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Hello!

June 30th is the official end to our fiscal year, a time for celebration, looking back, and looking ahead. I urge you to join us this month at two very special events so that we can do all three things together!

First, in this most difficult of years for personal and business budgets, I am delighted to invite you to attend a fabulous "blast from the past" at Wilton High School - an event that will stir memories, lift spirits, and not put a big dent in the piggy bank. You'll read about more details below and on our [website](#) (where you can purchase tickets), but suffice it to say, the **Beatlemania** performance on June 13th is a must-see... particularly for those of us who remember John, Paul, George, and Ringo well (did I ever tell you I was in the first row of the screaming masses at JFK Airport when the Fab Four touched down for the first time?).

Second, **Wilton Library Association's 114th Annual Meeting** will take place the following day (Sunday the 14th, at 4 pm). All Friends of the Library are invited to come and take part. We'll be reviewing the year, giving awards, holding elections, and this year, enjoying the music of Andy (A.J.) Gundell and his band of talented musicians, Exit 43! Please join us for a perfect late afternoon treat.

I'll see you at the Library!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

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Two Opportunities to Care for Our Community

Wilton Plan of Conservation & Development

Monday, June 1st, 7 to 9:30 pm

The Planning and Zoning Commission has drafted a long range land use plan for Wilton. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn about the Plan and tell P&Z if it reflects their visions for Wilton's future. The draft Plan can be reviewed prior to the meeting **online**. Paper copies are available for review at the Wilton Library reference desk and in the Planning and Zoning Department in the Town Hall Annex. The meeting is open to the public and no registration is required.



Task Force Information and Reception

Wednesday, June 3rd, 7-8:30 pm

***Are you concerned about the high number of domestic violence incidents in Wilton (remember all those purple ribbons on trees throughout Wilton Center last October)?

***Are you worried about the likelihood that Wilton teens will be victims of dating violence?

***Do you have a friend, relative, or neighbor that you suspect may be suffering in an abusive relationship?

***Do you want to help build awareness in our town of both the problem and the help that exists to address it?



Please join members of the Wilton Domestic Violence Task Force to learn about the part you can play in educating our friends and neighbors about the many types of Domestic Violence that occur in our community. Refreshments will be served and we ask that you **register in advance**.

Weathering the Economic Storm

Health Insurance Panel Discussion

Monday, June 1st, 7 to 8:30 pm



Wilton Social Services and Wilton Library will co-sponsor this important program for everyone worried about how to pay medical bills during the economic downturn.

Panelists include Kathleen Misset, Organizational & Skill Development Consultant and Project Manager at the Department of Social Services and Larry Cass, President and Founder, Alliance Benefits Solutions. The panel will discuss the HUSKY program for families and the Charter Oak program for adults, with handouts and materials for both programs. **Please register in advance.**

Divorce: The Three-Legged Stool Thursday, June 4th, 8:30 to 10:30 am

This multi-dimensional workshop will address the legal, financial, and psychological issues involved in divorce. The workshop will consist of a multi-disciplinary panel discussion, then individual breakout sessions concentrating on each "leg of the stool."



Divorce professionals, attorneys, financial planners, and those contemplating or participating in a divorce will learn practical, cost-effective strategies that will not only benefit the couple, but ensure the particular needs of their children. Presenters will include:

Elizabeth Cox, Certified Financial Planner, Wilton, CT (www.coxfinancialservices.com)

Ann Reeves, PsyD, Licensed Psychologist, Wilton, CT

Maurice Segall, Esq., Attorney Mediator, Stamford and Wilton, CT (www.ctmediation.com)

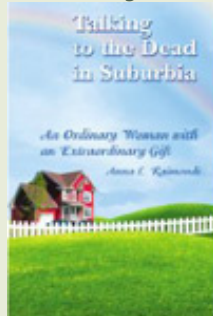
Please **register in advance** for this popular and invaluable workshop.

Author Talks in June

Anna Raimondi

Talking to the Dead in Suburbia

Thursday, June 4th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Anna Raimondi is a wife and mother living the typical suburban life in Wilton, CT. However, unlike many of her contemporaries, Anna communicates with the spirit world! Her mission in life is to bring healing through the spirit realm, providing insight, guidance and direction to others through her intuitive abilities. You are bound to be fascinated by her new book, ***Talking to the Dead in Suburbia***.

