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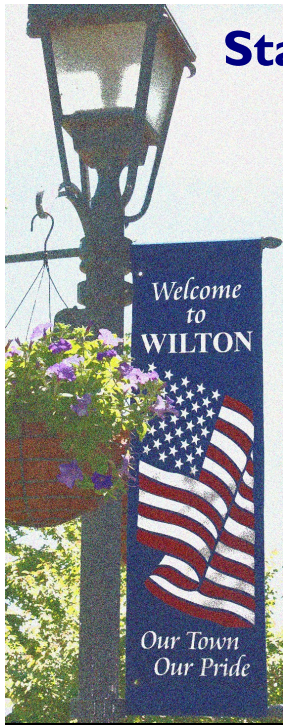
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Stay at Home Honors Our Veterans



A Memorial Day tradition for Sam Halsey is to drive his '53 Packard in the Parade.

Sam tells a story of being drafted at the same time as Ross Hand from Darien. During basic training Hand was in the bunk above Halsey. Though separated after training, they ended up together in Wilton.

U.S. Air Force

Capt. Jack Chachkes
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U.S. Navy

LTJG Norris Browne
 FCSI Henry Bullinger
 AK3 Kris Kristiansen
 LCDR Gordon Lucey
 MIDN Gordon Nugent
 HMC Hubert Sebastian
 LT Philip C. Stevens



Doug Jones
 When Doug was drafted, the army had just formed the Transportation Corps. This propelled him to an outstanding career in engineering. Doug has worked on transportation projects all over the world.



Gordon Nugent
Parade Grand Marshal
 "The Veterans Memorial Green gives me a patriotic spirit because it forces me to think of the sacrifices that underlie our privileges."



Phil Stevens
 Phil served on a battle-ready amphibious ship during the Cuban missile crisis. He was close enough to see the USS Newport News, a large cruiser, on the horizon maintaining the blockade.



Royal Norwegian Navy Allied Forces WWII Legion of Honor Medal Trygve Hansen

Mark Your Calendar for June Events

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Tuesday
June 11th, 9 AM



Orem's Diner

"It's good food and great conversation!"



RSVP:
203-762-2600

Play Mahjong

Tuesday, June 11th, 1:30 PM
and June 25th, 12:30 PM



Senior Center - 180 School Road

RSVP: 203-544-7414



Schenck's Walk

Friday, June 14th
10:30 AM

Walkers meet at Schenck's Island for a leisurely walk.

Optional lunch will follow at Cactus Rose. Rain date: 6/21

RSVP: 203-762-2600



Ladies Lunch

Thursday, June 20th
11:30 AM

Red Rooster Café
Wilton Center

RSVP: 203-762-2600

State Senator Will Haskell Speaks at the Senior Center

Tuesday
June 25th
3 - 5 p.m.



Hear what the senator is doing for seniors in CT—
Q & A will follow

Stay at Home in Wilton President Sally Maraventano Kirmser and Senator Haskell share the goal of making seniors a priority in Wilton and in CT.

Reservations recommended:
203-762-2600

Please provide your phone or email. In the event the Senator is called away, registrants will be notified.

Stay at Home Member News

Welcome New Members

Norris Browne
 Jack & Bette Chachkes
 Arlene DiRocco
 Gordon & Suzanne Lucey
 Ed & Cathleen Raposa
 Beverly A. Weed
 Roxane Witke

New Volunteers

Wayne Balfanz
 Anne Clarke
 John & Mary Danaher
 Margaret Dowd
 Denise Fritz
 Anne Hill
 Sheila Loggins
 Marie Lutz
 Gale Roeder
 Lisa Roman
 Ann Scozzafava
 Sally Siebert
 Peter & Lynne Zareski

Stay at Home in Wilton celebrated 9th Anniversary with a gala event



Stay at Home in Wilton recently celebrated its 9th Anniversary with a tasting buffet and wine reception at Ambler Farm. Local musician and violinist Mac Johnston entertained the crowd with a variety of classical, pop and jazz pieces. Mac is the lead jazz violinist in many local bands, including Joni & The Keepers and Swing 42. The evening was generously sponsored by Dodd Koeckert of RBC Wealth Management. Dodd is an expert in needs and goal-based financial planning and comes highly recommended by former Stay at Home President Peter Dodds. Dodd Koeckert can be reached at 203-351-9320.

Stay at Home in Wilton President Sally Kirmser has special plans for our 10th Anniversary! Stay tuned.

Celebrating our flag and freedom

Members gathered to share Memorial Day stories

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived." – George S. Patton

Photo: Roger and Dee Smith, Nita Nordgaard, Lynne and Pete Zareski. Many others were also in attendance.



Stay at Home in Wilton
Members Receive 10% Off
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- Vaccines
- Delivery

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Dee and Roger Smith in period costumes on their wedding day 42 years ago.

When Roger Smith, a volunteer handyman for Stay at Home in Wilton, isn't fixing a leaky faucet, he can be seen participating in reenactments of the American Revolution. Roger is member of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Roger Smith, Handyman and Revolutionary War Reenactor

Formed in 1889, its prestigious members have included U.S. Grant, Lowell Thomas, Norman Vincent Peale, Nelson and Winthrop Rockefeller as well as senators, governors and generals.



Roger traces his lineage back to the 1640's when his forebears arrived from England. His ancestor Thomas Welles was the third governor of the colony of Connecticut. Another, Elisha Wolcott of Wethersfield, fought in the Battle of New York and the Rev. Peter Bulkeley was the first minister and founder of the colony of Concord, Massachusetts. Roger's lineage through the Welles family includes Gideon Welles, who was Secretary of the Navy under Abraham Lincoln.

Roger regularly appears in reenactments on the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, and during many anniversary celebrations of battles of the revolutionary war. Roger's purpose is to keep the spirit, courage and triumph of the American Revolution alive today.

Roger and Dee Smith have lived in Wilton over 30 years. They have fourteen grandchildren. Dee thoroughly enjoys participating in the reenactments and educating the public.

Save-the-date:

Reenactors will appear on the Bethel Green on June 8th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about life during the American Revolution. Watch the Americans defend the town against the British and Loyalist forces.



"History has pretty much taken over my spare time."
-Roger Smith

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