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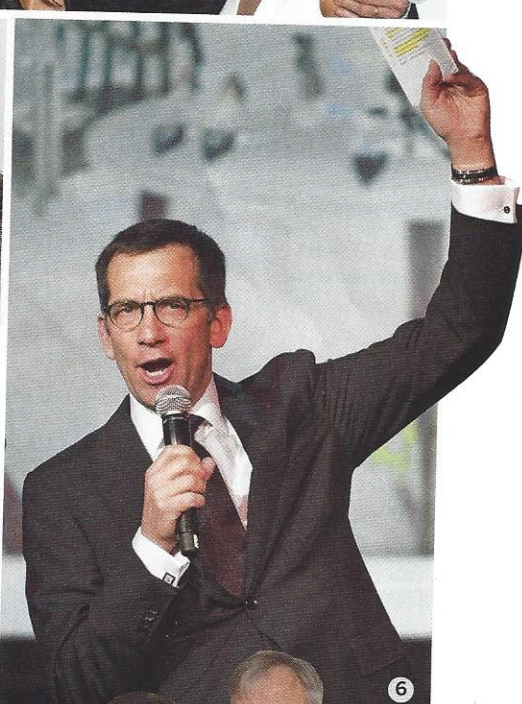
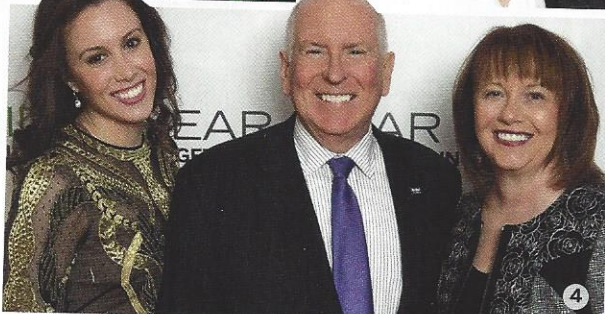
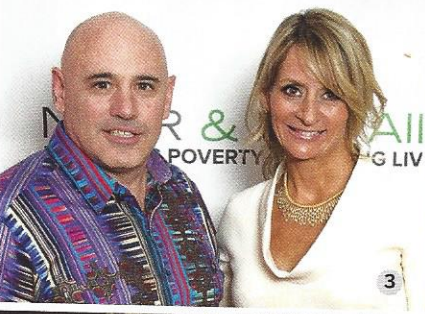
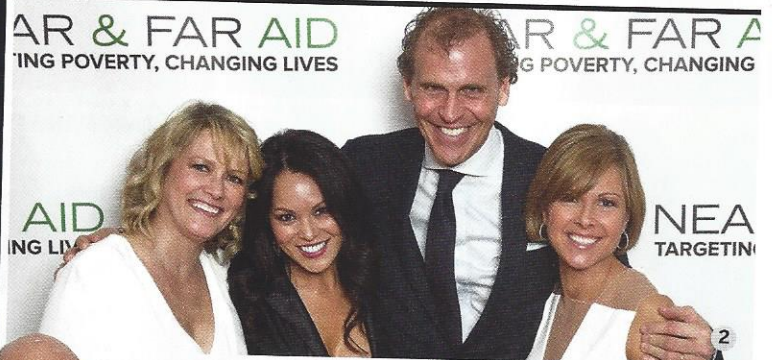


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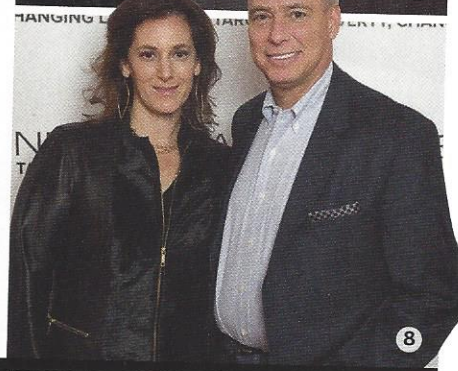
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NEAR & FAR AID • PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROBERT NORMAN