Anna holds a BA in Clinical Psychology and English Literature, an MBA, and is a Licensed Hypnotherapist. **Registration is recommended.**

Dr. Richard Frank

Fighting Cancer with Knowledge & Hope

Thursday, June 18th, 11 am to 12:30 pm



Dr. Richard Frank will discuss his recently published book, ***Fighting Cancer with Knowledge & Hope: A Guide for Patients, Caregivers and Health Professionals***, that allows patients and family members to understand important concepts about treatment and care. Dr. Frank provides a 'how-to' approach for all of those involved in the



decision-making that occurs when confronted with a diagnosis that can lead to a bewildering array of questions and options. He suggests questions to ask the physician and reviews the different choices in treatment in simple terms the layman can understand.

Richard C. Frank, M.D., is Director of Cancer Research, Whittingham Cancer Center at Norwalk Hospital and Medical Director at Mid-Fairfield Hospice. His presentation will include ample time for your questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing following the talk. **Please register in advance** to attend.

June Art Receptions

Drawings and Paintings by Dale and Nancy Reinker Friday, June 5th, 6 to 7:30 pm

Wilton Library's art exhibition this month features a creative couple from Weston - Dale and Nancy Reinker. Dale's paintings are oil and/or acrylic, semi-realistic paintings of landscapes and cityscapes, from across the United States. Nancy's art ranges from intricate organic drawings to large colorful abstract acrylic paintings. The exhibition runs through Monday, June 29th.



Please note: the Library will close on Sundays for the summer beginning June 21st.

Weir Farm Artist in Residence Frank Meuschke

Wednesday, June 10th, 6 to 7:30 pm

Frank Meuschke is an artist whose work explores landscape via paintings, photography, and sculpture. His most recent work focuses on painting landscapes of the lower Hudson River.



Frank holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the State University of NY and a Master of Fine Arts from New Mexico State University. He will be in residence at the Weir Farm Art Center May 18th through June 14th.

Weir Farm's Artist in Residence program (AIR) annually selects twelve artists to live and work at Weir Farm. To date, 115 artists from throughout the U.S., as well as Tunisia, Germany, Australia, India and the Netherlands have participated in the AIR program. Visual artists apply for one month residencies in all media and diverse artistic points of view from traditional to experimental.

This reception is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the Wilton Library. **Please let us know you are coming by registering in advance.**

WINRs Circle for Nutmeg Readers!

Saturday, June 6th, 3 to 3:45 pm

We invite all readers of the Nutmeg Award nominees to come to a discussion of June's selection, ***Drita, My Homegirl***, by Jenny Lombard.



The WINRs (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) Circle is a book group that discusses the 2010 Nutmeg nominees for kids in grades 4 through 6. Connecticut's Nutmeg Award encourages children to read literature selected by a panel of state librarians. Children then choose their favorite book out of ten titles selected each year. The discussions are fun and an added treat is pizza donated by **Wilton Pizza!**

Registration is required. This terrific program has been made possible by **HSBC Bank.**

Wilton High School Film Festival

Wednesday, June 10th, 7:30 to 8:30 pm

For the sixth consecutive year, Wilton High School Video Production students have assembled the best of their video projects to be viewed by the public.



The screenings will take place in Wilton Library's Brubeck Room. There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you **register in advance.** The Festival is co-sponsored by Wilton High School and the Wilton Library.

Kykuit and Kaskell on June 11th

On Thursday, June 11th, we have two wonderful cultural events planned:

Day Trip to Kykuit and Historic Union Church

Thursday, June 11th, 8:30 am



Wilton Library and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will co-sponsor a day trip to **Kykuit, the Rockefeller estate,** that includes a tour of the house, art galleries, gardens close to the house, golf room, and Coach Barn with its collection of classic autos and horse-drawn vehicles. The day will also include a stop at **Union Church of Pocantico Hills** to see stained glass windows by Chagall and Matisse. We'll have lunch at **Sunset Cove** overlooking the

Hudson River. The cost of the trip, including lunch, is \$75. Our bus leaves promptly at 9 am from the Library parking lot. Payment with registration must be complete by Thursday, June 4th, in order to finalize luncheon plans. To register, please call 203-762-3950 or stop by the Circulation Desk.

Joan Kaskell

J. Alden Weir at The World's Columbian Exposition Thursday, June 11th, 7:30 to 9 pm



Later that evening, you can hear noted lecturer Joan Kaskell discuss J. Alden Weir's commissioned work for the 1893 World's Columbian Fair in Chicago. Joan will provide insight not only into Weir's work and artistic development, but also aspects of the burgeoning nation's development.

Art historian Joan Macy Kaskell did her undergraduate work at Wellesley College, later receiving her MA in art history from Hunter College in New York. Longtime Staff Lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Joan also gives gallery talks and has spoken on a variety of art topics at the Wilton Library. The evening's talk is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the Wilton Library. A reception will follow the presentation and we ask that you **register in advance**.

