches were evident in everything she did, from dressing to painting, to designing the many houses she lived in over the years. She had a great laugh, enjoyed living on her own terms and cared deeply about her family.

We mourn Judy's untimely death but know that we were fortunate to have shared the life of such a spirited and unique spouse, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend.



COLLEEN HANNIGAN

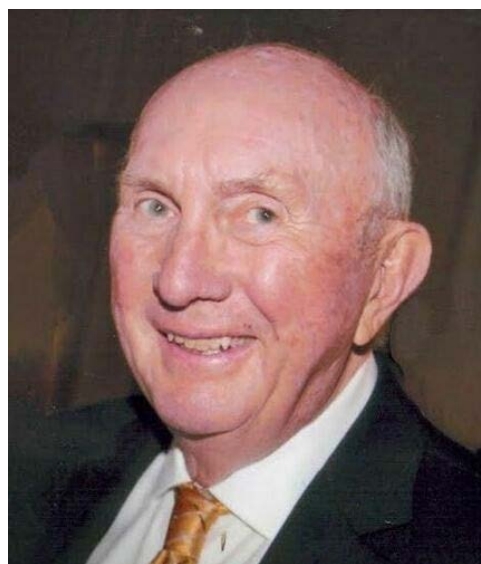
Colleen Hannigan, a lifelong Greenwich resident, passed away peacefully on October 28, at the age of 66. Born on January 13, 1958, she was the third of four sisters, preceded by Patricia and Cathleen and followed by June.

A certified pharmacy technician, Colleen dedicated many years of her life to her work at Rite Aid Pharmacy in Stamford, where she was known and appreciated by many of her customers. Her strong faith in Jesus Christ was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her through every challenge and bringing her immense comfort. She was also a passionate sports fan, cheering on the Yankees and Giants with enthusiasm. Colleen enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, especially road trips that allowed her to explore new places and create lasting memories.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, who cherish the time they spent with her.

A funeral service will be held on November 9, at 11:00 a.m. at Living Hope Community Church, located at 38 West End Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation in memory of Colleen Hannigan.



CALVIN BLAGYS

Calvin "Cal" R. Blagys, 90, of Stratford, CT, beloved husband of Nancy (Partridge) Blagys, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 28, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on February 12, 1934, in Bridgeport, CT, the son of the late Calvin E.H. Blagys and Anna (Connor) Blagys. Cal attended Fairfield College Preparatory School and University of Bridgeport and was a member of the Navy Reserve.

Cal's grandfather, an immigrant from Lithuania, and his father started John Blagys and Son Florist on Main Street in Bridgeport where Cal went to work at a young age. The business was one of the premier florists in the area with locations in Bridgeport and Fairfield. A lifelong resident of Connecticut, Cal spent his childhood summers at his family's cottage on Pleasure Beach in Bridgeport where he fell in love with boating and adventure. In later years, Cowboy Cal, as he was affectionately called, vacationed in Arizona where he lived out his lifetime passion for Western film stars.

In 1971, Cal married Nancy (Partridge) of Greenwich and together they raised two children, Kevin and Tara in Greenwich.

Cal's passion for boating, led him to a successful 35-year career as a yacht broker at Norwalk Cove Marina, where he built lasting relationships with clients from around the globe. He also supervised the construction of various custom mega-yachts in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan for clients.

His interests led him to become a member of the Greenwich Boat and Yacht Club, Fairfield Gaelic American Club and Oronoque Village Country Club. In retirement, he and Nancy started Active Products, creating and selling RINGO, a ring toss game enjoyed in homes and restaurant tap rooms across the country. His sense of humor and love for storytelling was matched only by his deep appreciation for the

people he met along the way. His favorite times were spent with friends and family.

Cal is survived by his beloved wife Nancy, with whom he shared 53 wonderful years of marriage; their two children Kevin Blagys of Black Rock and Tara Blagys (Laura Westfall) of Greenwich. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother John Calvin.

Visiting hours will take place on Sunday, November 3 at the Pistey Funeral Home, Stratford, CT. A funeral Mass was held on Monday, November 4 at St. Lawrence Parish, in Shelton, CT.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Cal's memory may be directed to Save The Sound at <https://www.savethesound.org/donate>.



RAE SARGENT

Rae Gordon Sargent, a beloved former member of the Greenwich and Shelter Island communities, passed away on Sunday, October 27. She passed peacefully at the age of 94 in Greenwich, CT.

Born in Suffield, England and raised in Cardiff, Wales, Rae's early life was marked by athletic achievement and a passion for tennis and squash. She was a junior doubles champion of Wales and semi-finalist at Wimbledon and captained the Wales Women's Squash Team.

Rae moved to the United States in 1955 and in 1958 married George W. Helme III of Philadelphia and Shelter Island. She spent many cherished summers on Shelter Island, where she was a member of the Shelter Island Yacht Club and the Shelter Island Tennis Club. She championed and helped found the Shelter Island Tennis Tournament in the '70s.

She married J. Weir Sargent, Jr. in 1978 and moved to Greenwich, where she continued playing tennis on various teams in town. She was last seen on the tennis court at age 92, coaching her granddaughter, Sandra Helme. She was known to watch live tennis tournaments on TV, at all hours, and could be heard by the household cheering on or berating her favorite players, as late as 4 am, for the Australian Open.

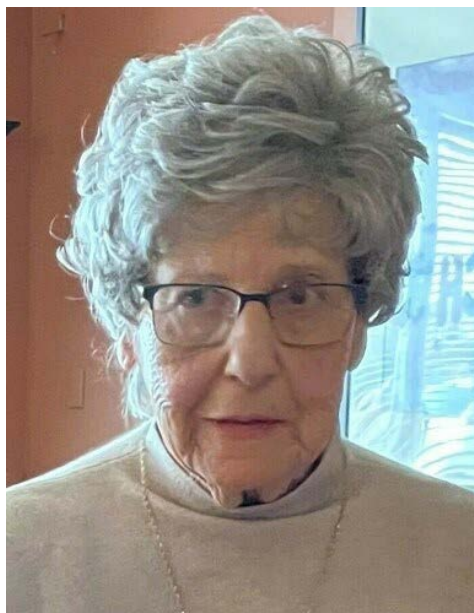
After the death of Weir Sargent and Rae's father, Leslie Gordon, Rae's mother, Doreen Gordon, joined her in Greenwich. Together, they were instrumental in establishing the Greenwich chapter of the English-Speaking Union.

She went on to have an active career in real estate in Greenwich well into her 80s.

Her vibrant spirit shone through in her love for family, tennis, squash, dancing, entertaining, gardening and her beloved Pekingese dogs, many of which were rescues and simply called Honey. Those who knew Rae remember the twinkle in her bright blue eyes and her humor, warmth, and dedication to friends and family.

She is survived by her children, Lisa Helme Danforth, Charles E. Helme, and Julie Helme Gordon, and George W. Helme IV, Melissa Mark and Liz Montaner. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren, Liz, Allie, Chris, Skipper, Luke, Jordi and Sandra, and three great-granddaughters, Isabelle, Adriana and Amelia, who called her Gigi. She was preceded in death by her husbands, George W. Helme III and J. Weir Sargent, Jr., as well as her parents, Leslie and Doreen Gordon. She is already dearly missed.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 am, December 21, at St. Barnabas Church, 954 Lake Ave., Greenwich, CT, with reception to follow. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations are made to the Union Chapel in the Grove, Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965.



JOSEPHINE SLINK

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of Josephine Slink, 96, of Cos Cob, CT on October 26. Josephine is predeceased by her husband, Carl, her parents Elvira and Joseph Bove, sisters Della and Angelina and brother Carlo Bove.

She is survived by her 2 daughters Debbie Ferrara, Sharon Slink and son Carleton Slink, 3 granddaughters Dawn, Kristine, Alyson, 3 grandsons Bryce, Shane, Hunter, 2 great-grandchildren Ashley and Camryn, 4 great-great-grandchildren Ryan, Alexa, Rio and Isabella.

She worked for the Town of Greenwich in the school system and was co-owner with her loving husband, Carl, of Slink and Fisher Cabinet Shop. She loved entertaining, cooking, reading, and spending time in Maine. She will be remembered for her generosity and unwavering love for family. Josephine aka Mom, "juzzi", Aunt Jo and Gram "in our hearts you will always stay loved and fondly remembered, every day".

Her family received friends on Monday, Nov. 4 at the Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich, CT. A funeral service was held immediately following the visitation at the funeral home. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.



RICHARD NEDOSZYTKO

Richard John Nedoszytko, 79, passed away Saturday, Oct. 26, at home surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with Parkinson's. Richard was born April 20th, 1945, in Portchester, NY to John and Matilda Nedoszytko. Graduated from Greenwich High School in 1963. He enlisted in the U.S Navy April 1962, retired August 1991. Joined the Greenwich Police Department in 1970 to 1998. He was a volunteer firefighter with Hose and Chemical, Round Hill and Byram Fire Departments.

He was preceded by his loving wife Joan, sister Catherine, brother Wayne. Richard is survived by his children Richard (Melissa) Nedoszytko, Jennifer (Phillip) Lundgren, Stephanie Nedoszytko, Robert (Lau) Nedoszytko. His six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Saturday, November 2 at Castiglione Funeral Home (Greenwich) with the funeral service at 5:30 p.m. A private burial will take place at another date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson's research and the Policeman's fund.



MARIE-LOUISE JORDI

Marie-Louise Jordi (Loulette) died peacefully on October 16, at The Greens of Greenwich in Greenwich, CT. She was 93 years old.

Loulette was born on September 29, 1931 in Sion, Switzerland to Louis DalPont and Germaine Maret DalPont. She grew up in Martigny where she spent many summers tending her grandparent's goats in the alpine village of Bruson. At a young age, she discovered her wanderlust and traveled to Hempstead Long Island where she worked as an au pair. She discovered New York City and the beauty of the Long Island Sound and Connecticut.

Upon her return to Switzerland, she joined Air France and found her true calling in the travel business. She worked in Zurich where she met her future husband, Edouard Jordi, who was working in Dusseldorf, Germany. They were wed in November of 1960 in Martigny, Switzerland and celebrated at the iconic Chateau de la Batiatz. They soon moved to the United States where they welcomed their children Philippe and Catherine.

Loulette returned to the travel business working for Revere Travel in Princeton NJ and then with American Express Travel. Her vast knowledge of Europe, fluency in 5 languages and love of travel brought her scores of clients who eagerly sought her advice and recommendations. Her passion for adventure, discovery and novelty was appreciated by all who worked with her. Her career in travel spanned over 30 years.

Travel was one of her great passions in life that allowed her to experience many diverse and beautiful cultures across the world. Her love for her Swiss family often brought her and her family back to visit her parents and siblings and their families. Many summers were spent at her family's rustic chalet in the alps above her hometown of Martigny. Loulette's greatest source of pride were her two children and their families. After Philippe moved to Martha's Vineyard, she would come to the island with Catherine and her family to spend the summers on the Vineyard, the start of a long family tradition.

Preceded in death by her husband, Edouard and her sister, Aurelie Berger; Loulette is survived by her children, Philippe Jordi (Randi Baird) of West Tisbury, MA and Catherine



MARYANN MOORE

MaryAnn Moore, aged 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep and surrounded by family on October 13.

A celebration of her life will take place

at Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford, New York on November 23, at 1p.m., followed by a reception.

MaryAnn was born in 1934 in Passaic, NJ, but shortly after, moved with her family to the Chicago area where she grew up on a small farm and cared for various animals including her spirited pony, Judy. After her mother's passing, when she was just five years old, MaryAnn helped care for her younger sister, Elaine. MaryAnn found joy in books and as a young girl, would walk to the library and escape into the world of Nancy Drew, Cherry Ames, and Trixie Belden, sparking her lifelong love of reading and libraries.

After graduating from New Trier High School, MaryAnn attended Iowa State University, majoring in home economics with a focus on cooking. Early in her career, she worked for a gas company testing recipes, later becoming a food columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times, where she shared her recipes and passion for cooking.

MaryAnn married Frank Moore II and moved to Riverside, Connecticut. There, she raised her three children—Kathryn (Kathy), Frank III (Buzz), and Elizabeth (Beth). She embraced the local community, joining the Greenwich Women's Club and The Gardener's Club, teaching cooking classes at the YWCA, and managing theater

productions as an avid member of the Connecticut Playmakers.

Later in life, MaryAnn returned to school, earning two master's degrees in media technology and library science. Her dedication to books led her to work in the Children's Room of the Greenwich Library where she captivated young audiences with puppet shows and felt-board stories, even dressing up as Raggedy Andy. When she took over as Head Librarian of Byram Shubert Library, she worked with civic groups to promote literacy and mentored young readers.

MaryAnn loved to travel and explore the places she had read about. She got a summer job working on a film in Italy, traveled to China to see the Great Wall, explored the wonders of the Maya in Mexico, brought her children to Canada to see the sites of the Anne of Green Gables stories, took a cruise to Alaska with her granddaughter, and saw the lands of her ancestors on a trip to Norway with her daughter.

Throughout her life, MaryAnn was a devoted mother and grandmother. She could frequently be heard saying she was blessed and had lived a full life because she saw all three of her children grow up, earn college degrees, develop careers, and get married. Each summer, MaryAnn took her three children to the Adirondacks to spend several

weeks at their beloved family cabin on Silver Lake. This was MaryAnn's favorite place and she passed that fondness on to her children and grandchildren.

MaryAnn spent countless hours reading to her grandchildren, attending their sports games, watching them in theater productions, getting manicures with her granddaughters, and driving to dance lessons. Her children and grandchildren proudly carry on her legacy through their own love of theater, music, cooking, travel, and reading, all carrying with them well-worn library cards.

MaryAnn is survived by her three children, their spouses, and her grandchildren: Kathryn and Christopher Perry, their son Benjamin Perry and his wife Erin Mayer, and their son Erik Perry; Frank Moore III and Nichola Bott and their children Kaitlin Moore, Andrew Moore, and Susan Moore; Elizabeth and Wayne Stochaj and their children Kimberly Stochaj and Madelyn Stochaj.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities or Friends of the Byram Shubert Library to honor MaryAnn's passion for child literacy. Find more information at <https://www.smartkidswithld.org/> and <https://www.greenwichlibrary.org/byram-shubert/friends/>.

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Marcus (Drew) of Greenwich, CT; grandchildren Alexander Marcus (Lara), Olivia Parnon (Eric), Julia Marcus, Elie Jordi and Miles Jordi; and her brother Pierre DalPont.

A private memorial service will be held in Switzerland next year.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Vineyard Village at Home, PO Box 1356, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.



BERN CROWL

R. Bern Crowl, 93, died in Mechanicsville, VA, on Sunday, October 20. Born in New Brunswick, NJ, on August 10, 1931.

Bern attended the University of Notre Dame, American University and graduated from Rutgers University, following service in the US Air Force. He also graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University.

He served Reynolds Metals Company, as the Chief Financial Officer, and retired as Vice Chairman. He was a former director of Robertshaw Controls, Eskimo Pie and the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of Amax Inc. in Greenwich, CT.

Bern traveled extensively for work and had many stories of trips to Australia, South Africa and Japan. He also enjoyed many family vacations, including the Jersey shore, the Grand Tetons of Wyoming, and numerous cruise destinations around the world.

Bern had a lifelong love of Great Danes and owned many over the years. He was active in the Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League.

Preceded in death by his brother, Kevin Clarke Sr.; Bern is survived by his wife, Katherine; children, Joan Crowl of Fairfield, CT, Barbara Schultz (Mark) of Manakin Sabot, VA and Robert Bern Crowl (Robin) of Moorestown, NJ; brothers, William Clarke, Kerry Clarke; stepchildren, Lauren Caverly (Andy) and Beth O'Brien (John); grandchildren, Stephen Matri (Jessica), Alexander Crowl and Christopher Crowl; and great-grandchildren, Trey and Isla Matri.

Mass of Christian Burial was on October 31 at Church of the Redeemer, Mechanicsville, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to Rutgers Preparatory School, 1345 Easton Ave., Somerset, NJ.

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GLORIA JACOBS

1934 - 2024

Gloria Seraydarian Jacobs was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She left this world on October 19, at the age of 89.

Gloria was born in Greenwich, CT, the daughter of Edward and Manik (Theophilian) Seraydarian. She was a Girl Scout, editor of the high school newspaper, and loved spending time at the beach. After graduating from Greenwich High School, she moved to Boston, MA to pursue a degree at Boston University.

She met her first husband, Donald Callinan, and was married for 21 years. They welcomed three children and made their home in Acton, MA before his passing in 1981. For the next 12 years Gloria modeled resiliency for her children, while managing a 25+ year career at Digital Equipment Co in Maynard, MA. Gloria was blessed again with her second husband, Larry Jacobs, to whom she was married for 21 years before his passing in 2012.

