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Proud to be Honored at Event In Recognition of Democratic Women

To The Editor: April 3, 2025

On March 18th, I was thrilled to be honored at an event hosted by Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz. I want to thank Susan for her personal invitation. This event, held in Wallingford, recognized all Democratic women from the New Haven area elected to state and local office.

As Third Selectman, I am the highest elected Democrat in North Haven local government. In fact, I've been serving as Third Selectman for 12 years, which is the longest period of time that any Democrat has served on the Board of Selectmen in the last 150 years (maybe longer).

Given my position, and tenure on the Board of Selectmen, it was interesting that the North Haven Democratic Town Committee failed to mention me in a recent article in The Advisor about this event. The DTC knew I was there – I approached DTC Chair Tim Gabriele to say hello. The article was titled "North Haven Democratic Women Honored At Women's History Month Celebration." I am a life-long North Havener, a Democrat and a woman. I've dedicated the last 12 years to serving my hometown, working to keep people informed, making sure the Republican majority follows the Town Charter and State law, advocating for Veterans, the elderly, working families, the environment and fiscally responsible budgets. I look forward to serving for years to come. I was proud to attend the Lieutenant Governor's event.

I enjoyed this celebration, and it was great to meet and speak with elected women from neighboring towns. I especially enjoyed my time with the women from Branford, a great group of dedicated public servants and a lot of fun to be with.

One more thing. I am working with the Lieutenant Governor to locate living World War II Veterans from North Haven. There will be an event on May 19th to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Please contact me at sbuemi5@comcast.net or call the First Selectman's office at 203-239-5321 if you know of a World War II veteran in Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally J. Buemi, Selectman, North Haven

Letter of Thanks to the "Friday Heroes"

To The Editor: April 2, 2025

I would like to extend my thanks to people I consider my Friday Heroes. I'm guessing that you are thinking to yourselves at this point, another well deserved thank you letter to the North Haven Fire Department, the North Haven Police or the Nelcon Ambulance service, all worthy heroes and deserving of our thanks on a daily basis.

However, this letter of thanks I address to Walter Mann, and Dan Morris, of Carbone's Deli. I am a good cook, but even good cooks need a rest from their work. Whenever my cooking is too much for me, this usually happens on a Friday, I go to Carbone's and order a tray of eggplant parmesan. Why eggplant, you ask? I am the only person in the family who still makes this dish. It involves a lot of steps, a lot of love, and I am so happy to make it for my family and friends, except on those Fridays when quite frankly I have ashes in the mouth syndrome, that is when even if I made it perfectly, it would still taste like the ash of Vesuvius because I have been cooking too much. To the rescue Carbone's eggplant made with love and the perfect cure.

So thank you, dear friends, and also, congratulations on Carbone's winning this year's Golden Meatball award.

Best of Best Wishes,
Pamela Parrella, North Haven

Well-Deserved Praise for BOF Member Nancy Barrett

To The Editor: April 2, 2025

As we all know, our CT state elected officials are currently overwhelmed trying to address the unraveling of the U.S. federal government. This makes our local leadership even more important. I would like to publicly acknowledge the significant efforts and positive impacts of Nancy Barrett on the North Haven Board of Finance (BOF).

I have known Mrs. Barrett for 20+ years and can attest to her intelligence, hard work and dedication to serving the best interests of our community. You can be sure that if Nancy makes a statement or recommendation, that it is based upon a careful analysis of the facts. She voluntarily invests many hours of her time studying our town's financial data in order to deliver needed services at an affordable price. She is an informed and active participant in our Town Meeting form of government. As one of only 2 Democrats on the BOF, Mrs. Barrett does not shy away from challenging her Republican colleagues or members of the Democratic Town Committee. She has earned the respect of many North Haveners, including those who choose to disagree with her for purely political reasons.

CT Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz recently honored Mrs. Barrett as one of the effective and dynamic Democratic Women Leaders in CT. We should all be grateful to have Nancy Barrett as a financial watchdog and advocate for responsible spending of our hard-earned tax dollars.

