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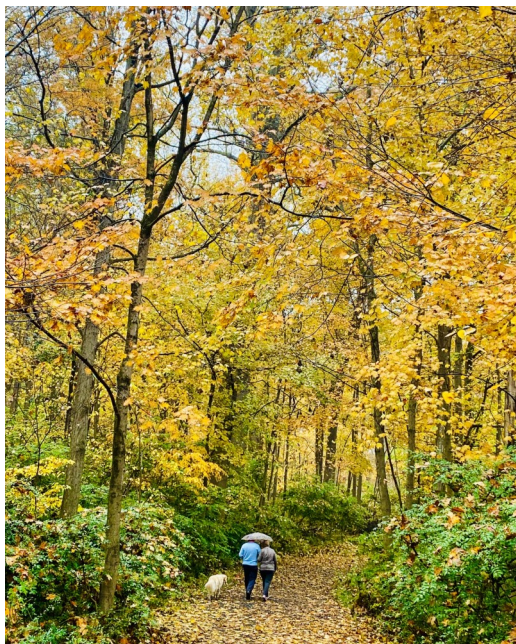
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Unexpected Gratitude

"A day doesn't go by where we don't stop and notice the little things, like the gorgeous fall leaves along the trail from Merwin Meadows to Cider Mill School."

—Dave and Linda Gortz

"It's important to have something to look forward to. I'm thankful for the group of women I get together with on a regular basis. Slowing down has allowed me to appreciate my friends and family more."

—Gail Nielsen



Jeanette with her grandsons Ian and Gregory Dressing, ages 5 and 18.

"My 5-year-old grandson who is learning to spell called me and said, 'Gramma, I saw a billboard with a coffee cup and guess what? It had C-O-F-F-E-E on it!' 'It made me so warm and happy, I couldn't wait to share it!! Sharing the wonderful little things in life is so important.'"

—Jeanette Dressing

"We are thankful for SAHW, whose members help each other in both words and in deeds. I often think of member Madeline after I drove her to an appointment. She said, 'Every night when I go to bed I get down on my knees and thank God for Stay at Home in Wilton.'"

—Dick and Joan King

Mark Your Calendar November Events



Election Day Rides
November 3rd
10 AM - 4 PM

Don't forget to schedule your ride to VOTE 48 hours in advance. Contact **Janet Johnson** at **203-762-2600**.

Bake It Forward Pumpkin Bread



Tuesday, Nov. 17th - 2PM

Bake pumpkin bread with Stay at Home in Wilton President Sally Kirmser. Sally will share her tips and recipe, which makes extra loaves, via Zoom. In this time of giving, we hope to bake extra loaves to share with our neighbors and members prior to Thanksgiving. To register, and help us bake it forward, please contact **Janet Johnson** at **203-762-2600**.

Attendees will receive the recipe and a Zoom link invite by email upon registering.



Let's Connect! Would you like to connect with other members who have interests similar to yours? How would

you like a partner to play bridge, discuss books, or eat lunch with? Maybe you would like to host a small weekly lunch or movie group? Stay at Home will provide the Zoom link. All you need to do is call **Janet Johnson** at **203-762-2600** and let her know your interests and whether you would like to host or participate in a group.



The Friendly Visitors program is offering **friendly phone and Zoom calls!**

If you'd like to grab a cup of coffee and Zoom or chat on the phone, give **Janet Johnson** a call at **203-762-2600!** Stay at Home friends are happy to talk with you about anything and everything!

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Birthdays

14th

Tom Harrington

18th

Mary Cronin

Lynne Zareski

20th

Jean Pollio

Anne Stevens

21st

Josephine Muccioli

26th

Nea Martin

29th

Judy White



Did you know... Stay at Home Class and seminar recordings are available for viewing? Recently, President Sally Kirmsers did a cooking class for the Wilton Library in which she demonstrated how to make such Italian comfort food as Tuscan Cauliflower and white bean soup and Minestrone con pesto. If you missed her class or any of our recent seminars, visit: www.stayathomeinwilton.org Please contact us for Sally's recipes.



Volun Terry, Stay at Home in Wilton's Scarecrow, was displayed in a prime downtown Wilton location during this year's Scarecrow Fest. Passersby learned first-hand about the services we offer from his driver's hat to his tool belt! Big thanks to the team of helpers who aided in his conception, materials, and fabrication... Anne Goslee-Jovovic, Janet Johnson, Lisa Roman, Roger Smith, the Kirmsers, The Kapustkas, and our volunteer with a truck, Gary Eaton.

Gratitude for our Veterans

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

U.S. Air Force

Maj. Ralph Kirmsers

U.S. Army

Sgt. William Alastor

Sgt. Allan Allers

SP3 Sam L. Halsey

1st Lt. Tom Harrington

1st Lt. Jerry Holdridge

1st Lt. Eugene D. Jones

Sgt. Jim Kapustka

Sgt. Robert Kelso

Sgt. Dick King

Cpl. Bob Pingarron

Cpl. Fred Wernig

U.S. Navy

LTJG Norris Browne

FCSI Henry Bullinger

LCDR Gordon Lucey

MIDN Gordon Nugent

LCDR John O'Mara

HMC Hubert Sebastian

Lt. Jerry Sprole

Lt. Philip C. Stevens

Royal Norwegian Navy

Allied Forces WWII

Medal of Honor Trygve Hansen



This Thanksgiving I am grateful—

If you ask most Americans which holiday is most special to them, many will say Thanksgiving. It is a holiday without the pressure of buying gifts and a holiday that makes us reflect on the meaning of “thanksgiving” and gratitude.

Most people would say first that they are grateful for family and for friends who are like family. Most would mention that they are grateful to live in a country where freedom of speech is a right, and where they are free to vote for President, for members of Congress and for other elected officials.

This Thanksgiving is a little bit different. Our lives have changed drastically because of the pandemic. Restrictions have kept us from hugging and kissing our loved ones, attending religious services, and socializing with our friends. So many other pleasurable activities, such as concerts, plays, and sporting events, are taboo.

This Thanksgiving I am grateful for the privileges we have as Americans. I am also thankful for being able to spend this “dark” time in the beauty of our Connecticut countryside and for the seven weeks we quarantined in our home with our daughter Fran and her daughter Pia when the situation in New York became dire. A special gift these past months has been the beauty and opulence of our garden. My husband Ralph grew a bumper crop of delicious vegetables, and these were a treat for body and soul.

Finally, high on my gratitude list are the members of Stay at Home in Wilton. By their example, they have inspired us to be cheerful and look ahead to brighter days. They participated in countless Zoom events in order to stay connected to our very special Senior community.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Sally Mararentan Kimmer



STAY at HOME
in Wilton
10 YEARS

Save-the-dates:

Tuesday, December 15th: Stay at Home in Wilton
Afternoon Holiday Movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life”

***New Date:* Sunday, June 13, 2021 10th Anniversary Gala**

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