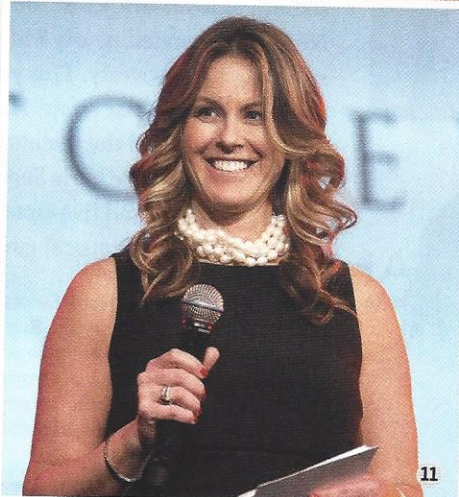
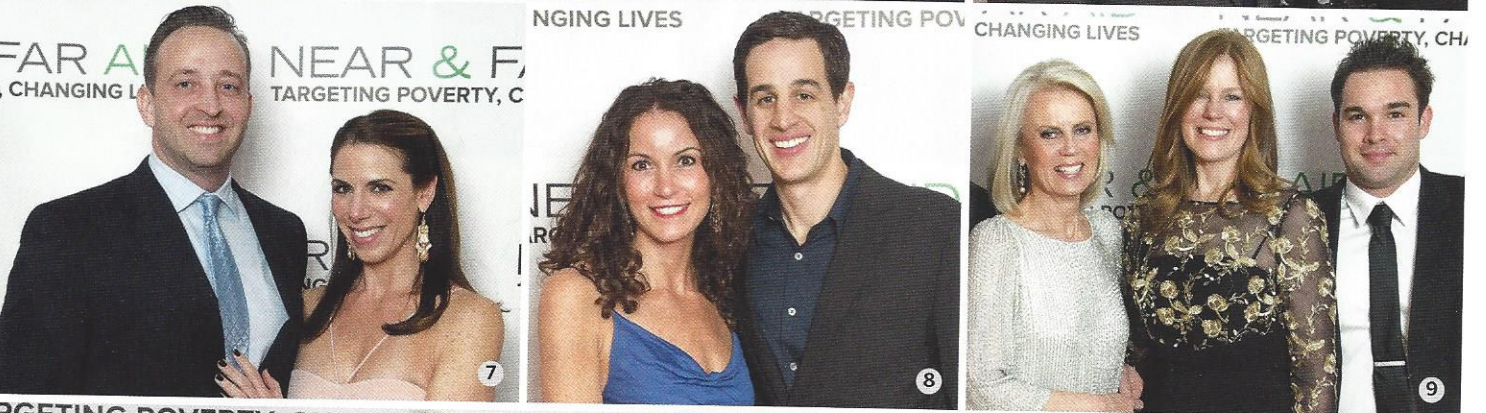
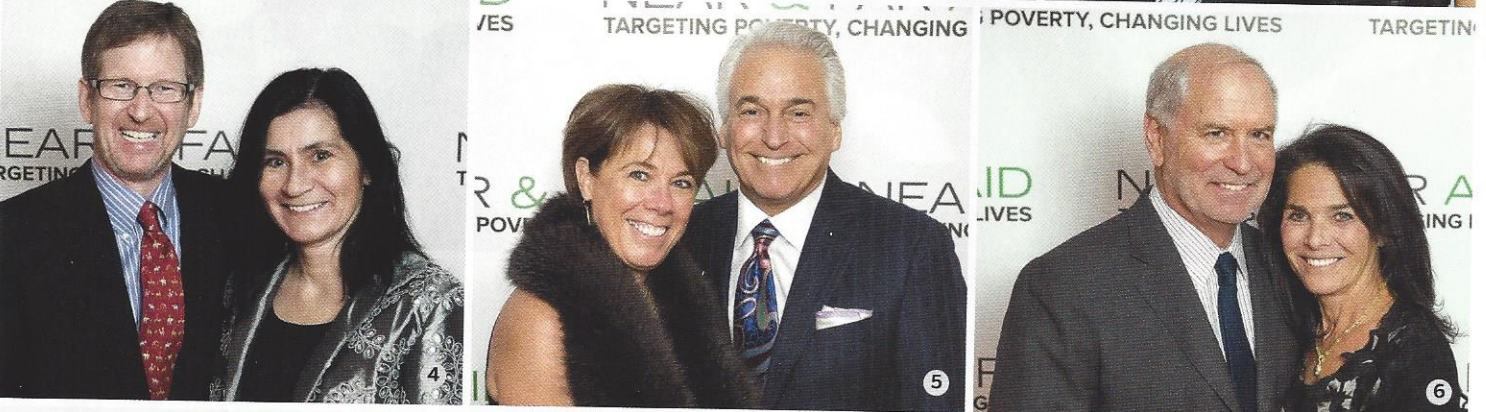
Changing Lives

