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## Education Foundation Names Shining Stars

The North Branford Education Foundation is proud to announce its class of 2017 “Shining Stars”. The dinner will take place on Thursday, March 30, at Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and can be purchased at Jerome Harrison Elementary School, BOE Central Office, one of the representatives listed in this story or by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.



**Judy Bannon** graduated from Branford High School in 1976. From her earliest memory, Judy has felt drawn to community service, especially that which benefitted children. As a young teen, she became a Sunday School teacher and enjoyed being a member of the junior choir. In high school, she acted as Special Education volunteer, and was a candy striper at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Upon graduation, Judy worked full-time at SNET where she met her husband, Peter. After their marriage, they moved to Northford, to raise their four children. As a stay-at-home mother, she began volunteering at her church working as a youth group leader, angel choir director and held several board positions. In addition, she has held several offices on various PTO’s in town. She has served as a soccer and softball coach and was a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout Den Mother. Participating and volunteering in this way allowed her to spend individual, quality time, with each of her 4 children while nurturing her desire to volunteer in her community!

When her passion for working with children combined with inspiration from the amazing teaching staff of Stanley T. Williams and then principal, Robin Brown Blaschke, Judy chose to pursue a teaching degree. Since that time, she attended SCSU earning her BS in Elementary Education & Sociology and her MS in Elementary Education. Over the years, she has developed many child-focused activities in our schools including Night to Care, Fun Day and Read Across America Day. She is presently the co-director of the Second-Grade Chorus and will coordinate the Shoreline Elementary Choir Festival in February. Outside of school, Judy volunteers at the North Branford Food Pantry where she is a member of their fundraising committee. She has coordinated sewing bees to create quilts for Project Linus and is the Volunteer Event Organizer for St. Baldrick’s NB.

In 2003, Judy was presented the NB School System’s “Above and Beyond” award and is a 2015 Beacon Award winner.

Judy, a proud member of the North Branford community, sees everything as a possibility. She is very grateful and appreciative for the love and support she has received over the years from her family and friends!



**Marie E. Diamond**

Prior to moving to Northford in 2004, Marie Diamond had been a lifelong resident of North Haven. After settling in Northford, Marie soon became involved in North Branford activities. Marie’s volunteerism is a way of life for her and illustrates her enthusiasm and commitment to others. She was the first president of the North Branford Education Foundation and currently is serving a second term as a member of the North Branford Town Council. As a member of the Town Council, Marie chairs the council’s planning goals sub-committee and the public safety communications committee. In addition, she is the President of the Montgomery Village Condominium Association. Marie did serve on the North Branford Board of Education from 2010-2011 and on the Park and Recreation Commission from 2006-2008. In 2011 Marie received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the North Haven Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge #2805, Inc.

Marie has a bachelor of arts degree in French, a master’s in education, and a sixth year diploma in educational leadership. Marie was the director of curriculum and instruction for the North Haven Public Schools when she retired in 2006.

Marie began her career as a French teacher at North Haven Junior High and then moved on to teach French at North Haven High School. She also served as the chair of the foreign language department and the administrator for staff and program development for North Haven Public Schools prior to becoming the curriculum director. During her years as a teacher, Marie was a class advisor for 7 different graduating classes and was the student council advisor for a

period of time. She also served as a lecturer in education at Fairfield University in the early nineties. and chaired over 20 accreditation teams that evaluate high schools for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Marie continues to work as an educational consultant

Marie is a Past President of the Connecticut Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers. Her dedication to her profession earned her several recognitions. She was named the 1991 Connecticut State Staff Developer of the Year by the Connecticut Organization for Professional Development, a 1989 Education Enhancement Act Administrator Fellow by the Connecticut State Department of Education; she also received a Certificate of Achievement, as part of the Athena Award Program sponsored by the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce in 2005, and a Friends of Education Award, from the North Branford Public Schools in 2008. During her tenure in education, Marie presented many workshops locally, statewide, and nationally on various educational topics. She has also authored some articles on world language instruction.

Marie thanks her brothers Phil and John, and her sister Anne, for their support and confidence in her ongoing efforts to serve others.

Tickets to honor Marie can be purchased at TJ Launderette in the center of Northford.



**Pete Ramada** began coaching eighteen years ago when his oldest daughter Tori wanted to play T-ball. He moved to North Branford several years later to begin her and unknowingly his softball experience with North Branford. At that time he did not expect that it would bring him to where he is today.

His goal was to add life to a struggling program so he became softball coordinator for North Branford Little League in 2001. It really was a “boy’s” Little League at that time, and with 3 girls of his own, Pete felt the need to change things, so he decided to stand up for equality for the girls. Only having 3 teams the girls were basically playing glorified tee ball. He was told by another board member at the time, that “if we counted outs and runs and didn’t let everyone bat around the line up, the girls couldn’t handle the competition and would quit”. With his persistence, he became Vice President of the Softball Program.

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## Don't make calling the Fire Department a Financial Decision

Dear Residents,

The public hearing being held on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> will increase your insurance rates.

The town council was presented 3 new ordinances by the Finance Director/ Deputy Fire Chief, regarding several new fee's that will directly affect each and every household and business.

