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Candidates Debate for Top Spot in Orange

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

The three candidates vying for the top position in Orange's government had the chance to make their case to the public during a two-hour debate Oct. 26 at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange.

Jim Zeoli, the Republican incumbent, is running to secure a seventh two-year term as the town's first selectman in the Nov. 7 election. He is being challenged by Democrat Margaret Novicki and Independent Alex DeAngelo.

The retractable wall in the room had to be opened to accommodate an overflow crowd of around 150 people who came to hear the competitors. Debate moderator Daniel May, who is Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University of New Haven, gave each candidate a chance to share his or her response to a number of pre-written questions.

From his opening remarks, Zeoli tried to paint Orange as a thriving community, listing several meetings he said he had that day with developers about potential new businesses.

"The town is in the best condition it's been in for years," he said.

Novicki, however, urged residents to see through Zeoli's claims. "Over the last 12 years, economic development has stagnated in Orange," she said, referring to Zeoli's time in office. She said residents had heard a lot about various proposals, "but, quite frankly, we haven't seen them."

Questions about development dominated the evening, with the state's fiscal crisis looming large over the candidates' answers. Earlier the same day, the state legislature had



Photo By Lexi Crocco

Orange candidates square off at the Grassy Hill Country Club, Oct. 26. From left: Jim Zeoli, Margaret Novicki and Alex DeAngelo

overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan two-year budget – four months after the deadline. Many towns were still not certain about how much money they would be getting through municipal aid and school funding programs.

Novicki said that, from what she understood, Orange would not lose nearly as much to cuts in the state's Education Cost Sharing grant as it would have under previous proposals. She suggested the town could absorb the increased costs without raising taxes.

DeAngelo was less sanguine, however. "We should dissect the budget," he said, "see where

we can cut back or spend more."

Zeoli agreed with Novicki that the schools were in a "pretty good position," but pointed out that the town stood to lose money in other areas as well.

The question of property taxes arose again later in the debate. Novicki noted that Orange's taxes have gone up recently, while Milford's have not. She said the upward trend was a reflection of anemic economic growth.

Zeoli shot back that he had managed to slow the rise in taxes even as he shepherded the town

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Orange First Selectman's Race

As the need arises for new infrastructure projects and equipment, how should the town fund these: out of the operating budget or through bonding?



JAMES
ZEOLI (R)

As your First Selectman, I am continuously reviewing and evaluating capital projects, including roadwork, building repairs and the replacement of town vehicles and equipment. With the assistance of our Capital Planning subcommittee, we have created five and ten year capital improvement plans to keep Town projects advancing, as we balance the needs throughout our community.

Together with our Board of Finance, we

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ALEX
DEANGELO

Times are rapidly changing not just in Orange but the world as well. I strongly believe that we need to look deep into the town's budget and assess where all the money is being distributed. We also need to see where we can add or transfer money into different budgets to help operate the town of Orange better. We need to find better ways to fund ourselves in Orange since the budget in the State of Connecticut is not a help and is very uncertain at times. We should be taking every

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MARGARET
NOVICKI (D)

Should we bond for new projects and equipment or fund them out of our operating budget? A bond is a debt, repayable over time with interest. Bonding carries expenses--from a town referendum to authorize it, to legal fees, sales commissions, and interest.

It just boils down to good budgeting and planning. For example, if you know that every year you will face a recurrent cost of cleaning out your gutters, you would want to work that into

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Orange American Legion Honor Guard Gets WW2 Rifles from DOD



Photo by: John Schwartz
The firing squad of the American Legion Post 127 in Orange with their new World War II-era M1 rifles. The rifles were provided recently by the Department of Defense. From left, Lewis Merritt, Peter Militrano, Tony Monaco, Peter MacDonald

The American Legion Post 127 of Orange has received new World War II-era M1 rifles from the Department of Defense. The Legion has been providing ceremonial rifle volleys at veteran’s funerals for many years using World War I Springfield rifles. These weapons misfire, jam and are worn out.

Since Connecticut budget problems have stopped the payment of firing squad services at military funerals, Post 127 has stepped up and volunteers its services at no charge at local military burials.

The American Legion is in contact with funeral homes that service Orange, Woodbridge, West Haven, Milford, Shelton, Derby, and Ansonia to coordinate these our services with those provided by the DOD.

The rifles are modified to only fire blank rounds.

Donations to support this effort can be sent to Philip W. Grande at Sgt. at Arms Post 127,
630 Grassy Hill Road, Orange, Connecticut 06477.

Orange Volunteer Fire Department’s 23rd Annual Santa’s Helper Fund-Raiser



The Orange Volunteer Fire Department is preparing for their 23rd year of collecting and delivering gifts to Orange families. The “Santa’s Helper” event is a fund-raising event with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Orange Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting and rescue equipment.

Each year, every one of six Santa’s Helper Teams of Santa, Elves and firefighter helpers are excited and honored to visit and deliver gifts, share in some fun, take photos and help make lasting memories and traditions for every family.

Drop off the gifts on the designated drop-off day that you would like Santa and his team to deliver back to your loved ones, sign-up and we will do the rest.

GIFT DROP OFF DAY IS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

at Fire Station #2, 355 Boston Post Road (Across from T.G.I. Friday’s). We ask that the general public arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the 12:00 start time. You will have a much shorter wait in line by following these new guidelines.

There is a small fee of \$18.00 per gift/per household. Each gift must be INDIVIDUALLY wrapped in your favorite holiday paper with an over-wrap of plain brown paper. The name and address of the recipient must be clearly printed on the outside of each gift. PLEASE try not to make the gift too large or too heavy, Santa appreciates that. We have a total of 170 delivery spots/visits available. We encourage you to try to have all the gifts for your delivery stop with you on Gift Drop-Off day.

Parking for Drop-Off day is in the rear of the Fire Station. Firefighters will be there to assist you. The Drop-Off line is located INSIDE the Fire Station. Use the rear door marked ENTER.

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017 Santa on his fire truck with his Elf and firefighter helpers will arrive at your home to deliver the gifts to your loved ones and spend a few moments with your family and friends for photos and fun!

If you have any questions, you can email Elf Mama at: ofdsantashelper@aol.com, she will be happy to assist you via email. Visit: www.orangevfd.com and click on the Santa’s Helper page for additional information and to see some fun pictures of what we do!

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Veterans Remembrance

The Town of Orange will be holding a program honoring Veterans on November 11, 2017 at the Veterans Remembrance Walkway at High Plains Community Center at 11:00 AM. We welcome the public and any veterans that wish to attend. At this time, we would also like to remind the public that applications are still available to purchase commemorative bricks for the Veterans Remembrance Walkway. Bricks are \$100 each and can be purchased by veterans themselves or by families in memory of beloved veterans, either living or deceased. For further information, please contact Mary Shaw at 203-891-4737 or mshaw@orange-ct.gov.

Help With Winter Heating Bills Available

Derby, CT, Oct. 26, 2017—Families and individuals seeking financial help to offset their winter heating bills may apply to TEAM for assistance.

Families and individuals may qualify for help if they fall below these income limits: \$34,366 for household of one, \$44,940 for a two person household, \$55,514 for a three person household, \$66,089 for a four person household.

Applicants are deemed eligible based on review of their total household gross income, such as job earnings, unemployment compensation, social security, pension etc.; household size; and liquid assets, as shown through bank statements. If an applicant is approved for assistance, TEAM will make direct payments to their home heating provider.

Both home owners and renters who are residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, and Woodbridge can apply for energy assistance from TEAM.

To schedule an appointment with TEAM Energy Assistance, please call 203-736-5420 and follow prompts for Energy Assistance, or in Milford, 203-783-3253; Woodbridge, 203-389-3429; Orange, 203-891-4787, and Bethany, 203-393-2100, ext.124.

TEAM Inc. is a private 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to strengthen our community by educating, supporting and empowering individuals and families.

Award Ceremony Announced

Milford Speaks Out's "Thanks for Coming!!" awards for 2017 will be presented at the City Hall Assembly room on Monday, November 20, at 1:30 pm. Mayor Benjamin Blake will read a proclamation declaring the 20th as Immigration Day in Milford. Award presentation and refreshments will follow. The award is given to Milford citizens of foreign birth for service to town, state, or country. The honorees are:

Joseph Garbus, Russia, service as alderman, revitalization of Walnut Beach neighborhood, service to the arts, reconnection of Milford neighborhoods to Silver Sands.

Lesley Mills, England, support for "aging in place" with Griswold Homecare, preservation and restoration of historic buildings, philanthropy.

Wendy Safyre, England, feeding the hungry, support for Native Americans.

Nadia Bajraktarevic, Bosnia, helping the infirmed, support for recently arrived immigrants, election pollworker.

Mow Elhelw, Egypt, neighborhood improvement, employer, support for cancer research, transportation for therapy.

Terrance Copeland, Canada, representative on Planning and Zoning Board, environmental protection, youth athletics.

Eeva Copeland, Finland, volunteer at Senior Center, steering committee of Women Redefining Retirement, providing supplies for the needy, school PTA, volunteer at Boys & Girls Club, ESL tutor, museum docent.

Friends and colleagues are invited to attend.

For further information or clarification, contact David Duffner, 49 Spice Bush Lane, Milford, CT 06461, 203 305 4689, dlduffner@yahoo.com, www.milfordspeaksout.org

First Tuesdays At Church Of The Good Shepherd

November 1st, 2017: The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd announces First Tuesdays program. Beginning this November Church of the Good Shepherd will offer a program of community, learning, service, and prayer starting at 6:45pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

First Tuesdays will begin at 6:45 with a contemporary topic from scripture discussion, followed by a service project, and ending with a simple time of night prayers and healing in the columbarium chapel off the parish hall.

What do you mean by service? Each month we will either complete a service project on the spot or discuss a group visit to be of service at places like Loaves & Fishes, Spooner House, Beth El, etc. On November 7th we will be filling the Thanksgiving dinner "fixings" bags to take to the Orange Food Shelf that distributes them to families in need.

Give it a try to see if it fits for you. Please contact the church at 203-795-6577 or email thegoodshepherd@optonline.net with any questions or join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:45 pm. All are welcome. Community service hours are available for students.

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Opinion & Editorial

In The House:

The Viability of the Teachers’ Pension



STATE REP. (R-119)
PAM STANESKI

I have talked to many constituents over the last month about the Connecticut Teachers Retirement System (TRS). What is the “shift of pension dollars” to towns proposed by the Governor and can pension contributions be used to offset the general fund deficit are the two main questions.

While local school districts control the hiring of teachers and administrators, public school teacher pensions are administered by the State. The TRS provides benefits for teachers and administrators and is funded by the State and contributions made by educators, municipalities do not contribute. Earlier this year the governor proposed a shift in this responsibility from the state to cities and towns in the amount of \$400 million. If his proposal stood, Orange’s two-year bill would total roughly \$4 million, and Milford’s would be a whopping \$11.3 million. Legislators summarily rejected this because it would be a major expenditure for towns to absorb without raising property taxes.

Under current law, teachers contribute 6% of their salary through payroll deduction toward their pension (national average is 10%), which is sent to the CT Teachers Retirement Board. The CTRB forwards all contributions to the State Treasurer for deposit into the respective employee retirement account. Federal law dictates that any funds withheld from an employee salary for pensions must go directly into the retirement account. The present plan on the table asks teachers to contribute 1% more toward their own retirement. Those contributions will collect interest as they currently do. That is it! No tax, just a one percent increase in the pension contribution rate.

As of 2016, the system was only 56% funded, with an outstanding gap of over \$13 billion – an amount which has grown considerably in recent years and is likely to continue its upward trajectory if interest rates stay low.

Just as we asked state employees to contribute more to their retirement to fortify their pension system, we are asking our teachers to also help and do what is best for the state of Connecticut.

With that said, we MUST have conversations about reforming the system so that it will benefit both educators and taxpayers. The current system is not sustainable. We should look to provide educators a choice of plans. We should address the unrealistic assumed rates of return that helped get us into this mess—someone needs to be held responsible for setting actuarial returns way above the 10-year average of 4.8%. We should entertain discussions about including new teachers in Social Security. We should address the archaic vesting practices that limit portability.

This will not be easy but must be done in order to maintain the long-term viability of the teachers’ retirement system.

Work Not Over Yet For State Budget



STATE REP. (R-114)
THEMIS KLARIDES

At 12:43 p.m. on Oct. 26, the electronic voting machine in the Hall of the House of Representatives was closed and the final votes on a compromise budget bill were tallied: 126 in favor, 23 against, two absent. The budget was approved after nearly four months of going without a tax and spending plan.

The bill had been approved earlier that morning by the Senate and was sent to the governor.

But the issue has not been completely settled. The House did not adjourn for the year because of the potential of a veto by the governor, and the possibility that the issues surrounding the state hospitals regarding federal reimbursements must be revisited.

That could happen in the near future and lawmakers would be summoned back to Hartford yet again.

The compromise budget, reached with our fellow Democrats over a three-week stretch of negotiations this fall, included a number of spending constraints on government: a spending cap a quarter century after voters approved it, and caps on borrowing and on distribution of surplus funds.

These measures will set Connecticut on a path toward fiscal sanity and hedge against future deficits that have plagued our state for years.

There were no income tax increases in the budget and no broad motor vehicle fee hikes. Tax increases and fee hikes amount to less than 1 percent of the total of the two-year \$40 billion budget.