She was an active member of Grace Church in Greenwich, CT and Church of the Open Bible in Burlington, MA. She was a living testimony of God's faithfulness and grace.

Gloria was a proud first-generation Armenian-American who loved her family very much. Often this was shown through the sacrifices she made to provide instruments, lessons, and sports equipment for her kids. For her grandchildren this included thoughtful gifts and attending their sports events and performances. She was a strong believer in having fun, enjoying your childhood, and... dessert! Her absolute favorite place on earth was the beach. She loved swimming in the ocean and walking along the beach.

Gloria is survived by her children, Ann Bannister (Douglas) of Nashua, NH; Richard Callinan (Jennifer) of Charlotte, NC, and Linda Beardsley (Christopher) of Denver, CO, as well as her stepchildren Dennis Jacobs of Derry, NH, Christina O'Rourke (Peter) of Pembroke, NH and Beth Jensen (Peter) of Andover, MA. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Predeceased by her sister Christine Seraydarian.

Gloria was laid to rest during a service at Leo P. Gallagher Funeral Home in Greenwich, on Friday, October 25. A celebration of life is being planned for Veterans Day weekend in Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers and in her honor, we ask that you take a long walk on the beach, spend some extra time with your loved ones or make a donation of time or resources to your favorite charity.



SUZANNE BROWN

Suzanne F. Brown, of Greenwich, sadly passed away unexpectedly on October 20, at age 57. She was born in Scotland on May 12, 1967, to Michael and Anne Eccles.

Suzanne left Scotland for the U.S. at age 16. For many years, she was a bartender at various local spots, including, The Horseneck Tavern, The Two Door and Kelly's Sea Level. She made many cherished friends throughout her work. Suzanne had a great love of dogs, especially her "Teddy". She was always charitable to animal-related causes. Suzanne is survived by her cherished husband, Henry Brown, her dear mother, and siblings, Michael Eccles and Kathryn Eccles-Skirving. She was deeply close with Henry's family and leaves behind her mother-in-law, Marilyn Brown, sister-in-law, Doreen D'Andrea (Richard), and loving nieces, Nicole, Julia and Ashley.

A Memorial Mass was held on Friday at St. Mary's Church on Greenwich Avenue. Memorial donations can be sent to The Humane Society, <https://secured.humanesociety.org/page/83122/donate/?locale=en-US>



JOSEPH BOCCHINO, SR.

January 2, 1943 - October 18, 2024

Joseph Bocchino Sr. born January 2, 1943 in Port Chester, NY to Gaetano (Thomas) Bocchino and Santina (Maietta) Bocchino, passed away on October 18.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Norma (Leghissa) Bocchino and their three children, Daniel Bocchino, Joseph Bocchino Jr., Gina Bocchino Uszkiewicz and her husband Adam. He is also survived by his sister, Anna Lavalla, and several nieces and nephews. Joseph was predeceased by his brothers, Herbert and John Bocchino.

Joseph was a lifelong resident of Byram. He started working for his father's shoe repair shop and learned the trade from his father until his father told him that being a shoe cobbler is a fading trade and wished him good luck. Joe received his Associates Degree from JM Wright Technical School in Stamford. He went on to become a successful mechanical engineer and started his own business JB Engineering. Joe was a hard worker and considered himself a doer and loved to fix everything. So, for his retirement he needed something to do so he opened a rent a tool company Stamford General Rental Center

and enjoyed meeting and chatting with the customers that rented his tools.

In his free time Joe enjoyed fishing on Long Island Sound with his friends. He even built his own wooden rowboat that he would row to Playland and Shell Island. He would row his boat to Shell Island and feed the seagulls and one seagull in particular he named Rocky. Joe fed Rocky for years and said Rocky would see his oars in a distance and would fly to him and land on his boat and wait patiently for the sardines he had brought for him. Joe also loved to sit on his patio with his family and friends, smoking his cigars, drinking wine, and eating delicious food cooked by Norma. He will be remembered for his warm smile, his kindness, his generosity, and his willingness of always helping others. Joe will also be remembered for his extensive knowledge of mechanical engineering, alternative medicine, and everything in between. He was a wonderful husband, father, and friend and he will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Service took place Saturday, October 26 at Thomas M. Gallagher Funeral Home located at 104 Myrtle Ave. Stamford.



IRENE LYNCH

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Irene Julia Kruey Lynch. Irene passed away peacefully, at her home in Old Greenwich, on August 18, 2024. Irene was born to John and Julia Kruey in Stamford, Connecticut. She was predeceased by her two brothers, John Jr. and Theodore. She was also predeceased by her husband, John, who was the Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing at CNG in Greenwich until his retirement in 1994. Irene is survived by her three children, John Jr., of Concord, NC, Gordon, of Damman, Saudi Arabia, and Patricia Doherty, of South Salem, NY. She is also survived by her four grandsons, John III (Lynch), and Adrian, Jason and Shane (Doherty).

Irene first attended Ryle School in Stamford, where she grew up. After she graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, she continued her education in secretarial school. She then became the executive secretary for the president of Petro Oil Company. At that time, she became engaged to John, whom she met many years earlier through her brother, Theodore. At the time of their engagement, John was the corporate pilot to the president of Petro, after serving as a pilot in WWII as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. John and Irene were married in 1951.

The couple began their family in Riverside, CT. In 1965, they moved to Old Greenwich, where Irene resided until her passing. For many years, Irene was very involved in fund-raising and charity events. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross, and served as Vice President of the Republican Women's Club of Eastern Greenwich. When Irene's children were young, she took great pride in being Den Mother in the Cub Scouts. Irene was a skilled artist, who enjoyed making ceramics and oil painting. The family enjoyed skiing in the winter, and boating in the summer months. Irene had a fondness for animals and, along with loved ones, also had her beloved cat at her side when she passed.

Irene's compassion and love will be missed by her family. A vigil service will be scheduled shortly.

ESU Greenwich Branch President Natalie Pray Receives her MBE in New York City

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Earlier this year Natalie Pray, long serving hosting president of the Greenwich branch of the English-Speaking Union (ESU), who also serves on the board of the ESU branch in Palm Beach, received word from the British Ambassador to the United States of her "appointment as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire [MBE]."

Pray was invited to Windsor Castle last March to receive the Medal but was unable to make the journey due to her duties in Palm Beach. Thus, as of Wednesday a week ago, the British Consul General had an Investiture in her Residence in New York City to award Pray the title of MBE - Member of the British Empire Medal - on behalf of His Majesty, King Charles III, "in recognition of her long-term support of the arts and culture both here and in the United Kingdom."

Present at the Investiture were His Majesty's Consul General in New York, Hannah Young, Karen Karpowich,

president and executive director of the English-Speaking Union of the United States, and Charlie Poekel, president of the Palm Beach Branch of the English-Speaking Union. Other guests represented the arts and cultural organizations that Pray has championed.

Speaking for Pray was Dr. E Quinn Peeper, Chair of the English-Speaking Union of the United States and His Majesty's Honorary Consul General in New Orleans. "We are profoundly grateful to Natalie Pray as a longtime supporter of our mission, who serves tirelessly as Branch President and as a former National Board member. A Patron of both our National Shakespeare Competition and International Scholarship Programs, she represents the best of what our community offers students, educators, and lifelong learners."

Pray was also the recipient of the English-Speaking Union's Princess Royal Award, awarded to her in the presence of HRH, Princess Anne, at the ESU Centennial Gala in New York City in 2022.

"We are profoundly grateful to Natalie Pray as a longtime supporter of our mission, who serves tirelessly as Branch President and as a former National Board member." Dr. E Quinn Peeper, Chair of the English-Speaking Union of the United States.



L to R Karen Karpowich, ESU National President, Natalie Pray MBE, President, ESU Greenwich Branch, Hannah Young, His Majesty The King's Consul General in New York, and Charles Poekel, ESU President of the Palm Beach Branch. Contributed photo.

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Are you Trustworthy Enough to be in Real Estate?



BY MARK PRUNER

Greenwich, Connecticut is a nice place to live. Part of its being a nice place to live is that people are nice. By this I don't mean just that they are courteous, which they are. Whether it be at our bump out intersection on Greenwich Avenue, someone holding the door for a group of people or just deciding who gets off the elevator first, I often see this Greenwich competitive politeness, where people defer so as to let other people to go first. This competitive politeness can take up to 30 seconds, just to decide who will exit the elevator first.

Being nice goes way beyond simple courtesy and it makes a difference as to whether deals get done. Greenwich residents should be trustworthy, honest and confidential and expect their agents to be the same. This may sound like the Boy Scout oath, but it's become even more crucial with the coarsening of politics, social interactions and social media.

We have over 1,000 members of the Greenwich MLS and our team regularly deals with the active agents every month. The very large

majority are good agents that can be trusted. When they make a statement, it can be trusted. A lot of that is due to good parents, but being a trustworthy agent also has an economic advantage. Trustworthy agents get more deals done and are able to do difficult deals that might not otherwise get done.

This is not to say that all Greenwich agents are saints; far from it. We have our share of puffery, with tiny little houses being called cozy and weird layouts being described as unique. What you don't see are agents making up facts to suit their own needs.

When I was first starting out, I did my share of representing tenants in rental deals (a great place for new agents to hone their skills). I had one landlord's agent who the first two times that I made offers on behalf of my tenants, called me back and told me that just a few hours later that amazingly she had just gotten a higher offer. These listings were not hot listings. They had both been on for over a month, which for a Greenwich rental is a long time. When I made an offer on a third property and I heard that "amazingly" she had just gotten another, I didn't believe her and my client got the apartment at his original offer.

The problem now is that everything she says I take

with a large grain of salt. For example, when she tells me that \$3,000,000 is as high as her buyer is willing to go, I'm not sure if that is true. When my seller hears that he may decide not to make a counteroffer, since they are too far apart. If I tell my seller that the agent may not be accurately stating the case, my seller may well think they are not negotiating in good faith and once again decide not to counter.

In some places, back when I was an attorney actively negotiating deals in many places I saw that lying was an accepted norm. I've seen negotiators whose attitude is that if they can lie to the other side and rip off the other side, that's the other side's fault for not being smart enough to see through the lies. While that's acceptable in some places, it's not in Greenwich. Many of our residents, or would-be residents, will just flat out not want to enter into negotiations, or continue negotiations, with someone who thinks lying is a legitimate negotiating tactic.

We only have a few

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agents who are perceived as untrustworthy and most agents, who have been in the business very long, know who they are. It's one thing when an agent lies, the bigger problem comes when a seller wants you to either lie or more commonly not reveal a material condition. Agents have an obligation to keep their clients' personal affairs confidential. I've had clients who are getting divorced and even their children don't know or who are suffering from a very serious illness. All of this personal information stays confidential.

Confidentiality ends when agents actually know material facts that the buyer should to know. Then the agent's obligation is to reveal this information even if the seller would prefer to keep it confidential. In reality, it is in the seller's best interest, since hiding material facts would likely result in a lawsuit. Also, there is a good chance that the buyer's inspector or title examiner will find this information and once again the buyer - seller relationship will be poisoned.

Only once have I ever had a seller, be absolutely insistent that I not disclose material facts. Fortunately, a listing agreement hadn't been signed yet and I was able to step away from the transaction. I heard at least one other Greenwich agent did the same thing. By the third agent, he realized that he would have to disclose it and did put it in the state mandated property disclosure form.

Another way that some sellers think that they can avoid disclosing detrimental information is by not filling out the state mandated property disclosure. If they do this then state mandates that the seller pay the buyer \$500. The problem with this is that the agent still has the duty to disclose material information about the property. Agents tend to go out of their way in such situations to disclose this information, so that the buyer can make a fair offer considering all the facts and can't turn around and sue the seller and the broker for hiding material facts.

We have some of the top agents in the nation here who

have had decades of experience in prior careers negotiating important deals. We often have hard negotiations, between the buyers' and sellers' agent but for most deals, it is pretty principled negotiations. It's not in any agent's interest to get known for cutting corners, nor is it in their client's interest. For things like that, Greenwich is a small town and word gets around.

Having said that, agents are people too and can be tempted to shade the truth, if it will get the deal done and get them a commission. They can also be pushed by their clients to not reveal material facts. An agent or a client might get away with it once or even more, but it's more likely they have created a reputation that will last for years or decades.

Trustworthiness, it's what sells houses.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Havemeyer Hosts Annual Pumpkin Contest

Havemeyer Building staff held their third annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest at the board of education, showcasing creative entries from employees. Staff decorated pumpkins provided by the office, raising the creative bar.

National Signing Day at GA



On November 13th, Greenwich Academy marked National Signing Day by honoring 15 senior athletes who will compete at Division I colleges and universities. Photo credit: Greenwich Academy Instagram.

GCDS Alumn Shares Journey



Greenwich Country Day School alumn Senen Ubiña presented to students on Veterans Day, sharing his experiences in the U.S. Naval Academy and Marine Corps. He discussed how GCDS prepared him for challenges and teamwork and offered advice on the value of close friendships. Photo credit: Greenwich Country Day School Facebook.

SHG Students Explore Cryptography



Upper School students at Sacred Heart Greenwich learned cryptography basics in the Makerspace by building and using cipher wheels. They assembled two alphabet-labeled cardboard discs to create cipher keys, aligning letters to encode and decode messages. This project introduced students to simple encryption through letter shifts. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich Facebook.

Western Middle "Western Day"

Recently, Western Middle School's "Western Day" promoted school norms and AVID values through team-based activities. Students competed across various stations, working with peers from their own and other grades. Activities included mural projects, challenges, and team-building exercises.

Assistant Principal Returns

Recently, Hamilton Avenue School held a Spirit Assembly to welcome Assistant Principal Mrs. Simonelli back from maternity leave.

SHG Fourth Graders Visit Wolf Conservation



Recently, Sacred Heart Greenwich fourth-grade students visited the Wolf Conservation Center to learn about the role of predators as part of their ecosystem studies in Science class. They observed two rare North American wolves. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich Facebook.

Sacred Heart Honors Veterans Day



Sacred Heart Greenwich students marked Veterans Day by sending letters to veterans, wearing red poppies, and attending a chapel service honoring service members. They watched a video from alumn Lieutenant Junior Grade Christiane McCabe, who described her work as a U.S. Navy officer. Photo credit: Sacred Heart Greenwich Facebook.

GHS Students Excel

Three Greenwich High School students were recognized in the 2024 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge. At the recent Washington, D.C. ceremony, Tyler Malkin won the \$10,000 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award for his iodine deficiency test. Mikah Kaalund earned first place in Science, winning \$3,500 and an iPad for her air filtration project. Mackensy Wilson received second place in Science, with a \$2,500 prize and an iPad, for her study on preservatives in dog food.

Zara Haque Receives Award

Greenwich High School senior Zara Haque received the Connecticut Youth Services Association's Youth Leadership Award for her community contributions. Her nomination highlighted her work with STEM initiatives and expanding community partnerships. Haque also received the YMCA's Gender & Racial Equity Scholarship Award and the Junior League's Community Service Award in 2024.

Riverside School Honors Veterans

On November 11, 2024, Riverside School held its annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor local veterans. The event included remarks from Principal Jason Martin, a flag-raising by Greenwich Police Chief Jim Heavey, and a wreath-laying accompanied by "Taps." Students presented flowers to veteran family members, and the Riverside School Chorus performed for the attendees, which included First Selectman Fred Camillo, veterans, students, parents, and staff.

SPORTS

Athletes Commit to Colleges

On Wednesday, fourteen Greenwich High School athletes signed letters of intent to compete in college sports. Michael Brescia will play lacrosse at Loyola University Maryland; Henry Cullen, crew at Yale

University; Margaux DeFelice, crew at Georgetown University; Kate Donnellan, field hockey at Duke University; Liana Hoffman, crew at UCLA; Scarlett Hopson, crew at the University of Tennessee; Lauren Huang, rugby at Brown University; Sophia Long, crew at St. Mary's College of California; Saira Mitchell, crew at UC Berkeley; Graydon Raabe, crew at Cornell University; Aubrey Roth, lacrosse at William & Mary; Cooper Sernick, crew at Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Stella Thibeault, field hockey at Cornell University; and Sophia Wang, water polo at Harvard University.

GCDS Volleyball Reaches FAA Finals

Greenwich Country Day School's volleyball team made history by advancing to the FAA Tournament finals for the first time, defeating Sacred Heart Greenwich 3-0 in the semifinals. The Tigers will face top-seeded King School in the championship match, hoping to cap off their remarkable season with a title.

