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RESIDENT PROFILE

Stella Barone Finds Beauty All Around

When Georgine Trosuk and Lynda Barone were growing up in West Haven, their mother, Stella Georgini Barone, made sure the door to their home was always open to the neighborhood children. It was a home, the sisters remember, full of life, warmth and beauty, and where Stella's creativity initially flowered.

Growing up in the house built by her father Frank — who lived with Stella and her husband Robert Barone after they married — Stella inherited his love of and talent for gardening. "Our grandfather was always in the yard. The garden was a complete, all-season endeavor," Lynda says, with pear and apple trees, chickens, vegetables of all kinds, and flowers of every variety.

The sisters also remember their mother's cooking, from elaborate holiday dinners, to freshly-made pasta hanging all over the kitchen, to luscious baked goods. Family lore says that although Robert became interested in Stella when he was doing maintenance at the beauty shop where she was employed, it was when she baked cream puffs for him that everyone knew a serious romance might be in the works.

Stella was also a talented seamstress who crocheted, quilted, and made most of her daughters' clothing. Both women have fond memories of going with their mother to choose the fabrics and patterns for their Easter outfits. But another family memory is not so happy.



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"My mother's was the first Italian family in West Haven", Georgine says. "None of the neighbor children were allowed to play with her." A petition even circulated to force them to leave the neighborhood. They stayed – but, to give Stella something to do, Stella's mother, Marianne, sent her to a local convent in the summers to learn sewing and handiwork.

Those skills became pastimes. "When her day was done," Lynda says, "our mom sat down with her rug hooking." She was also a talented decorator who use her home as her palette. As time went on and her children grew up, Stella went to work in retail and also began taking classes in a variety of arts, including quilting, oil painting, and tole painting (painting on metal). She had a particular fondness for the aesthetics of the Victorian era, and often painted in that style. Stella's quilts and paintings have been shown at local venues, including fairs, festivals, and the West Haven Library.



Now, at age 100, Stella still loves being outside as much as possible. With her daughters' help, she continues to create art as much as her limited vision will allow. And she is still looking out for her daughters. "She will still do anything for everyone," Georgine says. Lynda adds: "She won't eat her lunch unless she is sure we have had enough to eat."

Fair Haven Community Parade - May 24, 2019

May 25th marked the 11th anniversary of this annual community event hosted by Mary Wade. In 2008, Mary Wade created the opportunity of bringing together multi-generations in an old fashioned celebration just before the Memorial Day holiday.

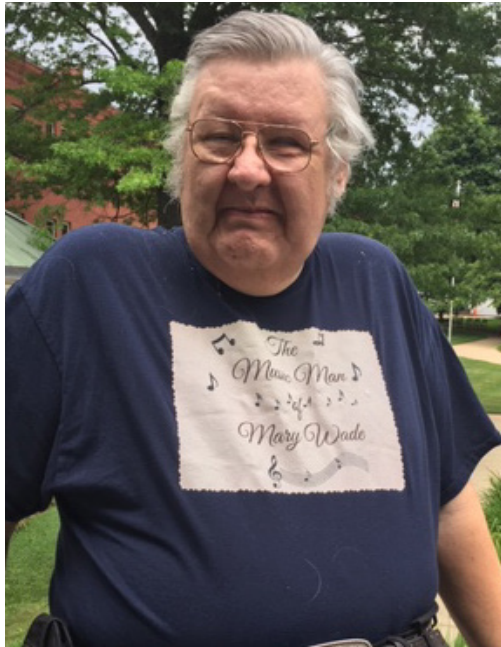
This year 800+ school children participated in the mile-long parade down Clinton Avenue to Grand Avenue and up Atwater Street, culminating in a community picnic in the Mary Wade Gardens. We salute our participants and celebrate our Fair Haven Community!

"This parade is about the people. The Mary Wade residents are outside waving their flags, the kids are marching past them. It's just great. I don't know anything else like it."
~ Sarah Miller



RESIDENT PROFILE

George Creamer Shares His Music



If you happen to drop by Mary Wade Home on a summer afternoon — Monday, Wednesday, or Friday — you will likely hear music wafting from the garden, where resident George Creamer spins tunes for residents, staff, and visitors to enjoy. Using CDs from his own collection, George takes on the role of disc jockey, calling the tunes and sometimes even getting people up and dancing.

But “the Music Man of Mary Wade” (as the staff has dubbed him) has more than an impressive selection of CDs and the patter of a disc jockey to his credit. Music is central to George’s life. As a boy in Waldoboro, Maine (he was born in nearby Damariscotta), George received his first drum set from his parents. “I kept asking,” he says, “and, when I was 14, there was a set of drums for me under our Christmas tree.” George also plays bass guitar and six-string guitar, sometimes joining in when entertainer John Paolillo performs at Mary Wade.