Near & Far Aid recently celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its Spring Gala, which dovetailed with the nonprofit's sixtieth anniversary. Over the past fourteen years, N&FA has donated nearly \$14 million to aid those suffering from poverty. This year's gala was, as always, a spectacular affair. Held at Mitchells, the event included the talents of co-masters of ceremonies *CBS The Early Show* alum Dave Price and Elyse Luray, and five-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles, the musical guest. »



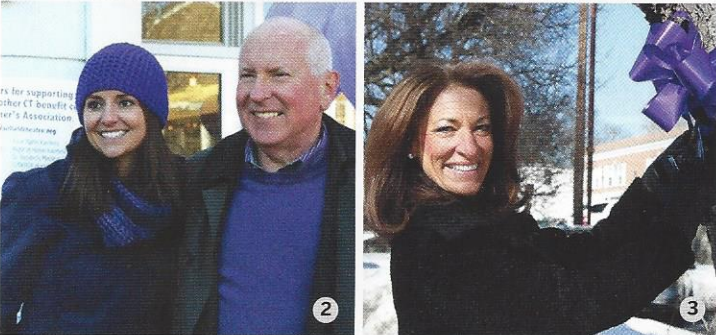
1 Musical guest Sara Bareilles **2** Event Chairs Jeanne Burris, Kim Meier and Jenny Nelson, with Bob Mitchell **3** Rob and Cindy Citrone **4** Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe with daughter Samantha (left) and wife Mary Ellen (right) **5** The Near & Far Aid Spring Gala tent **6** Co-master of ceremonies Dave Price **7** Near & Far Aid Vice President Joan Panagos and President Bitsy Higgins **8** Stacy and Howard Bass

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1 Jim and Susan Pratt-Heaney
2 Natalie Burtson and Tanya Futoryan
3 David and Jorgelina Friezo
4 Moffly Media's Jonathan and Elena Moffly
5 Kathleen Walsh and Gene Bernstein
6 Alan and Joan Berlin
7 Erik and Sarah Tamm
8 Jaclyn and Justin Gailhard
9 Moffly Media's Gabriella Mays, Diane Sembrot and Dan Hajducky
10 Laurie and Hilary Lister
11 Auctioneer and Co-Master of Ceremonies Elyse Luray

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1 Sharon Parker, Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe and Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter's Eleonora Tornatore-Mikesh tie a ribbon on a Main Street tree 2 Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter's Alexis Rodriguez and First Selectman Marpe 3 Laura Incerto 4 Lindsay Johnson

|| ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, CT CHAPTER ||

Painting the Town

As a lead-in to Band Together, citizens of Westport gathered outside of David's Tea on Main Street for the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter's Paint the Town Purple Awareness Blitz. Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe tied the first ribbon. Purple ribbons were displayed on trees and in storefronts up and down Westport's Main Street as well as in downtown Fairfield. Some stores hosted in-house events to support the effort. The first annual Paint the Town Purple event helped build awareness for fighting Alzheimer's. »