Ettelson's Goal Sends GA Forward

Tian Ettelson's late goal secured a dramatic 1-0 win for Greenwich Academy over Sacred Heart Greenwich in the FAA quarterfinals, sending the Gators to the semifinals. Both teams showcased strong defenses in the tightly contested match, but Ettelson's shot in the 76th minute proved decisive, ending Sacred Heart's season and title defense.

SH triumphs over GA

Sacred Heart Greenwich defeated Greenwich Academy 3-2 in a hard-fought FAA Tournament quarterfinal match, coming from behind to secure a spot in the semifinals. Evangelyn Forte and Julianna Luzzi led Sacred Heart with strong all-around performances, overcoming setbacks from an earlier season loss to their rivals.

LOCAL POLITICS

Election Complaints Dismissed

The State Election Enforcement Commission dismissed three complaints on November 6, citing insufficient evidence. The complaints alleged illegal coordination in Greenwich during last year's municipal elections. The complaints, filed by Roger Rosendahl

and Beth MacGillivray, claimed unregistered political activity among local groups and figures, but investigators found no basis for PAC registration requirements. SEEC closed the cases unanimously without discussion.

FROM HARTFORD Drought Across CT

Governor Ned Lamont issued a Stage 2 Drought Advisory for all of Connecticut, citing low rainfall and fire risk. Residents and businesses are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water usage by turning off outdoor irrigation, fixing leaks, and following local conservation guidelines. Private well users and those relying on localized water sources should monitor conditions closely.

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101 Lewis Street I	\$1,649,999	\$720	2,292		2	2	South of Post
40 W Elm Street 2D	\$1,750,000	\$1,195	1,465		2	2	South of Post
630 Steamboat Road 2BN	\$1,750,000	\$1,458	1,200		2	2	South of Post
169 Old Church Road	\$1,950,000	\$1,012	1,926	1	2	2	South Parkway
3 Bennett Street	\$3,850,000	\$805	4,784	0.42	5	4	Old Greenwich
20 W Brother Drive	\$4,900,000	\$726	6,753	1.11	5	4	South of Post
20 Sherwood farm Lane	\$5,795,000	\$663	8,742	1	6	6	South Parkway
477 Lake Avenue	\$6,250,000	\$1,934	3,231	2.83	4	3	South Parkway
10 Hurlingham Drive	\$8,000,000	\$642	12,456	13.36	6	7	North Parkway

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NEW SALES

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
1 Putnam Park 1	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$701,000	42	2	2		1,203
29 Pemberwick Road	\$775,000	\$740,000	\$725,000	103	3	2	0.14	1,564
351 Pemberwick Rd 505	\$899,000	\$899,000	\$997,500	14	2	2		1,540
303 Bruce Park Ave	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000	40	3	2	0.13	1,480
495 Den Lane	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$1,000,000	3	3	2	0.15	2,066
51 Forest Avenue 164	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,255,000	27	2	2		1,258
334 Palmer Hill Road	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000	\$1,100,000	32	5	2	0.17	2,246
28 Scott Road	\$1,497,500	\$1,497,500	\$1,450,000	148	4	3	0.45	2,639
323 Riverside Avenue	\$1,695,000	\$1,595,000	\$1,475,000	118	4	2	0.28	2,351
430 Riversville Road	\$1,595,000	\$1,595,000	\$1,550,000	390	5	3	4.02	3,254
523 W Lyon Farm Dr	\$1,675,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,900,000	11	3	2		2,200
19 Morningside Drive	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,000,000	33	4	4	0.49	4,161
15 Skylark Road	\$2,150,000	\$2,150,000	\$2,255,000	98	5	3	0.26	2,807
1 Old Church Road 1	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,400,000	37	3	3		2,635
97 Lockwood Road	\$5,495,000	\$4,995,000	\$4,700,000	124	6	6	0.32	6,710
158 Clapboard Ridge Rd	\$4,999,000	\$4,999,000	\$4,000,000	83	6	6	6.26	6,113
62 Brookridge Drive	\$6,495,000	\$6,495,000	\$6,550,000	14	6	6	1.5	7,605
313 Stanwich Road	\$8,995,000	\$8,995,000	\$9,550,000	21	6	7	3.17	10,212

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
24 Taylor Drive	Cos Cob	\$1,280,000	Sat 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
29 Highview Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$3,995,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
17 Maple Drive	Old Greenwich	\$1,999,995	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
16 Georgetowne North	Greenwich	\$1,999,999	Sat 12-2 PM	Compass
101 Lewis Street #1	Greenwich	\$1,649,999	Sat 2-4 PM	Compass
16 Georgetowne North #16	Greenwich	\$1,999,999	Sun 12-2 PM	Compass
101 Lewis Street #1	Greenwich	\$1,649,999	Sun 2-4 PM	Compass
169 Mason Street #1G	Greenwich	\$800,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Douglas Elliman
139 North Street	Greenwich	\$7,890,000	Sun 11-3 PM	Red Canoe Realty LLC



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Legion Post 29, to honor those who have served. The parade concluded at the World War I monument, where former U.S. Navy Lt. William Fowler laid a ceremonial wreath in a poignant moment witnessed by hundreds.

Chief of Police Jim Heavey, a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, reflected on the town's enduring dedication to honoring veterans. "I am very proud of my hometown, which continues the tradition of recognizing veterans and Veterans Day, both in a public ceremony and the walk down Greenwich Avenue," Heavey said. "Then the Greenwich Public Schools have events, recognizing that veterans live among us here in town." Heavey's words captured the spirit of Greenwich, a town that acknowledges the sacrifices of veterans not only through annual ceremonies but also in daily life.

Gathering at Veterans Plaza Park, the crowd listened as First Selectman Fred Camillo spoke about Greenwich's deep respect for its veterans. "My dream would be to have every day be Veterans Day in Greenwich," Camillo said. "Whenever someone walks our streets or drives our roads, they should be reminded of those who served." Camillo also shared exciting plans for Veterans Plaza, which will soon feature a statue of former President George H.W. Bush, a Navy veteran and Greenwich native.

"In this space, we'll have a place of honor to remind future generations of the courage and commitment of those who stood for our freedom," Camillo explained, underscoring Greenwich's commitment to preserving the legacy of its veterans.

Keynote Address and Reflections on Service

The keynote address was delivered by Lucian Niemeyer, an Air Force veteran with over 21 years of service and extensive experience in national security roles in the Pentagon, White House, and Congress. Niemeyer's speech emphasized the value of military service in safeguarding American freedoms. "Freedom is not free," Niemeyer declared. "Have we truly considered the worth and the tragic costs?" His words reminded attendees of the sacrifices made by those in uniform to protect liberties often taken for granted. Niemeyer called on the community to instill a sense of service in future generations, urging young people to consider public and military service as a path of honor.

"We must encourage in our stories and family discussions the value of giving back, of contributing to the defense of our common freedoms," Niemeyer continued. He expressed hope that future Veterans Day ceremonies would see even more young people in attendance, bridging the generations with shared ideals of service and sacrifice.

State Representative Hector Arzeno, reflecting on the significance of the day, said, "After many wonderful ceremonies honoring our war veterans, we will be back into our daily routines, and life will go on for many of us, with the ebbs and flows we expect. But I think I will add a new activity to that

routine, and every once in a while will raise a glass in honoring those great servicemen and women who serve our wonderful nation and should never be forgotten." Arzeno's words served as a reminder to incorporate gratitude for veterans into daily life.

The ceremony concluded with symbolic tributes that underscored the reverence of the day. The Greenwich Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors, and Greenwich Police Capt. James Bonney led the crowd with "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes, the solemn notes resonating among those gathered. Ken and Dylan Pond performed "Echo Taps," followed by a rifle salute, which brought a powerful sense of respect and remembrance to the event.

Commander Peter LeBeau of American Legion Post 29 concluded the ceremony by encouraging all to show appreciation for veterans every day. "Treat our veterans as they richly deserve to be treated, with sincere gratitude and heartfelt respect," LeBeau said. "And whenever you meet a veteran, simply say, 'Thank you for your service.' Believe me, it means a lot to us."

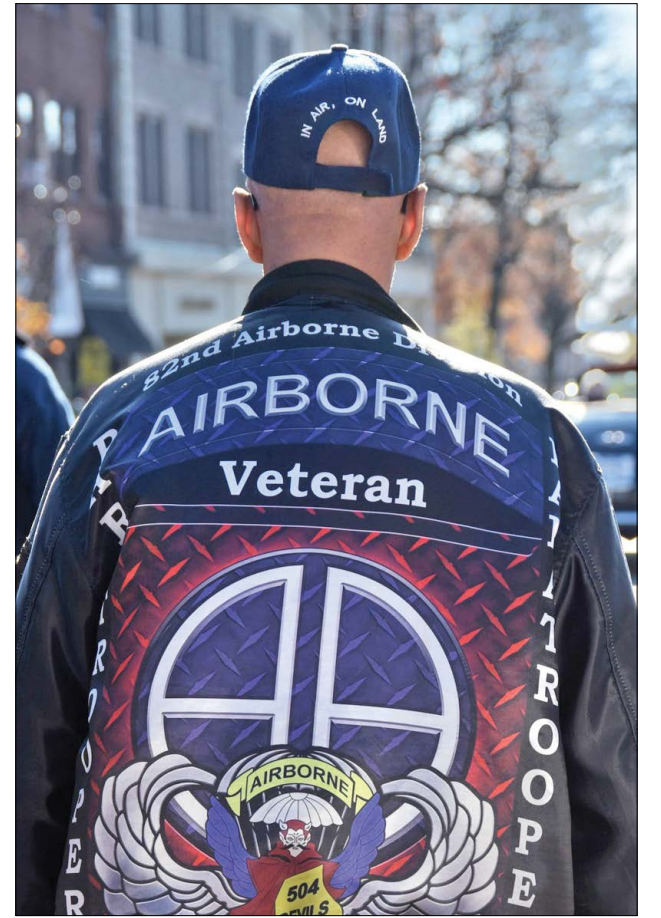
As the crowd dispersed, the spirit of Veterans Day lingered. For Greenwich, Veterans Day is more than a date on the calendar—it is a living tradition, woven into the fabric of the community. Through ceremonies like "Flags for Veterans," parades, and the upcoming re-dedication of Veterans Plaza Park, Greenwich renews its commitment to honoring the men and women who have served, ensuring that every day reflects gratitude for their sacrifices.

Following the event, State Representative-elect

Tina Courpas shared her pride in Greenwich's dedication to veterans. "I am proud to live in a town and community that honors its veterans as we do," Courpas said. "Every day is Veterans Day, because every day that we enjoy our freedom, we remember the people who defended and preserved it." Her words reflected a sentiment widely felt across the community: honoring veterans goes beyond a single day each year and becomes part of everyday life.

State Representative Steve Meskers shared some of his personal reflections on the day with the *Sentinel*. "Our veterans represent our finest in their defense of our freedoms. My father served in the merchant marine in the Korean War. The family doctor was a true hero. He was a doctor on the Normandy invasion, and spent seven days shuttling back-and-forth with our wounded soldiers from the shores of Normandy to England, along with German prisoners of war prisoners of war. His name was William Gaston Chorba."

Senator Ryan Fazio also expressed his gratitude for the veterans who have contributed to the nation's legacy. "We have a great inheritance as Americans, one that we owe to the brave men and women who secured it for us," Fazio said, recognizing the continued community involvement of veterans in groups like the American Legion and VFWs. "May we not only always recognize their sacrifice and thank them but also follow their lead," Fazio urged, calling on the community to "pass along the values of our great nation to the next generation."



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COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

Grant Gregory Sr. Introduces Whooping Cranes at Greenwich Audubon

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Greenwich's Grant Gregory Sr. is a nature lover. His GlenArbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, N.Y sports a myriad population of bluebirds. In 2016, Grant and his family were honored with Audubon Connecticut's Environmental Leadership Award for their "passion for wildlife, habitat protection, and the experiences derived from a life that involves nature." Now add to that passion, the love of cranes. And it just so happens that my wildlife photographer, Melissa Groo opened the door to that new passion, urging Grant to visit the extraordinary spring migration site of Sandhill Cranes in Nebraska that she attends annually as hosted by the Crane Trust.

During Grant's memorable visit he had met up with distinguished photographer of cranes, Michael "Mike" Forsberg, and invited him to come to Greenwich Audubon to speak on his new book "Into Whooperland" of his discovery of the even rarer whooper crane species.

Invited to this Audubon event that took place on October 29, were officials of the Crane Trust, my daughter, and a host of crane enthusiasts including Heather Henson, daughter of the late puppeteer Jim Henson, and John Nelson who came to live in the storied Henson family house in Greenwich. Also present was event organizer, Marty Cannon, Greenwich Audubon executive director Rochelle Thomas, and Sabine Meyer, photography director of the National Audubon Society, along with other persons involved in creating Mike Fosberg's exquisite photo-filled book, "Into Whooperland."

"It's hard to describe in two short days the immersion and the experience, the sound, the entire environment and the hospitality," Grant began in his introduction, touching on his experience in Nebraska, and of meeting up with Mike. "He's at the University of Nebraska as a professor, and I actually went to the University of Nebraska," Grant shared. "Mike's a prolific writer, historian, world-class photographer and renowned storyteller."

So, before some 60 crane lovers

gathered in Audubon's Melissa Groo Gallery- now no more with her photo prints taken down, Mike's story would unfold how he was led to his discovery of whooping cranes via sandhill cranes. And it was Mike's aha moments that stood out, as the photographs behind him illustrated his story.

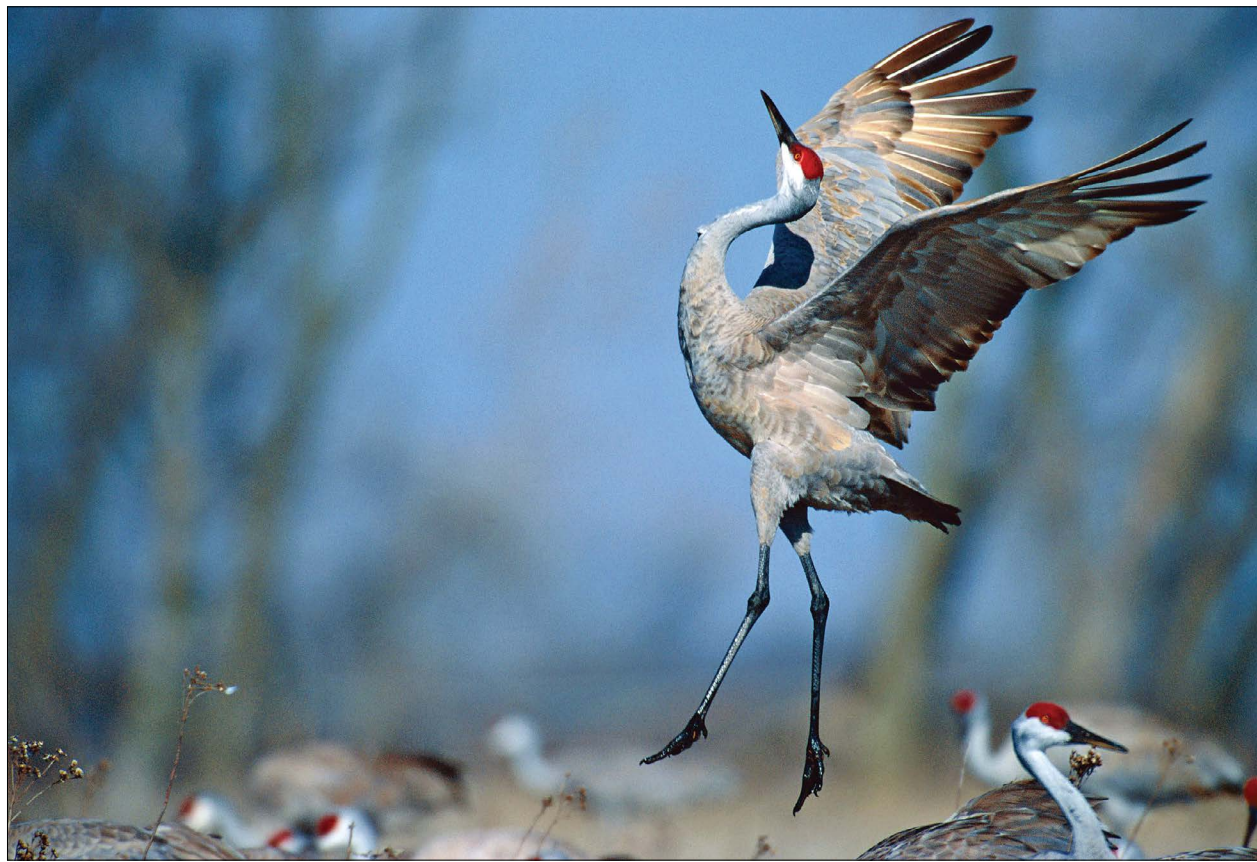
"So, if you come to the Platte River and you're going into a blind in the morning, this is what you're going to see. You're going to be all bundled up and have a heater there, which would be nice. But you're going to look out and you're not going to see anything. And then the light is going to start to come on. You're going to see that thin line of red on the horizon... turn a million shades. And then you're going to see sandhill cranes on the river and start to hear them...almost like a symphony starting. It's just one note here and then a couple more notes and then more and more and more until it rises in this great crescendo."

