

Letter to the Editor: Chamber of Commerce is grateful for support

To the Editor:

Last Thursday, the Darien Chamber sponsored the 11th Annual Wine & Food Tasting and Auction benefiting three non-profits – the Darien Arts Center, Depot Youth Center, and Darien Chamber Charitable Foundation. It truly was a special night and we have many to thank!

Our host— BMW of Darien and all the employees were so very gracious to allow us to use their showroom for our event and a pleasure to work with. Our major event sponsors- Vintner Sponsor: Baywater Properties and Collector Sponsors: Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Paul Ciasullo & Family, Custompressions, Darien Board of Realtors, First County Bank, People's United Bank, Siegal, Reilly & Conlon and Webster Bank. Their commitment to this event made it possible. Neil Hauck Architects sponsored our fabulous jazz music provided by the Nick Trautmann Trio.

Thanks go to our food providers—Amanda Smith Caterers, Atria of Darien, Fjord Fish Market, Meatball & Company, Olivette, Palmer's Fine Foods & Catering, The Goose American Bistro and Whole Foods Market for making this night a memorable culinary delight. Tim Smith and the WinePort of Darien assembled an impressive group of over 50 wines for our guests to taste.

Kate Balanoff , Houlihan Lawrence was our "Water Sponsor" and the Glassmeyer Family sponsored our Program and Auction List for our attendees to shop the auction! Tom Geary, Geary Gallery again was our "Auctioneer" and helped us promote over 70 auction items donated by all sorts of individuals from our business community!

Thank you also to the Darien Times-our Media Sponsor—you helped us get the word out to your Darien readers! Finally, thanks to the many volunteers from the Darien Arts Center, the Depot and our own Darien Chamber of Commerce—without you all it would not have been able to happen. Darien is a special community of dedicated people. Thank you to all participants whether you sponsored, donated, attended or volunteered. When we collaborate, we succeed!

Susan Cator

Executive Director