

Hamden Woman’s Club “Goes To Greece”



Pictured Clockwise from front left: Carmela Stora, Co-President Pat Johnson, Sharon Nolan, Donna Cifaldi, Marge Giunti, Rosalie Loewenbaum, Marie Fattore, Judy Feather, Carolyn DellaPietra, Sharon Welch, Leigh Cassidy, Louise DeNard, & Linda Bishop.

Hamden: On April 15, thirteen members of the Hamden Woman's Club's International Lunch Bunch "dined in Greece" at Mykonos Mediterranean Restaurant in Newington. Michael, the owner/proprietor of this unique ethnic establishment, shared stories of his family's voyage to America 'by boat' from Rhodes, Greece. Some of the authentic specialties ordered were Greek salad, lamb souvlaki, shrimp skewers, pastitsio, chicken Mykonos, and of course rice pudding and baklava. The enormous portions were scrumptious and the staff was extremely efficient, accommodating, and eager to answer all questions. This was a fun and informative experience, thanks to Donna Cifaldi, International Affairs Chairwoman. Next stop on our itinerary will be Mexico - to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, is open to any woman over eighteen years of age who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! We are a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950 and joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, Inc.(GFWC) in January, 1951. Our motto is "The Club that Cares and

Shares", and we are proud to be part of the largest volunteer service organization in the world. Our volunteers are continually developing new projects to improve the quality of life within our community.

In addition to our service, the HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We have a unique Book Club that meets monthly at a local restaurant, this "International Lunch Bunch", and our evening group, the "Dinner Divas". (We really enjoy eating out!). Everyone adores our talented choral group, holiday parties & banquets, day trips, Military Whists, Bingo Nights, Arts & Crafts Competitions, and other fun activities! Our HWC offers something for everybody!

You do NOT have to reside in Hamden to join - and we are very pleased that our membership has now grown to fifty (50) members and we won the "Best in Membership Award" for the GFWC-CT Southeast District this year! Meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June, at the Hamden Senior Center (located in the rear of the Miller Memorial Library).

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings and we urge anyone interested in learning more about the HWC to please contact Sharon Nolan @ 203-248-2538 or @ Snolan_06514@yahoo.com. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. - for more information and fun photos of our friendly club!

North Haven Conservation Commission Earth Day Celebration

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*

Hill Regional Career High School DECA Building Competition



Pictured are 1st place winner - Akwasi Okyere, 2nd place winner - Robbie Ofori-Amo, 3rd place winner - Jamiere Casteel, photo on left is Ms. Papa, teacher of Deca, Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing. Not pictured Mrs. Nathan-Cole, Co-Teacher of Deca.

New Haven: DECA prepares students for careers in the corporate sector. This year's emphasis focused on debating, negotiating, and public speaking. A special shout out to Salon Vain for their excellence and to Mr. D's Bakery of Wallingford for their A+/Superlative cupcakes!

Freemason Open House

North Haven: Have you ever heard about the Freemasons? If you have, you've probably seen one of the History Channel's shows. Maybe you've seen The Curse of Oak Island and noticed that they are always mentioning the Freemasons throughout history. Have you ever wondered what all the fuss is about, or maybe even considering becoming one of us? We'd like to open our doors and show you.

Corinthian Lodge No. 63, A.F. & A.M., located at 30 Church Street in North Haven, is holding a community open house on **Saturday, April 26 from 10am-12 noon** and we cordially invite you to attend.

Our Lodge's history goes back over 200 years to the formation of Adelphi Lodge No. 63 in New Haven, CT in 1823. Corinthian Lodge has been meeting in the town of North Haven since 1914 and we're proud to be part of the fabric of this community for so many years. You may've passed by our building several times across the street from the North Haven Green and never knew who we were or what we did. Please take this opportunity to learn more about our lodge and Freemasonry in general.