But it was at that moment, "as that light was coming on, there was another bird that lifted up out of that sea of gray," he told. "It throws up heads and shoulders before the rest." He's seen his first whooping crane. "This is one of the most powerful moments that I've experienced. They're the tallest bird in North America. They stand five feet tall - and taller if you piss 'em off, with an eight-foot wingspan. And they're beautiful... with their black-tipped white wings."

"So, like all cranes [15 crane species worldwide], they're very long-life cranes. They live 20, 30, 40 years in the wild." The very oldest crane to have lived in wild or captivity he told was "a Japanese Crown crane in the Royal Court of Japan that lived to be 82 years old."

"Besides being tall and long-lived," he continued, "they only have two young a year... and usually only one of these birds ever survives that first year. So, their populations can drop like a rock really quickly." And "They don't reach sexual maturity until they're four or five."

"The core of their nesting range," he continued, "were the tall grass prairies in the northern Great Plains and the upper



"We call that picture 'Joy' - that's what that sandhill crane was doing, dancing with joy."

Photo by Mike Forsberg.

Midwest. And they would winter as far south as the Texas Gulf Coast, and even over in the Carolinas." But along that route there was historically a "wipeout near Elm Creek, Nebraska, along the Platte River. These birds were market hunted... for parlors and for egg collection and everything else." But now, "There's slowly and not so quietly anymore a movement to bring nature back into our lives again."

A campaign commenced, "Don't shoot these white birds... The whooping crane postage stamp came out...In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was passed, and these birds were one of the first creatures listed." And in 1973, "The International Crane Foundation was formed. So, Dr. George Archibald, co-founder with Ron Sauey were both Cornell graduate students at the Laboratory of Ornithology...And they are champions of the 15 crane species in the worldwide today. And Heather Henson here has been on their board. She's helped

out so much throughout the entire crane world. They're found on five continents, except for South America and Antarctica."

Mike then took us on a small plane flight following the whooping crane migratory path 2,500 miles from their wintering grounds along the Texas Gulf Coast to their summer nesting grounds in the Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta, Canada. "I had the opportunity again to work with researchers doing exciting research...putting remote cameras and acoustic recorders near the nest of whooping cranes... And you can see here two whooping cranes...when they have a threat posture that looks like a vampire, they can get their wings really big, and they stand very tall, and they just move towards you."

With two chicks in the nest, the difficulty was to see "what these birds were eating."

"So, this chick survives on its yolk sack

for the first day of life, mostly for nutrition." The camera then zoomed in on the first feeding of a dragonfly larva. "Dad's a little rusty here, having not done this in a year... There we go. The parents are celebrating. Oh my God!"

"So, this little bird will grow in about three months to be two thirds to three quarters the size of mom and dad, and then make that flight just like the sandhill crane. The story really is these birds are a conservation success story. They were nearly gone. In the 1940's there were less birds in the world than there are of you in this room. [The whooping crane population fell to fewer than 20 birds.] And now they're coming back and there's over 500 now in the wild flock. So, whether or not these birds continue to become a conservation success story or not is completely dependent upon us. They're a lot more resilient than we think, but they continue to need our help."



A fathering whooping crane's first feeding of a dragonfly to his chick with mother looking on. Photo by Mike Forsberg.



Top: L to R Photographer Mike Forsberg, Grant Gregory Sr., Photographer Melissa Groo, Crane Trust Director of Outreach Matt Fong, and Crane Trust President and CEO, Brice Krohn, gathered at the Gregory homestead. Contributed photo. Bottom: Nebraska photographer and author, Mike Forsberg at Greenwich Audubon. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

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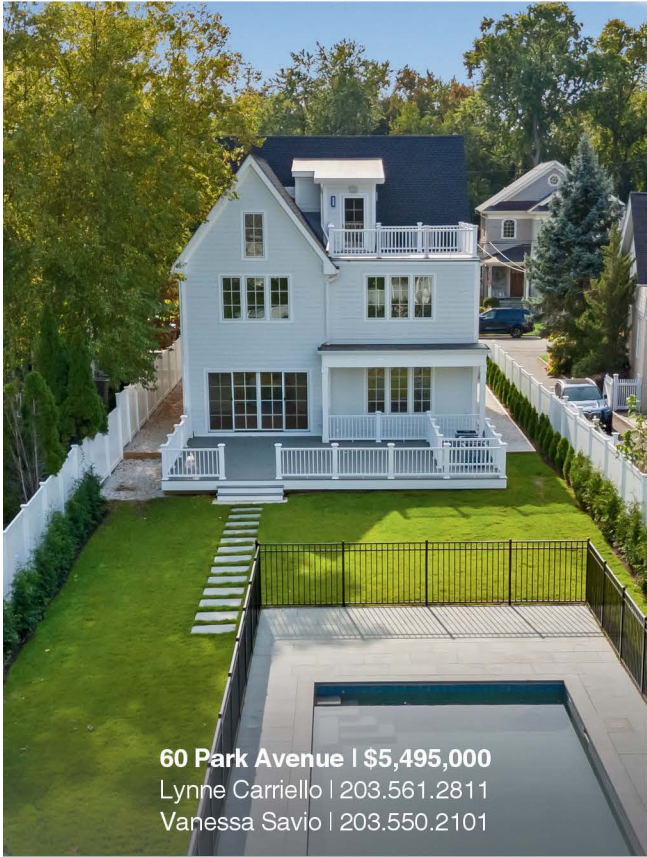


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The Silver Shield Foundation Hosts Successful Walk to Support Families of Fallen First Responders



Front row, left to right: Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo; Amy McCooe, Executive Director, The Wolverine Foundation; NYPD Chief of Dept. Jeffrey Maddrey; SSF CEO KC Fuchs; SSF Trustee Chuck Scarborough, NYPD First Deputy Commissioner Tania Kinsella; Nassau County Police Commissioner Pat Ryder; SSF Trustee Vinny LeVien, Former NYPD Chief of Dept. and Silver Shield Foundation Trustee Terry Monahan. Photo: SSF

By KIA HEAVEY

In 1982, George M. Steinbrenner III, the Principal Owner of the New York Yankees, was attending the funeral of a police officer who had been killed in the line of duty. He watched as the American flag was folded military-style and presented to the officer's wife and children. Deeply moved, Mr. Steinbrenner became

organization says on its website. "Whatever the need, the Silver Shield Foundation sets aside an educational fund for each surviving child to take advantage of opportunities that enable them to achieve their educational dream and a brighter future."

No application is required. Any time the tragic news breaks of a line-of-duty death in the NYC metro area, the SSF goes to work.

"I'm really happy with the event this year. It definitely was outstanding, and it gets bigger every year."

concerned for the fatherless children. Who would pay for their education when it was time for college?

Determined that something had to be done, he joined forces with his close friend, Olympic bronze medalist James E. Fuchs. Together, they established the Silver Shield Foundation (SSF).

Over 40 years later, James Fuch's daughter, KC Fuchs, serves as CEO of the SSF as the organization continues to raise funds that provide educational support for the children and surviving spouses of Police Officers, Firefighters, and EMS members killed in the line of duty.

The SSF is committed to helping these families cope with their enormous loss. "A large part of that vision is providing tuition assistance for college, graduate school, vocational or technical school, private secondary school, and tutoring services," the

"Our program is designed to safeguard the futures of children whose parents sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others," explains the SSF. "Our scholarship program invests in the education of the children and surviving spouses of the NYC Police Department, NYC Fire Department/EMS, NY/NJ Port Authority Police Departments, NY, NJ, and CT State Police, Nassau and Suffolk County police departments and all police departments in CT."

"We appreciate everything that our first responders do for us, putting their life on the line every day to keep us safe," says Fuchs. One of the ways she helps her organization fundraise is through its Annual SSF Greenwich Walk. Representatives from Police, Fire, and EMS agencies throughout the tri-state area converge on the Greenwich Point park. Along with supporters and friends, the group



Media legend Chuck Scarborough, a SSF Trustee, served as emcee at the opening ceremony. Photo: SSF

holds a moving opening ceremony featuring bagpipers, vocalists singing the National Anthem and God Bless America, and speakers. Then everyone sets off on the three-mile march, followed by a delicious cookout. This year's Walk was blessed with abundant sunshine and temperate weather for early November in the Northeast.

"I'm really happy with the event this year," said KC. "It definitely was outstanding, and it gets bigger every year. We get more law enforcement coming, and we had participation from the EMS and the fire department. We had the commissioner from FDNY, among others, and everybody — all our supporters."

The Walk also hosts families of fallen first responders so they can surround them with support. "We had three families from the NYPD," she told me. "One is new this year; her son is just two years old. And then

we had the Figoski children, who are grown adults now — we helped them in school, and three out of the four daughters are here. Their father was killed in 2011. We had another widow from the NYPD. And then we had a New Jersey State trooper's mother, who is an advocate for the Move Over Law.

Donna Zotero lost her son, New Jersey State Trooper Marc Castellano, in 2010. Now, she works with the New Jersey State Police to raise awareness. "We put together a program," she explains. "I go to high school students and talk to them about the Move Over Law and safe driving. And to date, I've spoken to about 140,000 people."

While the law requiring motorists to move over one lane or slow down when passing stopped responders on the highway was already in place, few people were aware of it and there

were no penalties for failure to comply. Zotero worked with state legislators to add points to the law. She also helped get it expanded to cover anyone who was stopped on a roadway.

Support for Zotero's cause continues to grow. "The Giants have just recently done a PSA, which they show during their home games," she says.

Fuchs estimates over 200 people participated in this year's walk — the largest number to date. Not only that, but the event hit its fundraising goal of \$155,000, prompting her to set a new goal of trying to equal last year's total donations of \$180,000. Anyone interested in learning more or supporting the Silver Shield Foundation's mission can visit their website: www.silvershieldfoundation.org. In addition, the event's online auction will remain open until Nov. 22.



SSF Chief Operating Officer KC Fuchs was thrilled with the participation in the 5th Annual SSF Walk. Photo: Kia Heavey



GEMS staff and Explorers worked stand-by for the event and encouraged marchers. Photo: SSF



From left to right: Caroline Caitlyn and Christine Figoski are the daughters of NYPD Det. Peter Figoski, who was killed in 2011; Janet and Katrina Snyder lost their brother, FDNY Supervising Fire Marshall George Schneider, in the line of duty this year. Photo: SSF

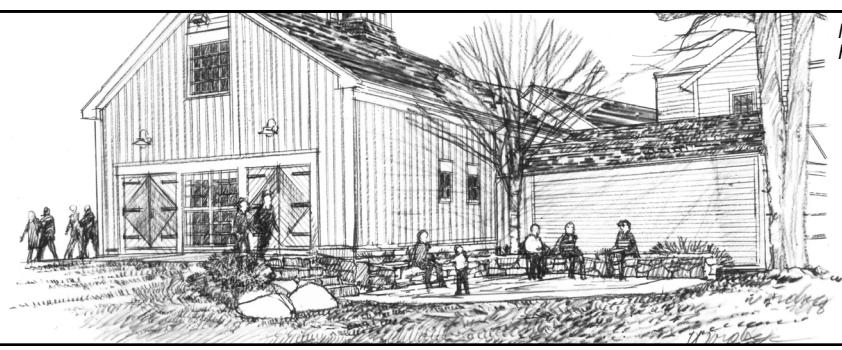


A custom-branded vehicle raises awareness of "move over" laws, encouraging motorists to put space between themselves and first responders (or anyone) stopped on the shoulder. Photo: Kia Heavey



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FRIDAY, NOV. 15

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The Woman's Club of Greenwich Holiday Boutique. 89 Maple Avenue. 203-869-2046. womansclubofgreenwich.org

6 p.m.
5th Grade Friendsgiving Party featuring The Turkey DJ. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. \$30. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org.

6:30 p.m.
Kid's Night Out: Kid's Stay, Parents Play! YMCA of Greenwich. Drop off begins at 6:15. greenwichymca.org/events.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

9:30 a.m.
Yoga @ the Library With Laura DeLongis Barnes. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

9:30 a.m.
YMCA of Greenwich's Trailblazers Club. Tod's Point. Members, Free; Non-Members, \$10. greenwichymca.org/events.

10 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
The Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center (OGRCC) Travel Baseball Tryouts. Bobby Valentine's Sports Academy, 4 Largo Dr, Stamford. myogrcc.org

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Woman's Club of Greenwich Holiday Boutique. 89 Maple Avenue. 203-869-2046. womansclubofgreenwich.org

10:30 a.m.
Caring For Dahlias In The Fall. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Greenwich Dahlia Society Members, Free; GBC Members, \$15; Non Members, \$25. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m.
Intro to Backyard Bird Feeding & Project FeederWatch. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$15. Ages 6 & up. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

12 p.m.
Colonial Toys: Play and Make Your Own Games in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

1 - 4 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich: The Great Pumpkin Rescue. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave. wastefreegreenwich.org/events/

2 - 4 p.m.
Taylor Swift - Family Concert/Dance Party - a fundraiser to benefit Arch Street. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. All Ages. \$50, GA; \$125-\$350, VIP. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org.

3 p.m.
"Greenwich Glows on Library Walls" art reception. Byram Shubert Library, 21 Mead Ave. Free. 203-531-0426. Byramshubertlibraryfriends@gmail.com

4 p.m.
"The Space We Exist In" by Larry Ossei-Mensah - opening reception and curator talk. Heather Gaudio Fine Art, 382 Greenwich Ave. Free. eventbrite.com/e/1043022206497

5 p.m.
Greenwich Ballet Academy's "The Nutcracker." Greenwich High School's Performing Arts Center. greenwichballetacademy.org.

6 p.m.
6th Grade Friendsgiving Party featuring The Turkey DJ. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. \$30. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org.

6 p.m.
Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's Bi-Annual Silver Horse Ball. Greenwich Country Club. thegrta.org

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The Old Greenwich Riverside Community Center (OGRCC) Travel Baseball Tryouts. Bobby Valentine's Sports Academy, 4 Largo Dr., Stamford. myogrcc.org

1 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free. Through March 9, 2025. greenwichhistory.org/events

2 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: Sunday Cinema - Beyond the Trees. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

2 p.m.
Greenwich Ballet Academy's "The Nutcracker." Greenwich High School's Performing Arts Center. greenwichballetacademy.org.

MONDAY, NOV. 18

3:45 p.m.
Beginner Chess for Kids. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

6 p.m.
Bruce Presents: Slow Looking: The Visionary Botany of Andrew Wyeth. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

10 a.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Kids at Play. Greenwich Library. RSVP. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org.

10 a.m.
"Perrot Walks" - walk through Binney Park. Meet at Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Impressions of Landscape (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Nov. 20. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
Greenwich Land Trust: Native Wildflower Seed Sowing Workshop (Native series). Mueller Preserve, 370 Round Hill Rd. gltrust.org/event/native-wildflower-seed-sowing-workshop

1 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Business Essentials: Don't Skip the Business Plan. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

2 p.m.
"Leave The Leaves!" Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

7 p.m.



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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Houseplant Clinic. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

10 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings Junior: This Land - Landscapes (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.
Heirloom Chrysanthemums With Bloomcourt Farm & Call Me Marigold: Growing & Arranging. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$120, GBC Member; \$150, Non-Member. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: David Rabin, CEO, Greenwich United Way. First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
Golf Insights With Premier Golf Historian Martin Davis. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. greenwichymca.org/events.

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12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Make your own Butter in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

6:30 p.m.
CTDOT I-95 Greenwich "PEL" Study Public Information Meeting. Greenwich High School. No registration is required. 203-806-0804. info@i95Greenwich.com.

7 p.m.
Book Discussion: "Our Little Farm," by Peter Wohlleben. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

7 - 9 p.m.
Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

9:30 a.m.
Power Breakfast with interior stylist Mieke ten Have. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/events

11 a.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Am I Priced Right? Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

12 p.m.
CTDOT I-95 Greenwich "PEL" Study Public Information Meeting. Zoom Webinar. Registration is required. bit.ly/i95Greenwichhttps://portal.ct.gov/DOT2024CLRS-Greenwich

5 p.m.
Planning For Spring: Bringing The Beauty Of Bulbs Into Your Landscape. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$30, GBC Members; \$40, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6 p.m.
Turkey Bingo. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. greenwichymca.org/events.

