

## **Letter: Thanks to Everyone Who Made the Darien EMS-Post 53 Memorial Day Food Fair a Success**

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To the editor:

On behalf of all the young adults and adult advisors of Darien EMS – Post 53, we would like to thank everyone who attended our 30th Memorial Day Food Fair at Tilley Pond Park, supporting us and the work we do in the community.

Your participation helped make this annual Darien community celebration a great success! Each year we enjoy hosting the Food Fair which brings together the community in fun, while honoring our service men and women on Memorial Day.

Thank you to the Town of Darien for the use of Tilley Pond Park, and to the Darien Police Department and Darien Parks and Recreation for their help.

Thank you to the parents of the young adults of Post 53 who are a huge help before and during the Fair.

We also thank the many Darien businesses who donated food and other services for our event, most especially Palmer's Market, Fisherman's Net, The Goose, Michael Joseph's, The Boatyard at Smokey Joe's BBQ, Espresso Neat, Finocchio Bros. Inc., Mermaid Pool Water, and Ring's End.

Thanks also to the many local Darien businesses and individuals who generously donated silent auction items including: JoyRide, BMW of Darien, Fresh Green Light, Carnegie Pollack, Paws and Reflect, Ten Twenty Post, Designs by Zoe, Bodega, Jimmy's Southside Tavern, Vineyard Vines, Inner Light, Infinity Fitness,

HanMade, Helen Ainson, Runner's Roost, Lanphier Day Spa, Lymbr, Sugar Bowl, Finocchio Brothers. Inc., The Authentic Athlete, Darien Sport Shop, Christine Hamilton-Hall, browne and co., Cesco's Trattoria, Gut Reaction, Papa Joe's, Aux Delices, Chocolate Works, Andrew Stefano Salon and Spa, Barrett Bookstore, Fredric and Company, Dynamic Athletics, Koko Fit Club, Darien Arts Center, Good Goods, Kirby and Company, The Hairy Barker, Hands on Pottery, Kings Highway Tennis Club, Splash Car Wash, Everything is Rosey, Williams & Company, Vibe Fitness, Blueline Sports Inc., The Pi Group, and The Ritz Carlton.

We would also like to thank the Darien Community Band for their first appearance at our Memorial Day Food Fair.

We also want to thank our adults and young adults who donate their time to various committees, pre-ticket sales, park set up, clean up and work the day of the fair in addition to their volunteer hours on the ambulance to make this community event happen.

We are so blessed and thankful to be a part of this community. Thank you again for coming out and supporting us. We look forward to continuing to serve our community in the year to come and hope to see you at our 31st Memorial Day Food Fair next year!

Grace Silsby, VP of Programming

Dawn Edgar, Adult Advisor and Food Fair Chair