The town council was not given any back up information, or any input directly from any insurance carriers. The vote was 8 - 1 in favor. I was the only no vote. The vote was to have a public hearing

My concern is the public as well as the council did not have the facts. I called Liberty Mutual, Nationwide, as well as several other insurance companies. I was told the same exact thing from each one. The Fire department can charge \$500.00 to come to your home for a house fire, or \$1000.00 dollars for a commercial fire. Yes the insurance company will pay this. The catch

is once these claims begin to happen when they see the zip code 06471 & 06472 our rates will increase.

Don't take my word for it call your insurance company yourself. Ask them if they will cover a car accident if they are charged \$700.00 for the Fire Department for their service. I have always and still respect and hold our Fire Department in the highest regard and always will. We do pay taxes for these services. My fear and disappointment is the information we are given is only partial. Again CALL YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER ASK THEM. Please attend the public hearing and voice your opinion.

Sincerely,  
**Anthony S Candelora**  
**Town Council / Resident**  
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## “Strong Exception” to Let’s Be Frank”

Dear Editor:

We, the elected Democratic members of the North Branford Town Council, take strong exception to the January 6, 2017 suggestion of “Let’s Be Frank” that the 2015 election has not brought change to town government.

The election of a Democratic majority has brought calm, considered and, above all, fully visible discussion and decision making to the Town Council. No secrets, no scandals, no protests, no threats, no rancor, no divisiveness.

Democrats took the difficult but responsible lead formulating the current budget when confronted with a devastated grand list. The 2016-2017 town budget passed with only a 0.90 increase which, because of revaluation, actually translated to a small decrease in the taxes due from most homeowners. We are about to tackle this same problem again. The town has needs and we shall all work together to address these nonparochical problems.

The Democrats have led the town’s re-engagement in economic development. North Branford is now an active and growing member of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce benefiting from the services of the Chamber’s full time staff instead of allowing the continuation of the unsuccessful years of trying to go it alone. We all clearly see that commerce is rapidly changing and old ideas will take us nowhere. We clearly recognize the benefits of synergy and we are looking to creative ways to navigate these tough times and maintain the qualities that make North Branford special. The Economic Development commission has established close linkage with REX and the Shoreline Chamber to support growth for all town business and to encourage and support further development.

We are carefully, and publicly, shepherding the changes to the long neglected town hall- Wall Field property, beginning with the removal of the old buildings. Further public comment will be encouraged in the Spring.

We are actively overseeing the staffing needs of all town departments and planning for future needs in admittedly poor fiscal times.

Democrats have made certain that the public comments portion of each town council meeting is welcoming, encouraged and not unduly limited. These are fundamental changes in attitude, approach and abidance to good government. Collectively, as Democrats, we represent and advocate.

When we were entrusted with a political majority, we knew that changing the tenor of how town business was conducted was our primary first step. Securing the trust of town residents is our continuous goal. While “Let’s Be Frank” may be hesitant to confer accolades, cheap shots will fail to get us anywhere. Democrats absolutely encourage any editorial writer, citizen or business person with a question, observation or concern to reach out to us. Some manner of specificity of what changes are expected, or were promised, that haven’t been seen would be helpful.

Democrats encourage and welcome town resident participation on boards and commissions; the more inclusive we become, the more effective we will be.

North Branford is a wonderful, warm and happy town. It is a great place to live, to raise a family and to do business. We have good and responsive town services and appointed boards, praiseworthy schools (including 2016’s State of Connecticut Teacher of the Year) increasing active support for all business interests and a highly engaged Town Council. In the upcoming year, Democratic Town Council members will continue to work on behalf of all voters to earn their continued support next year. We would be happy to campaign on our work.

Yours sincerely, Joseph E. Faughnan, Deputy Mayor, Daniel Armin, Marie E. Diamond, Chris Manna & George I. Miller

## Thanks from the Office of Social Services

Each year during the holiday season, the community of Northford and North Branford, as well as, the staff of all Departments come together to support those fellow citizens in need. This Office of Social Services would like to thank the following person for not only their generosity, but more important, their desire and willingness to participate and be an integral part of the community. Without their time and efforts, these programs could not take place. Thank you for your donations and volunteerism:

**Catherine Minichino, John Calamita, NB Cub Scout Troop Pack 455, Knights of Columbus, St. Augustine’s, Hayley Gomez, Family of Jennifer Crane, Nicole Gomez, Rachel Colberg, Karen Ablondi, Tricia Locke, Damian DeNegre, The Staff at Family Resource Center, The Family of Beth Casanova, Annie’s Kitchen, Barb Amato, All those that donated to Toys for Tots, Eileen Lavoie, Staff at NB Police Department, NB Women’s Club, NB Public Works Department, Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont, The Church Belles of The Northford, Empire Construction, Congregational Church, The Donaruma Family, Staff at Evergreen Woods, Cindy Vanacore, Bonnie Fucci, Aloha Moiser, Gina Cox, Henry Fernandez, Nadia Liuzzi, Ann Marie McCarthy, Jennifer Liuzzi, Geri Moyer, Fran Merola, Austin Saja, JHS 2nd Grade Students of Ms. Douglas, Cathy Saja, JHS 2nd Grade Students of Ms. Aiken, Leslie Williams, Fire Company #1, St. Andrews Church, Captain John Florio, Roberta Romano, Dominic Savo, The Family of Liz San Giovanni, Rita & Phil Ney, The Family of Laura Lepeska, Craig Paulson, The Family of Kim Lovelace, The Staff at NB Board Of Education, The Orifice Family, The Staff at Parks & Recreation and Senior Center, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lavoie, Nina Burkhardt, The Family of Amanda LaTorraca & Yale Research Staff at West Haven Veterans**