A compromise agreement between Republicans and Democrats was the only way out of the budget impasse after Gov. Malloy vetoed the Republican-driven budget that drew Democratic support in the middle of September.

In addition to the spending and borrowing caps, the budget includes a provision to require legislative approval of all state employee contracts. No state union contract has been rejected by the legislature since 1997. Only one other contract, the broad SEBAC state employee contract that was adopted in July without a single Republican vote, has even come before the House or Senate.

This voting requirement will put in place greater accountability and oversight over state employee contracts.

New State Laws Going Into Effect



STATE REP. (R-117)
CHARLES FERRARO

As of Oct. 1, more than 140 new laws went into effect. A number of these new laws will have an impact on your everyday life or your business.

Here are a few of the bills that went into effect:

Opioid Prevention and Treatment (P.A. 17-131) We are taking steps to prevent and treat opioid abuse. This bill allows patients to ask that

opioids not be prescribed to them and reduces the amount of opioid drugs a minor may be prescribed. It also requires practitioners, when prescribing opioids, to discuss with all patients, rather than only minors, the risks associated with opioid drug use.

Tougher Hate Crime Laws (P.A. 17-111) I was proud to support legislation to impose minimum fines for certain hate crimes, such as cross burning. We also increased penalties against individuals who target churches or religiously-affiliated community centers. As a community, we must come together and send a clear message that hate will not be tolerated.

Protecting Animals from Abuse (P.A. 17-167) This legislation will require a person who wants to operate or maintain an animal shelter in Connecticut to register with the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) commissioner and comply with DoAg’s regulations on sanitation, disease, humane treatment of cats and dogs, and public safety protection. In addition, this law authorizes the commissioner, or his agent, to inspect an animal shelter at any time.

Small Business Hotline (P.A. 17-158) This act requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner to establish and operate a hotline that provides individualized information and guidance to entrepreneurs and small business owners on how to start and develop a business, identify networking resources, and access technical and financial assistance from the state and quasi-public agencies.

New Child Seatbelt Law (P.A. 17-230) All children under the age of 2 will be required to travel in a rear-facing car seat. This legislation also requires children to ride in booster seats until the age of 8.

A full list of the new laws can be found on my website, www.reperraro.com. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov or call my office at 860-240-8700.

Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor:

How lucky it is that the indefatigable Mitch Goldblatt is running again! He is definitive proof of the old saw...need something done, ask a busy person.

As many of you already know, Mitch is a dedicated public servant. He manages to find the time, always, to be there for his town. He is always available to help, listen, and do.

When there is a fight to be had, a fight for his town, his community family, there is little to stop Mitch from doing all he can, even if it is unpopular, to help Orange, make Orange better.

Wish there were Mitch Goldblatts to go around, don’t you?
Ruth Ann Wiesenthal-Gold

To the Editor:

I am a woman who has lived and worked in Orange for over 76 years. I have been privileged and honored to serve on several boards and commissions. I served on the Board of Selectmen and enjoyed my time. One of our First Selectwomen was the esteemed Dorothy Berger.

As a participant in town in many aspects, I have seen the good, the bad and the indifferent. Of all our First Selectman, James Zeoli and this team have been outstanding. Their accomplishments are too numerous to list. He has returned our town to AAA highest fiscal rating. In spite of the states disastrous financial condition. With farsighted abilities, he still maintained our great school system, recreational facilities, excellent roads and the commercial development. He is forward thinking. The job is not 9 to 5 but Jim and his team have devoted many, many more hours. He and his team have worked tirelessly for all our residents, young and old alike.

Jim’s love for Orange is undeniable. Orange is a great place for to live, work and play.

Your privilege in voting to keep it moving forward is necessary and hoped for!

Help keep that kind of dedication alive.

Former Selectwomen and business owner,

Doris Knight

To the Editor,

This is my first municipal election as the chair of the Orange Democratic Town Committee. Yes, I have been involved in many elections in town, municipal, state and national. There is something about the local elections. It’s a time when we meet our neighbors out door knocking or putting up signs or making phone calls.

Every candidate believes they have the skills and team to bring about a better Orange. Every candidate has the best interests of Orange at heart. There is no question on this. Where they differ is how we get there and how we engage the community.

For some, the election season seems to be forever. For those in the trenches, it is our Super Bowl or, given the time of year, our World Series. It is important for those not involved in the process to understand the sacrifices candidates make not only to run for office but to serve. There are many hours of time away from their families, unpaid (except for 3 positions, First Selectman, Tax Collector and Town Clerk) volunteer hours. I personally want to thank each candidate and their families for the time and dedication. I also want to thank those whose names don’t make the papers who have

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News & Events

The Turkey Trot Tradition Continues



In what has truly become an annual tradition in the Town of Orange, The Rotary Club of Orange will be holding their **5th Annual Thanksgiving Day 5k Road Race and 2 Mile Walk** on Thanksgiving morning, November 23, 2017. Whether you are a competitive runner, a casual jogger or just like to go for a nice walk on a beautiful autumn day, this event is sure to be one that you will enjoy participating in. Each of the past four years, the number of participants has grown significantly, making this one of our most important and successful fundraisers.

The race will take place on a scenic USATF certified and sanctioned course and will start at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd., and run through Orange with a finish back at the Community Center.

Awards: Trophies to the top male and female finishers overall. Medals to the top three male and female finishers in each division. Divisions 5K Run (12 & Under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+). Finisher Ribbons for Walkers. Top quality T-Shirts to all PRE-REGISTERED participants. Refreshments will be served after the race. There is ample parking. Timing and Results by FastTrack Timing, LLC. The following are the logistics for signing up and race day information.

5K RUN - 8:00 AM
FUN WALK – 8:05 AM

Entry Information
\$25.00 by November 17th
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Early Packet Pickup and Late Registration – Wednesday November 22nd at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
To Register Go To: www.rotarycluboforange.org OR www.fasttracktiming.com
GPS Directions: Enter the following address on your GPS:
525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477

Race organizer and tri-athlete Carl Russell (don't worry, he's not running in the race) has been the driving force behind this event since its inception five years ago. Thanks to his hard work, leadership and commitment to the success of the race, it has become a "don't miss" race for participants from both near and far.

The funds raised from this event will go towards supporting several of the Orange Rotary's initiatives both locally and abroad. Locally, Rotary provides dictionaries to every third grader in Orange, register area children in the Amber Alert ID Program and make much needed donations to support the town food pantry, energy assistance programs and others.

The last five years the Rotary has participated in "Operation Warm" and donated thousands of coats to area schools and shelters to help keep underprivileged kids warm. Additionally, the club awards \$6,000 in college scholarships annually to high school seniors from Orange.

Internationally, our fundraising efforts support clean water projects around the globe, donating funds for heart surgeries for hundreds of needy children and the ongoing fight against polio which still represents a threat to populations in many countries.

Please join in to help support this fun and worthy event and get you Thanksgiving Day off to a great start!

The Affordable Care Act: Stayin' Alive

Despite several attempts from various branches of our federal government, the Affordable Care Act and the health exchanges are ready to go for 2018. Some might believe they're on life support, but the latest round of changes impacted the insurance companies rather than the folks insured under Obamacare plans. The insurance companies had some idea that the federal subsidies they receive would be cut, which prompted them to raise premiums dramatically in anticipation.

Renewal letters are going out. While those who purchase insurance off the exchanges may experience "sticker shock," the only sector that is affected directly is the individual market, including those who purchase insurance through Connecticut's exchange, called Access Health CT. The base premium may increase dramatically, though the subsidies that are allowed as Advanced Premium Tax Credits will absorb a good portion of that increase. If you qualified for help with your premium last year and your income is about the same, the net premium you will pay each month



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should also remain about the same. The income ranges to qualify for a subsidy have not changed dramatically, and the two insurance companies that currently offer plans on the Connecticut exchange will do so again next year.

That's the good news. Unfortunately, the events of the past nine months have made the public uneasy regarding the future of health insurance

at all levels. While we are all concerned about what is coming down the road, the current system and programs will remain in place for 2018. On a related note, Medicare programs are not affected by the actions of the President or Congress at this time. As a matter of fact, the Medicare Advantage plans are richer and less expensive in some cases. So relax for another year, knowing that for now our current health insurance system, fragile though it may be, will remain as is.

Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and certified long term care specialist. Contact her at 203-640-5969 or trishpearson281@gmail.com.



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Jim Zeoli
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- ★ MODERNIZATION OF OUR FACILITIES AND CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.
- ★ SEEK OUT NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASE OUR COMMERCIAL TAX BASE.
- ★ SUPPORT FOR OUR SENIORS AND VETERANS

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Orange Republicans



Jim Zeoli, First Selectman

Jim has served four terms as First Selectman and has been an active member of the Orange Board of Selectmen since 1999. He is ready to continue his leadership of Orange as our First Selectman. His honest straightforward leadership style is right for Orange. It is right for seniors. It is right for children. It is right for education. It is right for economic development. It is right for business. It is right for open space. It is right for all taxpayers. AND...Jim's straightforward, honest leadership style needs to continue!

Board of Selectmen



Ralph Okenquist

"As a selectman, I will continue utilizing my business, management, municipal, and capital planning expertise to cost effectively plan and implement continuing improvements in our School and Town facilities."



Judy W. Williams

"My special interests in serving on the Board of Selectmen are to promote educational excellence in our schools and to preserve the rural character and the historic core values of Orange. This includes open space preservation and effective cost management to improve quality of life."



John Carangelo

"As a member of the Board of Selectmen I will continue my efforts to keep taxes under control for our residents, and continue to improve our town's infrastructure and schools."

Board Of Finance



Joe Nuzzo

"I ask the townspeople of Orange for your vote to provide the opportunity to apply my extensive financial experience and expertise to continue the recent tradition of fiscal responsibility and straightforward leadership."



Robert Bocek

Over the past 16 years he has worked on various municipal, non-profit, and small business audits, as well as small business and individual income tax preparation services. Robert lives in Orange with his wife Tracy and his two children.



Pat Romano

Pat's community service includes, First Vice-President President Elect, Orange Lions Club; Member Orange Senior Leadership Program; Developed A.W.A.R.E, a program to inform "Boomers And Beyond" About Alcohol and Substance

Abuse Issues; and Bethany/Orange/Woodbridge Drug & Alcohol Action Committee.

Amity Board Of Ed



Thomas Hurley

"I believe each student should have an independent study plan tailored to their needs. To this end my commitment to you is to provide a high quality educational system meeting the needs of the Amity Regional Community within a responsible, well managed budget."



Steven DeMaio

"I've seen aspects of our system which I applaud and aspects which I feel could be improved....It is my desire to see that our schools afford all students the same opportunities and experiences I received."



Shannan Carlson

"It is my hope that all Amity students receive the highest quality education just as I did, as well as my own children who are currently in the system. Children must be at the heart of all decisions made by the Board."

I am proud to be a part of the Amity Board of Education, committed to the voices of the public, and grateful for the opportunity to serve our great community."

Orange Board Of Ed



Jeffery Cap

"Your vote for me will provide the opportunity to continue the daily investments we make in each of the lives of our children. Our community must remain committed to this goal."



Kimberley Browe

"My fourteen years of involvement as a parent in RBS classrooms and my 20 years of professional experience as an educator give me a clear understanding of what is important at the classroom level."

As a business owner, PTA officer, and former educational administrator, I recognize that budget constraints require us to prioritize and make smart decisions about meeting our students' current and future needs."

Constables

Jody Daymon, Glen Papelo, Mike Donadeo, Jeff Vargo



Christian Young

"I have been consistently impressed with the quality of our school administrators, teachers, staff, and with the resulting growth of our community's children in their care. It is no mystery why our

town enjoys such acclaim for its educational system – involved parents who encourage and are encouraged by exceptional education professionals working together for the education, safety, and future of our children.

Town Planning & Zoning



Oscar M. (Ozzie) Parente

Ozzie currently serves as a Commissioner on the Town of Orange Planning and Zoning Commission. He has also served in a leadership capacity in other organizations including the Quinnipiac Club Board of

Governors, The Hopkins School Alumni Board and the Board of Directors of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Ozzie is a member of The New Haven County, Connecticut and American Bar Associations.



Kevin Cornell

"As a resident of Orange for 32 years I feel an obligation to give back to the community that helped raise and educate my children and allow my family to enjoy the wonderful quality of life that Orange offers. My

work experience aligns precisely with the demands of the Planning and Zoning Commission"

Tax Collector



Sandra Pierson

Tax Collector Sandra Pierson is responsible for the billing and collection of taxes that comprise the majority of the town's operating revenue. Her department initiated an online tax payment system for the convenience of taxpayers.