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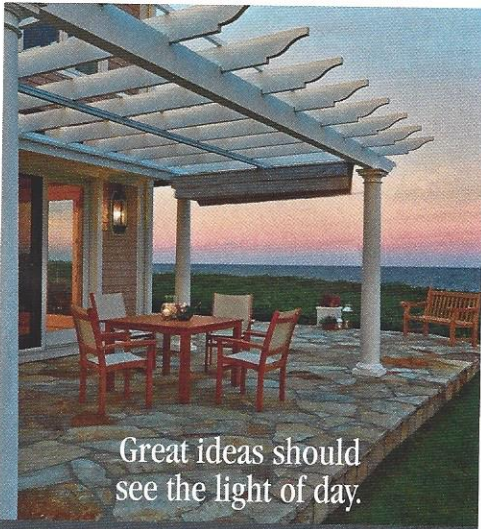
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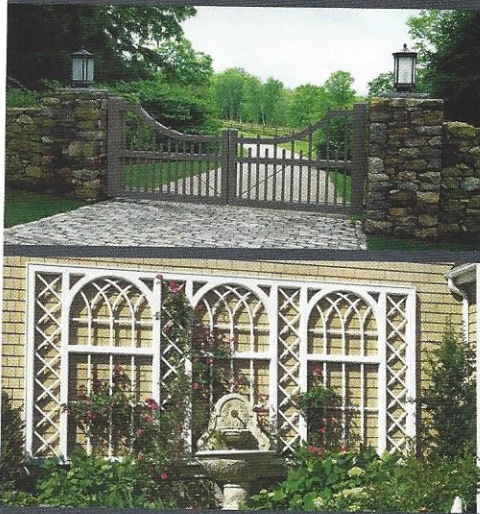
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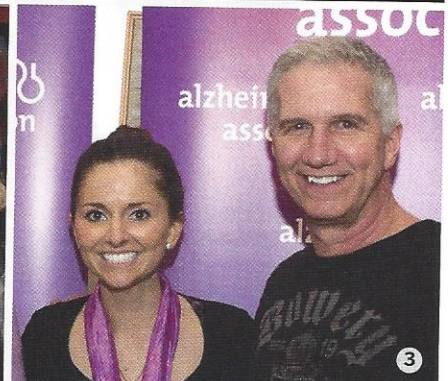


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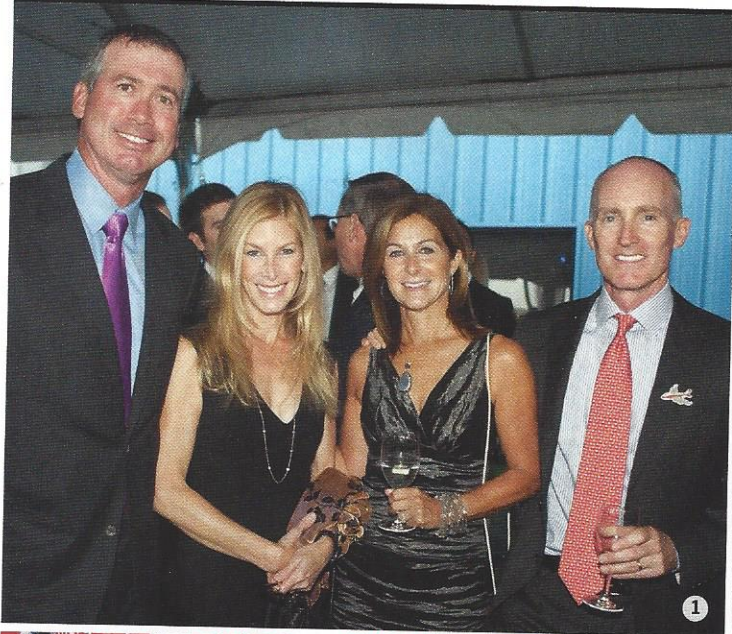
1 Band Together perform at the Fairfield Theatre Company
2 Tania Paparazzo, Claire Hunter and Beth Jabick **3** Alexis Rodriguez of the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter and Jerry Vigorito of Band Together **4** Samantha Vigorito, Giovanna Sgarlata LoSardo and Lia Vigorito