## ...No Longer a Special Little Village”

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in response to the proposal to build 25 single family homes on the 6.39 acre lot located at 50 Clintonville Rd for the 55 and over population. Zoning for residential building for Age Restricted Housing, was recently approved by the town. The owner/applicant, “24-30 Clintonville Rd. Associates”, wants to build across from Honeywell, next to the skating rink. As someone who lives here, I am concerned about the impact this will have on the increase in traffic and emergency vehicles. I am also worried about the loss of more woodland and animal habitat. I moved to Northford, in 1994, for the woods, the nature and the peace and serenity these brought. We lost some of that when the skating rink was built. One can no longer see the stars clearly, for the pitch black sky is always dulled by the constant lighting from the rink. The wood sounds are always muted by the constant hum of the ice making machine. Of course, the rink also brought in much more traffic and emergency vehicles. Now they want to build some more. Construction at this site will mean the only woods left in this area will be behind Honeywell. How long before they decide to build there too ... and Northford is no longer a special little, village, but just another suburb.

This proposal will be addressed at the town meeting scheduled for Feb. 2.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Warfield

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## Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Sanctuary Cities: At What Point Do We Say No?



President Trump has certainly hit the ground running after the Inauguration by signing numerous Executive Orders directing agencies on policy and enforcement. One order, which has hit our cities, is the threatened defunding of sanctuary cities. Mayor Harp and many other city mayors have vowed to ignore this directive. They

do so at their peril.

Last week, I served on a panel with Mayor Harp. We discussed the state of our economy and the fact that Connecticut is broke. Cities and towns are facing state aid cuts. She made an impassioned argument that our cities become the venue for our poor, disadvantaged and individuals with addiction. The cities provide many social services that towns cannot, and therefore, the state needs to provide more aid to our cities. I agree with her points that our cities provide many services, such as shelters, clinics and hospitals that our towns cannot. Another panelist, however, pointed out that in New Haven one in four children cannot speak English and with the rise of the immigrant population, their class sizes are exploding; therefore, the state needs to help pay for it. This argument is where they've lost me.

I believe that most people want to help our fellow humans. On a personal level, I'd love to bring every child out of poverty, but I don't have the money or resources to do this. I recognize this fact and do what I can within my means on a personal level to support causes. When some individuals get into public office, they believe we should achieve this goal at all cost even if we don't have the resources to pay for it. New Haven's sanctuary status is a perfect example of this mentality. New Haven encourages illegal immigrants to shelter there, and then demands that the state pay for the necessary education and social services. At what point does it become immoral for us to bankrupt the next immediate generation at the expense of fulfilling this personal desire to help everyone? At some point, government needs to make the tough decisions that we make in our personal life, which is why I support the defunding of sanctuary cities. I have difficulty comprehending that state workers will face more layoffs and residents will receive tax increases and reductions in services as a direct result of our cities' policies.

The federal welfare reform act of 1996, signed into law by President Clinton, provided safeguards to make sure that only U.S. citizens receive federal aid. Specifically, it prohibits benefits to illegal immigrants. I don't believe Congress created this bi-partisan law to be punitive, rather they recognized the fact that we don't have the resources to help everyone. In 2007, in my first year of being a state representative, a constituent contacted me about mismanagement with our energy assistance grants, and after some investigating, we discovered that the state created a software program to manufacture fake social security numbers to provided illegal immigrants this assistance in violation of federal and criminal laws. At the same time, our program was running out of money and our legal residents went without. Thankfully, we stopped this practice.

Connecticut has limited resources. I believe our budget crisis is a moral one. Current cuts are hurting state services and our most needy will potentially loose services. In the meantime, we have nine of our major cities asserting their sanctuary status in violation of federal law and a state representative from Hartford has put in a bill to make our entire state a sanctuary state. We have a moral obligation to fix our budget problems, and until then, Connecticut is in no position to serve as a beacon of light for illegal immigrants.

## Union Representing North Branford Town Employees Questions Dispatch Consolidation Efforts

*New Britain, CT* – The union representing North Branford town employees is critical of discussions that could lead to the outsourcing of dispatch operations to Branford.

Council 4 Executive Director Sal Luciano expressed doubt that shuttering North Branford's dispatch center will provide savings or improve public safety. "History and experience show that outsourcing a vital function like dispatch operations will not achieve what its proponents say it will," Luciano said. "You can't put a dollar sign on protecting the safety and well-being of residents and businesses. Those who support consolidation need to explain exactly how it would save taxpayers money and still safeguard the community interest. It's awfully hard to do both at the same time."

Council 4, with 35,000 members across Connecticut, is the parent union of AFSCME Local 1303-155, which represents 18 North Branford employees, including 5 dispatchers.

Local 1303-155 President Terri Nuzzo, who works an account clerk for the town, shared her concern about the possibility of outsourcing the dispatch center. "If the proponents of consolidation get their way, our police station could go dark at 4:30 p.m. every day and on the weekends. How is that good for our townspeople?" Nuzzo asked.

"North Branford dispatchers fielded almost 10,000 calls for police and fire service last year. That doesn't include all the routine calls that come in. It doesn't include all the people who walk up on a daily basis needing help or assistance," Nuzzo added. "The town employees in our union want everyone to step back and reassess the potentially harmful impact of getting rid of our dedicated dispatchers. Doing things cheaply is not the same as doing things safely."