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Orange Democrats



Margaret Novicki, First Selectman

- Smart Economic Growth
- First-Class Public Schools
- Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency
- Expanded Services for Seniors & Youths
- A Greater Sense of Community

Board Of Selectmen



Jen Alfaro • Stabilize Taxes • Encourage Appropriate Economic Development • Re-establish Transparency in Government • Treasurer of Peck Place School PTO for 3 Years • Peck Place School Golf Committee 5 Years • Owner of Alafogiannis Plumbing & Heating, Inc. • Owner of Dafnos Trust LLC • Resident of Orange for 16 Years • Mother of three



Paul Davis • Stabilize Taxes • Encourage Appropriate Economic Development • Re-establish Transparency in Government • Orange Board of Selectmen, 2015-Present • State Representative 117th District, 2004-2014 • West Haven Science Teacher Retired - 34 yrs • CT Commission on Women, Children, & Seniors • Orange Conservation Commission • Orange Foundation • Orange Clean Energy Task Force • Orange Swim Team Program-Founder • Swim Coach-Amity High School - 27 years • CT High School Coaches Hall of Fame • Special Olympics World Games • B.O.W. Relay for Life



Mitch Goldblatt • Stabilize Taxes • Encourage Appropriate Economic Development • Re-establish Transparency in Government • First Selectman, 1999-2005, Board of Selectmen, 2005-2017, 1993-1999, Town Plan and Zoning Comm., 1981-1993, Town Constable, 1979-1981 • Orange Recycling Committee-Chair • Orange Bond Oversight Committee • Orange Times Volunteer of the Year-2016 • Inland Wetlands Commission, 1983-1993 • President, CT Public Labor Relations Assoc. • Human Resources Director-Town of Guilford • MBA, University of New Haven • BA, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

Board Of Finance



Stu Crystal • Control Spending Stabilize Taxes Provide for our Seniors • General Manager and Director of Marketing at Starter Sportswear • Vice President of Consumer Products and Marketing for Major League Soccer • Founder of the Crystal Agency, clients include Upper Deck, Madavor Media and the United Soccer League • BA Economics Stony Brook University • MBA Northeastern University • Orange resident for over 22 years • Married and father of twin daughters



Shirley Fiedler • Control Spending Stabilize Taxes Provide for our Seniors • Graduate of CCNY with degree in Industrial Psychology • Worked as a full charge bookkeeper for 35 years • Finance Committee at Congregation Or Shalom • Religious School Teacher • Resident of Orange for 35 years



PJ Shanley • Control Spending Stabilize Taxes Provide for our Seniors • Board of Finance 2013-Present • Democratic Town Committee Of cer 2009-2017 • Financial Advisor/Financial Services Executive, Barnum Financial Group • Holds Series 7 and 66 Securities License • Licensed Insurance Agent in CT • Holds Chartered Advisor Senior Living (CASL) Designation • Knights of St. Patrick-Former Of cer • Proudly grew up in Orange, Amity graduate 1990 • BS, Finance, University of Rhode Island • Married, two daughters

Amity Board Of Ed



Carla Eichler • Optimal Learning Environment for All Students • Successful Post-Graduation Transition Responsible Budgeting • Lifelong Orange resident, attended Orange and Amity School Districts • Digital and Fine Arts Teacher at Staples High School, Westport, 2005-present • UCONN, BFA 1999/SCSU Masters in Art Ed, 2012 • National Arts Education Association Member • GirlScoutsVolunteer2014-present • Strong Art and Technology background who believes in the importance of excellent Arts Education as well as STEM and innovative Technology education • Married, two daughters attend Race Brook School



John Gagel • Optimal Learning Environment for All Students • Successful Post-Graduation Transition Responsible Budgeting • Amity Regional High School Graduate-2012 • Bachelors degrees in Communication and Political Science from Central Connecticut State University-2016 • Graduate Assistant for Athletic Event Management at Central Connecticut State University • In process of completing Masters degree in Communication • Lived in Orange 7 years • Member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department



Mark Rawden • Optimal Learning Environment for All Students • Successful Post-Graduation Transition Responsible Budgeting • Senior Manager, Customer Engagement at Charter Communications • Boston College, BS, Marketing • 3-year Orange resident • Author, "I Am Mine," a book of how we de ne ourselves • 10-year volunteer for West Haven Youth Soccer League • Volunteer for Elite Flag Football League



Ray Tuccio • Optimal Learning Environment for All Students • Successful Post-Graduation Transition Responsible Budgeting • Attorney practicing in Connecticut for 9+ years • U.S. Coast Guard Petty Of cer 1997-2001 • B.S. Sacred Heart University, magna cum laude, 2004 • J.D. Brooklyn Law School, 2007 • Volunteer Attorney, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center • Fellow, Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

Orange Board Of Ed



Charles Flynn • Implement Sensible Testing • Appropriate Class Sizes Responsible Budgeting • Entering 20th year as a CT Public School teacher • NEASC accreditation Committee Co Chair, Fair eld Warde High School 2009 • Past President, Assumption (Ansonia) School Board • Board member, Ryan's Rebels, a charity supporting children ghting beuroblastoma • Youth Soccer Sponsor, Coach & Little League Coach • Orange Fathers Club • Graduate of Boston College, MS History • 6th year diploma in Educational Leadership fromSCSU • Married, father of three



Frank Renaldi • Implement Sensible Testing • Appropriate Class Sizes Responsible Budgeting • Moved to Orange in 2011 because of the excellent school system • Elementary school teacher in Hamden for 14 years • 2016-2017 Hamden's Teacher of the Year • Bachelor's in Elem. Ed., Master's in Remedial Reading, 6th Year Degree in Elem. Ed. • Coordinator of a School Climate Committee • Trained to mentor new teachers • Active member of the Orange Softball League • Married with a 5-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter • Son attends Mary L. Tracy



Mary Welander • Implement Sensible Testing • Appropriate Class Sizes Responsible Budgeting • BA, English, University of Massachusetts, Amherst • Classroom Assistant, Dartmouth College Child Care Center • Race Brook School PTA, Board Member 2017 • Volunteer, Girl Scouts, Coordinated Cookie Sales • Introduced "Start With Hello" program to Race Brook School • Member, Orange Community Women • Married, mother of 3 attending Race Brook School • Balanced problem solving approach based on common sense and a sense of humo

Town Planning & Zoning



Mike Muttitt • Sound Planning and Zoning Regulations • Promote Economic Development Protect Our Residents • Monroe CT Inland Wetlands Commission 2012-2017 • Chairperson 2015-2017 • Student Member of OGAT Committee 1999-2002 • OGAT Camera Person 1998-2002 • Charter Communications Cable Advisory Council Area 19, 2013-2017 • Vice Chairperson 2015-2017 • Director, N etwork and Voice Engineering, People's United Bank • BS, Information Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology-2016



Mike Sodins • Sound Planning and Zoning Regulations • Promote Economic Development Protect Our Residents • Tech School 1981 to 1982 H.V.A.C. • Licensed HVAC, Sheet Metal and Solar Thermal Contractor • Started and managed a mechanical services company in 1998 • Technical high school teacher, 2008-Present • OSHAinstructor • Accredited solar thermal contractor for the state • Certi ed CPR and AED • Moved to Orange 1.5 years ago

Tax Collector



Kristin Zanjani • Extended Office Hours • Friendly, Helpful Staff • On-Line Credit Card Options • General Manager of Atlantic Fiberglass Products, Inc., A berglass agpole manufacturer • 20 years in excelling in customer service • 14 years experience in managing operations and accounting for an international business • Member/Volunteer - Orange Community Women • Lifelong Orange resident • 2 children attending Race Brook School

Constables

Randy Thomas Bob Shanley Santo Galatioto Marianne Miller

Milford Republicans



Joanne Lasse Rohrig, City Clerk

We have developed a strong and transformative Office of the City Clerk. As the incumbent, I have loved every minute serving the needs of my fellow citizens and continue to improve services with transparency and vigor. I will continue to represent this wonderful office with a sincere commitment to serve. My tenure as City Clerk has been highlighted by numerous improvements and enhanced services and communication vehicles for our citizens. I want to continue this work. My focus continues to be to make the Milford City Clerk's office a role model for other cities and towns, which requires a full-time allegiance. My position as the City Clerk is and always will be my sole priority.

Board of Aldermen



Tom Rupich, D-2
Interlochen Arts Academy • President of Rupinc LLC (Advertising/Marketing) • CLIO award for advertising, POLLIE award for best national political campaign. Paintings in numerous international collections and featured on CNN • Host of "Why? Milford!" the podcast.



Jeremy Grant, D-2
AS Computer Science, GCC • BS Computer Science, Environmental Science & Nutrition, SCSU • Alderman, Second District 2015 - present • Race Director of Milford Road Runners • Member, Friends of the Milford Library



Ray Vitali, D-5
Five-term Alderman • Chair of Milford Prevention Council • First Vice Chair of the United Way Board of Directors • Bridges Health Care, Board of Directors • Co-Founder of Folks on Spokes/Folks on Foot • Member of the Annual Milford Oyster Festival Committee



Bill Bevan, D-5
Current Board of Alderman • Justice of the Peace • Public Safety and Welfare Committee • US Navy Veteran • Lifelong Milford resident



Dan German, D-4
Currently serving on the Board of Alderman • Lifelong Milford Resident • MBA, Sacred Heart University • BS in Business Administration, Northern Arizona University • Small Business owner for over 25 years • Financial Advisor for Charter Oak Financial and Mass Mutual



John Drapp, D-4
BS, Sociology, Southern Connecticut State University • Master of Health Administration, Quinnipiac University • Juris Doctor, Quinnipiac University School of Law • Managing Attorney of Drapp & Jaumann, LLC, Bridgeport, 2004-Present • Real Estate Instructor, Housatonic Community College, 2006-Present • Connecticut Real Estate Broker, 2002-Present • Member, Chamber of Commerce



Anthony Giannattasio, D-1
Lifelong Resident • Current Board of Alderman Minority Leader • Member of Ordinance Committee • Former Planning and Zoning Member • Former Zoning Board of Appeals Member • Owner, Milford Barrel • Member Milford Columbus Committee • Corporator, Milford Bank • Incorporator, Milford Hospital



Jay Tranquilli, D-1
Father of four, and husband to Melissa • Owner of Milford Home Renovations • Former BOE member • Orange Ave PTA member • Member, Saint Agnes Church • Current foster for One more dog rescue • Former sponsor, manager, commissioner Milford JML baseball



Connie Gaynor, D-3
BS Marketing, Fairfield University • Human Resource Management, Fairfield University • Milford Public Library, Board of Directors • Trustee, Milford Boys and Girls Club • Former St. Gabriel Home School Association; Board Member • Former St. Gabriel Parish Social Action Committee



Michael S. Casey, D-3
BA, political science - University of Connecticut • JD - University of Connecticut School of Law • Current Milford Board of Alderman • Former Milford Planning & Zoning Board • Boys and Girls Club of Milford Board of Directors • Kiwanis Club of Milford

Board Of Education



Frank Musante, D-2
Enrolled at Housatonic Community College • President of the Political Science and History Club at Housatonic Community College • Member of the National Society of Leadership and Success • Graduate of Jonathan Law High School • Manager of the Law Girls Soccer Team



Mark Macchio, D-2
Plumbing and Heating, Platt Technical High School • Member of Knights of Columbus • Owner of Nutmeg Services LLC • Former Treasurer of National Honor Society • Former Captain of Platt Tech Indoor Track



Bill Farrell, D-5
20 years as instructor for Milford Adult Education program • Vice President Wells Fargo • 25 years as a Licensed Financial Adviser • Certified Retirement Counselor • Former Member of the Milford Pension Board • Former Member of Board of Assessment Review • 4th degree and 2 year trustee for Knights of Columbus • Board of Director for Center Walk Condos



Walter Hagedorn, D-1
Current Board of Education Member • U.S. Navy Veteran • Harugari German American Club member /Board of Directors 2000-Present • Order Of Herman Sons, Local lodge President and member for over 19 years • Former Cub Scout Leader



Win Smith III, D-4
Bachelor's Degree from University of Rhode Island • Juris Doctorate from Roger Williams University • Lifelong Milford Resident • Practices Law at Dey, Smith and Steele LLC • Eagle Scout • Member, Free Mason's • Member, Milford Rotary



Katie Martino, D-4
Housatonic Community College, Early Childhood Education • Norwalk Community College, Paralegal Studies • Owner of iParalegalCT, LLC • Connecticut Licensed Realtor at Century 21, Scala Group • Member of Kiwanis • Member Milford Chamber



Scott Firmender, D-1
Lived in Milford Since 1992 • Married to Holly, Father to Two Sons, Marshall & Michael, Ages 13&11 • Member of City of Milford Pension Review Board • Volunteer/Supporter of Milford's Camp Happiness • Medical Imaging Systems - CF) • Firemender & Company - Owner



Tom Jagodinski, D-3
Married 3 children, 3 grandchildren • Current member of the Board of Education • Milford Hospital Volunteer • Eucharistic Minister and Lector - St. Ann's • Justice of the Peace • Retired Senior VP and Chief Technology Officer at a Major Bank • BS Mathematics, Fairfield University



Susan Krushinsky, D-3
Married to Curt for 22 years, Two children • BS Architecture The Catholic University of America. (or CUA) • Current Board of Education member • Active member of Milford PTA's for 10 years • Former Scout (Cub and Girl) Leader Parent of the Year WSMS 2016, JFK 2011

Planning & Zoning



Ed Mead, D-5
Lifelong Milford resident • Graduate of Jonathan Law • State of Connecticut Mason Apprenticeship • Porter & Chester Institute Automotive & Diesel Repair • Former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals • Former member and Vice Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board • Past President of the Irish Heritage Society of Milford



Rich Goulart, D-4
Graduate of the Center for Culinary Arts • Chef and Owner of Simply Elegant Catering • Member and Incoming President of Milford Kiwanis • Board of Directors for Beth El Center • Member of West Haven Italian American Club, Kitchen Manager

Milford Democrats



Kim Rose, City Clerk

I have long been an advocate for the people of Milford. From fighting against a predatory housing developer in Devon to closing down the dump at 990 Naugatuck Avenue, I have fought for you. Now, as your City Clerk, I intend to continue to work to make you proud!