|| BAND TOGETHER ||

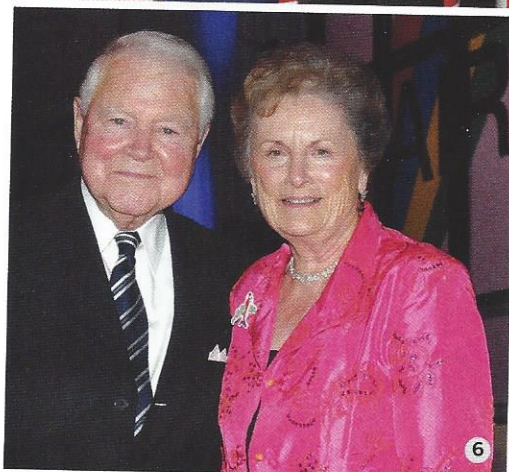
Fighting Back

Recently, the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter, and Band Together teamed up to host 2015's Band Together at the Fairfield Theatre Company. The emcee of the sold-out concert was Spyro Gyra alum, and two-time Latin Grammy winner, Dave Samuels. Mr. Samuels is one of five million Americans who are currently living with the disease. To date, locally based Band Together has raised more than \$1.4 million to aid area charities. Proceeds from this year's concert for Alzheimer's help the Alzheimer's Association support some 72,000 Connecticut residents living with the disease as well as their 176,000 caregivers.

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1 Douglas and Sharon Becker, Roberta and Jim Conroy, all of Westport 2 Soon-to-be-wed Jim Williamson and Monica Perkowski, Janet and Greg Sinnott of Wilton 3 Erica Hill and David Yount 4 Guest speakers and Pulitzer Prize-winning husband and wife Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn with Rose and Bill Krivoshik of Wilton 5 Tony Goldwyn and his wife, Jane Musky 6 George and Carol Bauer of Wilton



|| AMERICARES AIRLIFT BENEFIT ||

Lifting Off

The AmeriCares Airlift Benefit at the Westchester County Airport on September 20—with a sold-out, record attendance of 850—raised a record \$2 million for the emergency response and global health organization. Actor/director and longtime AmeriCares supporter Tony Goldwyn was the special guest, while NBC News' weekend *TODAY* cohost Erica Hill served as master of ceremonies. The evening culminated with 100 guests boarding a chartered flight to see the clinics and hospitals AmeriCares supports in Nicaragua. AmeriCares is an organization committed to saving the lives of people in crisis worldwide by putting medicine and supplies in the hands of those in need. **W**

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1 Justin and Nancy Grimm enjoy works for sale 2 A stellar sampling of the breadth of the works on display 3 Signed, Sealed, and Delivered's outstanding turnout 4 Silvermine Arts Center Board Member Kathryn Barrett

