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in Wilton  
10 YEARS

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## The Founding Board of Stay at Home in Wilton

Phil Richards, President; Anne Richards, Corporate Secretary; Ken Dartley, Vice President were the founders. The founding board members included Kay Chann, Treasurer; Sally Poundstone, Staff Recruiter; Luisa Kelso; Barbara Quincy; Joan Starr, Volunteer Chair; Dick King, Fundraiser Chair; Jay Zitz; Ann Newton, Membership; Bob Kelso and Fred Morris

We officially incorporated in September 2009, assembled a board and were able to install a phone line in the RVNA office. Eloise Barron of RVNA became our part-time coordinator and full-time cheerleader. At the official opening meeting, April 15, 2010, we signed up ten members, some who are members today.

—Phil Richards

The early business plan prepared by Phil Richards and the fundraising data base organized by Kay Chann were of great help to me in raising money over the years. As a volunteer driver, I found it very interesting to hear the life stories of the many members I had the privilege to meet.

—Dick King

I had heard about the wonderful services and activities offered by the new Beacon Hill Village movement in Boston, and when I learned that a similar organization was starting up in Wilton, I didn't hesitate to sign up. I very much enjoyed my four years as Treasurer.

—Kay Chann

My 78-year-old grandmother lived with our family for 22 years. I believe in the importance of "staying at home" for seniors, and the support of family and friends to make this happen.

—Ann Newton

My official job was Secretary; now I am enjoying the many benefits of membership.

—Luisa Kelso

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# Mark Your Calendar for May Events

**Men's Monthly Breakfast  
Tuesday, May 11 at 9 AM**



**"It's good food and great conversation!"**  
Men will meet at Orem's Diner. Guests are invited. For questions, call **203-762-2600**



**Ladies Lunch  
at Pinstripe  
Thursday, May 13th  
11:30 AM**

Ladies can meet at the restaurant in the SoNo Mall in Norwalk and shop afterwards. Carpoolers, meet at the commuter lot, north of Orem's at 11 AM.

**RSVP: 203-762-2600**



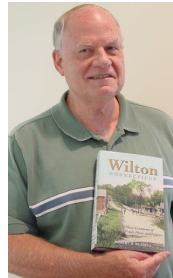
**Stay at Home in Wilton  
Pizza Night Fundraiser  
Wednesday  
May 19th, 6 - 9:30 PM**

**Take Out - Dine In - Delivery**

Mention *Stay at Home in Wilton* when ordering. 15% of the proceeds benefit Wilton seniors. Fundraiser begins at 6 PM.

**Wilton Pizza**  
101 Old Ridgefield Road  
www.WiltonPizza.com  
**203-762-0007**  
(\$2.75 charge for deliveries)

For more information, call **203-762-2600**.



**Join us for a Talk with  
Historian Bob Russell  
Tuesday, May 25, 10:30 AM**  
Bring a lunch to enjoy afterwards at the Wilton Center Gazebo

Wilton's historian, Bob Russell, will lead a guided walk at the Hillside Cemetery. Bob's talk will include a brief history of the historic cemetery and the notable people buried there, including war veterans plus familiar names such as Olmstead, Middlebrook and Comstock, dating back to the 1800's. Bring a chair, and (if you need one) a walking stick.

**RSVP: Janet Johnson at 203-762-2600**  
Park and meet by the flagpole at Hillside Cemetery at 165 Ridgefield Road.



**Weir Farm Walk & Picnic  
Thursday, May 27 10:30 AM**

The Walking Club will meet at the home of America's most beloved Impressionist, J. Alden Weir, which is set on more than 60 acres of woods, fields, and streams. Meet at the parking lot and if you wish, bring a blanket or chair and a brown bag lunch. Limited to 10 people. Please register early!

**RSVP: 203-762-2600** Rain date: 5/28

# Member News and News to Use [www.stayathomeinwilton.org](http://www.stayathomeinwilton.org)

## May Birthdays

### 2nd

Erika Chamberlain  
Pete Zareski

### 5th

Nancy Langenfeld

### 12th

Sally Kirmser  
Ann Newton

### 18th

Jeanette Dresing

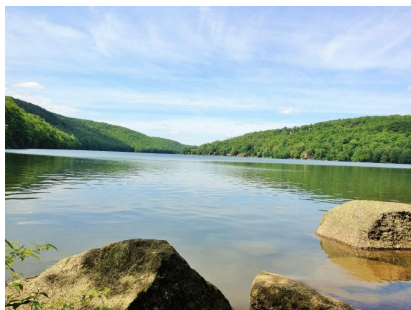
### 20th

Lila Griswold

### 22nd

Carol Balfanz

**Are you interested in venturing further afield? Advisory Board Member Ann Newton suggests the following parks:**



**Squantz Pond State Park**, New Fairfield. Scenic Squantz Pond is an arm of Candlewood Lake and offers trails, picnic tables, and a beach. The walk around the pond is quite picturesque, and there is a 2.2 mile hiking trail for the more adventuresome.



**Putnam Memorial Park** in Redding is the site of a Revolutionary War camp. The circular path is well maintained, with excellent historical notes as you stroll along. Some of the terrain is hilly. The museum contains artifacts from the American Revolution.



**Macedonia State Park** in Kent features 11.5 miles of trails on 2300 acres of woodlands, meadows, creeks and brooks. The paths are lovely and easily walkable, and you can choose longer or shorter distances.

*Parks are within an hour's drive.*



**10th Anniversary Gala at The Shore and Country Club**  
**Save-the-date: Sunday, June 13th at 5 PM**

**Gala Update:** You should be receiving your invitations in the mail next week. We ask that you fill out the RSVP card and mail it back as instructed so we receive your reply by May 15th. This will help us make final preparations. A reminder: Attendance is free for all members. If you plan to bring a guest or family member, the fee is \$100 per person. We look forward to celebrating this special event with you!

## Volunteer of the Month

Stay at Home in Wilton celebrates Marty Clancy as our Volunteer of the Month. Marty stepped in during the pandemic as the new Volunteer Driver Coordinator and led our efforts to establish new safety protocols for transportation. He provided outstanding communication by spearheading a letter campaign to ensure that our group was informed and followed the new safety rules. Marty was exceptional in every way.



## Stay at Home in Wilton Herb Garden Drive-thru



Many volunteers and members expressed how much fun and how creative this effort was. Members enjoyed receiving the variety of herbs and recipes. Several are looking forward to making Sally's focaccia bread... a very satisfying event for ALL!

**Thank you,** Wilton Historical Society for offering the spectacular location for the drive-thru, Gilbertie's Herbs and Garden Center for their generous donation of the herbs, pots, and soil and our volunteers who picked up plants, potted the herbs, greeted the members the day of the event and delivered gift bags to members' homes!



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