

Staying inTouch

Winter 2013

Magical start to our 6th year

About 110 party goers celebrated our birthday January 6. President **Tom Ferguson** thanked our members, volunteers and staff, and Executive Director **Jane Nyce** said that all should be proud of our record-breaking 5th year.

Once again we were wowed by **Ryan Oakes**, professional magician and sleight-of-hand artist. Members of the National Charity helped with refreshments.



Everyone got to greet old friends and meet new ones at our annual birthday party.

Busy season for busy helpers

We couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers! **Kelley DeFrancesco** who regularly visits a member also helped **Dorothy Pojasek** put away summer clothes and get out Christmas ornaments. **Kevin Morley** set up Christmas trees for **Carolyn Scott** and **Pat Brooks**. During

Hurricane Sandy **Lyn Chivvis** put gas in a member's generator three times. **Mike Rodell** and **Janeke Madsen** did errands as well as driving members to medical appointments in Greenwich.

We're so social media savvy!



Did you know *Staying Put* is on Facebook thanks to **Patti Geanakos**? And we want you to "like" us. Here's how: When you click "Like" on our Facebook Page, a notice about your "like"

appears on your Facebook Wall and makes people aware of *Staying Put*. Need Facebook help? One of our tech volunteers will show you easy steps to connect to us online! And be sure to send this link to your friends and family, too, so they can learn more about us!

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The Young Women's League every year invites us to make holiday wreaths. **Margaret Hebard** (left) admires a beautiful wreath delivered to her by **Gloria Major-Brown**.



Dick Sandberg (left) and Tom Gnuse catch up at our party.

Our 5th annual appeal is off to a strong start

As of January we were approaching the halfway mark toward our goal of \$250,000. We already have more than 260 donors. More than 25% of these are members and more than 25% are new donors.

“The continuing growth in support, both in dollars and donors, is a clear sign that *Staying Put* has become recognized as an essential part of our community,” said President **Tom Ferguson**.

He encourages supporters to become members of the *Staying Put Legacy Society* by providing for *Staying Put* in their estate plans.

Let's make a date!

Musical Moments with pianist Jody Davis

Fri., Jan. 25, 10:30 am

Lyn and Beecher Chivvis' home. A light lunch at 11:30. Limited to 15 members. Free.

IPad App Share

Wed., Jan. 30, 2:00 pm

Staying Put Conference Room (58 Pine St.). Come tell us about your favorite downloads from the App Store. Limited to 10 members.

Little Red Riding Hood Exhibit Docent Tour

Wed., Feb. 6, 3 pm

New Canaan Historical Society. \$3 donation requested.

Historical Society's Valentine Tea.

Thurs., Feb. 14, 1 pm

Popular program! \$5 donation requested.

Opera: Verdi's "Rigoletto" in HD

Sun., Feb. 17, 1 pm

Ridgefield Playhouse. Tickets \$22

Dinner at Cava

Tues., Feb. 19, 6 pm. \$30.

Men's Coffee

Wed., Feb. 20, 9:30 am

New Canaan Inn library

"Godspell"

Sat., Feb. 23, 2 pm

St. Luke's School. Details to come.

Dinner in our area

March 12

"Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's"

Wed., March 13, 1 pm

Lapham Community Center. Free.

Gastroenterologist Dr. Sarah Kahn

March 20

co-sponsored with Lapham

Men's Coffee

March 20

New Canaan High School Musical

"Beauty and the Beast"

March 23

Stamford Symphony

March 24



The holiday lunch at the home of **Sally** and **Kim Campbell** was a big hit. Here's Sally (left) with new board member **Priscilla Thomas**.

Our members recommend

Jim Hollyday recommends "The Presidents Club" by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. "It describes the help former presidents have provided current presidents when asked," Jim says.

"Only those who held the office understand the incredible pressure Presidents face. And, unlike Congress, former presidents rise above partisan politics to serve the nation." Time span: Truman to Clinton.



Al Knaus (left) chats with Mike Rodell over coffee.

Year end cheer for Volunteers

Lyn and Beecher Chivvis opened their home brimming with Christmas spirit to recognize our volunteers. Members and friends enjoyed coffee, cookies, and holiday wishes along with seasonal songs with **Jody Davis** at the piano.



Volunteers **Jo-Anne** and **Kevin Morley**, and member **Rhoda Fisher** with Assistant Director **Donna Simone** (right).



Dick Karl with hostess **Lyn Chivvis**.

Meet our new board members

Peggy Jay is currently on the board of the New Canaan Beautification League (formerly known as Garden Center) and chairperson of the Lee House on Chichester Road. She is on the board of Canaan Parish subsidized housing, a commissioned Stephen Minister of the Presbyterian Church, and Honorary Chair of the annual Allan Jay Memorial Tennis Tournament. She established the Real Estate Information Center, Inc. in town in 1988, and still works full time in her brokerage business.

Sue Scannell is on the board of the New Canaan Sewing Group and AAUW and volunteers with the New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corp. A former teacher at St. Aloysius School, she substitutes there and is also a Eucharistic Minister at St. A's.

Priscilla Thomas moved to New Canaan several years ago to be near one of her five children. A pre-school teacher for 20 years, she has been an active volunteer in the Greenwich public schools, Greenwich Hospital Hospice, Junior League, and the Old Greenwich Garden Club.

Cynn timer Yates has lived in New Canaan since 1971. She started volunteering at *Staying Put* about two years ago, driving for members

which she has enjoyed. She worked part time for 20 years in the Headmaster's office at Brunswick school in Greenwich, has volunteered at New Canaan Cares, and also has held many sports positions at Country Club of New Canaan.



Visit our newly expanded and decorated office space. Here volunteer **Rosie Lynch** greets visitors in the reception area.



It was flowers and farewell to outgoing board members and a big thanks for their service. From left are **Rosemary Ogden, Kit Deveraux,** and **Bob Witt.**

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