Northford Resident Sang Beautifully At An Italian Meeting



Pictured: Al Clemente and his wife Michelle.

Northford: On January 19, Al Clemente a Northford resident was at the St. Trofimena society club meeting where Al sang two beautiful Italian songs at the end of the meeting. The songs were Santa Lucia Luntana, and Core'ngrato in opera style. Everyone was in awe by how beautifully he sang, he was taught by teacher Maestro Riggio who taught in the New Haven area and was a prominent conductor for the Shubert Theater. All the members stood up and clapped and enjoyed him singing for them. Al you're an amazing singer thank you for entertaining us.

Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted on the basis of future promise, scholastic ability and financial need.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of $2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of $1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years on undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a bachelor's or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work ***must be received by Feb. 10, 2025.***

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women's Club website at www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org.

For further information, contact Rose Lynch at (203) 483-8395.

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Always Doing a Great Job For the People of North Haven

To The Editor: January 22, 2025

I am writing to thank Sally Buemi, our Third Selectman, for the good job she did at the recent town meeting.

At that meeting, there was a discussion of a new way to collect garbage in town using a mechanical arm. This would mean the town will buy a new garbage can and recycling bin for every house at a cost of over a million dollars. I never heard anything about this until I watched the town meeting.

Sally asked for the vote on this to be postponed a few months and I am glad it was postponed. She said it is difficult for people to come to a meeting in winer, and driving at night. I agree with that and hate driving at night. We need more information about this new plan, so thanks to Sally for getting it postponed.

Sally always does a great job and is always trying her best for the people. We are lucky to have Sally on the Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely,
David Rosadini, North Haven

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

ENERGY ASSISTANCE 2024-2025 HEATING SEASON

This Office of Social Service energy assistance season is now in progress for Northford and North Branford residents.

It is preferred that those that heat with a deliverable fuel such as oil, propane, or pellets are seen initially followed by utility heating customers. Utility heating customers should participate in a program offered by the utility company; there are several programs to choose from. The programs offered are medical protection, matching program, balance forgiveness and the like.

Information regarding programs offered by the utility companies is available in the Office of Social Service lobby.

There are two ways to apply, you may apply online following this link: https://portal.ct.gov/dss/economic-security/winter-heating-assistance/energy-assistance---winter-heating/how-to-apply or in this Office.

You must bring to your appointment copies of your required documents. This office cannot make copies for you. Please bring all required documents. Applications cannot be completed without the required documents, incomplete documents will result in a delay or denial.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at (203) 484-6006 to make an appointment. A list of required documents needed to complete your application is available in both public libraries, online at https://www.northbranfordct.gov/252/Social-Services. and the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Social Service Lobby. There are significant changes to the program.

This program is based on income and not assets. This is not an entitlement program. The program is designed to assist persons offset the cost of heating during the winter months, weatherize the home as well as assist with a replace or repair of a non operating furnace or boiler. The program no longer offers a clean, tune and test of the furnace.

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Edward Smith Library
3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING JAN./FEB. EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/ or call (203) 484-0469.

Little Makers: Tues., Jan. 28, 10:30-11am. A simple craft activity that we do together. In January we will make a polar bear craft. Recommended ages 2-6.

Tots and Tunes: Fri., January 31, 10:30-11am. 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement. Recommended for ages 18-months and up, with a parent or caregiver. Siblings welcome. Drop-in program; registration not required.

Special Movie Presentation-*Wicked:* Sun., Feb. 2, 1:15-4pm. A special viewing of the movie musical *Wicked* will be held at Smith Library, 3 Old Post Rd., Northford. Free admission, but registration required; limited seating. "Elphaba, a misunderstood young woman because of her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, become friends at Shiz University in the Land of Oz. After an encounter with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads"- IMDB. Starring Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande, Jeff Goldblum, Michelle Yeoh and Jonathan Bailey.

Silent Reading Sundays Group: Sun., Feb. 2, 1:30-4pm. Bring a book (or borrow one of ours) for quiet reading anywhere in the library until 3pm, then gather in the Seminar Room to share what we are reading, give (spoiler-free) thoughts, and discuss our titles. No specific books or subjects required. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and light snacks provided.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: Feb. 3, 6-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

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Spring Glen Garden Club Upcoming 100th Anniversary





Pictured Above: Club members with fire personnel from Headquarters and the Mount Carmel Firehouse.

Hamden: The Spring Glen Garden Club kicked off its 100th anniversary in collaboration with Hamden's Woman's Club by delivering goodies tray to local firehouses.

The Spring Glen Garden Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year, stay tuned for community activities to celebrate our centennial.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is looking for new members if interested please call Grace at 203.288.1422.

Upcoming Events at the Garden Club of Woodbridge

The Garden Club of Woodbridge meeting on April 1st will have a presentation by Kelsey Fisher, Ph.D regarding "Meadow Gardens." Kelsey is a scientist who researches insect movement and dispersal ecology, pollinator conservation and agriculture pest management.

Location is the Woodbridge Town Library, 10 Newton Road, Woodbridge and will run from 7-9pm. Open to the public with a $5 guest fee.

For more information, please contact Mary Jane: wpurcell@snet.net.

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