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### Tickets Now on Sale for Darien Old Timers Athletic Association Annual Sports Dinner, Nov 8

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Darien Old Timers Athletic Association (DOTAA), a local organization founded in 1961 to recognize outstanding athletes in the Darien community, will celebrate its 60th anniversary with its annual dinner on Monday, Nov. 8 at The Water's Edge at Giovanni's.

— an announcement from the Darien Old Timers Athletic Association

The annual dinner will be a time to celebrate past athletic achievements of former Darien athletes and the funds raised will go to providing annual scholarships for Darien High School seniors (not just athletes) and supporting Darien Social Services.

This year's honorees include:

- **Jeff Bak**, DHS '84 (football) and played for Clemson University
- **Wes Barton**, DHS '92, receiving *James Carlson Award* for courage and achievement in the face of adversity, (lacrosse and football)
- Tracey Stewart Bird, DHS '80 (diving), dove for Stanford and currently coaches at Harvard
- Michael Koenig, DHS '80 (football)
- Tom O'Malley, DHS '84 (posthumous) (football)
- Jayme Stevenson, receiving the Community Civic Award, Darien first selectman
- Mark von Kreuter, DHS '80 (posthumous) (football)

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"We are proud to be celebrating the contributions of Darien athletic achievements for the past sixty years. This year's honorees are an impressive selection of men and women who have impacted the Darien community and beyond with their athletic and civic accomplishments," said Bill Peters, president, Darien Old Timers Athletic Association.

"We are proud to carry on the tradition of providing scholarship funds for well deserving Darien High School students and assistance to Darien Social Services."

#### If You're Going ...

The dinner will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Water's Edge at Giovanni's in Darien on Monday, Nov. 8. Tickets are \$75 each or a table for ten for \$750 and may be purchased <a href="here">here</a>.

To purchase ads in the program that contribute to the scholarships please contact Jim Jespersen at <a href="mailto:idiespersen7@gmail.com">idiespersen7@gmail.com</a>.

#### **About the Darien Old Timers Athletic Association**

The Darien Old Timers Athletic Association (DOTAA) was founded by members of the Piedmont Club in 1961. DOTAA's primary missions were to recognize outstanding athletic achievement, primarily within the Darien community, and to support athletics within the community.

Over the years that mission has changed and evolved; in addition to recognizing the past accomplishments of

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athletes from Darien, the DOTAA now awards several financial scholarships to graduating Darien High School (DHS) seniors each year, and not just athletes.

The DOTAA also supports those in need in Darien through financial donations to Darien Social Services.

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