For his own listening pleasure, George is particularly fond of traditional style country music, southern gospel, and music of the 1950s and 60s. He has seen many of the greats in concert: Johnny Cash, Chubby Checker, John Fogarty, Herman’s Hermits, Liberace, Riders in the Sky, and more. Word has it that George himself does a wicked Elvis Presley impersonation.

For much of his life, George has also been an avid square dancer, an activity he took up as a young boy. After his family moved to Connecticut when George was 16, he continued square dancing. And, for George, square dancing provided a special bonus: at a square dancing club in Wallingford, George met his wife Betty Ann, with whom he had one son. Married for over 23 years, they danced together until Betty Ann became ill; she passed away in 2012.

George held several jobs during his working life, including in manufacturing and as a security guard. Throughout most of his working years, George was also a volunteer firefighter in Maine and in North Haven and Wallingford, Connecticut — an activity he saw as his civic responsibility. “I did like the excitement,” he says, “but not so much the danger.” George also likes the excitement of NASCAR racing; he is a big fan, and would like to get to Daytona someday to see the first NASCAR race of the season.

George came to Mary Wade shortly after the death of his wife. It was a sad time but George loves his new life at Mary Wade. “This is a beautiful place,” he says. And, of course, George makes it more beautiful by sharing his musical gifts.



*I want to thank you
and all involved with
this year's concert.
Mom (age 99) and I
thoroughly enjoyed
ourselves. She won
the flower arrange-
ment raffle. She even
danced with me.
These times are very
precious.
~ Lynda Barone*

Therapeutic Recreation Department



Pictured L to R: Jessica Prisco, Laura Fargeorge, Amanda Dearborn, Tiffany Burnham.

Mary Wade's therapeutic treatment program utilizes recreation and other activity-based interventions designed to restore, improve or maintain a person's functioning and quality of life.

Our Therapeutic Recreation Team at Mary Wade is small in number but overwhelmingly effective in engaging our residents. The Department is led by Certified Recreational Therapist Tiffany Burnham and supported by Jessica Prisco, Laura Fargeorge, Bobbi Taylor, Merrill Cotrina and Moormal Rajput. Recreational

Therapist Amanda Dearborn is responsible for the activities and programming offered to the clients in the Adult Day Center.

You won't find this Team resting on their laurels! Throughout the day, they are engaging with our residents, doing yoga, playing poker, bowling, singing, dancing, baking, and so much more. In addition, our hardworking Team utilizes the resources of the community to bring in visiting musicians, singing groups, pet therapists, gardeners, and others to expand the activity opportunities.

I'd like to thank the amazing staff here for everything they did for my grandmother and family. You brought all of us, so much peace. Your compassion will never ever be forgotten. We could never thank you enough.
~ Anna Miranda

Alone, Isolated and Short of Breath

Joyce was totally dependent upon her oxygen tank and was so short of breath she could not leave her apartment due to the stairs. Something had to be done.

Joyce arrived at Mary Wade for short-term rehabilitation therapy and met with our assessment team to chart out a course of action. For three weeks, she worked with our pulmonary and physical therapists and is now off of her oxygen therapy.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful care you have given my sister, during her three stays at Mary Wade. Your medical expertise was, of course, invaluable, but just as important, you gave her the correct balance of caution and confidence to go forward. Thanks to all the Mary Wade staff for all you do." Fondly, Judy Iversen



Can You Hear Me Now?

Hearing loss impacts nearly half of those over the age of 75. It is a major cause of isolation and depression for those whose hearing is profoundly or even slightly impaired. But all that has changed for our residents. Now, they can attend church services or storytelling, even a card game and not miss a beat! Individual headphones provided by EverSound has transformed the lives of many of our residents. Your contributions to the Resident Enrichment Fund helps to provide these essential tools which contribute to our resident's quality of life.



Gala Italia - 14TH Annual Wine Dinner Fundraiser

It was a gala event when the ponies ran and the wine flowed at Mary Wade's 14TH Annual Wine Dinner, our major fundraising event of the year. May 4TH was the Kentucky Derby and our guests were dressed for the occasion. But the evening was all about the spectacular wines from Allegrini Estates, introduced by Marilisa Allegrini with comments from guest speaker Sara Matthews. Wine Spectator's Executive Editor Thomas Matthews was again our distinguished host.



Sara Matthews and Marilisa Allegrini, *Guest Speakers*



Thomas Matthews, *Wine Spectator, Host*

The ballroom at the Omni Hotel at Yale was filled with friends, families and colleagues who helped to raise \$125,555 to establish an Arts Therapy Program at Mary Wade. Creative expression through music, painting, dance, performance and other art forms have proven to improve quality of life for older adults, reduce anxiety and pain, and exercise cognitive and motor skills.



