

# Staying inTouch

Summer 2013

## All's well that ends well when *Staying Put* is on the job

Recently *Staying Put* came to the rescue of a member who was having problems with a well. It was so serious that water had to be carried into the house.

Assistant Director **Donna Simone** realized that the house needed to be connected to the town water main — immediately. But the water main was under a road the state was about to repave.

With the help of **Tiger Mann**, New Canaan Assistant Director of Public Works, the state agreed to delay repaving the road. This allowed for digging the trench (see photo) needed to lay pipes from the water main to the property. Within 15 hours this prep work for the connection to the property was done and paving resumed.

One of the many unusual stories of how *Staying Put* helps our members!



Thanks to *Staying Put's* intervention, state workers delayed repaving a road until the town water main could be connected to a member's property.



Hooray for our mighty marchers! More than a dozen members and friends represented *Staying Put* in the Memorial Day parade. They included one of our most senior members, **Dr. David Brown**, shown above in the back row on the right.

## Something really great is in the works. Stayed tuned!

For some time, **Brian Williams**, Anchor and Managing Editor, "NBC Nightly News" has had a vision to do an all-community event to benefit *Staying Put* and to honor our first responders. They are police officers, fire fighters, the ambulance corps, and CERT volunteers.

On Sunday, September 22, Williams and his daughter **Allison Williams**, actress, comedienne, and musician, will be featured in a very special benefit production at 4 p.m. at New Canaan High School.

Details as to other entertainment and ticket price is yet to be determined. But mark your calendar now!

Our annual appeal is near 88% of goal with grants from the Barbara Benton Davis Fund through the Fairfield County Community Foundation, New Canaan Community Foundation, Rotary Club, and Sewing Group. Each grant goes to support our special member scholarships.

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## Perfect evening, perfect picnic

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In place of our annual June benefit under a tent, this year Board members hosted separate barbecue dinners in their homes.

More than 60 guests enjoyed beautiful settings, excellent food, and good company. "And I made new friends," said member **Dorothy Lear**.



Hosts **Dick** and **Lois Sandberg** check the burgers.



On the deck at the home of hosts **Patti** and **Jonathan Geanakos** are **Pat Stoddard**, **Pete Cerow**, **Pam Gores**, **Katch Cerow**, and **Liz Orteig**. Other hosts were **Karen** and **Tom Ferguson** and **Judy** and **Dave Bentley**.

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## Congratulations Lyn and Jane!

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**Lyn Chivvis**, Board secretary and Volunteer Chair, was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Volunteer Center for her service to *Staying Put*.



Executive Director **Jane Nyce** (center) was named Woman of the Year by the New Canaan American Association of University Women (AAUW) shown here with **Linda Avgerinos**

AAUW President (left) and **Barbara Johansen** AAUW and *Staying Put* member.

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## Let's make a date!

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### Lunch at Mead Park

**Every Friday in July and August, 1 pm**

Meet at snack bar. Buy lunch or bring your own.

### Dinner at Oak Hills Restaurant on the Green

**Tues., July 16, 6 pm**

Seating on the terrace, weather permitting.

\$30 including choice of entree, salad, dessert, tip and tax. Cash bar.

### Men's Coffee

**Wed., July 17, 9:30-10:30 am**

New Canaan Inn library

### Wavny Concert and Picnic

**Wed., July 17, picnic 6:30, concert 7:30-9:30**

60's and 70's songs by The Bookends.

Bring a flashlight and chair. (We'll carry them!)

### TLC: Tea, Letters, and Conversation

**Tues., July 23, 12-1 pm**

At a volunteer's home!

### Dr. Thomas Flynn

**Wed., July 24, 1:30-2:45 pm**

Lapham Center

Talk plus 10 minute video about the CRUDEM Foundation in Haiti. Refreshments with scones!

## “Grease” Summer Theater Of New Canaan

**Thurs., July 25, 8-10 pm**

The original 50's Rock & Roll musical. Tkt. \$22

## Gospel Garden Tour

**Tues., Aug. 6, 10 am**

Meet in St. Mark's lower parking lot.  
There are steps down to the garden.

## Men's Coffee

**Wed., Aug. 14, 9:30-10:30 am**

New Canaan Inn library

## Picnic dinner at Woodway Beach

**Tues., Aug. 20, 5:30-8 pm. Rain date Aug. 21**

Bring a picnic. We provide the rest. Free.

## “Oblivion” Westport Country Playhouse

**Wed., Sept. 4, 2 pm.** Tkt. \$25.

## Dinner at Cafe Madrid, Norwalk

**Tues., Sept. 17, 6 pm**

European Spanish Cuisine. Great deal at \$30.



Members enjoyed touring the Americares distribution center and a presentation of their current field work. From left are **Cynthia Wright, Eleanor Suydam, Lila Coleman, Nancy Gilbert, Jane Corcoran,** and our intern **Carson Shane.**

## A shout for those out and about

If you enjoy tooling around town, we have a great volunteer job for you — running errands for *Staying Put* members. You might go grocery shopping, pick up a prescription, mail a letter, or buy dog food. Many errands are quick and can be done at your convenience.

Come join our great volunteer errand runners **Molly DePatie, Sue Scannell, Jeannie Hart, Janecke Madsen, Priscilla Thomas,** and **Taylor Craig,** a college student on summer vacation.



NCHS Football players teamed up to help a member move furniture. From left **Daron Shepard** (Asst. Coach), 2013 Captains **Michael Root, Connor Buck,** and **Joao Rocha.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting draws 100

About 100 members, guests and friends at our annual meeting heard **William C. Piper,** CEO of Waveny Care Network. He described all the services available to our members and how Waveny supports the community spirit *Staying Put* has built in our town. Other speakers updated our accomplishments in the past year.



**Cynn timer Yates, Barbara Wood,** and **Priscilla Thomas** chat at our annual meeting.

## Catch our fabulous new video!

Check it out at [www.stayingputnc.org](http://www.stayingputnc.org)! Click on the image in the right margin. See *Staying Put* in action and hear from our members, staff, and volunteers. Our thanks to **Brooke Sessions,** daughter of Board member **Bill Sessions,** and her videographer, **Matt Cohen** for donating their time and talent to make this great marketing tool.

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# Staying Put IN New Canaan

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## Our members recommend

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**Dorothy Pojasek** recommends her Taco Dip for your next party or backyard picnic. Easy to make and a big hit for all ages!

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 pkg. Old El Paso taco seasoning
- 1 16-oz. jar salsa mixed with 1 chopped tomato
- 1 16-oz. sour cream
- 2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- Shredded lettuce

Prepare beef according to directions on seasoning pkg. Let cool. In a 9 x 13 Pyrex or foil pan, layer sour cream, beef, tomato and salsa. Top with lettuce and cover with cheese. Serve with taco chips. Yum!

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## Meet our new office assistant Cathy Fitzpatrick

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Cathy formerly worked at the Red Cross coordinating transportation for their clients, many of whom included our volunteers and members. She has lived in New Canaan for twenty years with her husband, Paul, and their three children.



The *Staying Put* Advisory Board is an invaluable source of great suggestions and experienced guidance. Above at a recent meeting are **Bob Witt, John Engel, and Jim Lisher.**