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First Selectwoman's Corner

Haddam Residents,

Each time I write this quarterly update it amazes me how quickly the seasons come and go. Traditionally, public works is very busy this time of year and this year is no exception. In fact, we have accomplished more this past year than we have in the past 10 years on improving roads and buildings. Despite the late start due to the storms and snow and the rain this season we are scheduled to finish what we expected by the end of the construction season!

Road Projects/Road Work

I want to make sure that I continue to publicize the road report completed by VHB on all of our town roads. This is available on the town website Haddam.org under public works. This report identifies each road with a rating and the estimated cost and type of repairs needed. We are concentrating on roads with a rating of 55 or less. This will take the next several years to do but we are well on our way. Current work includes, reclamation to McTigh, drainage on Turkey Hill, Pokorny Rd, Cove Rd, Injun Hollow, Old County and Rock Landing in addition to chip sealing and cracking scheduled this fall.

Town Buildings

Signage has been added on a number of town buildings and new siding and painting is now completed on the Veteran's museum

and Community Center. Our Senior Center handicap accessible rest room is completed and a new ramp that will allow wheel chair accessibility and parking lot paving are scheduled for October. The Old Town hall has new energy efficient windows and the side entrance to the town hall is no longer falling apart and unsafe.

Tylerville Water

We are well on our way with the plans for the water and CT Water has contacted those residents that are affected. We expect to put a request for bid out this fall and select a contractor around the holidays.

Higganum Cove

The deed for ownership for the Town of Haddam has been recorded with the town clerk and we had a community celebration on August 27th. I meet with DEEP officials recently and they are finalizing the well testing per their requirements and once

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Lizz Milardo,
First Selectwoman

An advertisement for NYDJ Los Angeles. It features a group of seven women of diverse backgrounds and ages, all smiling and dressed in casual, stylish clothing like jeans, blouses, and jackets. They are posed on white stools and blocks against a plain background. The text 'FIT IS EVERYTHING' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below it is the 'NYDJ. LOS ANGELES' logo. At the bottom left is the 'Saybrook Country Barn APPAREL' logo. At the bottom right is the contact information: '2 Main St. Old Saybrook, CT | 860.388.0891 | www.saybrookcountrybarn.com'.

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*Mycologist Gerry Miller at a recent Haddam
Land Trust program at Pine Brook Preserve.*

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goPINK Project Supports Women Facing Breast Cancer this October

You can support women facing breast cancer in our community this October through the goPINK Project! Since 2010, local businesses, salons, schools and teams have raised over \$185,000 to help cover the costs of integrative medicine therapy for over 1,000 patients at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center. Integrative medicine is a complement to conventional cancer treatment that focuses on the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Patients choose from yoga, Reiki, massage, reflexology, meditation and more, which are available at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center in Middletown and Westbrook.

This year, Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center, 250 Flat Rock Place, will host food trucks every week in October from 11 am to 3:30 pm and will donate a percentage of sales to goPINK, including: Lenny & Joe's Lobster Truck (October 18) and Chris' Dog House (October 22). And don't forget the goPINK Shoreline Party, taking place at the Scotch Plains Tavern (October 23) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm (tickets sold at Scotch Plains Tavern).

To learn more about the month of activities visit gopinkproject.com.

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complete the consent order will be closed. We will continue to work on the use of the community enjoying the cove.

Higganum Center


Despite my continuous updates I want to again address concerns about Higganum Center. The lack of infrastructure is a significant problem and the key to the future of the center's revitalization. The town has had numerous calls from engineering firms and businesses that want to be in our area. However they do not want property with limited use do to a septic system. It is an issue and needs to be addressed. The infrastructure committee is working diligently on this and a solution will be brought to the town for a public hearing. I hope to have more on this in the year end update. As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at firstselectman@haddam.org.

Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman Haddam

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HVFC Auxiliary News

HVFC AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary members elected the following officers for the 2018-2019 year: Carolyn Schuler, president; Sandy Adametz, vice-president; Barbara Galloway, secretary; and Mary Nork, treasurer.

In 1966, the Auxiliary was established to aid our volunteer firefighters. Members provide refreshments during major fires, and they give funds periodically to the fire department to purchase firefighting items. Town residents, 18 years or older, are welcome to join. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, from September to June except January, at 7 pm at the new firehouse.