|| SILVERMINE ARTS CENTER ||

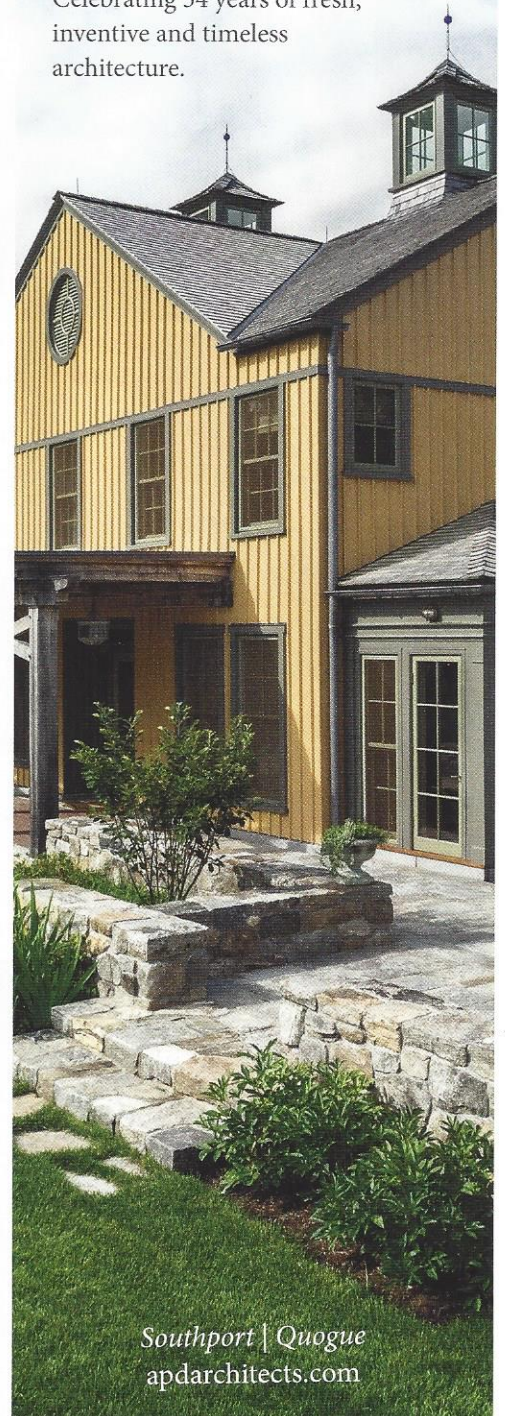
On a Silver Platter

The Silvermine Arts Center of New Canaan is one of the oldest active artist communities in the United States, with a nationally renowned arts guild, an award-winning art school and a gallery that features twenty modern and historic exhibitions each year. Its annual fundraising event Signed, Sealed, and Delivered, featuring works from the Silvermine Guild of Artists, returned this year with a twist; for the first time, collectors and enthusiasts interested in purchasing art saw the pieces in a five-week exhibition leading up to the sale. The works included wood panels, paintings, drawings, prints and photographs, ceramics and sculptural wall pieces and mixed media. Guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres while art-winning raffle tickets were drawn by Silvermine Guild artist and teacher, master of ceremonies David Dunlop. Works by the following artists were available: Mary Manning (of Darien), Susan Sharp (Easton), N. W. Gibbons (Greens Farms), June Ahrens, Rosamund Berg, Lucianne Buckner, Stephanie Joyce, Constance Old, Marjorie Tomchuk (New Canaan), Suzanne Benton, Debra Schafer (Ridgefield), and Nash Hyon (Wilton), among others. »

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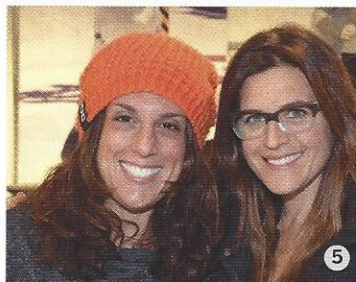
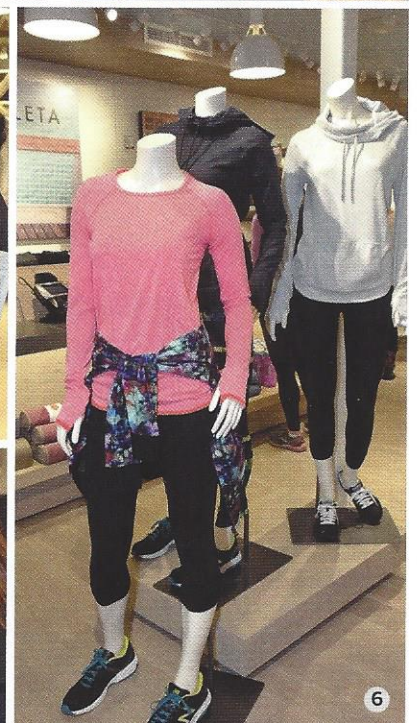
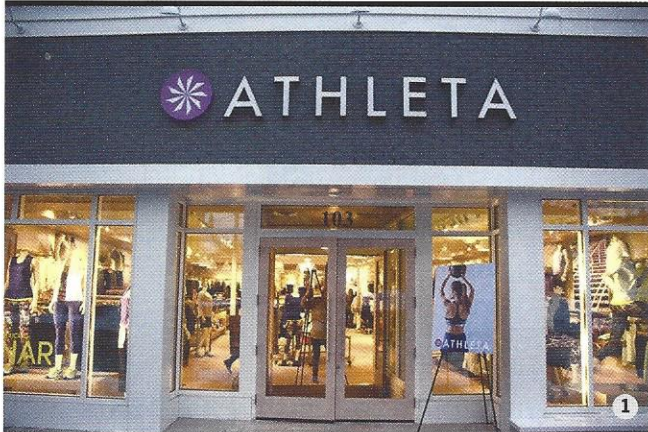