**Submitted by Larry Dorman - Public Affairs Coordinator**

## Town of North Branford, CT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED TOWN ORDINANCES

### CHAPTER 205 STREET SIGNS AND NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

The Town of North Branford will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:20 pm. at Town Hall for the purpose of hearing comment on proposed language to amend the ordinance to require the identification number affixed to the post or mailbox shall not be less than three (3) inches in height and be reflective.\*

### CHAPTER 40 FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### (Three New Chapters; All New Language):

#### § 40-9 OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

The Town of North Branford will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm. at Town Hall for the purpose of hearing comment on proposed language to allow the collection of fees by the Fire Marshall to include: Plan Review Fees, Permit Fees, and Inspection Fees.\*

#### § 40-10 FIRE INSURANCE RECOVERY

The Town of North Branford will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm. at Town Hall for the purpose of hearing comment on proposed language to allow the collection of fees for specialized fire services covered under most vehicle and commercial insurance policies, and therefore eligible for payment by the insurance company.\*

Example: Fire Suppression 1 (residential structure fire) \$500; Fire Suppression 2 (commercial structure fire or residential with extended on-scene times) \$1000

#### § 40-11 KEY LOCK BOXES

The Town of North Branford will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm. at Town Hall for the purpose of hearing comment on proposed language to require certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the North Branford Fire Department in gaining access to the structure when responding to calls for emergency service. The key lock box system is being adopted nationally and will operate on a master key basis that will expedite emergency entry into a structure during non-occupied hours.\*

\*For a full description of the proposed ordinances please visit the town's website at [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com) or pick up a copy at the Town Hall or Smith & Atwater Libraries.

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**Hearings will be scheduled on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

Shining Stars Continued

He is now going into his 17<sup>th</sup> year as a North Branford Little League Board Member where he continues as softball equipment manager. “My intention was to give the girls of our town who were interested in playing, the opportunity to improve their skills. With doing so, I pushed for more clinics for the girls for all ages and divided the divisions (Pee Wee, Minors, Majors and Junior Girls.) At its peak the girls had 14 teams. “

In 2008 Pete was a part of the 12U Girls All Star Team who brought home the first District Championship Banner since the 80’s for the North Branford Little League. He was also for part of the 10U Girls All Star Team who brought home the first State Title.

He also wanted to give the girls the opportunity to go beyond the recreational level of softball, so he introduced AAU (Travel) Softball to anyone interested. He served as the North Branford Intermediate School Girls Softball Coach from the years of 2010 to 2015 and this year he has accepted to challenge of being the NBIS Baseball Coach.

“I am beyond thankful for what this softball program has given to the girls. I am very gratified watching these girls play on higher levels and soar past my level of expectation. I would not have wanted it any other way.



Gary Wall serves as the President of Tilcon Connecticut and has worked there for 40 years. He is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation in his family to work for Tilcon and to live in North Branford. Gary and his wife Colleen were both raised in North Branford and reside in Guilford. They have been married for 35 years in September and have raised four children together: Caillin Moyen and her husband Matt who now reside in Hopkinton Ma., Courtney who resides in Missoula, Montana and Ryan and Tyler both live in Guilford. Gary is a graduate of Notre Dame High School in West Haven and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Quinnipiac University. Gary’s mother, Gen Wall, and his in-laws Ann and Tom Purcell still live in North Branford as well as other extended family members.

Gary is deeply honored to receive this award and shared the following sentiment: “Thank you for

this recognition of my family and my company with this award. It’s a privilege to be able to continue to support youth programs and education in North Branford.

The North Branford Education Foundation is a vital part of our community. I consider myself very lucky to be able to give back to a community that has meant so much to me and to my family for so many years. Together with the help of Fran Merola, we have made a difference.”

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MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY

Friday, March 10, 2017

St. Augustine Lower Church Hall

30 Caputo Rd, North Branford

Doors Open at 6:15pm, Card Party Starts at 7:00pm

Light Refreshments, Raffle, 50/50

Limited Seating Available, Get Your Tickets Soon!

Tickets are \$10 per person

No experience necessary to play, instructions will be given

To purchase tickets call the parish office @ 203-484-0403 or stop by the parish office M, W, TH, FR 9am-1pm or Tues 9am-6pm (snow date Sat March 11, watch WTNH Channel 8 for St. Augustine Closings)

This event will benefit North Branford Project Graduation, a substance-free safe event for the seniors on graduation night.

Thank you for your support!

# North Branford Haz/Waste

*“Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”*

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues. Help avoid potential flooding by clearing snow and ice in the winter months from around storm drains. Snow, ice and debris can interfere with drainage and clog storm drains causing hazardous street flooding and freezing.

*Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!*

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The North Branford Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is pleased to announce an exciting new program for plastic bag and plastic film recycling.

*What is plastic film you may ask?*

It’s grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap and salt bags.

That’s a long list of items currently going into the trash that can be recycled; they just cannot be placed into your blue recycling bin.

Bins to collect these items are located around town at both libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and the Food Pantry of North Branford. All items must be clean and dry with no food residue.

If you cannot make it to the above locations, please bring these items to Big Y, Stop and Shop, Target, and/or Wal-Mart. There are bins in the front of each store for plastic bag and plastic film recycling.

*Stay Tuned for More Information on How the Program Will Work in North Branford...*

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## Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 11, 2017 - 9:00 AM till Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte22)

*Can’t wait until our town’s March collection?*

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling.