HVFC AUXILIARY - WHIST & VENDOR FAIR

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will hold its Annual Military Whist Card Party on Tuesday, October 23, at the new firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm, and the game starts promptly at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 and \$6.00 for seniors and will be sold at the door on a first-come basis. If you have questions, call 860-345-8894. Save the date!

Also, the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary's 8th Annual Holiday Vendor Fundraiser will be held at the

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Brainerd Library Youth Services Programs

OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2018
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 am. Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Can't make preschool storytime during the week? Join us on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 am for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

MUSIC WITH MARGIE

Margie's multi-sensory program builds skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Margie brings items for children to play with such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Music with Margie will meet on the following Thursdays at 10:30 am: October 11th & 25th, November 8th & 29th, December 6th and 20th. Music with Margie is appropriate for children ages 2 to 6.

TODDLER TUNES

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Ms. Kelly brings musical instruments. Toddler Tunes will take place on the following Thursdays at 10:30 am: October 4th & 18th, November 1st & 15th, December 13th & 27th. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

LEGO™ CLUB

Like playing with Legos? Come build with us! Each month will feature one unique theme and one free build. Lego creations will be put on display until the next session. Lego Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

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BEDTIME MATH'S CRAZY 8'S CLUB

Build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. You'll get to do mischief-making activities like Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice, and Toilet Paper Olympics. You'll take home some cool gadgets too! This 8-week program alternates between Brainerd and the Killingworth Library. First class at Brainerd. Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm: October 9th & 23rd, November 13th & 27th, December 11th. For grades 3 through 5. Please register via www.brainerdlibrary.org and contact Marissa at mleh-macher@brainerdlibrary.org with any questions.

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us on Saturday, October 20th from 11 am - 1 pm for ghoulish games, creepy crafts, terrifying treats, and spooky stories & songs. Wear your costume and carve a pumpkin! Happy Halloween!

Young Adult Programs At Brainerd Memorial Library

CUPCAKE LAB

No competition, just fun! We provide the cupcakes and decorating supplies, and you decorate them to create unique cupcakes. Each month has a new science based theme! This month's theme is Entomology (the study of Insects)! Cupcake Lab will take place on Thursday, October 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For tweens and teens grades 6 through 12.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Is back for the school year! What can your library do for you? Join BML's Teen Advisory Board to find out! The TAB will meet on Thursdays: September 27th, October 25th & November 15th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Voice your ideas for improved young adult (YA) services, help plan YA events and activities, help develop the YA collection, and assist with Children's programming. Participation counts toward community services hours and looks great on college and job applications! Contact Kristen at kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org or call us at 860-345-2204. It's your library... make a difference! For tweens and teens grades 6 to 12.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Tuesday October 30th, 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Please join us for a FREE Educational College Planning workshop that will focus on high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. We'll discuss the FAFSA form and all the other information you need to understand in order to maximize the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive! Even if your family isn't eligible for need-based aid, we will cover the best strategies on how to pay for college in the most cost effective basis - without it

putting a strain on the rest of your finances. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please register on our website: www.brainerdlibrary.org. Contact Kristen at kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org with any questions.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WARS

Thursday November 29th, drop in 5 - 7 pm. Get in the holiday spirit by creating your very own Gingerbread House. Compete with other teens for the best house on the block, and win a prize! Voting will happen across social media so be sure to like our Facebook & Instagram for more details. All materials will be provided, just bring your creativity!

Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals has completed their work for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018. Meetings were held in September for motor vehicles and March for real estate and personal property.

The Board would like to remind taxpayers that a revaluation is due shortly. The purpose is to 'equalize' the towns' property tax burden. This is accomplished by establishing a current market value of ALL properties as of the revaluation date. These revaluations are required by the state every five years.

Jo Ann R. Woickelman, chairman,
Tanja Moriarity and Craig Salonia

Middlesex Hospital: Detecting and Treating Breast Cancer

Middlesex Hospital is using new technology and techniques to help Connecticut women.

Early detection is very important when it comes to breast cancer, the most common cancer in women in the United States, and Middlesex has invested in technology that allows for more complete imaging.

