The Greater New Haven Probus Club Picnic For Those With Special Needs, Their Families And Caregivers



New Haven: Approximately 200 people attended The Greater New Haven Probus Club's picnic benefiting special needs individuals, families and caregivers at Camp Cedarcrest, There were games (the biggest hit being corn hole toss), food, music, face painting, temporary tattoos and just plain fun! A great time was had by all, and Probus is very excited to facilitate this event each year!

The Great New Haven Probus Club was founded in 1921 to help individuals with special needs in our community. We have expanded our efforts to help others by providing assistance for at-risk individuals and families, homeless shelters, veterans and incoming refugee support groups. All donations are tax deductible as Probus Club is a 501c3 organization. We welcome other individuals and couples who want to give back to their community. For more information about us, contact Roy Lukacs at (475) 224-9774.

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Hamden Woman's Club Attends Freedom Park Rededication







Representatives from the Hamden Woman's Club, President Linda Melillo and Homelife Chair Linda Bishop, are pictured here with proud members of the Military at the Freedom Park Rededication, which took place on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Approximately 50-60 people attended this very moving ceremony presented by the Town of Hamden and Hamden's Veteran's Commission to honor the late Abner and Cyndi Oakes, who initiated the creation of this park, because they hoped to increase awareness of our POW's/MIA's. Speakers at this Rededication included Mayor of Hamden, Elissa Lupi -Veteran Affairs of the Town of Hamden, Architectural Historian Kyle Driebeck and Architect/Designer Frank Chapman. They talked about the history of the park from beginning to completion.

Cyndi Oakes' leadership in the early 1970's Hamden Junior Woman's Club Veteran Affairs Committee lobbied hard to convince the Town to plant the Freedom Tree there right across from the Hamden Memorial Town Hall in 1972. Now it is big, beautiful and spectacular when lit up brightly every December to become our Hamden Holiday Tree!

The next meeting of the Hamden Woman's Club will be on Wednesday, Oct. 2. at 6:30pm. at the Hamden Senior Center. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME to join us to learn about many new, exciting events that we are planning for this year. After a brief business meeting, we will hear from guest speakers from three local organizations that we are planning to support this year with our Fundraiser & other events. Of course, the meeting will end with a social time filled with lively conversations, laughter, finger foods and delicious desserts!

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, is a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, from September to June, at 6:30 at the Hamden Miller Memorial Library Senior Center. Our Motto is "A Club that Cares & Shares", and we provide needed services to our community in a great many ways.

The HWC is open to any woman over the age of 18 who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! New members are always welcome to attend meetings and we encourage anyone interested in learning more about HWC to call Carol Noble, at 203-671-4536, Carolyn DellaPietra @ (203) 675-8444 or Shirley Cavanagh @ (203) 248-9726. Also, please look up our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. for more articles, projects, and fun photos of our friendly Club!

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North Haven Lawmakers Receive Highest Legislative Honor From CT Firefighters



North Haven: On Saturday, September 21st, the Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA) honored North Haven state lawmakers Rep. Dave Yaccarino and Sen. Paul Cicarella as recipients of their highest legislative award for the 2024 legislative session.

The North Haven legislators were recognized in a ceremony at West Haven High School which commended their work to pass House Bill 5279, later signed into law as Public Act 24-16. The legislation importantly gives increased ability to a municipality to declare that a firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical technician died in the line of duty.

The legislation was crafted in memory of North Haven Fire Lt. Anthony DeSimone, who died in December 2022 upon returning home from working a 36-hour shift. The new law will give Lt. DeSimone the recognition he deserved and provide meaningful benefits to his family, and those of all fallen first responders.

State Rep. Dave Yaccarino said, "Following the passing of my friend Anthony DeSimone, I committed to passing this legislation to honor his memory and above all, send a clear message of support to our first responders and their families who make such incredible sacrifices. His commitment to serving North Haven was a lifelong one and our town will always feel the impact that he left. It was a privilege to charter this legislative effort and I am appreciative of the broad support that it received."

"The entire town of North Haven was affected by Anthony's passing. His dedication to our community was unwavering. It's crucial that the families of hero first responders, like Anthony, don't have to face financial uncertainties in the wake of line-of-duty tragedies. This law aims to eliminate such burdens, and I am proud to have offered this bill this year in his memory," said Sen. Paul Cicarella.

"Thank you to the CT Firefighters Association for this recognition. It's so important that we continue to acknowledge and support our firefighters and all first responders for the risks they face each day," the North Haven lawmakers concluded.

Photo credit to CT House Republicans.

The American Legion
Post 76 North Haven

Honor Them with a Flag

North Haven: The American Legion Post 76 is sponsoring *Honor Them with a Flag*, a salute to our country's military personnel, veterans and first responders. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military, first responder or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the North Haven Town Green from the weekend before Veterans Day on November 9, 2024 and displayed until November 20, 2024.

Each flag, 12"x18" will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier, first responder or loved one. Flags will be available for collection by purchaser until November 24th from the lawn at the North Haven Town Green. Proceeds will benefit the local veterans' projects.

The cost per flag is $10. ***There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received no later than October 30th.*** For more information or to obtain a form, please contact Nick Mastrioanni at SNM1986@yahoo.com or call (203) 430-0411.

A ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 12 noon on the North Haven Town Green. Please come and join us for this moving ceremony.

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