I have 18 years of municipal service and would like to bring that to Milford, the city we love. From simplifying access to city records, improving the customer experience, to expanding community outreach, I have the commitment, dedication and proven experience to get it done.

I will continue to serve Milford in a bipartisan manner with integrity, responsibility, relationship building, negotiating and commitment. I am and will continue to remain accessible to you at any time. Please don't hesitate to call me anytime: (203) 701-6098. I would be honored to have your vote in November.

Board of Alderman



Nick Veccharelli, D-2
Majority Leader, Board of Aldermen
• Retired Milford Firefighter • Retired Network Administrator • Member, Milford Elks • Member, East Shore Middle School PTA
“I thank you all for your support over the past 18 years as your

Alderman. I respectfully ask for your consideration again on this upcoming election.”



Janet A. Golden, D-2
Graduated Magna Cum Laude BS degree in Corporate Communications, SCSU • Vice Chair of Public Works committee • Chair of Claims Committee • Front office manager at Awaken the Power Therapy, Milford • Liaison to

Milford Board of Education
“One of our most important challenges is achieving a budget that balances a quality education for our children with taxes that are fair to our senior citizens. The start for a better tomorrow begins today.”



Frank Smith, D-3
Former Member, Council on Aging, Inland Wetlands Agency • Has served on Devon Revitalization Committee, Walnut, Wildmere and Laurel Beach Associations • Chair, Aldermanic Ordinance Committee
“I am committed to providing

responsive local government for the people of Devon and West Shore.”



Marty Hardiman, D-3
Alderman, Third District, eight years • Board of Education, six years • Constable, ten years • Zoning Board of Appeals, five years • Co-Founder, Milford Irish Heritage Society, Parade Grand Marshal 2010 • Member of the Permanent School

Building Committee and Public Safety Committee



Anthony Sutton, D-4
Chairman, Milford Planning & Zoning, 2016-2017 • Rated AV (highest ethical standard) by Martindale-Hubbell Legal Ratings • Former Member, Stamford Board of Assessment Appeals • BA, New York University • JD, Quinnipiac

University School of Law
“As an Alderman, I will continue to put the needs of our residents first, work to sustain the sound financial health of our city, and encourage responsible growth that maintains Milford's unique charm.”



Phil Vetro, D-4
Chairman, Board of Aldermen • Served eight years on the Planning & Zoning Board, and served as Chairman • Board of Directors of the United Way of Milford, and serves on the Executive Board • Captain, Point Beach Volunteer

Fire Engine Co. #6 for 30 years • Milford DTC Distinguished Service Award, 2011



Bryan Anderson, D-5
Teacher, New York City Public Schools • Graduate, UCONN and Fordham • Trustee, Milford Land Conservation Trust
“We need to keep Milford attractive and competitive, and that means to respect our unique environment,

appreciate our seniors, work to achieve a quality education for our children, and maintain an affordable and stable tax base.”



Dominic Cotton, D-5
Graduate with a BA in Psychology from UCONN and a Masters in Healthcare Admin from WCSU • Co-host and producer of educational and political Cable TV Show, Street Talk on Channel 77 • Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA



Karen Fortunati, D-5
Graduate of the University of Scranton (Accounting,) • Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.) and Trinity College (M.A. American Studies) • Museum educator New Haven Museum and The Old Statehouse in Hartford •

Democratic Town Committee 5th District • Member - Friends of the Milford Library • Attends St. Mary's Church



Ellen Beatty, D-1
B.S. Molloy College (Nursing) • M.A. New York University (Nursing) • M.Ed. & Ed.D. Columbia University • Professor Emeritus, Public Health and Nursing • Southern Connecticut State University • Former Director of

Nursing Program, Mercy College • Served as Commissioner, Milford Transit District • Former Executive Board / Chair of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central CT



Nija Phelps, D-1
Volunteer board member of Fairfield Standing United, The Women's March-CT, NARAL Pro-Choice CT, CT-NOW • Supporter of The Metropolitan Opera, National Public Radio

Board Of Ed



Jennifer Federico, D-2
Minority Leader, Board of Education • Current member, Permanent School Facilities Building Committee • Former Meadowside PTA Treasurer and Parliamentarian • B.S. in Accounting, UCONN 1993 • MBA, University of New Haven 2013



Susan Glennon, D-2
Milford Board of Education 2011-2017 • Majority Leader 2011-2013 • Chairwoman 2013-2017 • PTA Member since 1992 • Connecticut PTA Board of Directors 2004-2011 • Elaine Boulay Award, 2006 • PTA Council Honorary Life Membership Award, 2010 • Business Owner and Licensed Early Childhood Professional for over 20 years.



Erin Pinsince, D-3
Cellular Biology and Human Anatomy and Physiology teacher, Luralton Hall • PTA Treasurer, Meadowside Elementary • National Honor Society moderator, Luralton Hall • Sophomore Class moderator, Luralton Hall • Junior and senior prom coordinator, Luralton Hall • Former substitute teacher for the Milford Board of Education and former para-educator at Foran High

“I would be honored to serve the Milford community on the Board of Education.”



Warren Pawlowski, D-3
Bachelor of Arts in English and Sociology at the University of Connecticut • Instructional aide and substitute at Cooperative Educational Services (CES), Fairfield County • An editor and marketing services manager for the Oxford division of UnitedHealthcare • Author of two novels, Sanity's Flaw and The Nobodies, and produces a bimonthly video series



Rita Hennessey, D-4
Library Media Specialist & Technology Integrator at Betsy Ross Magnet Middle School, New Haven • American Association of School Librarians • Member, Young Adult Library Services Association • American Federation of Teachers -

Connecticut • Member, EPIC Forum (Educators for Progress, Innovation and Change) • Member, Milford Speaks Out - Education Committee



Craig Zentkovich, D-4
Iraq and Afghanistan veteran with five combat deployments • Currently attending Thomas Edison State University • Chairman, Milford Ethics Commission • Small business owner • Volunteer - Youth Baseball - Coach • Served as a

Volunteer Firefighter for 5 years • Attended Milford schools from K-12 • Member of the American Legion since 2010
“I look forward to continuing my life of service to Milford and its children as a member of the Board of Education.”



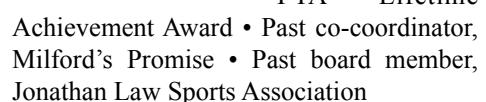
Claire Casey, D-5
B.S. Psychology, Sacred Heart University • M.A. Education, University of Bridgeport • Teacher, St. James School, Stratford, 3rd, 5th and 6th grade students • Volunteer, St. Agnes Vacation Bible School • Commissioner, Milford

Conservation Commission • Worked at the Diocese of Bridgeport, 26 years



Adam De Young, D-5
Graduate of the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI), Class of 2016 • Executive Board member on the Orchard Hills PTA • Contributing member on the Milford Education Foundation • Parent volunteer for Milford Public Schools website redesign committee • Milford-based small business owner (digital marketing agency)

Milford Democrats



Theodore Boynton Brendan Casey Linda Hardiman Matt Zancewicz

For more information or to register contact RS-Event@charter.net or Doug or Ellen Stevens at 203-268-9229. To learn more about Road Scholar, visit www.roadscholar.org.

Home & Garden

The Garden Spot:

Time to Clean Up the Garden

With the warm October weather we've had, it's hard to believe that it's time to clean up our gardens and put them to bed for the winter. Besides getting the leaves off the lawn, there are several other important clean-up projects—some involving your plants, others involving your tools and equipment. Once we have a heavy, killing frost, it's time to toss or take clippings of the annuals and bring any non-weather proof pots and containers indoors. If your annuals are disease free you can toss them into the compost pile along with the soil. Any plants that seem to have diseases should be



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disposed of in other ways. Pots and containers should then be brushed clean using a solution of 10 parts water to one part bleach. This will kill any pests, molds and funguses that can infect your plants next spring. Pots should be dried out and then stored in a protected area to prevent cracking due to freezing.

Most perennials can also be cut back at this time although don't forget that many of the perennial grasses create great winter interest in the garden and can be cut back in early spring. If any of your shrubs or woody perennials are too large for their spots, you can either transplant or, if

they are late Summer bloomers, prune back now. Proper pruning is done at the base of the plant—generally at 3-6 inches above the soil. You can take as much as a third of the plant off and in three years you'll have an entirely new shrub. Pruning in this manner allows better air circulation to the plant which will help to prevent mold and fungus growth. Please don't take out electric clippers and give your plants a "haircut"—that only encourages leggy top growth and doesn't reshape a plant or improve its health. You should also mulch your perennials to help them best survive the winter. And don't forget to clean and sterilize your pruners, shovels and other tools. You can do this by putting some rubbing alcohol on a towel and wiping down the

tool—and then oil your pruners before you put them away for the season.

This is also the perfect time to test the pH of your soil. You can either bring a sample to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven or pick up a test kit at a local nursery. Turf grasses grow best in a slightly acidic soil (5.5-6.5 pH) but the soil in Connecticut is typically more acidic and needs to have limestone added to adjust the pH. Limestone should not be applied within two weeks of fertilization.

If you do a little work now, you'll save yourself a lot of work in the spring!

Pat Dray is a past president of the Orange Garden Club.

Just Floored:

Bathroom Facelift on a Budget

Are you looking to update your bathroom? Here are some tips for doing it without blowing the budget.

Add some glam to your powder room with affordable new features, such as a dramatic mirror, glass and chrome accent shelves and towel bars. A great mirror can really add interest to the space. Create dimension with white painted beaded board and paint the upper half of the walls a rich contrasting color.

When your existing vanity cabinet offers good storage, nice lines, and sturdy construction, renew the look with a fresh coat of paint or stain. For a previously stained cabinet, sand off the old finish and apply



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updated stain color. You should also sand the gloss off a previously painted cabinet and smooth out any damage with filler, and then apply a coat of primer.

Finish with a topcoat of color. Bold colors are in right now. Paint the vanity a bold navy or even a dark green to add a new look to the piece. Replacing the countertop, when the vanity is solid, refreshes the bathroom overall. Consider a remnant granite or quartz slab for a luxury look for less.

White field tiles are an affordable choice to finish a shower surround. Spice up the look with a band of accent tiles. Because you won't need a lot for the band, you can purchase them by the

sheet and add glam without going over budget. Arrange the tiles in different ways, such as in a niche or in a vertical band in line with your shower fixtures. This gives a more updated look.

Looking for that beautiful furniture-inspired vanity? Snag a flea market console or occasional table or even a dresser for just a few dollars and convert it into a stylish vanity. A table also offers a comfortable surface height to support a vessel-style sink. Save on expensive cabinetry by cutting a hole in the top of a dresser or chest for a drop-in sink and faucet. It will look like an expensive vanity, without the high price tag.

You'll see your bathroom a new if you replace dated light fixtures. Add some updated sconces or even a dramatic chandelier.

Glass mosaic tiles look sharp but can be

pricey. Incorporate a thin band among field tiles on a floor and instantly give your bathroom an expensive custom-designed appearance. Just like adding them inside the shower, you can add just a few strips of mosaic to the floor to create an area rug pattern. Another option is adding a wet wall behind the sink. This will add even more drama to the space without blowing the budget.

There are always affordable options when it comes to a little bathroom update. Whether it's a shower stall overhaul or just adding some bead board and a fresh coat of paint, every little bit helps make the space look new.

Annamarie Mastrangelo is founder/owner of A.A.I. Flooring Specialist. She can be reached at amoreinteriorsllc@gmail.com.

Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

Be Prepared for Expenses with Every Home Transaction

Whether you are selling a home or buying one, be aware that you will probably need additional funds at some point in the deal. From inspection evaluations to deed complications, no one can anticipate all the costs in a purchase or sale. You may decide in an extreme situation not to purchase. You may also have the buyer walk away, leaving you with expenses you did not budget for.

Everyone has a choice to purchase or to sell, within deadlines and limitations. Let's take the seller's position first. If the home inspection reveals a few important repairs that the buyer wants funds for, do you refuse



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to cooperate? That's not a good idea. If you do not perform on your end, then that buyer walks, and the next home inspector finds the same issues anyway. Besides, you need to add any problems you are aware of that you don't plan to fix onto your residential property disclosure form. That's why they call it a disclosure.

On the other hand, if the buyer asks for things that will increase the value of the property (his inspector will recommend everything from soup to nuts), then you can respectfully decline. In the real estate business, these items are called "upgrades," not repairs. Say the furnace

is fifteen years old. In ten years the buyer might need a new one, and wants a credit of \$3,000. This happens a lot, and the buyer should be counseled by his realtor on how to separate the now issues from these long-term eventualities. A broken furnace now would be worth credit from the seller.

Sometimes the buyer has limited funds and has figured out his budget for a specific purchase. He has the closing costs, down payment, inspections, appraisal, etc. But when he gets almost to the end of the process and the title has a hiccup, the deed could have recorded in a different way. In a recent case for me, working with a buyer, the home was advertised one way, but really deeded in another way, preventing the loan from being

approved. The buyer had already spent a few thousand dollars with applications and research on the home and now was forced to cancel and find another home. These things happen, and there is a real grey area about whom to ask to return those funds. Did the listing agent make a mistake? Even an attorney does not get paid, most of the time, until a transaction closes.

Everyone loses when a deal falls apart, but fronting funds to go from beginning to end of the real estate process is never one hundred percent until the transaction closes.

If you need more information on these issues, email Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com.