If you see Nancy in the grocery store or around North Haven, please take a moment to say thank you.

Beatrice Deloge, North Haven

Wallingford Garden Club's March Meeting Featured 'Alaska: Birds, Beasts and Blooms'





Pictured Top: Pres. Karen Ciosek w/ guest speaker Sally Brockett, and Carmelina Villani at dessert table and her centerpiece. **Bottom:** Shirley Lagerstrom with March design.

The Wallingford Garden Club held its March Meeting at the First Congregational Church in Wallingford.

Sally Brockett was our guest speaker with a narrated slide show of her 700 mile trip to Alaska. On her 'bucket list' was to find and document seven species of birds. With the help of a knowledgeable tour guide, they found the American Dipper and 3 different kinds of Ptarmigans: willow, Rock and White Tail birds. Sally's program took along this very special trip to Alaska.

The dessert table design for March was created by Carmelina Villani. Dainty yellow alstroemeria was placed on a sweet green watering can accented by pussy willows. Dessert hostesses were Dina Rawling, Izzy Jump, Natalie Scott, Kim Dennis, Mary Ellen Morganti and Annamarie Bodisch.

Many garden club members also created floral designs expressing 'St Patrick's Day' theme as a design project by Design Chair Shirley Lagerstrom. Photos by Betty Wilson

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Quinnipiac University Big Event Day 2025



Pictured: volleyball team with Martha Shea.

Wallingford: Quinnipiac University students will have a hands on workshop on Saturday, April 12th 10:00-1:00 for the annual spring clean up at the Wallingford Senior Center's Agnes B Campos Bird and Butterfly Garden. The Agnes B Campos Bird and Butterfly Garden was initiated by Roman Mrozinski, former director of the Southwest Conservation and CT Master Gardeners.

The garden is usually prepped by Roman Mrozinski with the cutting back of the appropriate shrubs and ornamental grasses to be cleaned and deposited for Wallingford Public Works pickup and disposal. Past years we have had host WSC director Bill Viola coordinate the event with Quinnipiac and supervisory support from Roman Mrozinski, Wallingford Garden Club members Ellie Tessmer, Martha and Jim Shea.

Bill Viola has offered lunch for workers as well. So if you are free Saturday morning, April 12th, come and join us. For more information please call 203-269-2653.

Photos from 2024 Big Event by Ellie Tessmer

North Haven Conservation Commission Earth Day Celebration 2025

Join us on Saturday, April 26, from 10am-1:30pm at the Mildred A. Wakeley Community and Recreation Center, located at 7 Linsley Street for a vibrant Earth Day Celebration. Now in its 17th year, this event is proudly sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission and highlights our shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

This free event invites residents and families to explore a wide range of engaging exhibits and demonstrations presented by local businesses, civic organizations, and state and local agencies. It's not just an opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues -- it's also a chance to discover ways to actively contribute to the improvement of life in North Haven.

Attendees can look forward to exciting activities and displays, with previous participants including A Place Called Hope, a bird of prey rehabilitation center, Mystic Aquarium, North Haven Garden Club, The North Haven Camera Club, the North Haven Trails Association, Peters Rock Association, the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, and many more. Come celebrate our planet and learn how you can make a difference. *Submitted by Cindy Golia*

Reunion Gathering BSA Troop 811- 30 Yrs.

North Haven: Were you a Scout or a Leader of Boy Scout Troop 811? Do you remember those fabulous campouts, trips, and the summer week at Camp Sequassen? Well, the Troop is alive and well and we would like to celebrate 30 years of serving the youth of North Haven.

Plans are well along for this event. You do not want to miss this, so save the date: **Saturday, May 31** from **2-5pm** to gather and re-live some of those memories with friends from the Troop. Location TBD.

To RSVP and for more details, please contact: Casey Marinuzzi at caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com or at (203) 257-0708.

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