You Make Our Garden Grow

If you have visited Mary Wade in the past few months, you know that our gardens are very special. Designed by renowned New Haven landscape architect E. Robert Gregon, the gardens bring joy and respite to our residents and guests. With the help of volunteers from the New Haven Garden Club, our residents and Adult Day Center clients have taken over the planting frames on our patio with their green thumbs. It now abounds with basil, parsley, nasturtium, and more. You can help support the work of our resident gardeners with a gift to the Mary Wade Resident Enrichment Fund.



I am happy to be able to continue making a donation to Mary Wade. I think back to when my uncle was cared for in the early 2000's. He lived there with respect and dignity for many years. Thank you.
~ Sandra Piontek



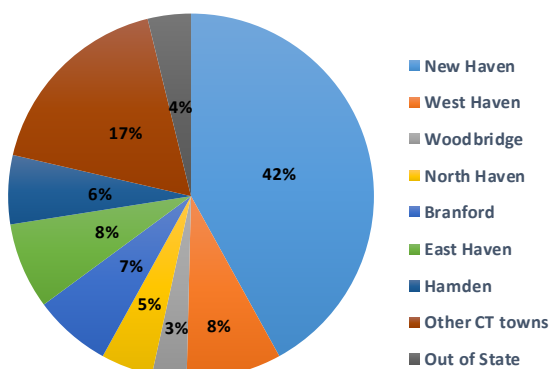
From the Heart...and Hand

Never underestimate the power of a knitted afghan! It keeps you warm. It is soft. Its colors cheer you. This past year, our residents received new, colorful handmade knitted and crocheted afghans from the members of the North Haven Senior Center. Thank you to Judy Amarone, Manager of the Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center, and the members of the Senior Center for their generosity!

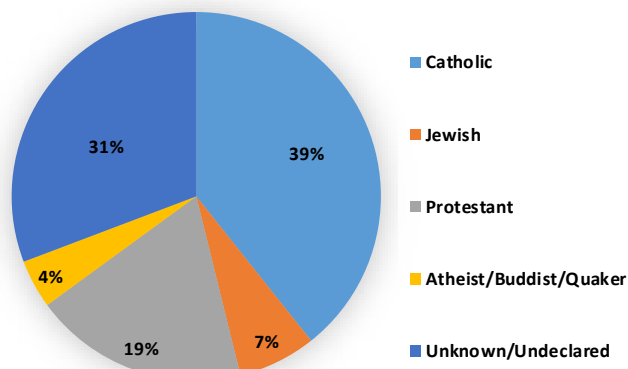
Did You Know?

Mary Wade is a vibrant and diverse community of residents from all walks of life. Here are just a couple of facts about our residents.

Our residents hail from....



Our residents religion/creed....



What is YOUR Legacy?

The 1866 Legacy Society recognizes and thanks our friends and families who have made a bequest or planned gift to Mary Wade. Legacy is particularly meaningful at Mary Wade. Since our founding in 1866, our mission remains steadfast: to provide the highest quality medical care, social programs and residential services to those in need.

Your bequest in a Will or other planned gift helps to build a solid foundation for Mary Wade to advance its mission to serve the needs of tomorrow's generations. For more information about planned giving and Mary Wade's 1866 Legacy Society, contact Lisa Hottin, Director of Development at Lhottin@marywade.org or 203-672-7812.

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**MORE
POSSIBLE
TOMORROW**

*My parents were
well cared for at
Mary Wade, giving
me peace of mind.
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in my will was a
no-brainer for me. I
was pleased to do it.
Lucie & Larry Iannotti*

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marywade.org/IRARollover

Hunter's Highlights

Dear friends and families,

You have demonstrated your overwhelming support of Mary Wade throughout the years. But no more so than now, as we get ready to break ground on our new Assisted Living/Memory Care building. Your feedback and your encouragement has helped to guide our planning as we embark on this new chapter for Mary Wade.



I am pleased to report that the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) has approved funding totaling \$47 million. The issue of both tax-free and taxable bond funding supports in part our new capital construction.

The new building offers 84 apartments, including studio and one-bedroom. Twenty of those apartments will be devoted for memory care residents. This new initiative expands our services to offer assisted living amenities to middle income older adults. We are excited about the future and look forward to serving a growing older adult population in our community.

Thank you for your confidence and support of our mission to provide the highest quality medical and social programs to older adults.

David V. Hunter
President & CEO, Mary Wade

***P.S. I hope to see you at the official groundbreaking ceremony on
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH!***

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a tradition of quality healthcare*

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