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Arts & Entertainment

"There is incredible power in the arts to inspire and to influence." —Julie Taymor

by Patricia Miller

ORANGE PLAYERS presents "Acting Up!" on Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th at High Plains Community Center. (525 Orange Center Road, Orange) The performances promise to be engaging, with comedy, drama and satire all part of the ten previously unpublished plays to be presented. A company of 9 directors and 26 actors will participate. On Saturday night, there will be live music before the performances, with Orange Player Rich Moran providing the vocals. The Orange Players presented the first of such evenings last summer, and it proved to be very successful and well attended, prompting the OP to expand "Acting Up!" to two nights this year. One Act short play festivals are popular throughout the country at this time. The Orange Players is proud to be part of this relatively new artistic endeavor. Seating will be cabaret style and audience members are encouraged to bring their own beverages and snacks to enjoy before and during the shows. Doors open at 7:00, performance begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Box Office number- (475) 227-7547 or go to orangeplayers.net. (Brown Bag Tickets.) Come with your friends—make up a table—make it a party!

ART IN THE LIBRARY

(176 Tyler City Road, Orange) features Waterworks—the artwork of the students of local artist, teacher and founder of Art in the Library, Audrey Galer. In 2001, the Art in the Library program began with an exhibition of the artwork of her students, and this exhibition has continued every year since. Although many of her students are Orange residents, a considerable number is drawn from surrounding towns. Over the years, Audrey has had hundreds of students, both adults and children, whom she has taught to explore watercolor techniques. The exhibition is available for viewing during regular Library hours - Monday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. An artists' reception will be held on Thursday, November 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL

(619 Orange Center Road, Orange) continues the show of the work of local photographer Priscilla Searles. The exhibition is available for viewing during regular Town Hall hours, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This intimate gallery was established through the collaboration of the Orange Arts Council and the Town of Orange.

THE GREAT! BOOK SALE

will take place on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Case Memorial Library Basement sales area. There will be a wonderful assortment of books for children and books for adults. There are books of all types, sizes and content. There are tables and shelves with books organized by category—such as Fiction, Non Fiction, History, Art, Biography Holiday, How-to, Humor, etc. etc. The list goes on and on—there are too many categories to list in full. There are also CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, and audiobooks. The quantity of the materials for sale is staggering. The Book Sales are fund raisers that make it possible for the Friends to contribute funding for programs and passes to the library, and also to purchase equipment or furnishings requested by the Librarian. Come support the effort!



The Orange Players rehearsing for "Acting Up!"

FRIENDS OF THE CASE MEMORIAL

Library will present "The Architecture of the American Diner: From Wagon Wheels to Stainless Steel," on Thursday, November 16th at 1:00 p.m. at High Plains Community Center in the Senior Lounge. Christopher Dobbs is the speaker and in his presentation, he will answer the question, "What Makes the American Diner?" Dobbs is the Executive Director of the Connecticut River Museum. His interest in diners began, he says, "as a child going out for breakfast with my father." His presentation will begin with the 1870s, and will trace the evolution of the diner from wagon to Pullman car, to streamliner, and eventually, to rockets. Diners are places to socialize that originally catered to men. They offer 'comfort food,' are reasonably priced and are considered cultural icons. Everyone who has ever eaten at a diner will surely be interested in learning about "the greasy spoon," a place of down-home hospitality. The program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Senior Center. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat.

THE NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA will play Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on Thursday, November 9th at Woolsey Hall (500 College Street, New Haven). William Boughton will conduct, and the concert will feature the Yale Glee Club and Jennifer Johnson Caro, mezzo soprano. Also on the program are Brahms' Schicksalslied-Song of Destiny, and Brahms' Alto Rhapsody. Tickets may be purchased by calling the NISO Box Office at (203) 865-0831, or by going to the New Haven Symphony website. Tickets to individual concerts range from \$15.00 - \$74.00 and kids go free to all NISO concerts with the purchase of an adult ticket.

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(Orange Arts and Culture Council will provide bus transportation from High Plains Community Center (525 Orange Center Road, Orange). The bus will leave promptly at 6:45 p.m., arriving at Woolsey Hall in time for the 7:30 starting time of the concert. The bus will return to High Plains immediately following the performance. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call (203) 397-8915. Tickets to the concert may be purchased by calling the number cited in the preceding paragraph outlining the program.

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(Orchestra New England), now in its 44th season, will present the highly touted Colonial Concert for the 38th consecutive year. This has become a family holiday tradition in our area, and will take place on Saturday, November 25th at 8:00 p.m. at United Church on the Green in New Haven. This is ONE's flashback entertainment featuring wigs, waistcoats and candlelight. It is an historical evening for enjoying Haydn, Handel, theatrical hi-jinks, and more. Purchase tickets online at www.orchestranewengland.org or by calling (203) 777-4890.

SHORELINE ARTS TRAIL

Shoreline Arts Trail is the annual Open Studios weekend on Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thirty nine artists, in Branford, Guilford and Madison have opened their studios for visitation, where participants can meet the artists, explore the studios and view amazing art. There will be signs to lead the way. The Arts trail makes a great family outing. For more information, call Martha Link Walsh at (203) 481-3505 or Eileen Eder at (203) 458-1720, or visit www.shorelineartstrail.com

GLENN ROTH

Glenn Roth grew up in Orange, recently returned from a tour of engagements in Colorado. Upon his return he took part in the Connecticut Guitar Festival at CCSU, where he gave a workshop in finger style guitar and had a concert in the evening. Glenn is an exciting young artist who has recently released a new CD, *Got It Covered (Vol. I)*, and has also uploaded some new videos on Youtube. The CD is available at glennroth.com. Digital copies are available on iTunes and Amazon. Following the Guitar Festival, he played at the Farmington Valley Acoustic Festival. We'll keep you posted on upcoming events. He is an accomplished, engaging musician.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY JAZZ SERIES

(Lyman Center 501 Crescent Street, New Haven) features Gerald Albright with special guests Alex Bugnon and Marc Antoine on Saturday, November 18th at 8:00 p.m. It's two concerts in one with this double bill. Gerald Albright is a skilled master musician and Grammy nominated saxophonist. Alex Bugnon, an accomplished keyboardist, is accompanied by the guitar stylings of Marc Antoine. Tickets may be purchased online at lymancenter.org or by calling (203) 392-6154.

SHUBERT THEATER

(247 College Street, New Haven) presents the musical theater classic, *The Sound of Music*, November 8-12. This is a brand new production that includes favorite songs like "Do Re Me," "Climb Every Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song "The Sound of Music" returns to the Shubert where the original production had its World Premiere in 1959. *The Buddy Holly Story* comes next, November 17-18, featuring the hit songs "That'll Be the Day," Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba," "Chantilly Lace" and many more. Tickets to these shows may be purchased online at shubert.com, by calling (203) 562-5666, or by visiting the Box Office at the theater.

LONG WHARF THEATRE

(222 Sargent Drive, New Haven) presents *The Chosen*, adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok, running from November 22-December 17th. Aaron Posner and Chaim Potok did the adaptation, and the play is directed by Gordon Edelstein. *The Chosen* tells the story of two brilliant young men from rival yeshivas. Reuven and Danny first meet on the baseball field. Danny falls Reuven with a line drive in the heat of competition, and thereafter the boys start a tentative and unique friendship. Growing up in the shadows of imposing and impressive fathers, the boys question their place in the world. It is set in Brooklyn in the 1940s when the specter of war is omnipresent. It is a story of father and sons, tradition, modernity and the difficult choices one must make to achieve understanding. Tickets may be purchased online at longwharf.org or by calling (203) 787-4282.

QUICK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

(Fairfield University, 1073 N. Benson Road, Fairfield) presents Eddie Palmieri-Eddie at 80 with his Latin Jazz Septet on Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m. With 10 Grammys, 36 recordings, and a musical career that spans over 50 years as a pianist, bandleader, and composer of salsa and Latin jazz, Eddie Palmieri's contribution to Latin music is unparalleled. According to *The Boston Globe*, "Eddie Palmieri has been the most consistently innovative artist in Afro-Cuban music in the United States for the past 30 years." For tickets, go to QuickCenter.com or call (203) 254-4016.

THE YALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Yale School of Music presents the Horowitz Piano Series at Morse Recital Hall in Sprague Hall (470 College Street, New Haven). On Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m., Peter Frankl, with Janna Baty, mezzo-soprano and Randall Scarlata, baritone, will present an all Schumann program including song cycles and the exquisite Kinderszenen. Ticket prices start at \$13 and can be purchased online at music-tickets-yale.edu or by calling (203) 432-4158.

Have an event, an idea, a comment? Send to patmiller605@sbcbglobal.net



Restaurant Review:

Milford's Fratelli's – A Pleasant Italian Experience

I have always been a huge fan of Italian food. I am always up to go out for a nice Italian meal. Fratelli's in Milford came highly recommended to me from a co-worker. A childhood friend had come up from New Jersey for the day, so we decided to give Fratelli's a shot.

Fratelli's has a very welcoming appearance, lovely décor and a very attentive staff. We were seated quickly and had our bar order taken right away. The dinner menu has a variety: many of the old standbys, but also many dishes I had never heard of. The menu is well written and descriptive.



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All of the dishes are prepared with fresh and authentic ingredients. The appetizers all sounded awesome. We had a hard time choosing between the rabe with sausage and the clams casino. The rabe with sausage was prepared with broccoli rabe, sausage, beans, and hot cherry peppers in a white wine sauce. It was delicious. The entrees offer many terrific-sounding veal dishes and a vast seafood selection, along with chicken, pasta and steak. I am normally a huge pasta fan, and the selections sounded incredible. As usual, it was a very difficult choice. We went with the chicken parmigiana,

gnocchi pesto and the steak pizzaiola. We all shared. These three dishes happen to be my favorites. The pesto was fresh. The steak pizzaiola was done to perfection, with mushrooms, peppers, and onions in a burgundy wine sauce. The steak was served with roasted potatoes. The gnocchi pesto was served with sun-dried tomatoes. I would most definitely order each of these dishes again. The food was delicious, and the service was extraordinary, as one would expect in a family-owned and operated restaurant. The prices are also quite reasonable. The apps run between \$8 and \$13, while the entrees run from \$15 to \$26. All entrees include bread, butter and salad. The chicken dishes and veal are also served with a side of pasta. The location was

also very convenient, with well-lit off-street parking. Overall it was a very pleasant, low key evening. Fratelli's is open for lunch and dinner six days a week. It's open Tuesday to Thursday from noon to 10 p.m., Friday to Saturday from noon to 11 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m. They are closed on Mondays. Fratelli's also offers catering services. The restaurant is located at 248 New Haven Ave. in Milford. You can call them at 203-877-1170 or visit their website at www.fratellismilford.com.
Mark Fagan lives in Orange and serves on the Board of Directors for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen in New Haven.

The Epic Novel of Armenian Resistance

Franz Werfel, *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*, Jarrolds

This novel does not cover the entirety of the Armenian genocide. Instead it dramatizes the most remarkable of the attempts at resistance. In 1915, five thousand Armenian villagers living at the foot of the coastal mountain, Musa Dagh, abandoned their homes and relocated on the mountain where they established a defense line of fortified trenches and attempted to reconstitute their communal lives while under Turkish siege. They never believed they could prevail over the Turkish army, but were determined to choose a more dignified manner of death than the forced march through the Syrian Desert. Nevertheless, with few guns and no



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military training they repelled three successive Turkish attacks. This was due, in part, to the presence of a leader who had been an officer in the Ottoman Army and possessed both the skill and patience to turn a community of artisans into a disciplined fighting force. In the novel, he is Gabriel Bagradian. In real life he was Muvses Der Kaloustian. The author demonstrates an ability to describe every facet of life under siege. He understands how the human foibles of vanity, jealousy, factionalism, snobbery, and superstition can undermine the struggle for survival. What he admires most about the Armenians is their solidarity. He writes, "where there is any danger of death any Armenian is the priest and father of any other." Yet this admiration does not prevent him from presenting us with scenes in which

community solidarity is unraveling under the pressure of food shortages. This resistance did have a positive outcome. The villagers were rescued by the arrival of French warships. The character of Bagradian is of interest because he touches a major theme of the novel which is "the call of blood." Bragadian had been living, with his chic French wife, the life of a cosmopolitan intellectual in Paris. His return to his native village corresponds to the beginning of the mass expulsions. He begins to understand the inauthenticity of his cosmopolitan life with its lack of communal commitment. From the moment he undertakes to lead the resistance, his marriage becomes the focus of these two forces pulling him in different directions. When the book was published in 1932, Armenian communities around the world celebrated and, in at least in one case, a statue of Franz Werfel was erected. Not

so in Turkey. There, both Jewish and Armenian communities, under duress, held public burnings of the book. The government of Turkey continues to deny their own holocaust and holds the Turkish Armenian community hostage to this denial. Turkish threats to this community's safety persuaded MGM studios to cancel a planned film on Musa Dagh. In World War II, Warsaw ghetto fighters passed *The Forty Days* from hand to hand as an attempt to sustain morale. The blood-soaked twentieth century may become known as "the age of genocide." One may ask whether the failure to prevent or to acknowledge the first of these horrors made the genocides in Nazi Germany, Cambodia and Rwanda more possible to enact.
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Mindfulness, Hypnosis and Meditation: A Perspective