Located at 295 South Leonard Street in Waterbury; hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website;

check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

*For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website take2recycle.com*

## North Haven Camera Club Meeting

North Haven Camera Club will hold a two-part meeting Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m., at Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., No. Haven.

Part one will be a sell and swap meet for members and guests for exchanging and selling camera equipment and accessories; followed by a session for learning how to photograph dogs.

North Haven Camera Club welcomes new members and guests at all meetings. The club, now in its sixth year, offers instructional meetings, workshops and field trips for photographers at all skill levels. Camera ownership can range from cellphones to advanced dSLRs.

The club’s monthly photography competition for February will take place at Hope Christian Church on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about North Haven Camera Club, including weather postponement notices, visit the club’s website at NorthHavenCameraClub.com.

## NBIS Spotlight Players

present



Friday, February 24th and Saturday February 25th

7:00 PM

North Branford Auditorium

Tickets \$10.00 each - Reserved Seating

**Ticket Sales Schedule - North Branford Auditorium Lobby - Any Remaining Tickets Sold at the Door!**

Monday, 2/6/17 2:30 - 4:30PM

Tuesday, 2/7/17 2:30 - 4:30PM

Thursday, 2/9/17 2:30 - 7:00PM

Friday, 2/10/17 2:30 - 4:30PM

Monday, 2/13/17 2:30 - 4:30PM

Tuesday, 2/14/17 2:30 - 4:30PM

Wednesday, 2/15/17 2:30 - 7:00PM

Thursday, 2/16/17 2:30 - 7:00PM

Friday, 2/17/17 2:30 - 4:30PM

Monday, 2/22/17 5:00 - 8:00PM

Tuesday, 2/23/17 5:00 - 8:00PM

Wednesday, 2/24/17 5:00 - 8:00PM

\*\*\*Beginning on Thursday, 2/9/17, tickets will also be sold in the NBIS lobby from 11AM - 1PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays!



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## Congratulations Dr. Carter Welch! 2017 Outstanding School Administrator



The University of Connecticut and the Neag School of Education is honoring Jerome Harrison Elementary School Principal Carter Welch as their 2017 Outstanding School Administrator. Welch received his B.S. in Sports Medicine and his

Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at UConn. Dr. Welch graduated from the UConn Executive Leadership Program in 2012, and is currently enrolled in the UConn PreK-3 Leadership Program.

Dr. Welch has been an employee of North Branford Public Schools since 2002. He began his career at the high school and is now at the elementary school, his work has including roles as a teacher, dean of students, assistant principal, and currently principal of Jerome Harrison Elementary (JHS). Under his leadership JHS has been recognized as a school of exemplary school climate, has received distinctions for community-building efforts, and has been recognized for building innovative student leadership opportunities. Dr. Welch also serves as a school climate coach and research affiliate for the National School Climate Center in New York and as an adjunct professor at Southern CT State University in educational leadership.

Additionally, during the nomination and selection process, colleagues described him as:

"Ethical and honest; he is guided by what is best for children in the decisions he makes; he values and recognizes the contributions of others; and he leads with both his head and his heart."

"He provides consistent and effective feedback to help me grow and is always willing to bring me in on a situation if it will help me learn. As I have been able to witness the change that he has brought about in our school it has only inspired me to do more."

"Dr. Welch is universally respected for his ability to address the dire need for leadership and transform schools into safe, inclusive, thriving learning environments for students and staff."

"It is his strong leadership skills, his ability to motivate the most difficult, his passion for student achievement, his thirst for continued learning, and his expertise in school climate, instruction and assessment that make him extraordinary."

Dr. Welch is both honored and humbled to be recognized to receive this award and it is extra special to him being a proud UConn graduate and devoted Husky fan! Further, he commented that the award is a reflection of the many wonderful and talented colleagues and mentors he has worked with, the supportive community of North Branford, and the excellent students he has had the privilege to work with over his 15 years in education.

Welch will be honored with five other state educational award winners on March 18th at a ceremony at the University of Connecticut.



Eight North Branford High School musicians recently participated in the Southern Region Music Festival this past weekend at Middletown High School. Auditions for Music All - States took place on January 28th and further results will be in the next issue of the Totoket Times.

*From left to right, Collin Ouellet, Marissa Berthiaume, Sarah Criscuolo, Kaitlyn Redente, Ian McLay, Peyton Joiner, Brandon Stimpson, and John Buckley. (Photo supplied by NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler)*

## THEY MAKE US PROUD

**Lauren Modoule** was named to the Dean's List at Husson University in Bangor, ME.

**Ryan Gries** was named to the Dean's List at Ida College in Newton, MA.

**Mariana DelGaudio and Kelly Perker** were named to the Dean's List at Curry College in Milton, MA.

**Kyle Hottin, Sabrina LeMere, and Bryce Mase** were named to the Dean's List at Eastern Connecticut State University.

**Michael Schettino** was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven.

**Daniel Cassidy, Erika DeAngelo and Courtney McNelis** were named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

**Jessica McMorrow** was named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

**Marina Veile** was named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.



**North Branford High School girls basketball team are only two games away from making the State Tournament. Pictured above left is captain Stephanie Seymour drives to the hoop. At right is junior pointguard Marie Zampano with a score. (Photos by Tom Zampano)**



### Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

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The North Branford High School Boys/Girls Indoor Track Team competed in the **Haddam Killingworth Track and Field Invitational meet on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. There were over 45 schools represented at the meet. The top finisher for the T-Birds was Grace Little. She placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 meters at 45.18 and 9<sup>th</sup> in the 55 meter dash at 7.87.