Traditionally, women have received 2D mammograms, but it can be difficult to detect potential cancers while they're still small and most treatable using these 2D images. That's why Middlesex Hospital

uses 3D mammograms. These 3D images enable Middlesex radiologists to examine each layer of tissue more closely and from angles previously unavailable, resulting in a 40 percent increase in invasive breast cancer detection.

In addition, Middlesex is the only hospital in New England to offer dual-headed molecular breast imaging, which uses a radioactive tracer to better detect breast cancer cells. Molecular breast imaging is often used in conjunction with mammograms to give patients the best possible chance at early detection.

While early detection is certainly key, how breast cancer is treated is also important, and Middlesex is always looking to improve outcomes for its patients. To that end, Middlesex recently began using the Deep Inspiration Breath-Hold Technique, which helps to keep radiation away from the heart for women receiving treatment for cancer in their left breast.

For more information on Middlesex Hospital's breast program, visit <https://middlesexhospital.org/breastcare>.

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PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Nature Class Experience

(Wednesdays, 10:00 am – Fall Colors (10/17),
Reptiles (11/28))

Messy Mondays

(Mondays, 10:00 am, starting 11/5)

Pee Wee Soccer

(Tuesdays, 3:45 pm, starting 11/13)

Science Outreach

(Wednesdays, 1:15 pm – Simple Machines (11/7) / Sweet Experiments (12/5))

YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Wizard's School of Magic

3:30 pm Friday 10/5 at HES, Friday 10/19 at BES

Karate Kids

Mondays, 3:30 pm at HES, starting 9/10 or
Wednesdays, 3:30 pm at KES, starting 9/12

Creative Art

Mon. 3:30 pm at KES starting 10/15, Tues. 3:30 pm at
HES starting 10/9, Wed. 3:30 pm at BES starting 11/7

Canvas & Cupcakes

Parent/Child Paint Night, Friday, November 16

Gymnastics

3:30 pm Tuesdays at BES starting 10/30, Fridays at KES
starting 10/5

Young Chefs of HK

Wednesdays, 4:15 pm - 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

Zumba Kids

Fridays at BES starting 10/5, Thursdays
at HES, starting 11/1; 3:30 pm

Light up the Circuits

Thurs. at HES starting 11/8, Tues. at KES starting 11/13, 3:30 pm

STEM FUNDamentals with LEGO

Mondays 3:30 pm at BES starting 10/15

Engineering Workshops

Wednesday, 3:30 pm – *Water Wheels* 10/3 & 10/10,
Trains 11/14 at HES

Science Outreach

Wed. 3:30 pm at HES – *Simple Machines* 11/7,
Sweet Experiments 12/5

Fencing

Tues. & Thur. 6 pm for HS age beginning Oct. 16 at the HK
Middle School Cafe)

Babysitting Classes

Wed. Oct. 10, 17, 24 or Mon. Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3 - 5:45 pm at HK
HS Lower Media. *CPR for Babysitting* T/Th Dec. 14 & 16, 5:45 pm
at HK HS Lower Media.

Swim Lessons

T/Th Beginning October 9 or November 1. An **all-day childcare
program** will be held Tuesday, November 6 (Professional Development Day), Monday, November 12, (Veterans' Day).

ADULT PROGRAMS

Zumba

Mondays 7:00 pm, starting 11/5 at HK HS Cafeteria

Adult Paint Night

Friday, October 12 at HK HS Cafeteria

Aqua Aerobics

Mondays and Wednesdays starting 10/29

Fitness Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 pm

Adult Semi-Private Swim Lessons

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 10/9 or 11/13

Men's Fall Basketball

Sundays 12 – 2 pm, starting 10/14

Adult / Child CPR, AED & First Aid

T/Th, October 9 & 11, 5:45pm at HK HS Lower Media

“Come Play in the Mud” Pottery

Thursdays, beginning October 4, 5:30 pm at the
HK HS Room B-114

EXCURSIONS

Radio City Christmas Spectacular 11/16

“Blue Christmas” with Elvis and Bright Nights 12/6

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When blood vessels in the eye's retina swell, leak, or close off, or if abnormal new blood vessels grow, it is called diabetic retinopathy. People who are at a higher risk of developing diabetic retinopathy are those who have diabetes or poor blood sugar control, women who are pregnant, and people with high blood pressure or high blood lipids.