I am so pleased to hear that the concept of mindfulness has made it to the mainstream public schools. Recently I learned that mindfulness specialists have begun to work with children in the schools. I can only hope that teachers are learning to use these techniques to reduce their own stress and improve their own lives as well. One definition of mindfulness is: "Maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment". Many of my clients want to learn to 'be in the moment' instead of always worrying about the next one. Any means of learning to rein in our thoughts to take control of them is a great beginning. The beginning of stress management, anger management, sleep, food and behavior management is every way you can imagine. Mindfulness has entered the American mainstream in recent years, in part through the work of Jon Kabat-Zinn and



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his Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) program, which he launched at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1979. The benefits are endless and the practice is very easy to learn. It has only taken 40 years for the schools to catch up! According to Psychology Today, Meditation is the practice of turning your attention to a single point of reference. It can involve focusing on the breathing, on bodily sensations, or on a word or phrase known as a mantra. In other words, meditation means turning your attention away from distracting thoughts and focusing on the present moment. It certainly sounds like mindfulness, doesn't it? Many people are turned off to the concept of meditation because they don't know how to do it and think it's hard to learn. It's true that "Transcendental Meditation, or TM" is costly and challenging to learn, but that is

only one type of meditation and it is only as difficult as you believe it is to learn. Finding the right fit, whether it's guided and visual or a focused state of chosen awareness, it is easy to do. According to verywell.com, hypnosis is described as a sleep-like trance state. It is better expressed as a state characterized by focused attention, heightened suggestibility and vivid use of the imagination. People in a hypnotic state often seem sleepy and zoned out, but in reality they are in a state of hyper-awareness. Self hypnosis is often induced by mindfulness or another type of meditative state like daydreaming. Focusing on a specific visual or auditory experience can bring you into a state of self-hypnosis. I hope it has become obvious that these techniques have more in common than they have differences. The difference hypnosis makes in that you use a coach, or hypnotist, for the guidance to reach a specific goal. The goals can be anything from weight management, smoking cessation, sleep, eliminating bad habits,

or getting past negative thoughts from the past that you seem to still 'focus' on. What you focus on, you manifest. The key word in all these modalities is focus. By learning how to use your mind in a focused way, you can accomplish almost anything. Stress is the result of focusing, but on negative thoughts, feelings or memories that are already in the past. The gift in learning mindfulness in schools is that children begin to take responsibility for their thoughts that create their feelings and generate their behaviors. Most of my clients come to me feeling 'out of control.' They are not out of control but they focus on that thought and feeling until it becomes apparent in their behavior. Use mindfulness, meditation or hypnosis but doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result is the definition of.....you already know.
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Business

Your Finances:

Building Wealth the Old-Fashioned Way

When it comes to wealth there are two competing narratives in America. The “Self-Made” narrative holds that 70-80 percent of wealthy Americans worked hard to achieve success and did not inherit their good fortune. The “Inequality” narrative holds that 60-70 percent of wealthy individuals were born into circumstances that gave them a huge head start with access to elite schools, family contacts and substantial seed money.

Either way, thousands of people born into modest or even poverty-stricken circumstances have managed to rise up and achieve substantial wealth. We can acknowledge a degree of inequality in the world without giving up the American Dream for ourselves.

Thomas J. Stanley made a career out of studying and interviewing millionaires, and he shared his findings in several books, including the best-selling The Millionaire Next Door released in 1996. He believed that 80 percent of millionaires are self-made, most often professionals or self-employed business owners.

His books chronicled the startling fact that most millionaires do not live like we expect the wealthy to live. They drive modest cars and live in modest houses, and they spend their money on their businesses and on education, items that will produce value in their lives and the lives of their family members. They understand the value of money because they worked hard to earn it and they diligently saved and invested it.

If you are a young person of modest means willing to work hard for success, Stanley offers a wealth of valuable tips on how to get there - slowly:

1. CULTIVATE DISCIPLINE AND FOCUS. Fear stops many people from becoming self-employed or taking the risks that are necessary to achieve success. Understand that everyone, even the most successful among us, experiences fear and self-doubt. The way to overcome these obstacles is by exercising discipline and focus on a



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consistent basis.
2. LIVE BELOW YOUR MEANS. Buy a house worth no more than twice your annual income. Look for value, not bragging rights, when buying a vehicle. Practice common-sense frugality without becoming cheap or ungenerous.

3. STAY OUT OF DEBT. Closely related to No. 1 above, this is a must for building wealth as interest payments will shrink your account balance and stress will dampen your outlook.

4. SAVE AGGRESSIVELY. Strive to save as much money as you can from as early an age as you can. Living below your means should enable you to save aggressively.

5. EMBRACE PLANNING AND INVESTING. Self-made millionaires learn about financial planning and retirement planning and make it an integral part of their lives, including long-term investment strategies.

When you retire with enough money to

take nice vacations and live a comfortable lifestyle with no financial worries, you will not look back and miss the 60-inch TV you didn't buy at 40 or the luxury SUV you passed up at 50.

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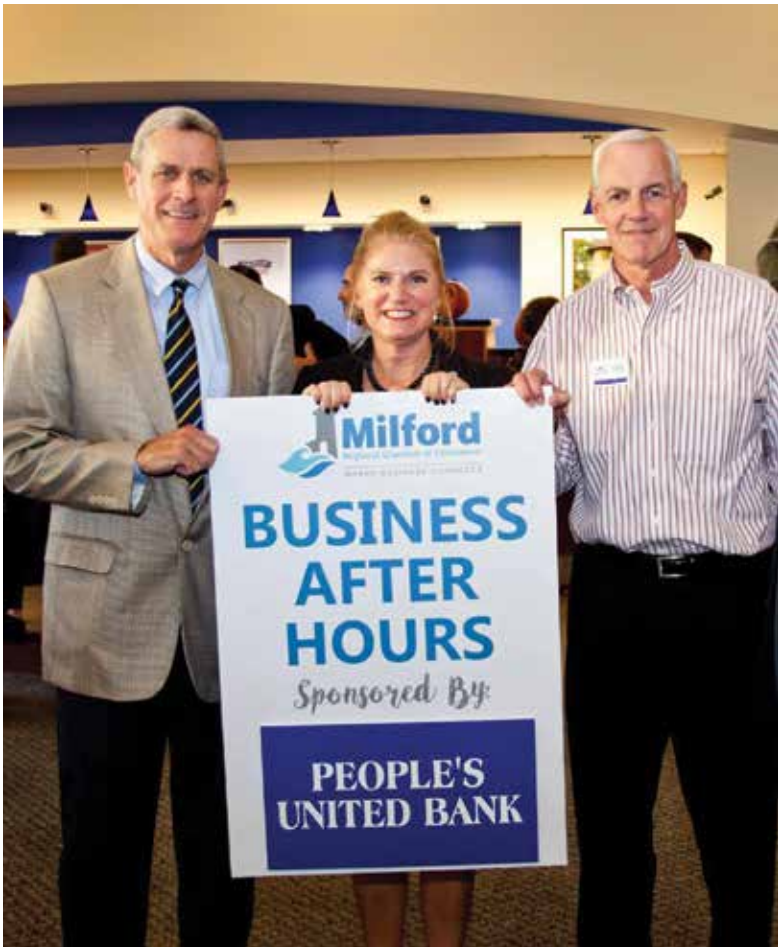


A fun night out for a great cause. Attendees enjoyed wine tastings, samples from local restaurants, raffle/silent auction, networking and shopping at vendor tables. All proceeds of this event went to scholarship awards for Women of Promise.



Milford Regional Chamber Of Commerce Business After Hours At People’s United Bank

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Party In The Stacks



Party In The Stacks

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Prize winner for the Most Original Costume:An enchanted forest filled with sprites and lights and greenery greeted the nearly 200 revelers at the “Party in the Stacks 2017!”, the Friends of the Milford Library’s second gala event, on Saturday October 21. An overflowing crowd of nearly 200 guests enjoyed the party, including Annette Bacchiocchi, the winner of the Most Original Costume Prize as unicorn,James DeStefano of ShopRite. Judges included Lorenzo Gaudio, of The Milford Bank, Liz Davies, of the Crushed Grape, James DeStefano of ShopRite of Milford and Milford Library Director Christine Angeli. Other winners included Jackie Vigilante, Most Authentic Costume Prize for her portrayal of the denizen of the enchanted forest, the foursome who won the Funniest Prize: Amy Fazekas as the Queen of Hearts, Rick and Catey Condit as Alice and the White Rabbit and Lauren Dubinsky as the Mad Hatter; and Max, accompanied by Marin Blake who were the Most in Character. Over half of the guests wore literary-themed costumes.

Committee: The Party in the Stacks! 2017 Committee of the Friends of the Milford celebrate at the successful event. The Friends is a non-profit all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Milford Public Library.

Dancing in the Stacks: Guests enjoyed the antics of Brian Smith who emceed the event and dancing to the music of D.J. Company, both on the dance floor and among the books.

Silent Auction: Bidding by the revelers on the silent auction items started early and lasted all night long. Noted Auction chair Lois Bar-Button, We had more than 40 lots this year with many new and fun items.” Happy winners brought home unique prizes such as unusual running shoes as well as an awesome six-day,six-night African Safari.

Congregation Or Shalom Men’s Club
Keeper of the Flame Award



Photo by Steve Cooper.
Pictured: Glenn Hauer (l), President, Connecticut Valley Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs presents the 2017 Keeper of the Flame Award to Mitch Goldblatt (r) at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange on October 22nd.

Mitch Goldblatt, received the 2017 Keeper of the Flame Award Oct. 22 by Glenn Hauer, left, President of the Connecticut Valley Region Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange. The award is given to someone who has devoted time

in service to their Men’s Club. Goldblatt’s late father Barry Goldblatt received the same award in 2011, making this the first time that a father and son have both been a recipient of this award in Connecticut.

Recycling Tips



Plastic recycling is now available at the Orange Transfer Station and stores statewide! Put in designated bins: plastic shopping & produce bags, baggies, zip-top storage, box liners (cereal, crackers, etc.), snacks & pre-packaged food wrappers, dry cleaning bags, newspaper & magazine bags, and bubble wrap. Grocery stores, department and big box stores such as Kohl’s, Shop-Rite, Whole Foods, Lowe’s, Best Buy, Target and more have large recycling bins easily accessible. More tips & info on website bit.ly/OrangeRecycling and Facebook bit.ly/ORC-Facebook.

Senior Living

Retired and Rejuvenated:

You Are Never Too Old To Learn

We are all very familiar with the old adage, “You have got to use it, or you will lose it!” I am referring to our concentration, using our minds, keeping our flexibility and fostering our interest in new ideas and new skills. If you don’t stretch, you lose your agility. If you don’t stay in touch with friends and family you take the risk of losing their friendship.



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As we age, we need to keep our brains agile as well as our bodies. There are many ways to sharpen memory and maintain our brain power. Memoir writing can boost our memory as well as memorialize past experiences and provide a legacy for our children. Playing Bridge, Chess, Mah Jong, solving puzzles, doing crosswords and Sudoku are great ways of exercising our brains. Reading novels, newspapers, magazines, learning a foreign language or a new skill all keep the brain cells alive and functioning.

I have decided recently to take piano lessons. It has been over 30 years since I sat down to play the ivories, and it is like starting all over from step one again. It was hard when I took lessons years ago when our daughter began taking lessons as a young child. Hard may not be the correct word. It was downright painful to hear me struggling at the keyboard while she was progressing into her third and fourth books. But I have always loved the piano, and now that I have more time to practice, I decided it was time again to exercise my fingers and my brain. It is such a fulfilling experience. I will never be a Chopin. Far from it, but it is still a wonderful feeling when I can get through a simple piece of music.

My husband decided to exercise his mind and body by taking Zumba classes. Studies have shown that line dancing and Zumba

force the brain to remember step sequences and improve our memory. As a couple we are taking ballroom dancing lessons. Not only is this a great activity for couples, but also a great exercise that improves our balance and our brains because we must remember the steps.

Challenging our brains has positive effects. It has been proven that we can indeed form new brain cells, despite a century of being told it is not possible. Changes in cognitive health occur with normal aging. These changes usually mean a slower pace of learning and the need for new information to be repeated. This is certainly true for me with my piano lessons adventure.

A great local resource for older persons is the Institute for Learning in Retirement, Inc at Albertus Magnus College. The Institute offers non-credit courses that are designed especially for retired persons who join ILR for a minimal fee and pay another very minimal fee for each course they sign up for. The courses give older adults learning opportunities in computers, the internet, estate planning, career enrichment, world cultures, religion, astronomy, gardening, history, genealogy, antique collecting, creative writing and much more. The Institute also offers special field trips to many interesting locations in and out of state. A course catalog is printed each Fall and Spring describing the array of courses that cover many areas of interest. To learn more or to join the Institute go on line to www.ilralbertus.org.

Joanne Byrne served as Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange. She is now actively and happily retired. Email her at joannebyrne41@gmail.com to share your thoughts on retirement.

Youth & Education

Government:

AMSO Students Shadow Local Official



Photo By Jennifer Marganski
Students from Amity Middle School in Orange shadowed local government officials in 2017. Back row: Adam Glassman, Landon Rocchio, Frank Cavallaro, Mason Beaudette, Spencer Stratford, Aayan Chaturvedi Middle Row: Jade Krukar, Anna Varholak, Alana Abrams, Zoe May; Front row: Jasmina Krehic, Madison Samoncik, Colleen Shaw, and Caitlyn Shanley. Photo by Jennifer Marganski.

by Jennifer Marganski

Many seventh and eighth grade students at Amity Middle School in Orange submitted essays this year to shadow fifteen different local positions in the town. The students learned about local government, following such officials as Town Clerk Pat O’Sullivan. They were also able to take a private tour of historical buildings in Orange Center with First Selectman Jim Zeoli.

