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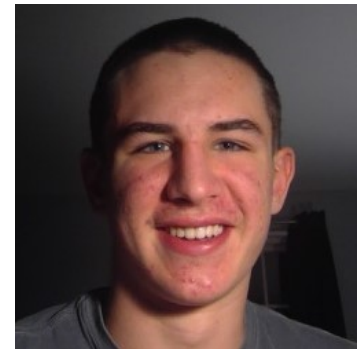
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Anniversary Gala *Save-the-date: 10-4-20*

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Staying at Home is the new normal for everyone



Our third podcast, “The Story Next Door,” bringing two generations together in one conversation, tackled this new normal in a unique way. Sally Maraventano Kirmsler, President of Stay at Home in Wilton, and Connor Allen, a Junior at Wilton High School, recently came together. They used Google Hangouts, a new technology for many people who have had to find a different way to communicate with friends, family, and colleagues while remaining at home.

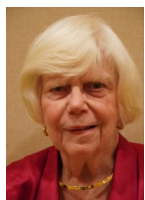
During their conversation, Connor made the observation that, for him, this time of staying at home “is a drastic adjustment in my life.” Both he and Sally agreed maintaining connections is so important now when fear and anxiety seem to be the order of the day. Sally added, “Stay at

Home in Wilton has called each one of our members weekly to make sure people are faring well during these times and feel engaged versus isolated.”

The separation from friends and family is something everyone is relating to and each is finding ways to stay connected, whether by video chatting with classmates, or simply by picking up the phone and asking, “How are you?”

Both Sally and Connor feel lucky to be in a community like Wilton, where people make an effort to reach out to others to let them know they are not alone.

Watch the entire podcast at: www.stayathomeinwilton.org/media/video and click on our YouTube channel, or visit our Facebook page.



Stay at Home News...

Wilton's Faith in Action Committee made a **special donation of \$750 to Stay at Home in Wilton** "in honor of their beloved congregant Janet Johnson for her many years of dedicated service." Aren't we lucky to have Janet as our Executive Coordinator?!



Connecticut residents are required to wear masks in public. If you need a mask, please contact Warrior Helpers, who are providing **free masks** to seniors. www.warriorhelpers.org
warriorhelpers20@gmail.com



Stay at Home has partnered with the American Red Cross to offer members up to **three free smoke alarms**. Volunteers Roger Smith and Pete Zareski will install alarms at no cost in single family homes with ceilings 10 ft. or less once the ban is lifted. To add your name to the list, call [Janet Johnson](mailto:Janet.Johnson@stayathomeinwilton.org) at **203-762-2600**.



Staying Home— Staying Connected

Members recently enjoyed a Family Room Concert, "Meditation" with violinist Mac Johnston, husband of Board Member Lisa Roman. If you missed it, visit Stay at Home in Wilton's new YouTube Channel.

www.StayatHomeinWilton.org/Media/Video



Anne Clarke had a fun coronavirus birthday party. Her friends, the Hulls and MacEwens, brought her a rose, homemade cookies and made hysterical signs. Partygoers, wearing masks and gloves, chatted and laughed while keeping their social distance. Anne feels very lucky to have such thoughtful friends.

Doug Jones attended his first Kiwanis Zoom lunch meeting. Kiwanis President Mary Anne Mendola Franco said, "It was a tremendous success! It followed our regular in-person format. Doug, as usual, led us in song and it was fun to hear everyone singing from their own homes. Members quickly adapted to the new normal—meeting virtually. Everyone was happy to see each other again (even on screen)."

Arlene DiRocco reported, "I'm so glad I joined Stay at Home. It was money well spent. The young man who brought me my groceries lightened my concerns about being abandoned during these uncertain times." Nita Nordgaard wrote, "I feel lucky that since I need to hunker down, I have a nice place in which to do it. I order items from Village Market which they put right in my car when I drive up." Ann Byrne noted, "I don't know what I would do without Helping Hands. I have a wonderful woman who has been doing my shopping."

We would love to hear **YOUR SUCCESS STORY!**

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