Diabetes can also cause your vision to change even if you do not have retinopathy. If your blood sugar levels change very quickly, it can affect the shape of your eye's lens which causes blurry vision. Your vision usually goes back to normal after your blood sugar stabilizes.

According to the Academy of Ophthalmology, the top 5 steps to help prevent diabetic eye diseases are:

- Get a comprehensive dilated eye exam from your ophthalmologist at least once a year.
- Control your blood sugar.
- Maintain healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- Quit smoking
- Exercise

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Preparing for a Hurricane

Hurricane readiness should begin long before the event occurs. You can prepare far in advance for the possible dangers to health and safety resulting from a hurricane by learning about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters.

To Prepare

- Identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage.
- Install a smoke detector
- Have a fire extinguisher and make sure

your family knows where to find it and how to use it


- Conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home
- Provide escape ladders for multi-story structures.
- Post emergency phone numbers at every phone
- Inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability
- Fill several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person).
- Have a battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, candles and matches.


During the Storm

- Monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible
- Stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over
- Stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement
- Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials

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Haddam Land Trust - Fall Event

By publishing date, hopefully our 'monsoon' season will have come to a merciful end, the cool invigorating dry air of fall having cast the insect swarms and the unseemly heat index, which saps any thought of outdoor activity, into the too recent past. This summer was brutal. The promise of a new season always brings about the kindest hopes and dreams, no matter the past. I expect the colors, and the smells, and those long shadows, and clear moonlit nights, and that crisp Canadian air that grace this season to be the best ever! In a word it is hiking season. Last year the Haddam Land Trust acquired one of the most spectacular pieces of property in town.

For those of you who have recently become aware of Beaver Ledges or been able to venture onto this wild property (there are no trails) we are holding a fall walk not to be missed. To be sure Beaver Ledges is a beautiful, and with fall colors sublime. We will circumnavigate the pond, getting a longer look at the overall property than we have in previous tours. Join us if you can, it will be worth every minute.

BEAVER LEDGES ADVENTURE HIKE

Sunday 21 October, 2 pm. Off trail, through streams, around the pond, rock hopping. 2-3 hours, bring water and a snack. Hiking footwear, walking poles, good balance.

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A Standing Ovation for Supporting the Arts. No matter its form - music, theatre, dance, film, painting, sculpture, literature - art enhances our lives. It connects us with our community. It provides opportunities to explore issues, and feeds the mind and soul. Art in all its various forms drives our culture. We can't imagine a world without art, and we applaud all

who share the same passion and desire to ensure that each and every one of us has access to its many benefits. We celebrate the dedicated art lovers who are working together, pooling and leveraging their gifts through the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC), in a wide variety of ways to support programs in general or help sustain specific organizations.

Some donors choose to contribute to the CFMC Arts Fund. Many opt to establish their own fund like the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, the Loffredo Performing Arts Fund, and the Ann and George Petry Fund. All help new and ongoing arts programs through the CFMC grant award process. Other donors prefer to ensure the viability of a specific nonprofit organization and decide to create a designated fund through CFMC.

The Carolyn Greenleaf Memorial Fund for the Community Music School was started by a group of friends who wanted to celebrate the life of a wonderful musician and provide means for generations to come to take lessons from professional musicians. The Santo Fragilio Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council Fund was established by a beloved donor who appreciated the broad variety of artistic programs the Cultural Council brings to the Middletown Public Schools. The Elizabeth Swaim Arts Enrichment Fund for Middletown Public Schools and the Jacqui Hubbard & Norman Needleman Honorary Fund for the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation are two more examples of how individuals can target their giving to benefit specific arts organizations, now and in the future. Through these funds and other contributions, recent grants have been awarded to arts and culture programs that are having a big impact. Teens are flexing their artistic talents and sharing their creative spirit through open mic nights that celebrate the power of the spoken word and by developing scripts and performances to explore issues and open dialogue in the community.