"Cast of Beatlemania" Fundraiser Coming Soon - Don't Miss It!

At **7:30 pm on Saturday, June 13th**, the Wilton Library will present the "Cast of Beatlemania" at the Clune Center at Wilton High School, featuring an A-List Beatles tribute band in concert performing all your favorites.



The "Cast" recreates the sights and sounds of The Beatles faithfully with three costume changes reflecting the changing music and times experienced by the original band. The "Cast" features members who starred in the Broadway show, BEATLEMANIA and have performed in all 50 states and in over twenty foreign countries.

Sponsored by two anonymous Friends of Wilton Library, this evening promises great music and memories! Tickets are \$100, \$60, and \$30. The \$100 ticket includes a pre-performance meet the musicians, cocktails & light supper at Wilton Library from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Reservations are highly encouraged - only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. **Tickets can be purchased online**, by phone (203-762-3950 ext. 216), or in person at Wilton Library's circulation desk. Get yours NOW!

Wilton Library Association 114th Annual Meeting for Friends

Sunday, June 14th, at 4 pm



Please join us for Wilton Library Association's 114th Annual Meeting on June 14th - the Library will close one hour early to accommodate the Meeting. We will hear brief reports on the current year, name a volunteer and staff person of the year, bid farewell to retiring Trustees and welcome new members of the Library Board.

Following the general meeting, we have a special treat in store: **Exit 43**, a folk/rock/gospel acoustic band with local musicians Andy 'A.J.' Gundell, Scarlett Lee Moore, Suzanne Sheridan and Ed Thompson) will perform harmonies reminiscent of Crosby, Stills &



Nash and James Taylor. A reception will follow the meeting and all are welcome to attend, but only Friends of the Library may vote to elect Trustees and officers of the Association for the coming year. (Friends are those who have donated any amount to the Library during the past fiscal year.)

Please let us know you are coming by [registering online](#) or calling 203-762-3950, extension 270.

Third Tuesday Songwriters' Circle Tuesday, June 16th, 11 am to 12:30 pm

Join us for this introductory session for songwriters "in the round", followed by a brown bag lunch in the Courtyard, weather permitting!



Share your work or work in progress, come to listen, meet writing partners, or find your voice.

There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you **register in advance**.

Online Social Networking for Adults with Rich Gee on Tuesday, June 16th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Everyone is talking about online social networking using websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Whether you are networking as part of your business, to further your career, to look for a career or job, or to just have fun, you may find yourself

intrigued by these sites, but bewildered as to how they apply to your own life. Have you suddenly found yourself invited by someone you barely know to join him/her on Facebook? Do you wish you knew more about what is involved and how it can benefit you?

We have just the person to tell us what it's all about - Rich Gee, President and CEO of [Rich Gee Coaching](#) providing business, executive, and personal coaching services, will conduct this exciting demonstration and talk. Rich Gee is regularly tapped by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times* and **The Today Show**. Rich's appearance is co-sponsored by the Wilton Chamber of Commerce. **Please register in advance!**

Helping Seniors to Remain at Home Wednesday, June 17th, 10:30 am to noon

Lea Mintz, Community Liaison with the Family and Children's Agency in Norwalk, returns with an encore discussion about helping seniors maintain their independence by remaining in their own homes. Keeping seniors home is so very important not only to the seniors themselves, but also to their children or caregivers.



The talk will provide many tips and strategies for keeping seniors safe and independent at home. A LifeLine coupon for free installation and 2 months free service will be available for each attendee. **Advance registration is suggested.**

Hands-On PowerPoint Instruction with Mary Anne Franco



Most of our computer classes for June are filled to capacity already, but we do have a few seats remaining in our Basic PowerPoint class on **Thursday, June 18th, from 12:30 to 2 pm.** Mary Anne Franco will demonstrate how to create presentations in PowerPoint 2003 during this free class. Basic computer skills, including mouse proficiency, are required, as is **advance registration.** The class is limited to 10 students.

PLEASE NOTE: When the class is full, additional registrants will be added to a wait list. If any original registrants drop out, people from the wait list will be moved up to take the vacated spot.

ALSO: To insure the best learning experience for all, latecomers will not be seated ten minutes past the posted start time. The door to the Training Lab will be closed at that time.

Did You Know?

