100TH BIRTHDAY

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Lively line dancing performances and a sweet surprise dance with her good friend Marty Gucker added to the festivities.

Senior Center Director Kathy Hull said, "Anne is a beloved member. She is a role model as she shows us that age doesn't need to slow you down. We love seeing her almost every day enthusiastically participating in the center's activities."

Girolami received warm wishes and compliments from attendees. Callahan celebrated her milestone, saying, "I have great respect for her. Anne is a role model."

Paul and Lorrie Delaney, Senior Center supporters, shared their thoughts. "Anne is an inspiration to everyone. Look at how she stands straight as an arrow. We should aspire to be like her."

Diane Gucker, one of the Senior Center's staunch supporters, said, "Anne's zest for life is wonderful."

Her husband, Marty Gucker, surprised his good friend Anne by asking her to dance during the celebration. He had arranged the surprise with Hull and Senior Center Programmer Maureen Jendras.

"Anne is amazing," Gucker said after their dance.

Anne Girolami's Reaction to Her Birthday Celebration

Asked how she felt about the large turnout and the outpouring of affection from attendees, Girolami said, "I feel wonderful. I never knew I had so many friends. I love them. The New Fairfield Senior Center is my second home. I am thankful. I don't know what I would do without the center."

Anne's Active Life and Positive Outlook

Girolami lives with her daughter, Nancy Ali, who describes her mother as someone who embraces life with enthusiasm, regardless of age.

Speaking shortly before her mother's 100th birthday, Ali said, "Even when her hands hurt, she still goes to the senior center. Because she's just like so full of sunshine, she has all these friends, and they're so amazed that she's 99 and still actively participating."

What keeps Girolami returning to the Senior Center almost every day?

Ali said, "She has met so many nice friends there, and she just loves all the activities. They play bingo, poker, and cornhole. She attends Bodies in Motion and enjoys Cooking with Puti. There's so much going on there for her, and it just keeps her active."

Girolami's active lifestyle and positive outlook may help explain her longevity.

"My mom is so full of life, and my two little granddaughters love her. She's just a happy 99-year-old woman who appreciates her relatively good health," Ali said.

"Just the other day, when her hands were bothering her, my mom noted that for being 99, she shouldn't complain. It's not too bad, you know. I mean, she's reached 99, and she's just starting to get like arthritis. Health-wise, she's very good. No walker, no cane. I have 32 steps in my house, up and down. She walks them up, comes down," Ali continued.

An avid reader, Girolami gets her books from the center. According to her daughter, she enjoys reading while waiting for the SweetHART bus and before going to bed.

A Centenarian with Fashion Flair

Beyond her enthusiasm for the center's activities, Girolami is known for her impeccable sense of style. Her colorful, coordinated outfits and accessories reflect a lifelong appreciation for fashion and design.

Hull said the center has collected photos of Girolami in her fashionable outfits over the years, capturing her distinctive style and personality.

Ali remarked, "My mom has also had her fashion flair as long as I've known her. I think it's just something she was born with. She's very good at design. She just has that eye for fashion and wished in her early days that she could have been like an interior designer because she has very good taste."

Looking Forward to More Happy Years

Turning 100 hasn't diminished Girolami's enthusiasm for life. In fact, she has already set her sights on another milestone.

She told her daughter she wants to live to 107 — with more years to enjoy her family, friendships and the many activities that keep her engaged at the New Fairfield Senior Center.

With her signature style, sunny disposition and zest for life, Girolami continues to show that reaching 100 is a milestone worth celebrating — and that there is still much to look forward to.

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could be a partial cause." Colliers International's Mr. Scott Pellman agreed it "may have triggered it, but it may have just accelerated the failure just because the fitting was never crimped."

Kellogg shared, "during the failure, the New Fairfield operators [i.e. school staff] identified that we were having an overpressure condition…[recently] we all met at the pump house and walked through the pump house and the boiler room…Mike [Bouchard] from CES [Consulting Engineering Services] has confirmed that not all of the

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appurtenances were included in the water system…" It was noted, NF Public Schools Director of Facilities Mr. Joe Lombardozzi has requested "potential minor enhancements in the two-legged system and flow sensors…pressure sensors."

Colliers International's Mr. Mark Schweitzer explained that the plumber contractor met with the school's design team and school administrators to review the as-built conditions. With a report from the project's engineering team in hand, the plan is to meet with O&G Industries to go over the details of it and determine a schedule to investigate and repair any needed areas in the plumbing system.

There was a brief update on the bus lot that will be built at 302 Ball Pond Road, which has just gone through a paperwork hurdle with the State's Department of Transportation (DOT), who will oversee the approvals for the project. The Town expected to sign a Project Agreement Letter with the DOT later in the week of this meeting. The next step in the process is to issue a letter of intent to the lowest qualified bidder, BMP, a general contracting and site work company from Brookfield. It was explained that there was a bit of a rush in pulling together documents for the State but everything is in order, and they should be ready to proceed. It was also explained that the Town plans to have Town Engineer Mr. Tony Iadarola oversee the construction of the bus project, rather than Colliers.

Regarding upcoming renovation at the New Fairfield Free Public Library, it was reported that the library board recommended engaging Lothrop Associates Architects for design services, which the PBC voted to approve. The renovations will be wide sweeping and include extensive HVAC work, but also updated flooring, fresh paint, new library stacks and shelves, and an expanded teen area.

The next regular Permanent Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 7:00pm.







