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## NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Wilton Library's annual ladies' night out is Oct. 5

Wilton, CT – The hors d'oeuvres have been finalized, the music selected, and the wines pulled all in preparation for Wilton Library's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Soirée being held Thursday, Oct. 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The theme of the event is "Celebrating Women in Literature." The annual fundraiser is a time for women to come together, appreciate themselves, each other, make new friends – all while benefiting the library. Guests will enjoy the marvelous preparations from Marly's Bar & Bistro, bid on wonderful silent auction items cultivated specifically for this event, be in the running for great prizes, listen to the music of Darren Litzie, take part in a fun wine pull, and have other opportunities to support the library.

According to Robin Axness, development director for Wilton Library, "This event means a great deal to the women in town and the library. It's a wonderful time to socialize and make sure that the library receives support to continue the programs, services and technology that the community has come to expect."

Chair Suzanne Lishnoff remarked, "This annual event is a welcome respite for the women in the community who have spent September getting the kids ready for school, attending district open houses and getting everyone back on track for the coming seasons."

Carrie Preisano, another committee member added, "And in the process of having fun, we get to support this treasure of the community."

Some of the enticing silent auction items include an evening cooking class for eight with Heather Priest in the bidder's home, a private wine tasting for twenty courtesy of Total Wine in Norwalk, the library's executive director Elaine Tai-Lauria's scrumptious homemade carrot cake with a crystal cake stand from Open House, a Tarot Card reading party for up to ten guests, two tickets to opening night productions of the 2017-2018 season at Wilton Playshop, tennis

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activities at Four Seasons Racquet Club, gift baskets, photo sessions with popular Wilton photographers, and so much more.

Lishnoff continued, “If attendees don’t win their bids on the auction items, they still have plenty of opportunities to be part of the drawing for Jet Blue tickets, a professional portraiture, and a cool high-tech gadget, along with having fun with the wine pull. For \$20, guests will be able to purchase a cork with a number on it that is associated with a bottle of wine. At the end of the evening, the number will be matched with a secret bottle of wine, so the surprises just keep coming.”

The hard-working committee members who have spent the summer and fall organizing the event are Sarah Kreuzer, Suzanne Lishnoff (event chair), Carrie Preisano, Michelle Shia, Namita Vadhera, Rayna Wein Avizov and Kathleen Zadourian.

The sponsors who help make the event possible are Bankwell, the lead sponsor, followed by Catamount Wealth Management, Meadow Ridge, TraceyLocke, Wilton Meadows Rehabilitation Center/The Greens at Cannondale, Wilton Woman’s Club, and Wilton Magazine, the media sponsor.

Tickets for the event are \$55 and are going very quickly. To purchase tickets or to make a donation if a person is unable to attend, guests may visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) and click on the Ladies’ Soirée icon, stop by the Circulation Desk in the library, or call Suzanne Verrilli in the development office at 203-762-6321. There are a limited number of tickets remaining and guests are reminded that for the past few years, this fundraiser has been sold out days before the event with no tickets available at the door. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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**Caption:** Wilton Library’s 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies’ Soirée is set for Thursday, Oct. 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased online at [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org), at the Circulation Desk or by phone at 203-762-6321. Committee members pictured (l-r): Kathleen Zadourian, Namita Vadhera, Rayna Wein Avizov, Suzanne Lishnoff, chair, Carrie Preisano, and Sarah Kreuzer. Not pictured: Michelle Shia. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT; [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org); 203-762-3950. (Photo credit: Robin Axness, Wilton Library)