The Wilton Kiwanis Club has established a town wide email list, that allows Wilton Town officials to notify members of the public of urgent and emergency information. Some examples would be to let you know about the fire that had closed Route 33 for several hours, or about the planned closings of Route 7 for road construction. It may also be used as another notification method for school closings. Perhaps more importantly, it will be available as part of the emergency preparedness process to notify you of any environmental or other threats that might occur. It will be used very infrequently, but enough for you to know it is working. Please note that this email list will be used exclusively to notify Wilton citizens of any urgent information. Only authorized Town officials will be able to send messages.



To learn more and to subscribe, visit the **Kiwanis Club website.** Thanks, Kiwanians - this is a great service for all who live and work in Wilton!

June Fun for Kids

June is the month we begin our "busy season" in the Children's Library and this year is certainly no exception! In addition to our terrific summer reading program, Dive Into Reading, there are several nifty activities planned:

Drop-in Father's Day Crafts

Saturday, June 20th, 10 am to 5 pm



Children of all ages can stop by during regular Library hours and make a Father's Day craft to take home. No registration is necessary - just come and create! Dad will love your gift and you'll have fun making it. Our Father's Day craft session is made possible by the **Coyle Family Young Readers Fund**.

Have Your Cake and Read it Too!

Kids & Parents Book Discussion

Thursday, June 25th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Join our Kid's Book Club for children in grades 3 and up and their caregivers. Children and their adults will read the book selection and then join us for discussion. This month's book is ***Scat***, by Carl Hiaasen. The book features a panther, a kid hero Nick Waters, an oil company as the villain, and a rich renegade named Twilly Spree as the outlaw environmentalist determined to save Florida from developers. There is no program fee, dessert will be served, and **registration is recommended**. *Have Your Cake and Read It, Too!* is made possible by the **Coyle Family Young Readers Fund**.

Tales to Tails

Saturday, June 27th, 11 am to noon



Once again, the **Good Dog Foundation** will bring therapy dogs to the library so that children to read to them. The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading.

Children must be able to read independently to participate in this program. Children will be scheduled to read for 10 minutes and can bring a book from home or choose one from the Library's shelves. There is no program charge, but space is limited and **advance registration is required**. A member of the Children's Library staff will call to confirm your registration and assign a time slot.

(You'll note that the cost of many of our programs are underwritten by funds. If you would like to help us maintain the high quality of our offerings by establishing a family or individual fund of your own, please give me a call at 203-762-3950, ext. 215.)

Dive Into Reading
2009 Summer Reading Sign-up
Monday June 22nd through Saturday, June 27th

June 22nd marks the start of registration week for Wilton Library's ***Dive Into Reading*** summer reading program for kids. Program activities with a water/seaside theme begin June 24th and continue through August 14th with crafts, story times, movies, musical entertainment and much more for kids up to age 12. Children can register for the program this week and color in their ***Dive Into Reading*** posters.

Special events planned for June include:

Gala Seaside Carnival

Monday, June 22nd, 2 to 4 pm

Come one, come all to Wilton Library's Seaside Carnival to celebrate the beginning of the ***Dive Into Reading*** summer reading program!

Have fun with games, entertainment, food, activities and a bounce house. Enjoy a special visit from SpongeBob! Children of all ages are invited. No registration is required and there is no admission fee. Our Carnival is sponsored by **The Coyle Family Young Readers Fund**.



Terry Parrett's Magic Show

Wednesday, June 24th, from 2 to 3 pm

Popular entertainer Terry Parrett will present a 'just-for-fun' comedy show of magic, mirth, and mystery to kick off the ***Dive Into Reading*** summer reading program. Terry combines amazing magic, hilarious comedy, story-telling, and audience participation into a program that will delight kids of all ages.

Although the program is designed for kids ages 5 through 11, younger children and adults will enjoy the program as well. There is no program fee, but **advance registration is required**. Terry's visit is made possible by **The Coyle Family Young Readers Fund**.



Making the Most of Being Employed with Dr. Michael Crystal

**JOBS!
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JOBS:**

On **June 25th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**, Wilton Library will welcome back Michael Crystal, Ph.D. for a talk subtitled, "*A Workshop For Those Gainfully Employed Who Want To Stay That Way and Enjoy It.*" The JOBS! series has until now primarily addressed the needs and questions of those who are seeking employment. In this session, Michael will guide the already employed who wish to remain so, by tackling the following topics:

- *what to do/not do to minimize the chances of being laid-off
- *how to optimize your fulfillment at work
- *how to avoid/minimize 'survivor's syndrome'
- *how to embrace the imbalance that undoubtedly exists between your personal and professional lives
- *how to best gauge when it's time for you to move on

The JOBS! series is presented by the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Library. This session has been sponsored by Patriot National Bank, and we are most grateful for their help. **Please register in advance.**

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