The remaining individual top finishers were as follows: in the 55 meter dash Jacob Marshall placed 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.05 and Jenna Bryden placed 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.95, at the High Jump Winnie Chan placed 8<sup>th</sup> at 4'8", Joselyn Streeto placed 10<sup>th</sup> at 4'6" and Michael Rabuffo placed 9<sup>th</sup> at 5-4, Deanna

Sgambato placed 16<sup>th</sup> in Pole Vault at 6' and Winnie Chan placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump at 14'00.5".

Top relay finishers were the girls 4x400 Relay Team of Sarah Criscuolo, Erika Roof, Lydia Mattson and Gabbie Sarmento placing 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:54.05, the boys SMR Relay Team of Jacob Marshall, Michael Rabuffo, Michael Madoule and Austin Gibilisco place 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:05.18, the girls SMR Relay team of Mackenzie Glenn, Sarah Criscuolo, Jordyn Franco and Lydia Mattson placed 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:12 and the 4x200 Relay Team of Gabbie Sarmento, Sarah Criscuolo, Jordyn Franco and Joselyn Streeto placed 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:08.98.

Also competing were Jessica Tang in the 55 meter hurdles at 11.15, in the shot put both AJ Fiondella and Nick Ash threw 27', Sarah Sullivan in the 3200 meters at 15:45 and Hunter Boni in the 1000 meters at 4:08.59.

*Photo of Grace Little compliments of Brandi Little*

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# North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford  
203-484-6017. [www.nbparkrec.com](http://www.nbparkrec.com)

## Father & Daughter Princess Ball

Friday, February 3, 2017 6:00 - 8:00PM

*share a fun-filled evening with your little girl!*  
*Refreshments, Photographs. Free Giveaway and a Dance Off!*  
*\$20 Per Couple (girls grade K - 7). \$10 Each additional Child.*  
*All are welcome. Sign-up at the door.*

**STW Community Center**  
**1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, CT**

### Activities

#### Gentle Yoga and Meditation

**Who:** 18+  
**Session:** Feb 16 - April 6  
**Location:** STW Clarino Room  
**Time:** Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$75 res/\$80 nr  
**Instructor:** Rebecca Santillo  
**Description:** Relax and unwind with an hour class that will include some basic yoga to unlock tightness and tension in the body. Guided meditation will help the mind to slow down and release stress. You will leave feeling invigorated and refreshed!

#### Jazz & Hip Hop

**Who:** Grades K-4  
**Session:** March 15 – May 3  
**Location:** STW Clarino Room  
**Time:** Wednesday, 4:15-5:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$40 res/\$45 nr  
**Instructor:** Brittni D’Urso, Owner of Revolution Academy of Dance LLC  
**Description:** This fun style of dance incorporates upbeat music while learning the style of the dance. We will learn different dance combinations, work on flexibility, and some beginner breakdance steps. Wear comfortable clothing, appropriate shoes (sneakers are okay) and bring water.

*Now’s the Time to Start Your New Years’ Resolution?*  
*Stop in and check out the DiLungo Fitness Center*  
*North Branford’s Best Kept Secret!*

### Bus Trips

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
**Description:** STEP INSIDE A WORLD OF PURE IMAGINATION! Roald Dahl’s most treasured tale is coming to Broadway in a delicious new musical. Show is at 2:00p.m. Enjoy a wonderful day in the city during April Break  
**Fee:** \$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own)  
**Seats:** Orchestra  
**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Beautiful: The Carol Kind Musical**  
**Description:** “Timeless” and one of the “Best musicals on Broadway,” this Grammy Award winning show is sure to please. RT motor coach transportation and 2:00 show time.  
**Fee:** \$135 res/\$140 nr (\$45/\$50 for JUST the bus, NYC on your own)  
**Seats:** Mid-Mezzanine

*We’re proud to announce that we are now offering OPEN GYM for multiple activities at the STW Community Center!*  
Pickleball: Mondays and Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Basketball: Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Table Tennis: Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. (please bring own equipment)

## North Branford Senior Center

**8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**

**\* Senior Hot Lunch available –**  
**Check out the menu at [nbparkrec.com](http://nbparkrec.com)**  
**Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3**  
**\*Now offering a different hot soup weekly**  
**\*As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips every Tuesday at 12:30.**  
**Come by or call the Senior Center to register.**

**Aldi Friday, February 10, 12:30**  
Come browse some super deals at Aldi. Remember to bring a quarter to deposit for a cart and *your own shopping bags*. Please sign up in advance.  
**Christmas Tree Shop/Cracker Barrel Monday, February 13, 10:30**  
Join us for some shopping at The Christmas Tree Shop and then head over to The Cracker Barrel for lunch on your own. Please sign up in advance.  
**Blackstone Library Tour Wednesday, February 15, 10:30**  
Enjoy learning about the architecture, murals and rich history of this Branford landmark in a 1 hour indoor walking tour. Please sign up in advance.  
**C’Napoli Thursday, February 16, 12:00**  
Enjoy a delicious lunch and the hospitality of our friend, Gigi. Lunch costs \$3.00 the day of and don’t forget to bring a little extra for a tip!

## Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year *SAVE THE DATES!*

**The 2017 North Branford Potato and Corn Festival**  
**Will Be Held August 4, 5, and 6 at**  
**The Augur Farm ~ 298 Forest Road**  
Mark your calendars now ~ the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Potato and Corn Festival** is fast approaching!

Did you have a great time at the Potato and Corn Festival this year? Are you an empty nester looking for ways to keep busy? Recently retired? Do you like to volunteer and help your community? Then the 2017 Festival Committee is looking for you! The Festival Committee meets monthly throughout the year to plan for this wonderful community event. Making this event happen requires the commitment of many people but the fun and friendships made far outweigh the work! Please consider joining your neighbors this year and volunteering for the Festival Committee.  
If you have any questions about the Festival or the Committee, or for additional information, please contact Rosanne Krajewski, Festival Coordinator, at [admin@nbpotatofest.com](mailto:admin@nbpotatofest.com) or by calling the Recreation Department office at 203-484-6017.

## *YOU ARE INVITED TO:* **GROGGLE’S MONSTER VALENTINE PARTY!!**

**ATWATER LIBRARY**  
**1720 Foxon Rd., North Branford**  
**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am**  
*Enjoy a reading of*  
**GROGGLE’S MONSTER VALENTINE**

*by Diana Murray and Bats Langley ~*  
a story about a little monster,  
his best friend  
and his search for the perfect Valentine.  
Make a monster valentine card and  
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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Branford Bible Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. [www.branfordbiblechapel.org](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or [nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net) or [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., ( corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net). Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregation-alchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregation-alchurch.com)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

**St. Ambrose Parish** is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

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**Robert (Bob) Gordon, 70,** Palm Harbor, FL formerly of Northford, CT went home to be with his Lord, January 5th, 2017. Bob is survived by his wife, Evelyn, mother Carolyn, son Robbie (Amanda) daughter, Beth Pacelli, (Albert), grandson/ Alex (Alexxus), granddaughter Laura/ great granddaughter/ Nevaeh.

Bob worked as a lineman for the United Illuminating Co. for 38 years. He is a member of Calvary Baptist Church/ Clearwater/ FL.

He was a coach for North Branford Little League, North Branford Youth Basketball League, a

member of North Branford Jaycees and a member of Corinthian Lodge #63.

## Meet The Parade Queen

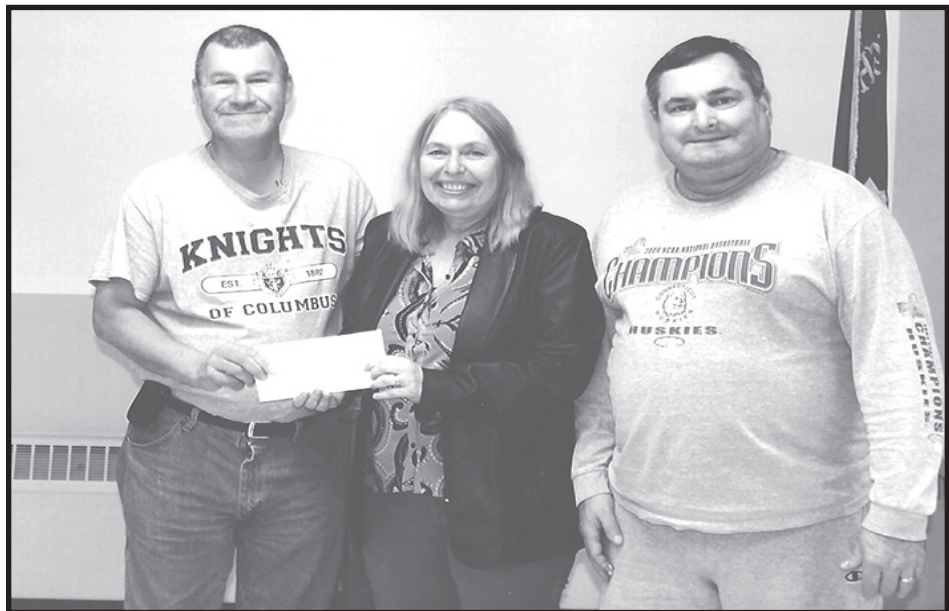
Calling all children, families, and future parade queens! Come and meet the newly crowned Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and her Honor Attendant at a family-friendly brunch planned for Sunday, February 12 at 11:30 AM at Anna Liffey's Restaurant in New Haven!

The Queen and honor attendant will be chosen on Saturday, February 11 and this will be their first public appearance!

The afternoon will include many activities for the children to enjoy. There will be movies, crafts, and other fun games for all to participate and enjoy. Brunch will include a continental breakfast buffet including omelettes, selection of eggs benedict, fruit, Irish meats, bangers, pudding, juice and coffee.

Get your tickets today for a fun-filled afternoon with the Queens!

visit: [stpatricksdaysparade.org/events](http://stpatricksdaysparade.org/events), email: [courtney.lundgren@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.lundgren@gmail.com), or visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/NHSPDPParade](http://www.facebook.com/NHSPDPParade) and reserve your stop. \$16 for brunch buffet.



## Knights of Columbus Donates to Caring Families Pregnancy Services

The Northford Knights of Columbus Council #6801 made a donation of \$750 to Caring Families Pregnancy Center of Willamantic. The center is in the process of purchasing an RV bus equipped with an ultrasound to travel throughout the state. They can park outside an abortion facility, or near a college campus or military base, or travel to remote areas. Because of the high percentage of abortion-minded women who experience a change of heart after seeing their preborn child's heartbeat or moving body via ultrasound, the bus will play a very important part in saving unborn lives.