Young musicians are working with professional musicians in one-on-one and small group lessons, learning new techniques and gaining knowledge of the music industry. School-based and summer programs offer children of all ages the opportunity to enhance their talent and learn acting, singing, script and song-writing, and circus training from seasoned professionals. New one-act plays are being created by and about women, and the issues that shape their lives, in a safe, nurturing environment for play development, including a week of intensive rehearsal with the playwrights, directors, and actors.

Thanks to all of you, the arts are indeed alive and well and thriving throughout Middlesex County. Whether your gift is large or small, you are true patrons who are enriching the lives of so many through partnership and community. We are honored to help you put your passions into action and invite you to learn more by calling us at 860-346-0025 or visiting us online at MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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MARC Community Resources (MARC) has advocated for the rights of people with disabilities since 1955. Today we serve more than 200 people with disabilities throughout Middlesex County and the Greater Hartford area by providing choices for housing, employment, advocacy and social/recreational life.

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Did you know that one out of seven students are either a bully or a victim of bullying? And that an estimated 160,000 children miss school each day for fear of intimidation or attack? Mean-spirited behavior is everywhere - the playground, school hallways, the workplace, and more often, online. It is up to each and every one of us to put an end to bullying by learning more about the issues, and the available resources for empowering individuals to stand up for themselves and others.

Help make Middlesex County a bully-free community. Join us as we work together to make each and every community a positive place for change. For more information, call the Community Foundation of Middlesex County at 860-347-0025 or go to www.bullyfreemiddlesexcountycf.org.

START BY TAKING THE PLEDGE.

BullyFreeMiddlesexCountyCF.org

Yuletide Quilt Show

You are invited to the 8th Annual Yuletide Quilt Show on Saturday, December 1st at the First Congregational Church in Haddam.



Here is a chance to view many quilted works of art displayed in the church's sanctuary that has been beautifully decorated for the holidays.


The show is open from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Admission is \$6.00. You are invited to vote for your favorite quilt. Part of the church's Fellowship Hall will be set up as a café. Homemade donuts will be served in the morning. The lunch will include several homemade soups, artisan bread and assorted homemade pies. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available all day.



The Fellowship Hall will also have quilt vendors, crafters, a themed gift basket raffle and a quilt raffle.

The quilt raffle's first prize, "A Gift for the Holiday" made by Dena Liedke features Christmas trees and presents. "Northern Lights" an afghan made by Ginny Evensen and June Lamoureux is the second prize. The third prize is a large quilt called "Calico Star" made by Dottie Cyr and donated to the church by her husband Warren Cyr. The raffle tickets are \$2.00 and are available at the church and at various places in town. If you have a quilted item you would like to display at the show, please contact Ginny Evensen, 203-345-8204 before November 12, 2018.

Applications for showing your quilt and additional information regarding the show are available on the church website, www.haddamchurch.com.



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Horses: In Harmony

OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 26, 2018

The Connecticut Cancer Foundation of Old Saybrook, CT will celebrate their Inaugural Gallery Exhibition, HORSES: IN HARMONY. Gallery Discussion and public viewing, Fridays 2-7PM, led by the curator of the exhibition, Marsha Malinowski of Malinowski & Associates, Fine Art Advisory.



Aldo Sessa photo

This exhibition is the first to be presented in the new CCF Gallery in Old Saybrook, CT and it is the introduction of three acclaimed Argentine artists to the American art world. Ms. Malinowski has curated this multi-medium show to highlight the best of equine art - an artist, a photographer and a sculptor - all sharing the gallery floor and inviting us to imagine a world where a horse is both a thing of beauty and an intrepid partner in life's work.

"It's a privilege to inaugurate the CCF gallery with such an extraordinary trio of artists who so beautifully portray their respect and affection of horses in very different ways", said Ms.



Marcela Ganly sculpture

Malinowski who was introduced to all of the artists through her travels to Argentina.

The artists include: Marcela Ganly, a sculptor and alumna of Connecticut College whose bronze animals are alive, captured in their essence by the artist; Esteban Diaz Mathé, an artist who has devoted himself to portraying the spirit of his native country. His artistic output embraces the culture of Argentina



Esteban Diaz Mathé pastel

with the realism and aplomb of the masters; and Aldo Sessa who has established both his name and his reputation in photography.