Government Day in Orange occurs in October, and on a bright Wednesday morning, fifteen students learned about some early events in their town’s history, including its separation from Milford. They also found out about some of the founding families of the town, including the Treat and Clark families, who have played pivotal roles in the community. Students had an opportunity to introduce themselves to local government officials and explain why they wanted to participate in shadowing local leaders. They were even interviewed by the OGAT channel.

Students gained with knowledge about the mil rate, tax codes, Orange’s philosophy

towards purchasing open space, and even the process of the upcoming elections. They also participated in first hand experiences with town personnel.

This year, students who participated in the day included: Frank Cavallaro (police chief), Caitlyn Shanley (town clerk), Madison Samoncik (assessor), Jasmina Krehic (librarian), Spencer Stratford (sanitarian), Mason Beaudette (tax collector), Alana Abrams (fire marshal), Adam Glassman (town engineer), Colleen Shaw (building inspector), Landon Rocchio (registrar of voters), Jade Krukar (parks and recreation director), Anna Varholak (director of community services), Zoe May (public works – highway garage crew chief) and Aayan Chaturvedi (director of finance).

AMSO students were encouraged to know their local history. As Zeoli told the students, “You have to know where you came from in order to know where you are headed.”

Government Day is only possible because of the willingness of local town officials to support local students. The school and the town look forward to another great event next year.




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Rescue Me

by Fred Dray

Woodbridge Animal Control has an animal for adoption this week that is not for everyone. Guacamole is a parrot; an adult Green Cheek Conure parrot in green, red and yellow. We're told he or she can be entertaining at times and does not screech or talk. Quite the pretty parrot, Guacamole, dogs and cats are available for adoption at Woodbridge Animal Control in Woodbridge. The shelter is located at 135 Bradley Road and can be reached by phone at 203 389-5991.



Mayer Ben Blake welcomes Dr. Charled Guglin and his wife Francesca to Milford at the opening of HyperFit MD Age Management Center.

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Orange Resident Hits Home Run For Youth Baseball

Peter Leszczak has always loved baseball. The Shelton native and current Orange resident has taken his passion for his favorite sport and used it to further America’s favorite pastime for youths in the area, benefitting many young baseball players who are too old to play Little League ball.

Leszczak lights up when asked about his volunteer work. The father of three sons, all of whom love baseball, he began volunteering and coaching with Orange Little League when his oldest began to play. He never looked back.

“Orange Little League is a well-oiled machine, but can always use volunteers,” he said. Leszczak comes to his position with a



SHAILEEN LANDSBERG

depth of knowledge drawn from a lifetime of playing. He began as a child, playing Little League ball before advancing to high school and college baseball.

When his oldest aged out of Little League but wanted to continue to play, Leszczak realized that there was really no local option. There had been a Babe Ruth league for the older players in the past, but it was not active at the time his son would be eligible to play. Leszczak, along with a number of other dedicated parents, decided to resurrect the league.

“It was needed; nobody gets together in the sandlot for games anymore like we did,” he said.

Working together, these parents recreated the Amity Babe Ruth league, open to players in Orange, Woodbridge, and Bethany. Currently there are three seasons – spring, summer, and fall – of baseball for the players, who range in age from 12 to 16. There’s a winter workout program for those players interested in improving their skills and being ready for spring’s opening day.

Volunteering for the league has come naturally to Leszczak, who is listed as president of Amity Babe Ruth League on the league’s website, amitybaberuth.com. “I’ve always been the type of guy to get involved,” he explains, “and when I saw how few volunteers there were in the next level I decided to step up.”

He’s quick to point out that he has not

done it alone. “I’m more involved in the administration; the day-to-day operation. There is so much to do, and great people who do it. There are fields and umpires to schedule, meetings with other towns to coordinate, fields to maintain, and teams to manage. Volunteers take care of all of that.”

Giving his time to Amity Babe Ruth League has also afforded Leszczak the ability to spend more quality time with his sons. “This winter we are going to be working together to build boxes for helmet holders in the dugouts,” he explains. “That way I can spend quality time with my boys and make something that has a purpose. It’s a win-win.”

by Shaileen Kelly Landsberg

Special to The Orange Times

Trunk Or Treat!

Trunk Or treat 2017 at the Orange Fairgrounds was put together by Orange Parks and Rec and was a huge success! Kids went trick-or-treating from trunk to trunk in costume, collecting candy. A good time was had by all!

Andrea Nave's sons who won Best Original Costume Superheroes submitted by Kelly Grasso.



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through the difficult economic period of the Great Recession.

“When I took office, taxes had been increasing by over 6 percent per year,” he said. “Since I’ve been in office, it’s averaged between 2.3 and 2.5 percent.” He said he had made investments to save the town money over the long term by doing things like upgrading the town’s lighting to LEDs, which he said save thousands of dollars in energy costs.

One thing all three agreed on is that the High Plains Community Center on Orange Center Road could use some improvement.

Zeoli called it a “dump,” and promised that both the south wing and the cafeteria

would be refurbished. He said he was waiting to see the state budget to figure out what kind of local capital improvement money might be available.

DeAngelo, who has spent a lot of time at the center, said it pained him that the facility was “not up to par.”

Novicki suggested the town not look so much to outside help. She said the center and the Case Memorial Library should be the “crown jewels” of Orange. “We as a town should be able to put our hands together and come up with resources to make our community center much better than it is, whether it’s the business community, whether it’s us as individuals coming down with a paintbrush – whatever it takes.”

Milford Speaks Out to Host Award Ceremony

Milford Speaks Out’s “Thanks for Coming!” awards for 2017 will be presented at the City Hall Assembly room on Monday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Benjamin Blake will read a proclamation declaring that day Immigration Day in Milford. An award presentation and refreshments will follow.

The award is given to Milford citizens of foreign birth for service to the town, state, or country. The honorees are:

Joseph Garbus, Russia, service as alderman, revitalization of Walnut Beach neighborhood, service to the arts, reconnection of Milford neighborhoods to Silver Sands.

Lesley Mills, England, support for “aging in place” with Griswold Homecare, preservation and restoration of historic buildings, philanthropy.

Wendy Safyre, England, feeding the hungry, support for Native Americans.

Nadia Bajraktarevic, Bosnia, helping the infirm, support for recently arrived immigrants, election poll worker.

Mow Elhelw, Egypt, neighborhood improvement, employer, support for cancer research, transportation for therapy.

Terrance Copeland, Canada, representative on Planning and Zoning Board, environmental protection, youth athletics.

Eeva Copeland, Finland, volunteer at Senior Center, steering committee of Women Redefining Retirement, providing supplies for the needy, school PTA, volunteer at Boys & Girls Club, ESL tutor, museum docent.

Friends and colleagues are invited to attend. For further information, contact David Duffner at 203 305 4689 or dlduffner@yahoo.com. The Milford Speaks Out website is www.milfordspeaksout.org.

Help with Winter Heating Bills Available

Families and individuals seeking financial help to off-set their winter heating bills may apply to TEAM for assistance.

Families and individuals may qualify for help if they fall below these income limits: \$34,366 for household of one, \$44,940 for a two-person household, \$55,514 for a three-person household, and \$66,089 for a four-person household.

Applicants are deemed eligible based on review of their total household gross income, including such things as job earnings, unemployment compensation, social security, and pension. Other considerations include household size

and liquid assets as shown through bank statements. If an applicant is approved for assistance, TEAM will make direct payments to their home heating provider.

Both home owners and renters who are residents of Milford and Orange can apply for energy assistance from TEAM.

To schedule an appointment with TEAM Energy Assistance, please call 203-736-5420 and follow prompts for Energy Assistance. In Milford you can also call 203-783-3253; in Orange, 203-891-4787.

TEAM Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation whose mission is to strengthen our community by educating, supporting and empowering individuals and families.

Learn How Mammals Get Ready For Winter

Learn how mammals get ready for winter in a program for young children Tuesday, Nov. 14 at The Connecticut Audubon Society in Milford. Through stories, lesson and a craft, we’ll explore how our native mammals adapt and get ready to survive the harsh weather conditions of winter. Different animals prepare in different ways for the arrival of the cold and blustery months ahead.

The program is part of The Connecticut Audubon Society’s introduction to nature

series for children ages 3 to 5, accompanied by an adult. It is offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at The Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal Center at Milford Point, 1 Milford Point Rd.

The cost for CAS members is \$8. For non-members it’s \$10, with additional siblings \$5 apiece. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, please call 203-878-7440, x.502 or visit www.ctaudubon.org/costal-center-at-milford-point.

Church of the Good Shepherd Kicks Off First Tuesdays Program

Beginning this November, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd will offer a program of community, learning, service and prayer starting at 6:45 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

First Tuesdays will begin Nov. 7 with a discussion of a contemporary topic from scripture, followed by a service project. It will end by 8 p.m. with prayers and healing in the columbarium chapel off the parish hall.

All church members and the public are welcome at every liturgy of the Good Shepherd, including First Tuesdays. Designed to be family and child friendly, people of all ages, are welcome.

Each month the group will either complete a service project on the spot

or discuss a group visit to be of service at places like Loaves & Fishes, Spooner House, or Beth El. This month the group will fill the Thanksgiving dinner “fixings” bags to take to the Orange Food Shelf that distributes them to families in need.

Give it a try to see if it fits you. Please contact the church at 203-795-6577 or email thegoodshepherd@optonline.net with any questions. Community service hours are available for students.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 680 Racebrook Road in Orange. Visit the website at www.thegoodshepherdoranged.org or check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cgsoranged for frequent postings.

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Obituaries:

Kenneth M. Aldrich, Sr.

Kenneth M. Aldrich Sr., 88, of Milford, beloved husband of Margaret Brennan Aldrich and the late Lois Hatch Aldrich, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2017 in Milford Hospital with his loving family by his side. Ken was born in New Haven on March 28, 1929 to the late Anna Mary McCaffrey and Louis E. Aldrich. He was educated at the Junior College of Commerce in West Haven and New Haven College.

He served in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. Ken was retired from the United Illuminating Company in 1990 after 37 years of service. He was proud of his career there beginning as a meter reader in New Haven, progressing to stock handler and being promoted to the position of General Storekeeper. He enjoyed participation in many religious and service organizations especially The Knights of Columbus Russell Council, and the American Cancer Society. Ken was a lifelong Green Bay Packers and Boston Red Sox fan.

Ken is survived by his children Cynthia (John) Stasko, Gail DeLucia, and Kenneth, Jr.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his son Gregory R. Aldrich; his brothers Thomas and Russell, and his sister, Charlotte Stackpole.

Emera Evelyn Clonmell

Emera E. Clonmell, 76, formerly of Connecticut, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2017. She was born in Mahaica, Guyana to the late Leonard and Stella Nurse Lynch, Sr. on March 1, 1941. She worked as a registered nurse and certified midwife at Milford Hospital. Emera leaves to cherish her memories, loving husband of many years, Milton Clonmell; children, Michelle Clonmell, Milton Clonmell, and Diane Clonmell; and a host of relatives and friends.

Frederick J. Cottle

Frederick J. Cottle, 83, of Orange, beloved husband of Joan Donofrio Cottle, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2017. Frederick was born on May 24, 1934 in Bridgeport, CT to the late Joseph A. and Sara H. Cottle.

Frederick worked for over 25 years at Sikorsky as an Aerospace Engineer. He enjoyed attending hockey games and watching the NY Rangers play. He also liked working around the house and up keeping his yard. Frederick loved being around his family and taking care of his wife and daughters.

In addition to his wife, Joan, he is survived by his daughters, Danette (Christopher) Manzi, Anne Cottle (Emil Balusek, Jr.) and Edith (Edward) Butcher; grandson, Daniel Manzi; siblings, Joseph T. Cottle and Judith Kreuter; and nephew, Clifford Kreuter.

Robert Donald Eichman

Robert Donald Eichman, 93, passed peacefully on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Carriage Green of Milford. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Margaret Eichman, and his daughter Robin Eichman-Swan of Milford.

Mr. Eichman was born in Jersey City, NJ, and grew up in Red Bank, NJ. He was a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology, and served in the Navy during WW2. He worked at Robertshaw Controls in Milford from 1965-88.

He was a resident of Orange for many years, but spend the past 4.5 years living in Milford. He was a proud member of the Orange Congregational Church. He and his wife traveled throughout the U.S. and to over 30 countries. He was an avid athlete and still riding a stationary bicycle until earlier this year.

A celebration of his life will be held on

Saturday, November 11th at 4pm at the Orange Congregational Church. Interment with military honors will be private. The family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at the CODY-WHITE FUNERAL HOME, 107 Broad St., Milford. Contributions in his name may be given to the Orange Congregational Church.

A. Richard Haury

Arthur Richard Haury, 87, of Milford, beloved husband of Elaine Daley Haury, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2017. Born on December 29, 1929 in Passaic, NJ, he was the son of the late Gertrude Louise Stiles and Arthur Francis Haury.

Richard graduated from Hopkins Grammar School, Class of 1947, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree at Princeton University in 1951. After graduating, he joined the family business, Harloc Products Corporation, where he became president and CEO. He was active in his community and enjoyed his longtime membership at the New Haven Country Club.