*Receiving the check from the center is Gail Picard, Executive Director. Left to right is Grand Knight Bill Ceder, Gail Picard and Trustee Mark Schairer. (Photos by Frank Karsmarski)*

## Food Pantry of North Branford

The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the basement of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 1382 Middletown Ave. in Northford. Its mission is to provide free supplemental groceries to residents of Northford and North Branford who need assistance. The Board of Directors, the Pantry Director and all other staff are volunteers. 100% of all food and monetary donations are used for the pantry and the residents of the town. We are a *member* of the Connecticut Food Bank and receive free or low-cost food from them. We have retail partnerships with Big Y and Ceccarelli Farm. Shopping is always client choice and we do not pre-package bags of feed.

In order to register, residency in Northford or North Branford must be shown and will be verified. Proof of residency may be a license or DMV ID, recent utility bills or a current lease or rental agreement. There are no financial qualifications. Customers must register each year per the state of Connecticut. Registering for the Food Pantry does not affect S.N.A.P. or any other state benefits. Customers may visit once per week on one of the following days:

**Wed. 4 - 6:30 pm**

**Fri 10:30am-1 pm**

**Sat. 10 am-12:30 pm**

There are donation baskets located in the foyer of both libraries and a red bin in the lobby of the STW Community Center. Walk-in donations are welcome at the pantry during hours of operation. Items most needed are canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal and jelly. We accept personal care items. PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept any packages that have been opened, have expired or are not in the original package. Everything must have a date on it. Monetary donations may be mailed to the FPNB at P.O. Box 403, North Branford, CT. 06471.

Although the pantry is not handicapped accessible, a "proxy shopper" may shop for a registrant who would not be able to participate otherwise. Delivery is not available.

Please call 203-208-2581 or visit our website at [www.foodpantrynb.org](http://www.foodpantrynb.org) for more information.

## Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

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**Model Aircraft Display by Bob Russell**

Vietnam Veteran Bob Russell is displaying his collection of war aircraft models he has made at the Smith Library in Northford during the month of February. Mr Russell enlisted in the United States Air Force in February 1967 and was honorably discharged in February 1969 as an Airman First Class. He was an Intelligence Specialist, gathering and analyzing intelligence data and distributing it to other units when requested. He served with two Strategic Air Command units in Rome, NY and Omaha, NB where he supplied intelligence data to B-52 Bomber crews. He was flown to Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Airbase (NKP) in Northeastern Tailand in October 1967 as part of a detachment unit called Task Force Alpha.

Learn more about Mr Russell's mission and see the models he has constructed! Amongst these are the Douglas A-26 Invader and the Sikorsky HH-3E Search and Rescue helicopter.

***NB Women's Club February Meeting***

The North Branford Women's Club, Inc., GFWC/CT will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., at the Zion Episcopal Church's hall located at 326 Notch Hill Road in North Branford. It will begin with a business meeting and refreshments. At 8:00 p.m. our program will feature Candy Making by Linda Celotto. This event is free and open to the public. The contact person for this event is Shelia at (203) 481-2677.

If you are new to our town, this would be a great opportunity to learn about our community and to meet other women. The North Branford Women's Club, Inc. is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club's founded in 1890. We are a volunteer group who donate our time and talents helping our community and surrounding towns.

We are involved with the Veterans, Atwater Library Story Hour, Local Schools, Ronald McDonald House, Food Banks, Midnight Run, Scholarships and more. For additional information on North Branford Women's Club, Inc., please contact Barbara at (203) 444-9998.



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### NORTH BRANFORD WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS ~

### PAJAMA PARTY STORY TIME!

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Wear your PJs and enjoy stories, a craft and snack before your nap! Recommended for ages 2 and up. Call or stop by the ATWATER LIBRARY to sign-up.

### NURSERY SCHOOL ART SHOW

Each month enjoy artwork from one of the local North Branford nursery schools. Stop in the children's room and enjoy the art from some of our youngest friends!

### FEBRUARY ~ NURSERY ON NOTCH HILL



### Northford Women's Club hosts

### Connecticut Chapter of Days for Girls

Dr. Ralph Stroup and Mary Ann Stroup, from Orange CT, came to the Northford Women's Club, GFWC, January meeting and spoke about their 501C3 organization, Kenyan Health Care Initiatives, Inc. KHCI works with 7 villages spread over 22,000 acres in the arid Central Highlands of Kenya. They make patient care available and facilitate maternal and fetal care through a network of clinics. They also coordinate access to water, provide community level health education and are empowering women. They spoke about their association with Days for Girls, a global organization that makes feminine hygiene kits for rural and marginal communities. Members donated 20 packages of underwear to be used in the kits and the Women's Club donated \$200 to help their cause. The Northford Women's Club, GFWC, is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. For membership information, please contact Michele Nilson at 203-717-2203 or [michelehanah00@gmail.com](mailto:michelehanah00@gmail.com). You can also go to our website at [www.northfordwomensclub.org](http://www.northfordwomensclub.org) or check us out on Facebook.

(Pictured from left to right: Andrea Alexander and Liz Boissard from the Northford Women's Club, GFWC, Dr. Ralph Stroup and Mary Ann Stroup from Kenyan Health Care Initiatives.)

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