7 p.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Approaching the Holidays: Managing Stress and Finding Serenity. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

3 p.m.
FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. All Ages. Free. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

7 p.m.
The Junior League of Greenwich: The Enchanted Forest Cocktail Party. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. jlgreenwich.org/the-enchanted-forest

8:30 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade Neon Dance. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. \$30. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 a.m.
Yoga @ the Library With Laura DeLongis Barnes. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Junior League of Greenwich: The Enchanted Forest Family Days. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. jlgreenwich.org/the-enchanted-forest

7:30 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert. Greenwich High School - Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Road. greenwichsymphony.org

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Junior League of Greenwich: The Enchanted Forest Family Days. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. jlgreenwich.org/the-enchanted-forest

3 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra concert. Greenwich High School - Performing Arts Center, 10 Hillside Road. greenwichsymphony.org

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Farmers' Market. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). greenwichfarmersmarketct.com.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

5 - 7 p.m.
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

12 - 2 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc

12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

6 - 7:30 p.m.
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks - moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS:

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org

3 - 7 p.m.
Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) - every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. archstreet.org

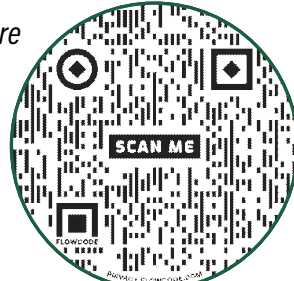
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Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Book Exchange - choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org

GREENWICH LIBRARIES
greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Nov. 15

9:30 a.m.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Assistance. Learning Lab. 203-862-6707.

10 a.m.

Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

11:30 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

3 p.m.

Innovator-in-Residence: Kinetic Art Using Robotics. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Jerry & Marge Go Large." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, Nov. 16

10:30 a.m.

Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.

12 p.m.

Passport Services. Community Room #5. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12624706.

3 p.m.

Jerry's Movies: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (1958). Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

Monday, Nov. 18

9:30 a.m.

Little Learners (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

LEGOS for the Wee Ones with Beth. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

4 p.m.

3D Printed Cookie Cutters. Learning Lab.

4 p.m.

Battle of the Books with Ms. Flynn. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

7 p.m.

Bias & Misinformation in Artificial Intelligence. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

9:30 a.m.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Assistance. Learning Lab. 203-862-6707.

11 a.m.

Petite Concert. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

1:15 p.m.

Baby Lapsit (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

3:45 p.m.

Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Community Sponsored Event: Prep Academy Tutors presents The Disruptors: Film screening and panel discussion. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

5 p.m.

International Book Club (Zoom): "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez.

7 p.m.

Foreign Affairs Book Group. Community Room #5.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

9:30 a.m.

Movers & Shakers (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.

10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Career Coach - Powerpoint (two sessions). Byram Shubert Library lot.

12 p.m.

Brown Bag Book Club. Online.

1 p.m.

Retirement Planning IV: Estate Planning In Retirement Part I: Will Basics. Online.

3 p.m.

R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3). Children's Constellation Room.

7 p.m.

Signature Series: Amor Towles in Conversation with Sarah Lyall. Berkley Theater.

Thursday, Nov. 21

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Sensory Storytime (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

Technology Help. Learning Lab.

3:45 p.m.

Not Your Mama's Home Ec! GRADES 3+ Cos Cob Library Community Room.

4 p.m.

Google Basics: Organizing Your Files in Google Drive. Learning Lab.

4 p.m.

Tai Chi for Kids with Ken Dolan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

Jr. Book Club. Children's Constellation Room.

6 p.m.

Teen Scene: Potato Fashion Show. Teen Commons.

7 p.m.

Ditch the Pitch: Tell Your Story With Passion & Confidence. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

7 p.m.

Show Tunes & More with Michele Grace and Chris Coogan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, Nov. 22

9:30 a.m.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Assistance. Learning Lab. 203-862-6707.

10 a.m.

Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-

6883.

11:30 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

3 p.m.

Innovator-in-Residence: Controlling Motors with the Arduino Microcontroller. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "The Taste of Things." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, Nov. 23

10 a.m.

Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.

11 a.m.

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.

3 p.m.

Broadway Behind the Scenes. Berkley Theater. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12698038.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL
greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253

Tuesday, Nov. 19

11 a.m.

Talk: Eat Healthy When Eating Out. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

1:30 p.m.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group - for people with Parkinson's, their families and caregivers. 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Free.

5:30 p.m.

Talk: Empowering Relief: Innovative Approaches to Pain Management. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Thursday, Nov. 21

12 p.m.

Webinar: Orthopedic Trauma: Falls and Fractures. Free.

1 p.m.

Webinar: MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Support Group. Free.

Saturday, Nov. 23

9 a.m.

CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253.

9:30 a.m.

AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. \$20.

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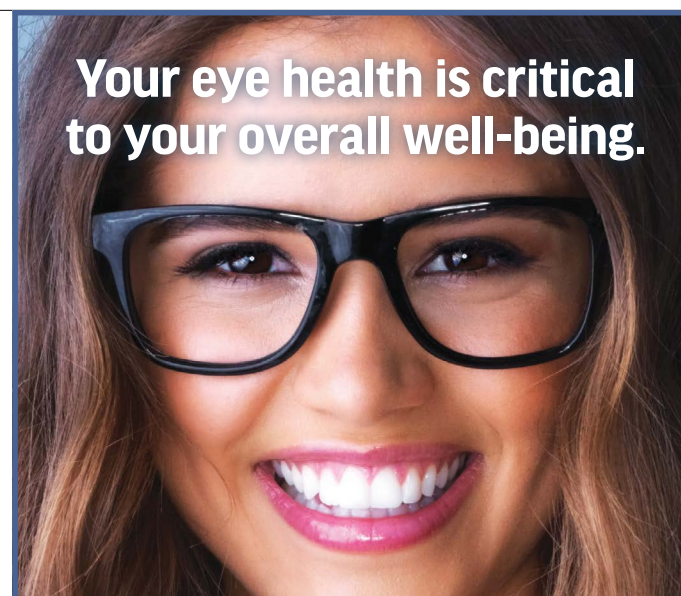
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena's parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.



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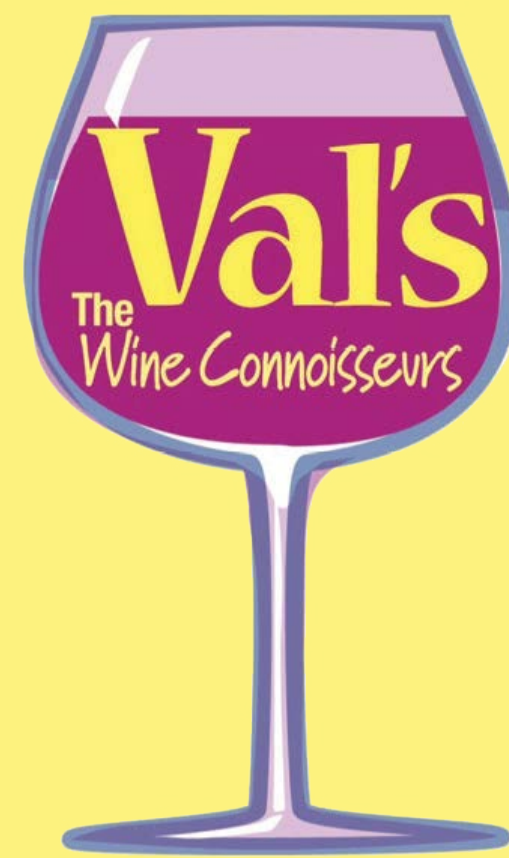
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Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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Sunday, Nov. 17
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Monday, Nov. 18
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
American Legion Post 347, 1 Locust Ave Flint Park, Larchmont, NY.

Thursday, Nov. 21
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

1:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

Friday, Nov. 22
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Gregory's the Great Church, 215 Halstead Ave., Harrison, NY.

Saturday, Nov. 23
8 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford.

Sunday, Nov. 24
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Jewish Community Center, 1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

TOWN MEETINGS

greenwichct.gov/calendar

Friday, Nov. 15

12 p.m.
RTM Call Closes 12 Noon.

Monday, Nov. 18

9:30 a.m.
FS Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

10:30 a.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

12 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Legal Affairs & Governance Committee Meeting.

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

6:30 p.m.
BET Regular Meeting.

7 p.m.
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Tuesday, Nov. 19
11:30 a.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Finance Committee Meeting.

4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

7 p.m.
Board of Human Services Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

Wednesday, Nov. 20
11:30 a.m.
Rink User Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

12 p.m.
FS Nominating Advisory Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.

6 p.m.
Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.

6:30 p.m.
CTDOT I-95 Greenwich "PEL" Study Public Information Meeting. Greenwich High School.

7 p.m.
Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom

Webinar.
7 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 21
8:30 a.m.
FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.

12 p.m.
CTDOT I-95 Greenwich "PEL" Study Public Information Meeting. Zoom Webinar. Registration is required.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, Nov. 25
8 a.m.
Family Centers' 2024 Titans Breakfast Speaker Series with David M. Rubenstein. Greenwich Country Club. familycenters.org

Saturday, Nov. 30
Greenwich Alliance for Education's 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. greenwichalliance.org

Friday, Dec. 13
6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club's Holiday Party. Riverside Yacht Club. RSVP: Dec. 7. GreenwichRotary.org

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, NOV. 15
7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents "Mulberry Street". The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Nov. 15, 16 & 17). curtaincallinc.com

SATURDAY, NOV. 16
11 a.m.
Crafting a Standout College Essay: Secrets to Getting Noticed. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

12 p.m.

Robotics Club: Ozobots. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 17
2 p.m.
Diwali: Festival of Lights. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

TUESDAY, NOV. 19
7 p.m.
On Being Jewish Now: Reflections from Authors and Advocates. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, NOV. 21
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

GLOW Wild Lantern Festival. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. Thurs-Sun, through Dec. 15. beardsleyzoo.org

6 - 8 p.m.
Lawyers in Libraries: meet with a volunteer attorney. Ferguson Main Library, 2nd Floor Study Room 1. Book an appointment: 203-351-8221. fergusonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, NOV. 22
7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents "Young Frankenstein". The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Nov. 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, Dec. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 & 14).

Come to the Scout Troop 35 Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Nov. 23
7:30-11:30 a.m.

Glenville Firehouse 266 Glenville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831

Tickets: \$7.00 (under 5 and over 65: \$5.00)
One dollar off for Cubs or Scouts in uniform.

Everyone Welcome!

Sudoku for Kids

	3	2	
	2		4
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		1	3

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SUDOKU

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Easy

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Hard

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Very Hard

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Easy

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Very Hard

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Sudoku answers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
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Bottom row - Very Hard

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Bottom row - Hard

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Bottom row - Easy

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Top row - Very Hard

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Top row - Hard

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
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Top row - Easy

SPORTS

Sacred Heart Greenwich captures FAA Field Hockey Tournament championship by edging Greenwich Academy in finals

By DAVID FIERRO

The past two seasons saw Sacred Heart Greenwich win the FAA regular season field hockey title and longtime neighborhood rival Greenwich Academy capture the FAA Tournament championship at the Tigers' Magnetti Field.

This fall, Sacred Heart was determined to change the scenario a bit.

After winning the regular season matchup between the Greenwich-based rivals, Sacred Heart was intent on claiming the title that eluded them the previous two years in a game played on its home field – the FAA Tournament title.

A clutch goal by freshman Kingsley Ely and superb defensive play enabled the Tigers to attain their season-long goal.

Ely's second-half goal lifted top-seeded Sacred Heart Greenwich to an exciting 1-0 victory over second-seeded Greenwich Academy before a big crowd at Magnetti Field on Nov. 8. The game was the latest chapter of this storied rivalry, which features plenty of intense matchups over the years.

"It's an amazing win, all the credit goes to the players," said Sacred Heart Greenwich coach Alex Gheorghe, who guides the team, along with coach Sarah Hill. "The last time was several years ago when we won both – the league and the tournament."

The Tigers and Gators are certainly accustomed to competing against each other in the postseason and regular season. In 2023, SHG won the regular season game, then GA was victorious against the Tigers in the FAA Tournament final. The 2022 season had the squads meeting four times, with each team winning twice and Greenwich Academy defeating Sacred Heart in the FAA Tournament finals and NEPSAC Class A quarterfinals.

Back in 2021, the Tigers won both the regular season and FAA Tournament title matchups versus the Gators and in 2019, GA and SHG went 1-1 against each other, with Sacred Heart winning in the regular season and Greenwich Academy taking the FAA Tournament championship.

This year, behind a strong all-around performance, Sacred Heart earned both the regular season and FAA Tournament titles.

"It feels amazing, it hasn't been done since my freshman year and it's a great way to end our season," said Sacred Heart senior midfielder/captain Ainsley Clough. "I'm so proud of our team, we worked so hard for the entire game and we put all our effort onto the field. I'm so happy and so excited."

Sacred Heart and Greenwich Academy are both in the midst of sensational seasons. The Tigers have a record of 16-2, finished undefeated in the FAA and are now preparing to play in the NEPSAC Class A Tournament. GA has a 16-2-2 mark and will also compete in the NEPSAC Class A Tourney, which begins Wednesday (Nov. 13). Seeding for the tournament is expected to be announced today.

Both of Greenwich Academy's FAA losses this season have come to Sacred Heart, which was victorious in the regular season meeting, 3-1. Unlike the regular season game on Oct. 15, when SHG jumped out to a 3-0 lead, Friday's FAA final hung in the balance throughout, with both teams having their moments throughout.

"I'm really proud of our team, I thought we played a great game," said GA coach Jamie Brower, whose team topped Greens Farms Academy, 1-0 in the tournament's semifinals. "We played a very different game than we played the first time we played them. Sometimes you get lucky



Photo by David Fierro: Members of the Sacred Heart Greenwich field hockey team gather around with their coaches around the trophy after winning the FAA Tournament title with a 1-0 win over Greenwich Academy in the championship game held at Sacred Heart Greenwich on Nov. 8, 2024.

bounces, sometimes you don't. Sacred Heart played a really nice game, they put some really good pressure together."

The game-winning goal occurred with 6:44 remaining in the third quarter. Greenwich Academy had possession of the ball in Sacred Heart's zone. The Tigers, however, cleared the ball out of their zone and quickly moved it up the field down the right side in transition.

Junior Elle Corcoran stick handled the ball down the right side, then crossed it to the middle of the field into the circle. A shot by Ely was directed toward Greenwich Academy senior goalie Persia Shipman, who got her stick on the ball, but it rolled behind her and found its way into the left corner of the goal, giving SHG a 1-0 lead at the 6:44 mark of the third quarter. The Tigers put plenty of traffic in front of the cage on the goal-scoring play.

"As a team there were a lot of moments that led up to it, it wasn't just my goal, I would say it was the whole team's goal, because we all put in 100 percent effort," Ely said of her go-ahead tally. "Once it happened, it was a surreal moment and I was really happy for the whole team."

"It was a scrap in front of the goal, but we managed to slap it in," Ely added. "It felt really good, it felt revitalizing, because it was 0-0 the whole game."

GA had chances to score the equalizer, forcing several penalty corners in the second half. For the game, Greenwich Academy drew six penalty corners, while SHG had three corners. Pressure by senior forward/midfielder Lavinia Cartellieri, who scored two goals in the 2023 FAA Tournament final, helped the Gators initiate some of those penalty corners, two of which took place in this championship game's last two minutes.

Sacred Heart, which beat King School, 2-0, in the FAA semifinals, behind goals from Corcoran and Elizabeth Devine, was able to hold GA off the scoreboard and hold on for the league championship win.

"It was stressful, they had the final corner," SHG senior midfielder/captain Charley Nemec said. "Us getting that last ball from them before they got the shot off was when I realized it was going to happen.

Getting it to their half and over the end line solidified the game."

Senior goalie Teresa Harkins made three saves for Sacred Heart. Senior Daphne Fallon, sophomore Caeley Clough and junior Casey Smith were among some of the defensive standouts for the Tigers.

"Staying determined and being there on passes and connecting really well with each other and not giving up at any second of the game is what motivated us to keep going and just being there for each other," said Fallon, a captain.

Fallon knew the defenders had to be alert the entire game against a GA squad that's scored plenty of goals this fall.

"They have some great shooters, so it's definitely a challenge being on defense," Fallon noted. "But we were able to communicate well, so we locked it down. Our goalie Teresa did an amazing job, we were able to count on her throughout the whole game and everyone was getting back on defense to help."