Richard is survived by his children, Gretchen (Dennis), David (Carolyn), Sally (Nathan), Katherine (Alvin), Amy (Mark), Lisa, Christopher (Trudy), and was predeceased by his son, Matthew (Kym). He also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, one great-grandson and his extended family of children, Cindy Dirgins and John Donnelly.

Our wonderful Dad, and dear husband to Elaine, will always be remembered for his sense of humor, eclectic mind and adventurous spirit. We will miss him.

Rose Madelung

Rose Mary Madelung, 84, of Milford, CT., beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on October 18, 2017 at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born on September 15, 1933 in Bridgeport, she was the daughter of the late Bartolo and Carmella Garaffa. Rose was married for almost 53 years to her loving husband William E. Madelung Sr, who passed away in 2008. She was the dedicated mother of 4 boys and especially devoted to her daughter, Karen. While raising her family, Rose offered her time as a Cub Scouts den mother and member of the Ladies’ Guild at Christ the Redeemer Church. She retired from the Knights of Columbus in New Haven where she had worked for many years as an executive secretary and was very active in her retirement years, dedicating herself to family, friends and volunteer work. She generously gave her time to the Special Olympics and later, the Milford Senior Center. Rose enjoyed bowling, Broadway shows, and the occasional field trip to the casino with her daughter, Karen, She was an avid Yankee fan and on game-day life was centered on her team. Anyone that was familiar with Rose, knew her to be of strong faith and character. She was incredibly supportive of her family and friends and would leap to their aid in times of need. She never missed a birthday or occasion to send a hand written note of good cheer. Rose is survived by her children, William E. (Kathy Gabrielle) Madelung Jr. of Nebraska, Karen A. Madelung, David G. Madelung, and Thomas P. (Cindi Sorrentino) Madelung, all of Connecticut, and Richard S. (Julie Nemitz) Madelung of Michigan; grandchildren, James, Owen, Samuel, Lucy, and Eliza Madelung; sister, Stella (Chet) Trzaski of Virginia; and many extended family and friends.

Barbara Ann Mastrianni

Barbara Ann (Rohrig) Mastrianni age 78, wife of the late Louis C Mastrianni. A lifelong resident of Stratford before moving to Milford. Born in Peekskill New York to the late Frank and Ella Rohrig entered into eternal rest on Tuesday October 24, 2017

surrounded by her loving family. Barbara was a devoted wife and mother, always putting the needs of her family first. Her greatest enjoyment was the precious times spent with her family, especially during the holidays when her grandchildren couldn’t wait for her chocolate pudding pie.

During her 57 years of marriage to the love of her life Lou, they enjoyed many memorable vacations together.

She is survived by her Daughter Laura (Mastrianni) Abbotts of Milford, Sons Lou (Cate) Mastrianni of Milford, and Chris (Michele) Mastrianni of Derby. Five grandchildren Nicole (Jeffrey) Stockmal, Christopher (Kaylee) Mastrianni, Elliott Abbotts, Tavia Mastrianni, Anaka Mastrianni. Two great grandsons Jacob and Caden Stockmal. Two brothers Frank (Elaine) Rohrig and Gary (Cookie) Rohrig. Sister in Law Mae Mastrianni and many nieces and nephews.

While raising her family, Barbara worked for Shoprite of Bridgeport and Friehofers of Stratford before retiring in 1999. This gave her time to spend with her growing family. She would always be there when needed. The grandkids knew that their biggest cheerleader would be in the bleachers cheering them on during all of their activities and accomplishments in life. She would always stop what ever she was doing to make sure her grand dog Brody was walked and fed.

Barbara enjoyed many trips to the local casinos with her close friends over the years. Local merchants knew her well for her daily visits to play her lottery numbers. She enjoyed a good game of scrabble and tea with her friends.

Richard Mead

Richard Allan Mead, 67, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2017. Born on August 11, 1950 in Concord, MA, he was the son of the late Elbert and Janet Mead. A Funeral Service will be celebrated on Friday, October 27, 2017, at 10 a.m. at CODY-WHITE FUNERAL HOME, 107 Broad St., Milford. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, 475 Howe Ave, Shelton, CT 06484. Friends and family may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the funeral home. To view full obituary please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com

Patricia Giblin Mullenix

Patricia Giblin Mullenix, age 69 of Orange, passed away October 14, 2017 at St. Raphael Hospital, New Haven. Patricia was the daughter of the late John and Sarah McCormack Giblin. She graduated from the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1966 and was a Registered Nurse for Bridgeport Hospital, the former Fairfield Hills Hospital of Newtown, and the VA Hospital of West Haven until her retirement. A wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, she is survived by her loving husband John Mullenix of Orange, her sons Sean Mullenix of Hamden, David Mullenix and his wife Danielle of Milford, and Patrick Mullenix and his wife Nicole of Downers Grove, IL; her grandchildren Sebastian, Nathan, Courtney, Alicia, Matthew, and Aiden Mullenix; her twin sister Noreen Butkus and her husband David, and her nephews Brendan, Colin, and Darren Butkus.

Grace Neely

Grace Shuttleworth Neely, 102, a resident of Washington Center in Argyle and former lifelong resident of Milford, CT, passed away peacefully Friday, October 27, 2017 after a life well lived.

She was born April 14, 1915 in Lake Trade, Pennsylvania to the late William and Flora Ryder Shuttleworth.

Grace loved to cook, and she served as a spectacular waitress at the Devon Diner for over 20 years. She had such wonderful memories and stories of her “regulars”, they became part of her extended family and in stories shared around the Sunday dinner table. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Grace always put her family before herself and she will always be remembered for her kindness, love to others, her spectacular meals, pies and apricot cookies. She “Graced” the world.

In addition to her parents she is predeceased by her husband Donald L. Neely; son Bill Neely and his wife Carol; daughter-in-law Linda Neely; brother Paul Shuttleworth;n sisters Mabel Belmont and Viola Shuttleworth Neely

Survivors include her son David (Edie) Neely of Greenwich; sister Geraldine Brown of Texas; grandchildren; Corrine (Terry) Neely Cassavaugh, Colleen (Gary) Rousseau, Bill (Chelsea) Neely, Tricia Neely, Mary (Bob) Neely Bole; 12 great grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and friends.

Donations in Graces name to the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society, 4255 NY-50, Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866.

Online condolences and messages to the family can be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com

Eugene (Gene) R. Olbrys

Eugene (Gene) R. Olbrys, age 78, of Milford, passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Yale New Haven Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 30, 1938 in Poland, he was a son of the late Joseph and Helen Olbrys. A. U.S. Army veteran, Gene was a self-employed painting contractor. A loving and caring person, Gene always gave of himself. He was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. He was a devoted father and an awesome grandfather. He treasured when the family was all together, especially his grandchildren. Family was very important to Gene; the unconditional love he gave and the memories created will always live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He will truly be missed. Survivors include his two loving sons, Michael Olbrys and his wife Ana of Milford and Joseph Olbrys of Tampa, FL, a grandson, Ryan Olbrys as well as several nieces and nephews. He also leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted partner, Elaine DellaRocco and her children, Dawn (Guy), Duke (Sarah), Dana (Tony) and Christopher (Joanna); and Anthony, Sara, Chayse, Ava and Lia, who affectionately called him grandpa. He was predeceased by his brother John Olbrys.

Stella M. Pawlyk

Stella M. Pawlyk, age 93, of Orange entered into rest on Wednesday October 25, 2017 at the Bridgeport Healthcare Center. She was the beloved wife of the late Nicholas Pawlyk. She was born in Derby on February 23, 1924, the daughter of the late Michael and Josephine (Stochmal) Slowik and a resident of Orange for most of her life. She was a devoted wife and mother who loved traveling, doing crossword puzzles, and loved to cook for her family. She is survived by her son, Michael Pawlyk and his wife Diane, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Julian, Frank, Stanley, Benjamin, and Steven Slowik.

Maria D. Rosario

Maria D. Rosario, 83, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2017. Born Maria do Carmo Rodrigues on October 11, 1934, in Ponta do Pargo, Madeira, Portugal, she was the daughter of the late Pedro and Madalena Rodrigues.

Known by many as Marie, she arrived in the U.S. in 1949, lived in Fairfield, then

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Taunton, MA, before moving to Milford in 1965. She was one of the first Lunch Aides at Point Beach School in the 1970’s, then went on to Pond Point Convalescent Home as a Nurse’s Aide until her retirement. She was a proud member of Local 1199. Marie moved to Orange City, FL in 1992 and loved living there. She liked gardening, gambling, and traveling. She was a gifted storyteller and enjoyed a good laugh, putting a smile on the faces of everyone she met.

Maria is survived by her sons, Armando Pereira (Lisa Riley), Michael (Jenna) Rosario; grandchildren, Zena (Dave) Farina and Shane Rosario; brothers, John (Pat) Rodrigues and Peter (Kathy) Rodrigues; sister, Rosie Rodrigues; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Maria was predeceased by her husband, Manny Rosario, her brothers, George and Isaac Rodrigues and her longtime companion, Leo Hunsberger. The family would like to thank the staff at Meadowbrook of Granby for their kind and compassionate care.

Ruth Songhurst

Ruth Hubbard Songhurst, born February 24, 1938 in Milford, CT, succumbed to a long battle with cancer. Daughter of the late George N. & Beatrice Smith Hubbard. A graduate of Milford High School Class of 1956, she also attended New State Teacher’s and Quinnipiac Colleges. In the past, she had been active in many community activities, including being Past President of PTA Council, a Past Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of CT, a Past Matron of the Lucia and Golden Rod Chapters of OES, a Princess Recorder for Daughters of the Nile, and serving on many other activity boards. She played as Grand Organist, protem for Amaranth and played


at many Masonic ceremonies and events. Ruth always shared her talents with local soup kitchens and nursing homes. For 26 years, until retirement, she served as the Secretary of the First Congregational Church in Milford. When not volunteering in the community, she was an avid bowler; serving as treasurer of her Seniors Bowling League and winning the State Women’s Duckpin Bowling championship. She is survived by a son, Robert G. Songhurst and his wife Francesca of Shelton; a grandson, Robert T. Songhurst; 3 step-granddaughters, and her cousin, Lynn S. Wakefield of Hamden. Ruth was also predeceased by her husband Robert A. Songhurst and an infant son, George.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Winters

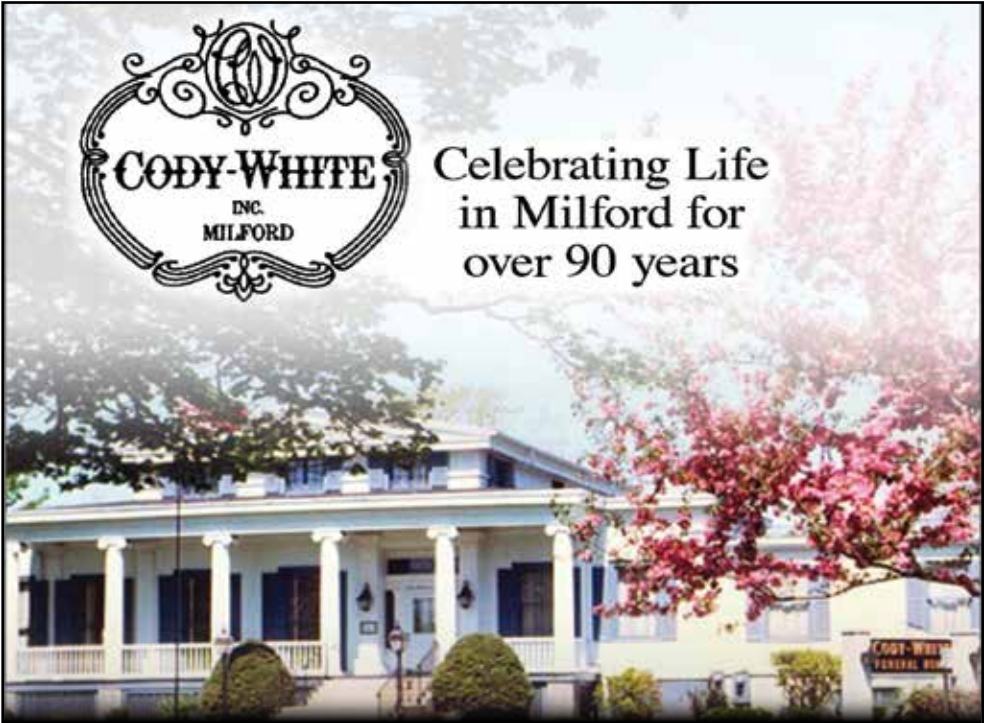
Elizabeth “Betsy” Ann Winters, 85, of Milford, passed away on October 24, 2017. Born on March 18, 1932 in Waterbury, CT, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Jane Winters.

Betsy was a volunteer at the Milford Audubon Society and a volunteer driver for the Cancer Society. She also volunteered at W.H.E.A.T., a food bank in New Haven, CT. She worked for Yale University for many years as an Associate Dean of Students. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, reading, gardening and loved cats, especially her cat, Alice.

Betsy leaves behind her nieces, Christina Bond and husband William, Elizabeth Englund and Kathrine Oliver, husband Jeff, and their children Jon Schweter, Krista Roll, and Cortney Hernandez; nephews, David Englund, wife Dolores and sons Rodolfo Rosales and Brian Englund, and Thomas Englund; and brother-in-law, David Robert Englund; Elizabeth was predeceased by her sister, Mary Jane Englund.



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