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Connecticut Cancer Foundation - John & Jane Ellis by Sigrid Kun

An enduring promise to help Connecticut cancer patients and their families.

The story of John and Jane Ellis is one of love, inspiration and dedication. She says he had the vision. He says she's the angel who does everything. Together, they are strong individuals who never wavered since John made a most solemn promise.

Born in New London, John was a high school standout in football and baseball. He went on to a 13-year major league baseball career. The catcher debuted in 1969 with the New York Yankees (1969-1972), hitting a home run in his first at bat. He also played for the Cleveland Indians (1973-1975) and Texas Rangers (1976-1981).

A routine life insurance examination revealed a spot. He had been a picture of health - jogging 10 miles a day. At age 38, the 1971 Topps All-Star Rookie had Hodgkin's lymphoma. He had already lost a brother, sister and sister-in-law, each to cancer. "Sitting there in the hole, getting your juice, and breaking it down. I made a deal," explains John. "If you let me live, I'm going to do this. I said I'd dedicate my whole life to the needs of the needy."

That was 1987. Together, the couple started a foundation whose mission has remained steadfast - to provide financial assistance to Connecticut cancer patients and their families and to fund cancer research. He is the Chairman/Founder. She is the President and Executive Director. The formula is simple. Many individuals affected by cancer struggle with basic living necessities. The foundation is there to help.

Oncology social workers in Connecticut provide referrals to the foundation. Applications are reviewed each Monday, with grants made within a week - an unheard of turnaround. If there is an emergency, they will do what they can right away. "It's all local. "You know where the money is going and that makes us unique," notes Jane. To date, the foundation has provided almost \$6 million in financial assistance to CT families and over \$2 million to lymphoma research. A \$7 million endowment ensures its future.

Their signature fundraiser is an annual celebrity dinner first held in 1988 at the Groton Motor Inn. Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Billy Martin were there. "It was like a group of friends, getting together and telling stories," relates Jane. "It was special." The event raised \$100,000. At the end of the evening, Mickey observed "I hope this foundation goes on forever."

The event has grown markedly and is now hosted by a key corporate partner, Mohegan Sun. The next celebrity dinner will be held on February 8, 2019. The list of attendees are a testament to the relationships/trust that the couple forged over the years: Don Zimmer (who once released John), Yogi Berra, Derek Jeter, David Ortiz, Hank Aaron, Carl Yastrzemski, Joe Torre, Reggie Jackson, Mariano Rivera, and Roger



Left, John and Jane Ellis. Below, from the left, Derek Jeter, Didi Gregorius, Tommy Kahnle and David Robertson attending the 2018 Celebrity Dinner at Mohegan Sun.



New location, right, at 15 North Main Street in Old Saybrook.



Clemens. There are new fundraising initiatives: Cycle Against Cancer, the Fishing Against Cancer tournament, and a Speakers Program.

The foundation recently (July 2017) opened its new location at 15 North Main Street in Old Saybrook. Every aspect of the new facility focuses on the foundation's mission. There is a Hall of Fame. "It's a museum piece," says John. "A tribute to some of the wonderful baseball players who helped literally to build the foundation." There is an art gallery to hold exhibits benefitting the foundation. In fact, the inaugural art gallery exhibition (Horses: In Harmony) takes place from September 28 to October 26. "It's the infrastructure for the next 30 years," says Jane.

John and Jane have assembled plenty of stories. John laughs over that second celebrity dinner when Joe DiMaggio wouldn't sign memorabilia Whitey Ford brought along for him to sign. Yogi Berra successfully intervened. And then there was a single mother whose child was suffering from a rare cancer. "I'll never forget that for the rest of my life," recounts Jane. "They were homeless. She didn't know how to feed her children that evening. We gave her \$2,000. That gave her hope. We continued to help her. We got furniture... I had John schlep it all in his truck."

Thirty years ago, the couple wondered if they'd still be needed. Surely, cancer would be beaten already. "Our mission is more relevant today than 30 years ago," explains Jane. "Everyday expenses...it's so much more expensive to live. Our help is needed more than ever." "There's plenty of work here," adds John. "We look forward to making sure the foundation goes on and on."

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