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ATHLETA • RICK GARCIA SALON



Life in Motion

Connecticut's second Athleta location (the other is in Farmington) opened to a tremendous and jovial turnout. Athleta, a division of Gap, Inc., has been catering to consumers leading "a life in motion" since its inception in 1998. Its unique, instantly recognizable apparel is designed for the athletic customer for gym workouts, rigorous dance studio sessions, as well as everything else in between. They also have a selection of casual clothing. The treats at the grand opening were provided by The Granola Bar. »

1 Main Street storefront **2** Athleta of Westport staff **3** Debbie Katz, Justine Thomas, Marni Lane, Lesley Osbourne **4** Kristen Buerstetta **5** JoyRide's Amy Hochhauser and The Granola Bar's Julie Levitt **6** Athleta's gear **7** Athleta's Lisa Souza **8** Moffly Media's Caroline Coursen, Jennifer Petersen and Emily Klæboe

HAPPENINGS



Seeing Silver

Employees, friends and family gathered at the Rick Garcia Salon to celebrate a quarter century in business. Guests enjoyed cocktails, appetizers and live music, as well as giveaways. The salon was founded in 1990 by Enrique "Rick" Garcia, a style director for Paul Mitchell Superhair Salon and Vietnam War vet. When Rick died in 2011, his son Justan took over ownership and management. **W**

1 The staff of the Rick Garcia Salon
2 Kathleen and James Sarakatsannis with salon owner Justan Garcia
3 Shannon Dery, Lidka Kosinska and Jenna Liporace **4** Nanette Gandelman and Moshe Aelyon

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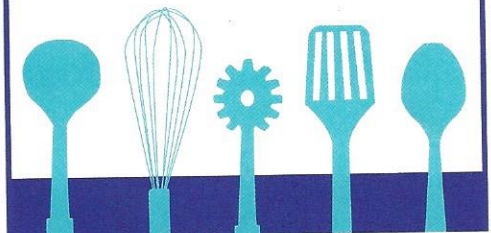


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MAY

Tues. 5–Sat. 23 WEB OF LIES

The Liar (the seventeenth century Corneille comedy), by David Ives (*Venus in Fur*) and directed by Penny Metropulos, is coming to the Westport Country Playhouse. The play follows Durante, a pathological liar, as he falls in love. Tickets run from \$30 to \$50. 25 Powers Ct.; to buy tickets or for more information head to westportplayhouse.org.

Thurs. 7 JUST A TASTE

A Taste of Westport, the eleventh annual event, featuring dishes from two dozen local restaurants, wine, beer, cocktails, live music, and a silent auction, will be held at the Westport Inn. Tickets are \$75–\$95, and there is a pre-party performance with Neil Fuentes, The Singing Chef, from 6 to 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit clients of CLASP Homes, which has been providing aid to Fairfield County adults living with disabilities for over thirty years. 1595 Post Rd. E.; tasteofwestport.com.

Thurs. 7 SMOOTH AS GLASS

Julia Glass, the 2002 National Book Award winner for her novel *Three Junes*, is coming to Fairfield University. She will read from her new novel *And The Dark Sacred Night*. The event, which begins at 7 p.m., is free to the public. Barone Campus Center Oak Room, 1073 N. Benson Rd., Fairfield; fairfield.edu/authorseries.

Fri. 8 WHERE THE HEART IS

The Designer House Tour, Near & Far Aid's annual event, features five Westport and Southport homes. A Designer Breakfast, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., will include a presentation by interior designer Alexa Hampton, at The Patterson Club; 1118 Cross Hwy., Fairfield (tickets are \$75). The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$65 advance, \$75 day of), with a "Toast The Tour" reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fairfield County Hunt Club, 174 Long Lots Rd. (\$100 advance, \$125 at door); nearandfaraid.org.

