Wonderful 250 Years Celebration Luncheon Was Very Touching



Pictured Top: The excellent choir and Mary Higgins activity coordinator joined in to sing with them. **Bottom:** Residents Alec and wife Jean standing up for the pledge of allegiance, and many more members standing up for the pledge of allegiance.

North Haven: On Wednesday, July 1, there was a wonderful and touching 250years celebration held at the North Haven Senior Center. The tables had been set up with red table cloths, hand fans , with the words 250years were on them, paper eye classes and beatiful bracelets for everyone. Everyone stood up to say the pledge of allegiance, then table by table everyone went up to get their delicious hot dogs with any topping you wanted on it, and potato chips. The center has a new choir called Melody Makers who sang beautifully for us. We all received a free raffle ticket for a prize of a beautiful crochet blanket in blue, Ann Marie Rubino won the raffle. The choir sang all the beautiful American songs, and everyone joined in because they had a pamphlet with the songs. There were delicious cupcakes of red, white and blue frosting, one color on each cupcake. Lemon ice was also for dessert, donated by residents Helen and Lou. It was a wonderful 250years celebration that everyone enjoyed. Thank you to the staff of the senior center.

Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti

Garden Treasures For 2026 WGC Plant Sale Huge Success









Pictured Top: Pat Dellaripa and Martha Shea on dig site. **Bottom:** 2 Metal Cranes at Kirsten Pedersen's, and Fairy statuary. **Right:** Decorative Garden Glassware.

Wallingford: In early March, Martha Shea was informed by new Wallingford Garden Club member Pat Dellaripa, of a neighbor's plan for an out of state move and was considering what to do with his garden décor. Pat suggested donating it to the WGC. He really did not know much about the WGC.

At a later meeting Martha, Pat and Jim (the neighbor) met to discuss how the WGC programs involved the community (ie) workshops at the nursing home, programs for children at the library, maintaining the several gardens in town and the scholarship program for a worthy Wlfd senior majoring in a plant related field. He did not realize just how many people the Garden Club touches.

After the meeting a decision was made to first take out all of the glass artwork. So, 2 truck loads were moved to a team member Kirsten Petersen's garage for a major glass clean up and soil removal on the stakes. She was assisted by Patricia Breen. 4 life size cranes were also transported and sold.

Towards the end of April the weather had improved enough to begin to take out the stepping stones and small statuary. The team needed a little more people power for this project. Pat and Martha's husbands pitched in. Also help was provided by Sue Behrens and her son Brian. It took about 4 hours to get the job done as I had assured Jim we did not want to disturb his plants.

The WGC plant sale was a huge success. 1 piece of garden art and 4 stepping stones were left over. Jim also donated a Christmas Tree the Garden Club may use for the Annual Holiday Stroll Raffle.

Photos: by Martha Shea

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Question & Answer - Dr. Richard Durocher

Q: What is a bunion and what can be done about it?

A: A bunion is a bump that is present on the inside of your foot at the level of where the big toe is connected to the foot. It is actually a prominence of a bone at the great toe joint. In most people that great toe and attached bone are in good alignment, but in some people that bone points toward the other foot and the great toe points the other way. This can be painful as it progresses. The pain can be within that joint or on the bump itself. The bump may also have some redness and inflammation caused by irritation from the shoe gear worn, due to the tightness of the shoes.

The bunion can develop slowly from an imbalance of the muscles and structure of the foot. Inherited foot types can also contribute to bunion formation. To help slow the progression of the bunion, orthotics (custom arch supports) may be recommended. Wearing wider shoes can take some pressure off the bump to relieve the discomfort. For moderate to severe cases or when



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