Shipman registered four saves in goal for GA, which was paced defensively by senior captain Isa Packard, junior Mallory Walker and senior Liba Cabot.

"I am leaving the field feeling good about our team's play and about our performance and about sticking to all the things we talked about leading up to the game," Brower said. "I'm very proud of them."

"They did everything they could, it just unfortunately, didn't go our way today," Brower continued. "I'm so proud of our captains and our seniors. I couldn't have asked for more from them. They are fantastic, the whole senior leadership has been fantastic."

The first two quarters of action saw both the Tigers and Gators have solid possessions and take a pair of penalty corners.

"We played well, we came out strong and we played hard," Ainsley Clough noted. "We started to find our groove more towards the second half, we started to build more momentum in the second half."

"I think we played a very defensive game by stopping a lot of penalty corners and working hard on defense and trying to

change up the strategies to work and find new success," Ainsley Clough added.

Said Nemec: "Obviously, I think we were more focused on defending our goal than getting a goal and it was a great overall job, putting the final goal in and then playing it out on the defensive side."

As history has shown, the championship game of the FAA Tournament is an annual showdown between SHG and GA.

"It's been our goal since the beginning of the season to have another FAA championship, it hasn't happened since I was a freshman, so I think going into it focusing on our defense and taking chances were key," Nemec noted. "It's nice to celebrate on our field and not walk off defeated. This is definitely a dream senior season."

"We want to congratulate Greenwich Academy, they put up a great performance," Gheorghe said. "It's never easy and it always comes down to the last second. We defended really well on the penalty corners and overall, we played very hard."



Photo by David Fierro: Kingsley Ely scored the game-winning goal for Sacred Heart Greenwich in the title game of the FAA Field Hockey Tournament against rival Greenwich Academy.



Lavinia Cartellieri moves the ball out of Greenwich Academy's zone during a matchup against Sacred Heart Greenwich.



Members of the Sacred Heart Greenwich varsity field hockey team happily run off the field after they defeated GA for the FAA Tournament championship.

Greenwich High football team routs Ridgefield for third straight victory

BY DAVID FIERRO

Entering its road game against Ridgefield on Nov. 8, coach Anthony Morello and the Greenwich High School football team were well aware of what transpired during their previous appearance at Tiger Hollow Stadium in 2022.

"The last time we were here in 2022, the first quarter, Ridgefield 21, Greenwich zero, they came out and executed everywhere and we were in a 21-point hole, so the goal this week, the focus this week, was to get to 21 before they did," Morello said reflecting on the Cardinals' come-from-behind win against Ridgefield two seasons ago.

The Cardinals certainly got to 21 before the Tigers did, in fact they put up 21 points in the first quarter and cruised from there.

Scoring 21 first-quarter points, then adding 17 more in the second quarter, Greenwich rolled to a resounding 38-0 victory over host Ridgefield in an FCIAC matchup that saw the Cardinals excel on both sides of the ball. With the one-sided win, Greenwich raised its record to 7-1. Ranked No. 1 in the CIAC Class LL state rankings, the Cardinals host Westhill in its final home game of the regular season Saturday at 1 p.m. Senior running back Hector Lopez ran for three touchdowns for Greenwich, which capitalized on two recovered fumbles by its special teams unit to score 38 first-half points.

"We executed, we threw the ball, Hector did a great job running the ball and it was a good performance in all areas," Morello said.

The visiting Cardinals scored on its first possession, with Lopez entering the end zone on a 1-yard burst through a hole the offensive line opened for him. Senior Julian Ravina converted the extra point, giving GHS a 7-0 lead with 8:46 remaining in the first quarter. Lopez broke loose for a long run down the right sideline, setting the ball up on Ridgefield's 1-yard line.

"I give a lot of credit to my O-Line, they do a great job with their assignments, they work really hard," said Lopez, Greenwich's leading rusher. "The offense looked great, there's some things we still have to fix. Overall, it was a great night for our offense."

Indeed, the Cards had a positive feeling following their touchdown on their opening possession. It was certainly a sign of things to come.

"Every game that we have scored on our first possession we have won this year, so that's the only data we need, we have to score first," Morello noted. "It was a team effort, obviously, the offense had some struggles the past two weeks, so we went back to basics and what got us here in the first place. It was nice to just get back to doing our thing."

Greenwich's first drive covered 65 yards in nine plays and included completed passes from senior quarterback M.J. D'Angelo to senior wide

receivers Blake Martin and Matthew O'Donnell. Ridgefield, quarterbacked by sophomore Connor Chojnacki, was forced to punt on its opening drive, as senior defensive back Noah Steele and junior linebacker Santi Parra made key tackles for GHS.

With 3:06 left in the second quarter, Greenwich scored on its second possession, as Lopez broke away from the Tigers defense for a 44-yard touchdown run, putting the visitors on top, 14-0.

"We saw some avenues on film we could take and Hector took one cut and he has the speed," Morello said. "Once he gets through the first line, he could be really dangerous. Hector ran the ball really well. Give credit to the offensive line they did an outstanding job of blocking."

Senior center/captain Peter Vomvolakis powered the offensive line, along with junior Colin Falla, junior Richie McMurray and junior Henry Wahl. The Cards O-Line set the tone of the offense with their strong push up front throughout this FCIAC matchup under the lights at Tiger Hollow Stadium.

"We knew what kind of defense they were running, we had a really good plan of how we were going to stop that defense and what they were going to do," Vomvolakis said. "We made a strategy to stop that defense and we did a really good job of executing it."

At the 1:23 mark of the first quarter, D'Angelo dropped back to pass and threw a 31-yard scoring strike to junior tight end Alex Mrdelja. The 6-foot-3 238-pound Mrdelja found himself wide open behind Ridgefield's secondary on his way to the catch-and-run score, putting GHS ahead, 21-0.

Ravina continued his excellent season as the Cards' placekicker, booting a 34-yard field goal, making it 24-0 midway through the second quarter. D'Angelo completed a long pass to Lopez, then Lopez reached the end zone again, sprinting 47-yards for a score, giving GHS a commanding 31-0 advantage with 5:30 still left in the second quarter. Senior wide receiver Matthew O'Donnell capped the Cardinals' scoring, taking a pitch from D'Angelo on a jet sweep and running around the left side for a 6-yard TD run with 51 seconds to go in the first half.

"Our offensive line, all the guys worked really hard," Vomvolakis noted. "Hector was balling out there, I think we had over 200 rushing yards today. You like to see a guy running 50 yards for a touchdown."

Meanwhile, Ridgefield was challenged to get anything going offensively against Greenwich's defense, which was physical throughout.

"We trusted our guys, we went over the game plan in practice all week and we just trusted the guys we have and just played ball," said Greenwich senior defensive back/captain Jack Carroll, who helped pace Greenwich's



Greenwich High School senior quarterback M.J. D'Angelo drops back to pass, while Richie McMurray blocks for him against Ridgefield at Tiger Hollow Stadium on Nov. 8, 2024.



Photo by David Fierro: Greenwich High School football coach Anthony Morello addresses the team after they earned a 38-0 victory over Ridgefield at Tiger Hollow Stadium in Ridgefield, Conn., on Nov. 8, 2024.

superb play in the secondary. "I thought we played really well tonight and the DBs, passing-wise, played really well, the linebackers played really well."

"Our whole defense played stout today and we're looking forward to next week," Carroll added.

Said Greenwich defensive lineman/captain Max Marek, who once again, was a force on the line: "We've had a lot of games this year where we've had high expectations for ourselves, but I felt today we stayed disciplined and we were just firing off on all cylinders. We played hard and when we play hard with a good mentality, good results happen."

Marek pointed to the complimentary football the Cards played. The offense and defense were highly effective and the special teams unit recovered two Ridgefield fumbles on kickoff returns, giving the offense a short field to work with.

"Having those key special teams moments when we recover two kickoffs in a row is huge," Marek said. "The offense was there to support us, we love having a good program where we can depend on the offense, the offense could depend on us."

The Cardinals have two games remaining in the regular season. They visit Westhill Saturday and will travel to Westport for their annual Thanksgiving Day game against rival Staples on Nov. 28. If Greenwich wins both games, they'll likely earn the No. 1 seed in the CIAC Class LL Tournament.

"We have Westhill next week and we're not taking anyone lightly," Lopez said. "Practice will be hard and we're going to work hard for it."

Said Vomvolakis: "We still have to stay disciplined, the season's not over, we have to take it week-by-week we have to keep working hard. It's just another roadblock, that's what we say, go 1-0 every week."

Yet Another Sweep for the Cardinals Volleyball Team

BY DAVID FIERRO

After receiving an opening-round bye in the CIAC Class LL Volleyball Tournament, second-seeded Greenwich High School hosted 18th-seeded Norwich Free Academy in Thursday's Round of 16 match and the Cardinals earned the type of result they've been registering all season.

It was yet another sweep for the Cardinals, who cruised to a 3-0 win over NFA, winning the Round of 16 state tournament match by set scores of 25-6, 25-7, 25-15. Greenwich has rolled to a dominant record of 22-2 so far this season and has won 19 matches by a 3-0 count.

The Cardinals are right back in action today (Nov. 9) against visiting Fairfield Ludlowe, the No. 7 seed, in the CIAC Class LL Tournament quarterfinals at 1:30 p.m. Greenwich's match against Norwich Free Academy on Thursday (Nov. 7) marked its first matchup since it lost to rival Darien in the championship match of the FCIAC Tournament, 3-1.

"I think we played super well, especially because we just came off the loss against Darien in the FCIAC Championship," Greenwich senior captain/setter Sarah Bernann said. "I think it shows a lot about how resilient we are, we're still going to play Greenwich volleyball even if that match wasn't our best game."

Bernann tallied 22 assists, four digs, four kills and two aces, while senior libero/captain Joy Houdre registered 28 digs, six assists and one ace to help pace the Cards to their state tournament victory over visiting NFA.

Greenwich made it tough for NFA to generate much offensively throughout the match and carried the momentum in each set.

"Defensively, I thought we were on every ball," Houdre said. "When the offense is staying aggressive then it's a lot easier for the defenders to pick up everything that's going back, usually it's free balls. We stayed super aggressive the whole time on offense and defense."

Kayah Armstrong, a sophomore, recorded 10 kills, two digs and two blocks for GHS, which received 14 kills and two digs from senior captain Alina Sarkissian.

"The team played so well," Sarkissian said. "We all had fun but we were also dialed in.

We know that we have a list of teams that we need to beat and we need to get through that list without playing with the wrong type of emotion."

Indeed, Greenwich used the break it had between the FCIAC Tournament and the Class LL tourney to its advantage.

"The rest did us well, there were some things that we needed to practice from our game against Darien and we worked on it and we changed our game plan and I think that it's going to work really well," Sarkissian noted.

Bernann said: "We had the bye, which got us out of the first round, which was super helpful. We got to work on a lot of things, which improved our skills and today we just played Greenwich volleyball again."

Sophomore Heidi Zieme also had a productive all-around match, tallying 10 digs, nine kills and one block for the victors.

Should Greenwich defeat Ludlowe in today's quarterfinal-round it will play the winner of third-seeded Darien and No. 22 Staples in the Class LL semifinals on Nov. 13.

"It's going to be a long journey for us in the state tournament and I think that we're ready for it," Armstrong said. "We've been practicing and locked in, so we're all excited."

Armstrong has emerged as one of Greenwich's potent hitters this fall.

"I felt great on the court, everyone was doing so well, so I felt confident and felt that I should get another hit and just do it for myself but for the team as well," Armstrong said.

Greenwich was victorious against today's state opponent, Ludlowe, 3-0, during the regular season. The Falcons advanced to the quarterfinals with a 3-0 win versus 10th-seeded Simsbury.

"It is going to be harder, but I think Greenwich is all about resilience and athleticism and I think we're ready mentally and physically to take on a challenge bigger than the ones we had," Bernann said.

"We're going to come back from that loss and we're going to play super hard for the rest of states and we hope to see Darien again and when we do it will be a whole different team," Houdre noted.



Greenwich High School varsity volleyball players react after winning a point against NFA in the Class LL playoffs.



Photo by David Fierro: Talia Muir of Greenwich High School hits the ball over the net during a match against NFA in the second round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament.

WINNIE-THE-POOH BY A.A. MILNE

CHAPTER VII IN WHICH CHRISTOPHER ROBIN LEADS AN EXPOTITION TO THE NORTH POLE

One fine day Pooh had stumped up to the top of the Forest to see if his friend Christopher Robin was interested in Bears at all. At breakfast that morning (a simple meal of marmalade spread lightly over a honeycomb or two) he had suddenly thought of a new song. It began like this:

"Sing Ho! for the life of a Bear."

When he had got as far as this, he scratched his head, and thought to himself "That's a very good start for a song, but what about the second line?" He tried singing "Ho," two or three times, but it didn't seem to help. "Perhaps it would be better," he thought, "if I sang Hi for the life of a Bear." So he sang it ... but it wasn't. "Very well, then," he said, "I shall sing that first line twice, and perhaps if I sing it very quickly, I shall find myself singing the third and fourth lines before I have time to think of them, and that will be a Good Song. Now then:"

Sing Ho! for the life of a Bear!

Sing Ho! for the life of a Bear!

I don't much mind if it rains or snows,
'Cos I've got a lot of honey on my nice new nose,

I don't much care if it snows or thaws,
'Cos I've got a lot of honey on my nice clean paws!

Sing Ho! for a Bear!

Sing Ho! for a Pooh!

And I'll have a little something in an hour or two!

He was so pleased with this song that he sang it all the way to the top of the Forest, "and if I go on singing it much longer," he thought, "it will be time for the little something, and then the last line won't be true." So he turned it into a hum instead.

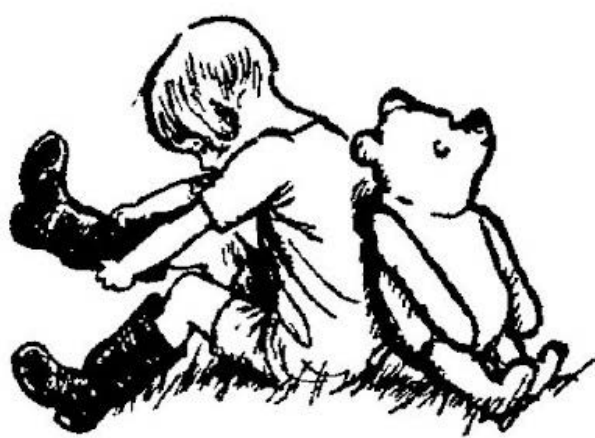
Christopher Robin was sitting outside his door, putting on his Big Boots. As soon as he saw the Big Boots, Pooh knew that an Adventure was going to happen, and he brushed the honey off his nose with the back of his paw, and spruced himself up as well as he could, so as to look Ready for Anything.

"Good-morning, Christopher Robin," he called out.

"Hallo, Pooh Bear. I can't get this boot on."

"That's bad," said Pooh.

"Do you think you could very kindly lean against me, 'cos I keep pulling so hard that I fall over backwards."



Pooh sat down, dug his feet into the ground, and pushed hard against Christopher Robin's back, and Christopher Robin pushed hard against his, and pulled and pulled at his boot until he had got it on.

"And that's that," said Pooh. "What do we do next?"

"We are all going on an Expedition," said Christopher Robin, as he got up and brushed himself. "Thank you, Pooh."

"Going on an Expotition?" said Pooh eagerly. "I don't think I've ever been on one of those. Where are we going to on this Expotition?"

"Expedition, silly old Bear. It's got an 'x' in it."

"Oh!" said Pooh. "I know." But he didn't really.

"We're going to discover the North Pole."

"Oh!" said Pooh again. "What is the North Pole?" he asked.

"It's just a thing you discover," said Christopher Robin carelessly, not being quite sure himself.

"Oh! I see," said Pooh. "Are bears any good at discovering it?"

"Of course they are. And Rabbit and Kanga and all of you. It's an Expedition.

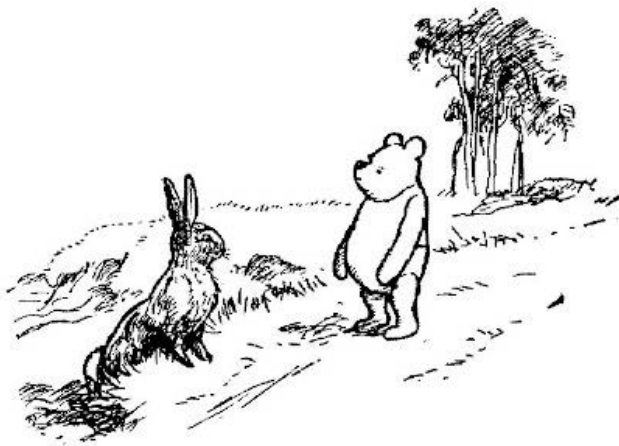
That's what an Expedition means. A long line of everybody. You'd better tell the others to get ready, while I see if my gun's all right. And we must all bring Provisions."