One of the great pillars of our fraternity is the charitable work that we do. Our lodge donates to several Masonic related, national, regional, and local charities. We take great pride in the fact that we've donated several thousand dollars to the food and fuel bank in this town. During the summer we sell fried dough and other food items during the concerts on the Green and North Haven Fair and much of the money raised is going to these causes.

In closing, we hope that you can take the time out of your busy schedule to come down and see us on April 26th.

Prom to be Held for Disabled Adults

The **Hamden** Park and Recreation Dept. and the Hamden Disabilities Commission are sponsoring a Prom for adults with a disability on Sat. May 24, from 7-9pm at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall.

The cost is \$15 for Hamden residents and \$20 for non-residents.

For further information, please contact Nicole at Hamden Park and Rec office of Pat Delaney at (203) 287-1414.

Friends of Hagan Library to Hold Bingo Fundraiser!

The Friends of the East Haven Hagan Memorial Library will be holding a Bingo fundraiser at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue on Fri., May 9. Doors open at 5:30pm. Bingo will start at 6:30pm.

There will be a book of 10 games for \$10 along with cash prizes. There will also be raffles, including 50/50 and door prizes.

We hope you will join us for a fun evening of Bingo and help the library too!

WANTED: Buying older beer cans, flats, conetops, single cans or entire collections; (203) 915-7662

FREE: Used screen tent, poles, stakes; (203) 269-3403, leave message

FOR SALE: Harley Davidson jacket, size Medium, engine's years on sleeves \$100; (203) 208-5630

Suburban Garden Club Of Cheshire's May Market And Plant Sale



Cheshire: The Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire's May Market and Plant Sale will take place on May 3, 2025 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cheshire Youth Center, 559 South Main Street | Cheshire, CT. The market will include a variety of beautiful plants including perennials and annuals grown in sterile, soilless mixes. There will also be a selection of tomatoes, herbs, lettuce and other vegetables. The market will also feature a great selection of items perfect for Mother's Day, teacher's gifts and more including houseplants in decorative containers, themed raffle baskets, vintage and gently used jewelry, as well as a garden-related and decorative tag sale. More information at <https://www.cheshiregardeners.org/>

Connecticut to Honor Living World War II Veterans in 2025 Ceremony

North Haven is seeking living World War II veterans residing in our community who have served at any time from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

In a heartfelt effort to honor and recognize the courage and sacrifices of living World War II veterans, Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, in collaboration with Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ron Welch and Major General Francis Evon of the Connecticut National Guard, announced a commemorative ceremony. This event will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 11am at the Governor William A. O'Neill State Armory, located at 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT.

Please contact the Selectman's office at 203-239-5321 ext. 680 or via email at firstse-

lectman@northhaven-ct.gov with the veteran's name, including their branch of service and age **no later than April 30, 2025.**

This information will be shared with the Lieutenant Governor's office to ensure all veterans are properly honored. Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz conveys that this ceremony serves as a reminder of the immeasurable contributions made by World War II veterans. By gathering to celebrate their service, Connecticut ensures that their legacy endures, and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The state invites everyone to join in this historic tribute and express gratitude to those who served during one of the most defining periods in modern history.

North Haven Garden Club Spruces Up Todd's Pond Pollinator Garden For Spring



North Haven: On Thursday April 10th, Committee Chair Cindy Golia with club member Maria Yankura cleared a lot of last years debris and leaves from all 3 gardens at the knoll at the Todd's Pond Pollinator Garden and with much appreciated help from our great Public Works department, who used the leaf blower to help clear the first garden and for Rob dug up 3 perennials that were overtaking the hill side of the garden. If you've ever dug up Iris you know how hard it is. The patch was 4 feet long and 3 feet wide. Look for a beautiful addition to be planted in the area. Cindy & Maria used buckets and wheel barrel to make piles in the garden and spread the mulch in a thick layer. Rob helped us out by dumping a bucket of mulch using the loader backhoe machine in the middle garden, which saved us time and a lot of hard work.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

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