**Wilton Woman’s Club Newsletter**

**June 2019**

Dear ,

I hope you had a great Memorial Day Weekend and kickoff to summer.  This is the last newsletter of the year for the Wilton Woman’s Club; we will be back in September.  First, I want to say thank you again to everyone who worked on, attended, and/or donated to our 12thAnnual Fashion Show Fundraiser – read on for more information about the results.  Second, please note the information below about Summer Runs for stocking the Wilton Food Pantry – they really count on our club members in the summer.  And finally, please welcome your new 2019-20 Wilton Woman’s Club Executive Board, listed below - thank you to all our great board volunteers!  Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Andrea

**Important Dates**

* **June 4** –  JLP Members Make Flower Arrangements for Senior Center
* **July 8** –   Summer Food Pantry Runs start:  Please contact Wendy and Suzy to sign up for a day to bring food from the Ct Food Bank in Stamford, to the Wilton Food Pantry.  They are counting on us!  More info below

**A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Member!**

* Kathleen Silvestri

**The 2019-20 Wilton Woman’s Club Board**

President: Andrea Bates

Secretary: Devon Rayment

Treasurer: Maria Wilcox

Community Service: Suzy Curtice and Wendy Nadel

Hospitality: Sabeth Albert

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Membership: Stacey Savas

Philanthropy: Kathy Poirier and Liz Salguero

Programs: Angela Lowy and Lori Buchanan

Website: Debbie Corrigan

President Emerita: Jen Toll

**WWC 12th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon and Fundraiser**

Thank you to all of our members for attending and supporting our 12th Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser, and all the committee chairs for working so hard to put on another fantastic event!  By all accounts, the attendees loved it, and we were able to raise over $28,000 for our beneficiary, the Wilton Land Conservation Trust and their project Save 183 Ridgefield Road.  This is a significant gift to the Trust, and is an amazing result for a local cause that has not even been built yet!  Thank you for being part of the future of Wilton!

**WWC Donates $1,000 to Wilton Police Department to Fight Opioid Overdoses**

Police departments in Connecticut are required to carry Narcan in each car, to provide an antidote in case they are called to the scene of an opioid overdose. However, the state does not provide funding for the Narcan.  Two years ago, the WWC donated $1,000 to fund the Narcan supply, as our beneficiary that year was the fight against opioid addiction.  Narcan expires after two years so this year, we again funded the replenishment of the supply.  “Unfortunately, the opioid epidemic has become a significant concern not only to the larger cities but also for smaller communities such as Wilton,” says Wilton Police Chief, John P. Lynch.  “Because of this, our community must work together to be successful, and we thank the Wilton Woman’s Club for their support.  During times of tight fiscal budgets locally and state-wide, this donation is especially appreciated."

**Betty Sternad Scholarship Winner: Dilshad Dinshaw**

Each year, the founder of our club, Betty Sternad, awards a scholarship to a deserving female Wilton High School senior who has shown dedication to community service, leadership, and character.  The WWC presents the scholarship to the winner at the WHS Awards Ceremony in May.  This year, the winner was Ms. Dilshad Dinshaw.

Dilshad volunteers in many ways at Wilton High School and in the community as President of the Recycling Club, a member of the National Honor Society and Buon Amico, as a dance and piano instructor.  In particular, we were most impressed by Dilshad’s contributions as a Girl Scout.  For her Gold Award, she chose to help monarch butterfly populations by protecting their migratory routes.  She educated over 100 people on the importance of milkweed in the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly, grew over 140 milkweed saplings at home, and created a pollinator garden at Woodcock Nature Center as well as working with preschools, summer camps, and the Norwalk River Valley Trail to transplant these saplings in and around Wilton.  If you see Dilshad, please congratulate her!

**Junior Leadership Program Event Helps Minks to Sinks**

Thanks to the Junior Leadership Program members and their daughters who helped out at the annual Minks to Sinks sale to benefit the Family & Children’s Agency of Norwalk.  The girls worked until 5pm sorting and organizing toys as well as taping and bagging donated items.

**Thank You to Person-to-Person Volunteers**

A big “Thank You” to everyone who volunteered this year at Person-to-Person in both Norwalk and Darien.  Your help was very much appreciated!  As usual, we will pause for the summer and resume the volunteering opportunities at P2P in the fall.

**WWC Hands-On Spring Trip at the Wilton Historical Society**

Members of the Wilton Woman’s Club were hands-on at our Spring outing visiting the museum at the Wilton Historical Society and a food preservation workshop.

Members had a great time touring the Revolutionary War exhibit before getting down to the business of preserving fruits and vegetables as well as enjoying a box lunch from the Village Market.

Recipes can be found on the website at [www.wiltonhistorical.org](http://www.wiltonhistorical.org/) – On the home page, go to the public programs heading and click on the calendar, then click on today’s Wilton Woman’s Club event.  Join their email list while you’re there for everything from new arrivals in their gift shop, the Bett’s Store to Wednesday Farmer’s Market, lectures, book talks, exhibits, workshops and more!

A special THANKS to Wilton Historical Society’s Laurie Walker and Nick Foster as well as Co-directors of the Wilton Historical Society, Kim Mellin and Allison Sanders for making this event so memorable and fun!

**Community Service: Sign Up to Help Out at Ogden House**

Special THANKS to Co-chairs Kris Herlyn, BJ Bralower, and the other WWC members who helped serve meals this past year to seniors at Ogden House.

BJ will be moving on this year, and Maria Vocke will be the new Co-chair for the Ogden House Servers. Thank you, Maria!

The WWC typically serves at 2-4 luncheons per year and the Chair organizes a group of 3-4 servers to help at the luncheon. Time commitment is usually from 11:30-1:00pm.

Contact Suzy Curtice or Wendy Nadel to sign up!

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**June 4 - Junior Leadership Program Event:  Flowers Arrangements for Senior Center**

This event will take place at Trackside, the teen center in Wilton. Junior Leadership Program members, please make sure your Middlebrook and High School daughters know to take the bus to Trackside after school on June 4. The JLP Chairs will be meet them and leaders of the Wilton Garden Club will instruct them on what flowers to pick from the garden and how to compose them into floral arrangements. Moms will be needed to help transport the arrangements to the Comstock Senior Center. Please contact the JLP Chairs at wwcjlp@gmail.com to register.

**Summer Volunteers Still Needed to Stock Wilton Food Pantry**

There is no summer break for the needs of the Wilton Food Pantry! Services are needed year-round!

The WWC is the only organization that makes sure essential frozen meat products, and fresh produce is transported weekly from the Lower Fairfield County Food Bank in Stamford to the Wilton Food Pantry at the Comstock Community Center.

Volunteers who work in pairs are still needed to pick up these items every Monday or Tuesday morning.  The time commitment is approximately two hours.

This is a great way to do Community Service with a friend or your children.  Please consider taking a week to help us fill our summer schedule starting the week of 7/8 through 8/26.

The items may be picked up on the Monday or Tuesday of the following weeks:

7/8

7/15

7/22

7/29

8/5

8/12

8/19

8/26

Please contact Wendy Nadel or Suzy Curtice to volunteer.

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*All events are listed on our website at* [*www.wiltonwomansclub.org*](https://wiltonwomansclub.wildapricot.org/)*; please let Debbie Corrigan know if you have any trouble with the website. And if you are on* [*Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/Wilton-Womans-Club-152682671453989/)*, give us a Like to see our announcements in your News Feed!*

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