"Bring what?"

"Things to eat."

"Oh!" said Pooh happily. "I thought you said Provisions. I'll go and tell them." And he stumped off.

The first person he met was Rabbit.



"Hallo, Rabbit," he said, "is that you?"

"Let's pretend it isn't," said Rabbit, "and see what happens."

"I've got a message for you."

"I'll give it to him."

"We're all going on an Expotition with Christopher Robin!"

"What is it when we're on it?"

"A sort of boat, I think," said Pooh.

"Oh! that sort."

"Yes. And we're going to discover a Pole or something. Or was it a Mole? Anyhow we're going to discover it."

"We are, are we?" said Rabbit.

"Yes. And we've got to bring Pro—things to eat with us. In case we want to eat them. Now I'm going down to Piglet's. Tell Kanga, will you?"

He left Rabbit and hurried down to Piglet's house. The Piglet was sitting on the ground at the door of his house blowing happily at a dandelion, and wondering whether it would be this year, next year, sometime or never. He had just discovered that it would be never, and was trying to remember what "it" was, and hoping it wasn't anything nice, when Pooh came up.



"Oh! Piglet," said Pooh excitedly, "we're going on an Expotition, all of us, with things to eat. To discover something."

"To discover what?" said Piglet anxiously.

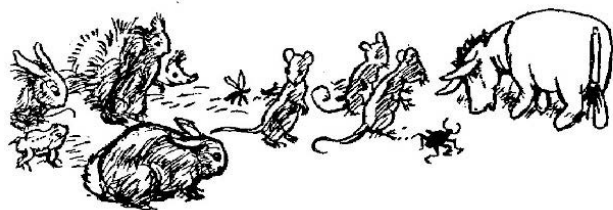
"Oh! just something."

"Nothing fierce?"

"Christopher Robin didn't say anything about fierce. He just said it had an 'x'."

"It isn't their necks I mind," said Piglet earnestly. "It's their teeth. But if Christopher Robin is coming I don't mind anything."

In a little while they were all ready at the top of the Forest, and the Expotition started. First came Christopher Robin and Rabbit, then Piglet and Pooh; then Kanga, with Roo in her pocket, and Owl; then Eeyore; and, at the end, in a long line, all Rabbit's friends-and-relations.



"I didn't ask them," explained Rabbit carelessly. "They just came. They always do. They can march at the end, after Eeyore."

"What I say," said Eeyore, "is that it's unsettling. I didn't want to come on this Expo—what Pooh said. I only came to oblige. But here I am; and if I am the end of the Expo—what we're talking about—then let me be the end. But if, every time I want to sit down for a little rest, I have to brush away half a dozen of Rabbit's smaller friends-and-relations first, then this isn't an Expo—whatever it is—at all, it's simply

a Confused Noise. That's what I say."



"I see what Eeyore means," said Owl. "If you ask me—"

"I'm not asking anybody," said Eeyore. "I'm just telling everybody. We can look for the North Pole, or we can play 'Here we go gathering Nuts and May' with the end part of an ant's nest. It's all the same to me."

There was a shout from the top of the line.

"Come on!" called Christopher Robin.

"Come on!" called Pooh and Piglet.

"Come on!" called Owl.

"We're starting," said Rabbit. "I must go." And he hurried off to the front of the Expotition with Christopher Robin.

"All right," said Eeyore. "We're going. Only Don't Blame Me."

So off they all went to discover the Pole. And as they walked, they chattered to each other of this and that, all except Pooh, who was making up a song.

"This is the first verse," he said to Piglet, when he was ready with it.

"First verse of what?"

"My song."

"What song?"

"This one."

"Which one?"

"Well, if you listen, Piglet, you'll hear it."

"How do you know I'm not listening?"

Pooh couldn't answer that one, so he began to sing.

They all went off to discover the Pole, Owl and Piglet and Rabbit and all; It's a Thing you Discover, as I've been tole

By Owl and Piglet and Rabbit and all. Eeyore, Christopher Robin and Pooh And Rabbit's relations all went too— And where the Pole was none of them knew...

Sing Hey! for Owl and Rabbit and all!

"Hush!" said Christopher Robin turning round to Pooh, "we're just coming to a Dangerous Place."



"Hush!" said Pooh turning round quickly to Piglet.

"Hush!" said Piglet to Kanga.

"Hush!" said Kanga to Owl, while Roo said "Hush!" several times to himself very quietly.

"Hush!" said Owl to Eeyore.

"Hush!" said Eeyore in a terrible voice to all Rabbit's friends-and-relations, and "Hush!" they said hastily to each other all down the line, until it got to the last one of all. And the last and smallest friend-and-relation was so upset to find that the whole Expotition was saying "Hush!" to him, that he buried himself head downwards in a crack in the ground, and stayed there for two days until the danger was over, and then went home in a great hurry, and lived quietly with his Aunt ever-afterwards. His name was Alexander Beetle.



They had come to a stream which twisted and tumbled between high rocky banks, and Christopher Robin saw at once how dangerous it was.

"It's just the place," he explained, "for an Ambush."

"What sort of bush?" whispered Pooh to Piglet. "A gorse-bush?"

"My dear Pooh," said Owl in his superior way, "don't you know what an Ambush is?"

"Owl," said Piglet, looking round at him severely, "Pooh's whisper was a perfectly private whisper, and there was no need—"

"An Ambush," said Owl, "is a sort of Surprise."

"So is a gorse-bush sometimes," said Pooh.

"An Ambush, as I was about to explain to Pooh," said Piglet, "is a sort of Surprise."

"If people jump out at you suddenly, that's an Ambush," said Owl.

"It's an Ambush, Pooh, when people jump at you suddenly," explained Piglet.

Pooh, who now knew what an Ambush was, said that a gorse-bush had sprung at him suddenly one day when he fell off a tree, and he had taken six days to get all the prickles out of himself.

"We are not talking about gorse-bushes," said Owl a little crossly.

"I am," said Pooh.

They were climbing very cautiously up the stream now, going from rock to rock, and after they had gone a little way they came to a place where the banks widened out at each side, so that on each side of the water there was a level strip of grass on which they could sit down and rest. As soon as he saw this, Christopher Robin called "Halt!" and they all sat down and rested.

"I think," said Christopher Robin, "that we ought to eat all our Provisions now, so that we shan't have so much to carry."

"Eat all our what?" said Pooh.

"All that we've brought," said Piglet, getting to work.

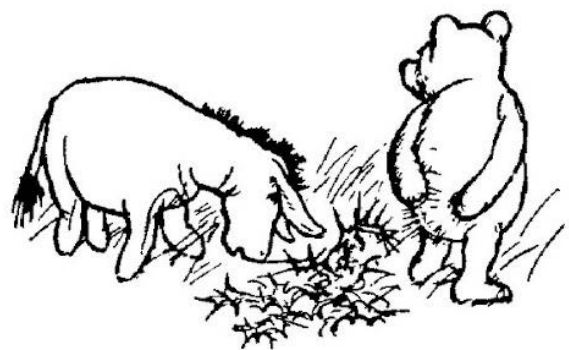
"That's a good idea," said Pooh, and he got to work too.

"Have you all got something?" asked Christopher Robin with his mouth full.

"All except me," said Eeyore. "As Usual." He looked round at them in his melancholy way. "I suppose none of you are sitting on a thistle by any chance?"

"I believe I am," said Pooh. "Ow!" He got up, and looked behind him. "Yes, I was. I thought so."

"Thank you, Pooh. If you've quite finished with it." He moved across to Pooh's place, and began to eat.



"It don't do them any Good, you know, sitting on them," he went on, as he looked up munching. "Takes all the Life out of them. Remember that another time, all of you. A little Consideration, a little Thought for Others, makes all the difference."

As soon as he had finished his lunch Christopher Robin whispered to Rabbit, and Rabbit said "Yes, yes, of course," and they walked a little way up the stream together.

"I didn't want the others to hear," said Christopher Robin.

"Quite so," said Rabbit, looking important.

"It's—I wondered—It's only—Rabbit, I suppose you don't know, What does the North Pole look like?"

"Well," said Rabbit, stroking his whiskers. "Now you're asking me."

"I did know once, only I've sort of forgotten," said Christopher Robin carelessly.

"It's a funny thing," said Rabbit, "but I've sort of forgotten too, although I did know once."

"I suppose it's just a pole stuck in the ground?"

"Sure to be a pole," said Rabbit, "because of calling it a pole, and if it's a pole, well, I should think it would be sticking in the ground, shouldn't you, because there'd be nowhere else to stick it."

"Yes, that's what I thought."

"The only thing," said Rabbit, "is, where is it sticking?"

"That's what we're looking for," said Christopher Robin.

They went back to the others. Piglet was lying on his back, sleeping peacefully.

Roo was washing his face and paws in the stream, while Kanga explained to everybody proudly that this was the first time he had ever washed his face himself, and Owl was telling Kanga an Interesting Anecdote full of long words like Encyclopædia and Rhododendron to which Kanga wasn't listening.

"I don't hold with all this washing," grumbled Eeyore. "This modern Behind-the-ears nonsense. What do you think, Pooh?"

"Well," said Pooh, "I think—"

But we shall never know what Pooh thought, for there came a sudden squeak from Roo, a splash, and a loud cry of alarm from Kanga.

"So much for washing," said Eeyore.

"Roo's fallen in!" cried Rabbit, and he and Christopher Robin came rushing down to the rescue.



"Look at me swimming!" squeaked Roo from the middle of his pool, and was hurried down a waterfall into the next pool.

"Are you all right, Roo dear?" called Kanga anxiously.

"Yes!" said Roo. "Look at me sw—" and down he went over the next waterfall into another pool.

Everybody was doing something to help. Piglet, wide awake suddenly, was jumping up and down and making "Oo, I say" noises; Owl was explaining that in a case of Sudden and Temporary Immersion the Important Thing was to keep the Head Above Water; Kanga was jumping along the bank, saying "Are you sure you're all right, Roo dear?" to which Roo, from whatever pool he was in at the moment, was answering "Look at me swimming!" Eeyore had turned round and hung his tail over the first pool into which Roo fell, and with his back to the accident was grumbling quietly to himself, and saying, "All this washing; but catch on to my tail, little Roo, and you'll be all right"; and, Christopher Robin and Rabbit came hurrying past Eeyore, and were calling out to the others in front of them.

"All right, Roo, I'm coming," called Christopher Robin.

"Get something across the stream lower down, some of you fellows," called Rabbit.

But Pooh was getting something. Two pools below Roo he was standing with a long pole in his paws, and Kanga came up and took one end of it, and between them they held it across the lower part of the pool; and Roo, still bubbling proudly, "Look at me swimming," drifted up against it, and climbed out.



"Did you see me swimming?" squeaked Roo excitedly, while Kanga scolded him and rubbed him down. "Pooh, did you see me swimming? That's called swimming, what I was doing. Rabbit, did you see what I was doing? Swimming. Hallo, Piglet! I say, Piglet! What do you think I was doing! Swimming! Christopher Robin, did you see me—"

But Christopher Robin wasn't listening. He was looking at Pooh.

"Pooh," he said, "where did you find that pole?"

Pooh looked at the pole in his hands.

"I just found it," he said. "I thought it ought to be useful. I just picked it up."

"Pooh," said Christopher Robin solemnly, "the Expedition is over. You have found the North Pole!"

"Oh!" said Pooh.

Eeyore was sitting with his tail in the water when they all got back to him.



"Tell Roo to be quick, somebody," he said. "My tail's getting cold. I don't want to mention it, but I just mention it. I don't want to complain but there it is. My tail's cold."

"Here I am!" squeaked Roo.

"Oh, there you are."

"Did you see me swimming?"

Eeyore took his tail out of the water, and swished it from side to side.

"As I expected," he said. "Lost all feeling. Numbed it. That's what it's done. Numbed it. Well, as long as nobody minds, I suppose it's all right."

"Poor old Eeyore. I'll dry it for you," said Christopher Robin, and he took out his handkerchief and rubbed it up.

"Thank you, Christopher Robin. You're the only one who seems to understand about tails. They don't think—that's what the matter with some of these others. They've no imagination. A tail isn't a tail to them, it's just a Little Bit Extra at the back."

"Never mind, Eeyore," said Christopher Robin, rubbing his hardest. "Is that better?"

"It's feeling more like a tail perhaps. It Belongs again, if you know what I mean."

"Hullo, Eeyore," said Pooh, coming up to them with his pole.

"Hullo, Pooh. Thank you for asking, but I shall be able to use it again in a day or two."

"Use what?" said Pooh.

"What we are talking about."

"I wasn't talking about anything," said Pooh, looking puzzled.

"My mistake again. I thought you were saying how sorry you were about my tail, being all numb, and could you do anything to help?"

"No," said Pooh. "That wasn't me," he said. He thought for a little and then suggested helpfully, "Perhaps it was somebody else."

"Well, thank him for me when you see him."

Pooh looked anxiously at Christopher Robin.

"Pooh's found the North Pole," said Christopher Robin. "Isn't that lovely?"

Pooh looked modestly down.

"Is that it?" said Eeyore.

"Yes," said Christopher Robin.

"Is that what we were looking for?"

"Yes," said Pooh.

