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# CLASP times

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF CLASP HOMES OF WESTPORT. EMBRACING LOVE, LIFE AND HOME.

#### PUT ON YOUR MOSH PIT SPARKLE!





This year these amazing guys have put together a high energy program: THRILLER: A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC AND INFLUENCE OF MICHAEL JACKSON.

It will include songs from MJ and the Jackson 5 faves and pop/rock/funk songs inspired by MJ.

Band together founders, Jerry Vigorito and Rob Fried have once again assembled a crew of extraordinary talented musicians, including Nile Bullock whom we're told, not only sings, but has moves that would make MI proud!

You don't want to miss this one! Join us Friday, November 4, 2016 and for extra fun; join the Band Together Committee today!





For more information call or email Robin at: Phone: 203-226-7895 ext. 144 Email: rhammond@clasphomes.org For Tickets Call 203-259-1036 or go to www.fairfieldtheatre.org

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#### America's Favorite Pastime

You can be in the game too!



Batter up again this year with CLASP at the Bluefish!



Join us at the Ballpark at Harbor Yard as CLASP throws out the first pitch for the 4th year!

Wednesday August 31, 7pm Please Call: 203-210-2583 to purchases tickets and ask to be in the "CLASP section"

## Light UP The River



#### Sunrise Rotary Duck Contest

Longtime volunteer & CLASP supporter, Allison Galloway, did it again for the Westport Sunrise Rotary Club's "Decorate a Duck

Contest "with her "Ducks Ahoy" duck lamp. Many thanks to Allison and the Sunrise Club for their



# TASTE Dazzling! With A Dozen Years PFWESTPPRT Of Success! The 12th Annual

We thank the Westport Inn for their generosity in helping us bring our May 2016 12th Annual Taste of Westport to the community.



It's now glamorous ballroom was transformed into an all cuisine's restaurant row by co-chairs Lourdes Cummings and Gloria Case. A feat of elegance and atmosphere. We thank the more than 130 local businesses, along with 50 volunteers working with the gala chairs for turning the room into avenues and pathways of top notch tasting and sipping, (Oh, maybe more than sipping!) If you attended you can

easily say you partied for a good cause.



#### Toques Of The Town

Over 20 restaurants including, Pane e Bene, Pietro's, Tarantino, Rothbard Ale & Larder, Washington Prime, Boothbay Lobster company, Bobby Q's, Hummock Island Oysters, Acgua, Bianco Rosso, Garelick & Herbs, Little Barn, Rive Bistro, Matsu Sushi and Harvest. served up delectable treats. Mionetto Prosecco, Black Bear Wines and Greens Farms Spirits offered up a wonderful selection of wines, while Tacos Mexico, Black Bear and Agua additionally served up fun cocktails honoring Cinque de Mayo.

Le rouge chocolates and Dough & Company served chocolates and cookies that were out of this world.



#### Mingling, Bidding with Music

The music by Matt Criscuolo and Beto Petrillo provided a merry background for eating enjoyment and competitive bidding on the plentiful silent auction items.

Sponsorship was generously provided by People's United Insurance Agency, TD Bank, Guilmartin, DiPiro & Sokolowski, Cigna, Morgan Stanley and Wiggin and Dana LLP. Miggs B design, Moffly Media, Star 99.9, the fox, the Mynarski & Passerelle Families, Our Town Crier, Baker Graphics and Fairfield County "It"! Our new Taste website was very generously designed and maintained by Aurea de Souza.

Thank you to all who contributed and we hope you enjoyed the evening!









The Icing on the Cake. National Charity League's Bounty.

The mother and daughter-focused membership of the National Charity League, Westport Chapter, brought the warmth of not only, mom-daughter togetherness to CLASP residents at Pine Drive with their home cooked dinners, but to craft making afternoons. The CLASP Spring Semi-formal was extra sweet with cupcakes and a special CLASP cake. We cranked up the music, and everyone danced the night away!







### When Smaller Is



The Fairfield County WOMEN Chapter of this smartly who care resourceful organization is relatively new in the

helping services, started by Tracy Yost.

CLASP has worked with, and had been sponsored by 323 Main Street Restaurant, who has been hosting this new chapter of 100 Women Who Care. It has happily outgrown its generously donated space for its evening meetings. The group, individually makes a yearly commitment of \$400 and

#### Our Best Wishes

We were honored to celebrate Adrian Vasnick's 20 year relationship with CLASP by surprising him with a luncheon at Mecha Noodle Bar in Fairfield this past April. Adrian is moving to a warmer climate in Florida, but leaves his own lasting warmth and passion at Weston Road, Reynolds Drive and the CCO. We wish him well and thank him for his many years of service.

meets quarterly where they contribute \$100. at each meeting. They then vote on which charities best meet the criteria for its proceeds.

The group will now meet at Pearl at Longshore and 323 will be generously continuing its sponsorship of CLASP! We urge you to The 100 Women Who Care. support both the 100 Woman Who Care Fairfield County Chapter and 323 Main! The benefits are plentiful. An Excellent way to be part of the caring in your own back yard, plus networking opportunities with women who know how to do good for others.





#### The Future Is Theirs Our Staples Interns Good luck lessie and Emily!

Jessie Nelson



lessie Nelson is off to The University of Kentucky this Fall. We're going to miss her infectious smile. Jessie worked directly with our folks at the CCO and also spent time at the office getting us organized from our downsizing. Of course she jumped in with the Taste of Westport clean up. We all had a bit of weepy eyes at her bye bye lunch.

#### **Emily Flood**



CLASP also sends it's congrats out to President Tracy's Daughter, Emily, who interned at Bedford Middle and is off to Assumption in MA!

#### CALENDAR OF **EVENTS:**

#### **Bike for CLASP:**

Monday, August 29, 4:30 Call or email to reserve: 203-917-9533 thebikelady@westportbikerentals.com

**Bridgeport Bluefish:** Wednesday, August 31, 7pm

**Band Together Concert:** Friday, November 4, 7pm

Tickets: www.fairfieldtheatre.org

**Barnes & Noble:** December 21, 22, 23