Fri. 8–Sat. 9 IN BLOOM

The Mother's Day Plant Sale, for the seventy-sixth year, will be hosted by the Wilton Garden Club on the Town Green. Whether you're looking for an affectionate gesture, or give your mother's garden a touch of color, this magnificent sale is a once-a-year gift. 101 Old Ridgefield Rd., Wilton; wiltongardenclub.org.

Sat. 9 GIVING BACK

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Fairfield County, for the third consecutive year, will be at Sherwood Island State Park. The Connecticut Komen chapter has raised over \$23 million for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Sherwood Island Connector; komenct.org.



Robert Steven Williams, Sam Waterston and Richard Webb at the Fitzgerald home on Compo Road

So We Beat On...

Monday, June 8

In 1920, Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald spent six months living in Westport at 244 Compo Road South; when the documentary *Boats Against the Current* (which examines this time period as the inspiration for *The Great Gatsby*) previews at the Fairfield Theatre Company, the Fitzgerald world will be turned upside down. Join the filmmakers—local author Robert Steven Williams, local historian and educator, Richard “Dee” Webb—and Fitzgerald scholar, Professor Walter Raubicheck of Pace University, as they share clips and discuss their findings and progress. Actor Sam Waterston appears in the film with former Westporter and actor Keir Dullea, who narrates it. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. 70 Sanford St., Fairfield. For more information, visit fairfieldtheatre.org.

Sat. 9 BOOKED

BOOKED for the Evening, Westport Library's signature annual event, will honor Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and MacArthur Fellow Lynsey Addario this year. A Staples High alum, Addario's work has been featured in *National Geographic* and

the *New York Times*. She will be played by Jennifer Lawrence in Steven Spielberg's adaptation of her book, *It's What I Do: A Photographer's Life of Love and War*. 20 Jesup Rd.; westportlibrary.org.

Sat. 16 DEVILISHLY GOOD Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

returns to Westport this

year. The Westport Arts Center's intriguing event will be on the green at National Hall, with the party starting at 8 p.m. WAC promises the mystery “will unfold against a provocative backdrop of southern hospitality. [It] will be a night that will tip the scales.” Tickets are \$225. 51 Riverside Ave.; westportartscenter.org.

JUNE

Wed. 3

ROCK AND ROLL

Leon Russell, rock and roll's Renaissance man, is playing the Ridgefield Playhouse at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$48, with a VIP Party Pass for priority parking and a 6:30-7:15 p.m. open bar available for \$25 extra. 80 East Ridge Rd., Ridgefield; ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Sun. 7

POLO

Polo for Children, for the benefit's fourteenth year, will be held at the Greenwich Polo Club and includes a gourmet luncheon, silent and live auctions, celebrity friends, a polo match and an all-day picnic and entertainment. Past auctions have included Super Bowl, World Series and NCAA Men's Basketball finals tickets, as well as VIP Kentucky Derby passes and a week-long Hawaii trip. 80 Field Point Rd. #3, Greenwich; visit holeinthewallgang.org.

Sun. 14

A BIGGER BOAT

Jaws, the 1975 Spielberg classic, will be shown in

IMAX at the Maritime Aquarium in celebration of the film's 40th anniversary. One of the stars of the film, Richard Dreyfuss, will be on-hand later in the evening for a sold-out party and talk about his experiences, but there are still tickets available for the 1 p.m. showing of the movie. Individual tickets, for children and adults, run from \$9.50 to \$11.50, but there are combo packages available. 10 North Water St., Norwalk; maritimeaquarium.org.

Tues. 16–Sat. 20

A MARE AFFAIR

The Fairfield County Hunt Club's Horse Show is the only national horse show in Connecticut free of charge. There are over 250 classes in which local and national equestrians will compete, leading up to the EQUUS Foundation's annual benefit luncheon on June 20. The show is held at the Fairfield County Hunt Club, 174 Long Lots Rd.; huntclubonline.org.

Sat. 27–

Sun. 28

ROAD RACE

The 2015 Fairfield Road Race 5K or Half Marathon, hosted by the Fairfield Firefighters, begins on Fairfield Beach Road, winds through Fairfield's gorgeous back roads, and culminates with live music on Jennings Beach. For more information, or to register, check out crowdrise.com/TeamHITW2015Fairfield for more information.