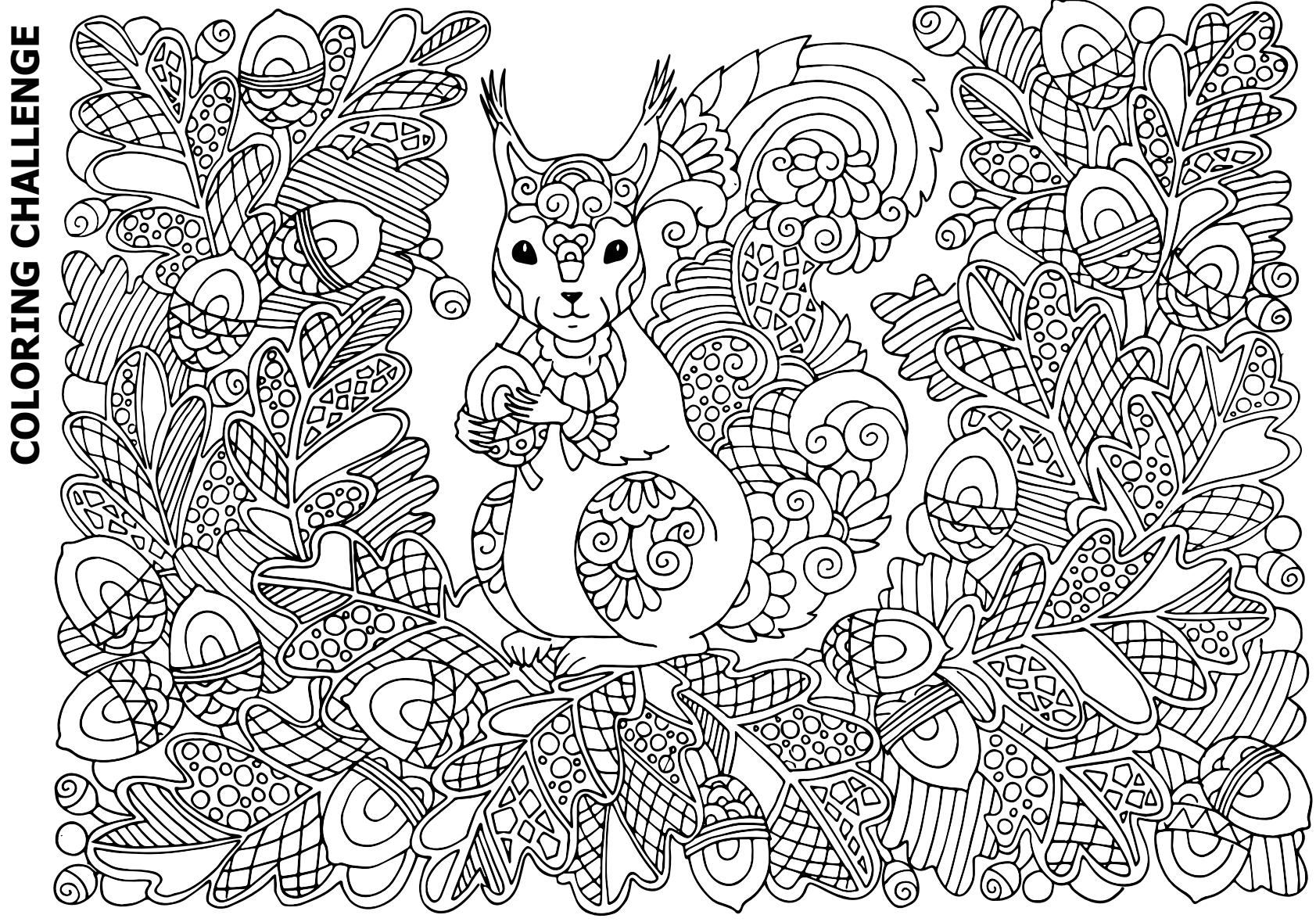
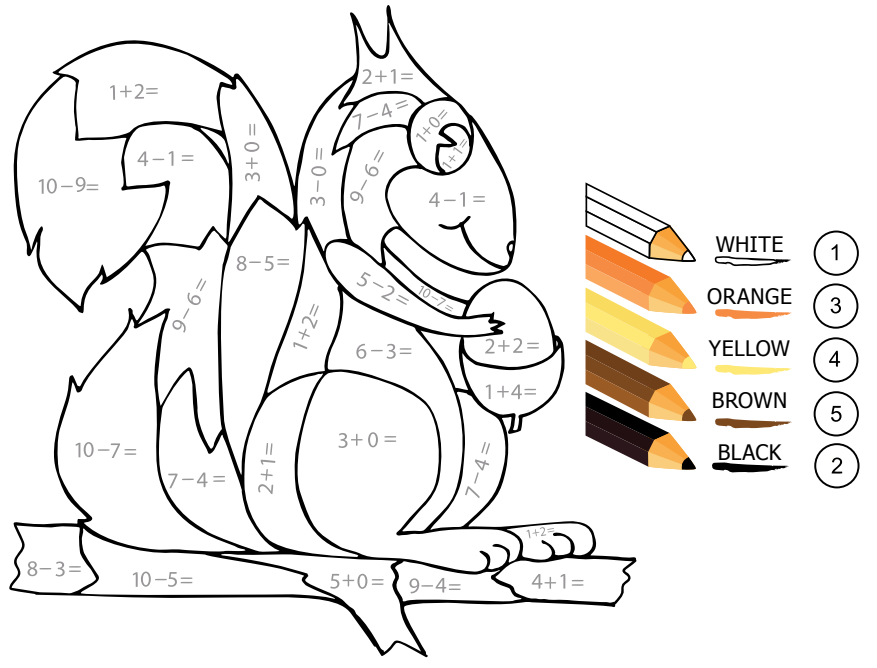
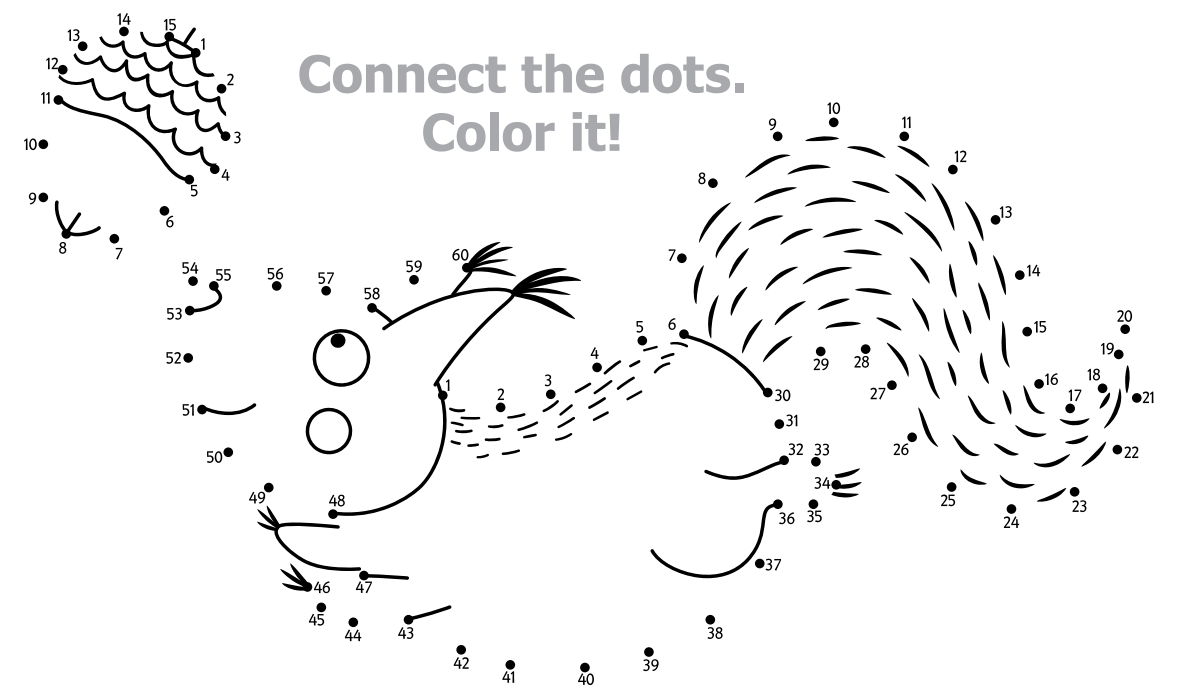
"Oh!" said Eeyore. "Well, anyhow—it didn't rain," he said.

They stuck the pole in the ground, and Christopher Robin tied a message on to it.

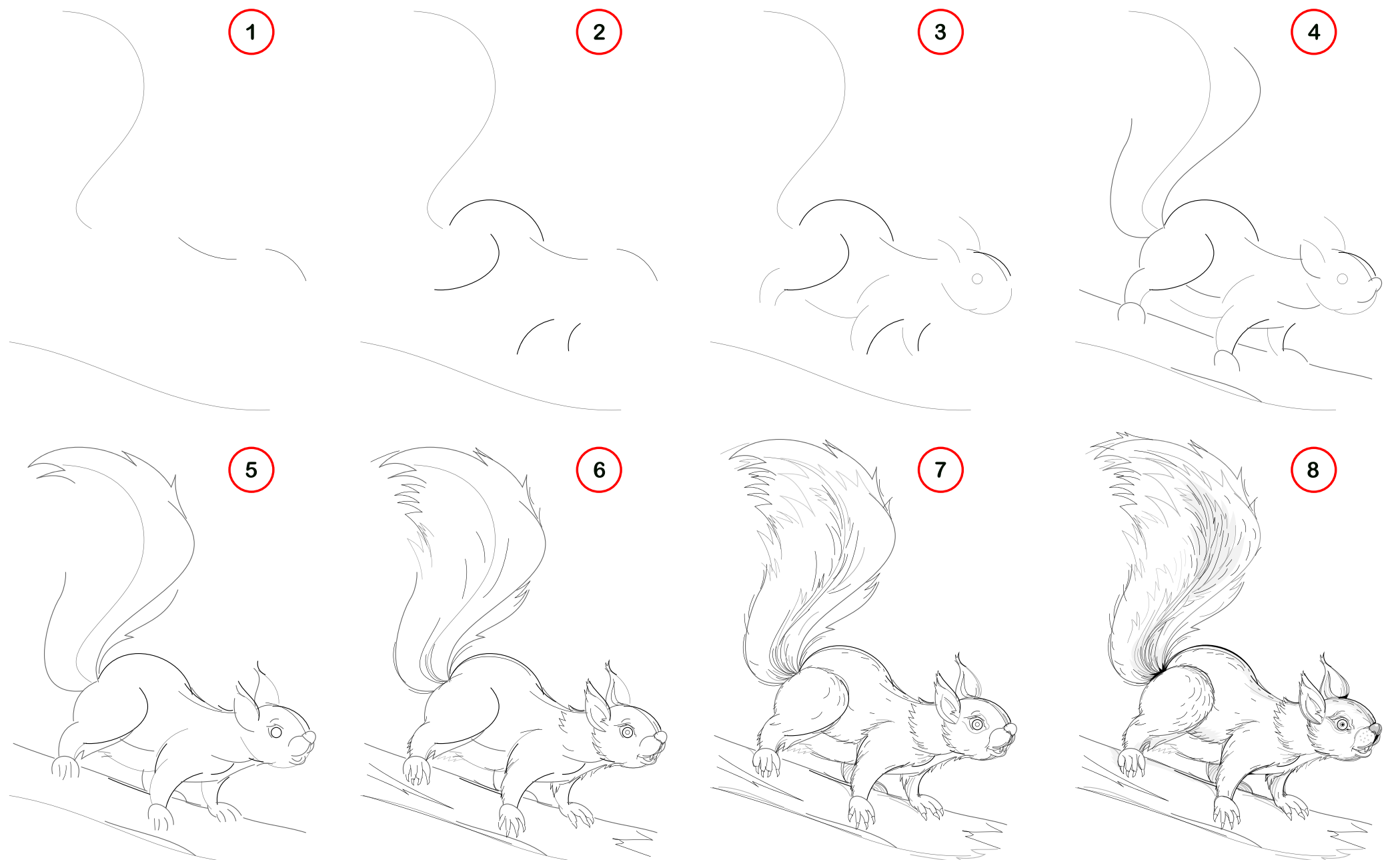
NORTH POLE
DISCOVERED BY POOH
POOH FOUND IT.



Then they all went home again. And I think, but I am not quite sure, that Roo had a hot bath and went straight to bed. But Pooh went back to his own house, and feeling very proud of what he had done, had a little something to revive himself.



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What kinds of squirrels live in Connecticut?



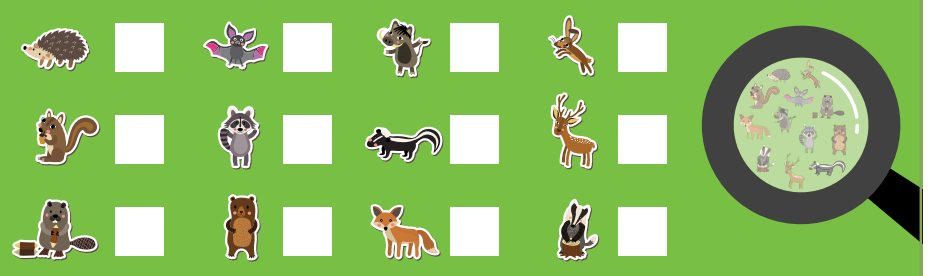
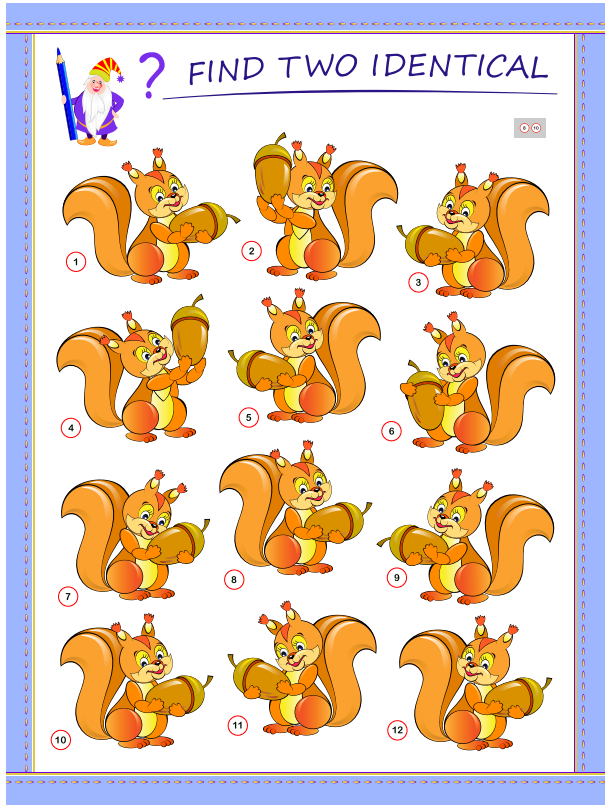
In Connecticut, you can find different kinds of squirrels. The most common one is the **Eastern Gray Squirrel**. They usually have gray fur but can range in color from albino (rare) through light grey and brown to dark gray and brown to black. They are often seen in parks and backyards. They love to eat nuts and make nests in trees or sometimes in people's attics.



Another squirrel in Connecticut is the **Red Squirrel**. These little guys are smaller than gray squirrels and have reddish fur. They mostly live in forests where there are lots of pine trees because they really like to eat pine cones.



Then there are **Flying Squirrels**. Yes, they can glide from tree to tree! They come out at night and are not as easy to see. There are actually two kinds in Connecticut: the **Northern Flying Squirrel** in the north of the state and the **Southern Flying Squirrel** in the south.



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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE EASTERN GRAY SQUIRREL

A Wild Neighbor That Survives in City, Town, and Wilderness

By JIM KNOX

“A black Squirrel!” my colleague called out from the passenger seat, bringing my attention to the small mammal just off the exit of the Merritt Parkway. Though the species was common, the coloration was anything but common within that multi-town range. With no way of turning around, I had to be content knowing there would always be a next sighting, and she had to be content with a fleeting glimpse of a most remarkable little creature.

The Eastern Gray Squirrel, *Sciurus carolinensis*, is one of the most common mammals in Eastern North America yet, it is also a creature that guards its secrets as well as it guards the location of its buried food. For one, although it is known as a “gray” squirrel, this arboreal mammal exhibits mutations resulting in melanism (an overabundance of melanin pigment giving the animal a black-furred appearance), albinism (a lack of melanin pigment giving the animal a white-furred appearance), and even cinnamon-colored individuals. More rarely, certain squirrels at Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo exhibit leucism (a form of albinism in which some pigment is expressed—often in the eyes), resulting in blue-eyed, whitish-furred squirrels! Typically, these tree squirrels exhibit light gray fur along their flanks and backs with whiteish fur on the belly and around the eyes, hints of buff along their cheeks and sides, and a light eye ring with a silvery frosted tail. Reaching approximately 20 inches in length and 1.5 pounds in weight, they sport a small and light frame for life high above the forest floor. As a prolific animal which can produce up to two litters a year of up to nine young, the Gray squirrel tips the scales in favor of survival from sheer abundance alone. Coupling this abundance with an average lifespan of more than six years, which exceeds longevity for many other rodent species, the Gray squirrel is well represented in the forests of Eastern North America.

Early explorers of the North American continent remarked as to the “dense forests that stretched from the rising sun to the setting sun.” This domain of oaks, maples, hickories, and other hardwoods provided key habitat and forage for these herbivores. In fact, it has been stated by these early explorers that a squirrel could



The Eastern Gray Squirrel

mammalian Johnny Appleseed, the squirrel’s behavior results in the enhancement of fungi species diversity, improved soil health, the spreading of fruit and nut producing tree species, and forest regeneration.

When considering this wild neighbor, I reflect on what we humans can learn from them. While they can at times be considered a “pest” or a “nuisance” I think it’s fair to say that we humans have our moments too. When we consider their other attributes however, they have much to offer us. They exhibit undeniable intelligence, planning, industry, adaptability, and even contribute to the health of the world around them. It’s said that from gray, comes wisdom. From what I’ve seen from our forest neighbors...I am inclined to agree..

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travel from branch to branch from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the shores of the Atlantic to the Mississippi without ever touching ground. While it may have been scientifically possible, the Gray squirrel’s home range of 1-25 acres makes these small mammals much more localized.

For those of us who have experienced these acrobatic creatures stealing bird food from our feeders, or gnawing their way into our sheds, or even attics, they have earned the title, “bandit” or “pest.” It is this common “wildlife neighbor” status that leads us to overlook their impressive attributes. Consuming insects and other animal matter when opportunity arises, these resourceful creatures supplement their diets and boost much needed calories for energy storage. While the squirrel requires forests for food and cover, the forests rely on the squirrels for reforestation. Employing scatter hoarding behavior to store buried nuts, fungi and other foods, these busy rodents may store hundreds, or even thousands of food caches throughout their territory. The net

effect of this behavior is food for a rainy (or snowy) day. With a keen sense of smell, these industrious mammals revisit their buried hoard with great accuracy, even detecting nuts hidden beneath more than a foot of snow! With Gray squirrels losing up to 25% of their stored food to other species, their fellow mammals, birds, and other species benefit from the excess. Yet, these nimble rodents have a trick or two up their sleeves.

Accounting for such “thievery” Gray squirrels will employ a practice known as deceptive caching. Researchers at Central Connecticut State University have uncovered fascinating findings which confirm that the squirrels will vigorously dig a hole, hold a nut in their teeth and place their head within the freshly dug hole while concealing the nut before covering up the empty hole and pulling leaf cover over it—as if they had buried an actual nut! By interspersing deceptive caches with actual caches, they protect their effort and trick the tricksters. Clearly, there is a lot going on in their little heads. Acting like a



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