

## SPECIAL CHARTER DAY ISSUE

Dear Stanwich Parents,

**T**hank you for a most wonderful Charter Day. Each of you have contributed to making our 13 years a success, and that spirit was ever present on Friday. I watched with pride as you welcomed Paul Geise with open hearts and minds. He and his wife were in awe of what we have created and so very eager to be a living part of what we do.

Our Charter Day All School Assembly highlighted the essence of our 13<sup>th</sup> Year. Your children, appropriately decorated in Stanwich traditions, celebrated with song and verse. Speakers from P.S. 33 in the Bronx and from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital thanked our students for their generous gifts and support as we honored our custom of giving back to others. In addition, the students also were celebrated for their Stanwich Hearts as St. Jude's announced that our school was among the top 3 fundraisers out of over 10,000 schools in the country. "Making God's world a better place" is a priority!



Pat Young and Paul Geise, Head Elect, at the Charter Day Assembly.

The students also welcomed back Regine Azor, a Grade 9 Stanwich graduate, who told of the many ways her Stanwich education has shaped her dreams for her future. She will begin her freshman year in college in September with a vision to become a pediatrician with a focus on helping children in third world countries. Her heart and her eyes had

been opened during the Grade 9 class trip to Costa Rica.

Greg Drennen also spoke to the children with many birthday wishes and praise for all that Stanwich has accomplished. He shared a family tradition of adding a candle to grow on, which for us, our candle to grow on this year is our Head Elect, Mr. Paul Geise.

Celebrations continued throughout the day with a happy faculty chili party in the afternoon, followed by a lovely parent celebration in the evening. Candles were sold to light the cake of our "Giving Tree." Thank you for all your support and for sharing dreams fulfilled, and dreams of the future.

So we begin year 14 with faith, hope and commitment to our mission for generations of children.

Fondly,

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# Charter Day Assembly

Each year, Charter Day festivities begin with an all-school assembly featuring donations to deserving organizations and gifts of song.

## Thank You Gifts

Cliff Bond, a Physical Education teacher from P.S. 33 in the Bronx, thanked the school for donating \$1,783-worth of equipment to his school. Stanwich students raised the funds by seeking donations from parents and the PE staff for the number of miles they ran.



## Welcome to Stanwich

Paul Geise, Head Elect, greeted the students and faculty.



## Smooth Transitions

Greg Drennen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, introduced Paul Geise.



## Many Thanks

Tim Bayly, representing St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, thanked Laurel Peterson, and the Stanwich students, for participating in the Math-a-Thon.



## Gifts of Song

Students from the Primary, Intermediate, and Junior Houses each gave gifts of song at the assembly.



# Charter Day @ Pre-K

The Pre-K students celebrate Charter Day by coming to school in their pajamas.



## Giving Thanks

Grade 9 student Jeffrey Meeker gave the closing prayer at assembly.



## 13 Years Old

Pat Young blew out the candles on the school's birthday cake.

## Today's Leader

Pat Young re-connected with Stanwich alumnus Regine Azor.



# Charter Day • Birthday Hats

Students in the Primary House have the special privilege of creating their own birthday hats for Charter Day.



# Charter Day • Cupcakes & Small Groups

Following assembly, students broke into groups and enjoyed cupcakes and special games.



# Parent Association

## Dear Stanwich Community,



It was great to see so many people at our annual Charter Day Blue and White Celebration. It is always fun to take some time out of our busy schedules and connect socially for a very special event, our 13<sup>th</sup> birthday party. It was also fun to get together with the Stanwich faculty, a key part of our Stanwich community, and welcome Head

Elect, Paul Geise. Please check our website for more pictures of the activities our children were involved with throughout the day along with our evening party. A big thank you to the Touzot's for the donation of wines and to Sherry Arjomand and committee for the successful organizing of the entire day.

Over the next two months, the Nominating Committee will be preparing a list of names for the 2011/2012 PA Board. I can tell you from my own personal experience, working with the PA team has been a wonderful addition to my many years

at Stanwich. I have learned more about the school, felt more connected to the Stanwich community and have made many long lasting friendships. As many of you know, I work full time, but have flexibility and have been able to take on many different roles that fit my work schedule. So, if you want to make new friends and get more involved in Stanwich, please let me know as we have a variety of roles available to fit any schedule. Plus we have a lot of fun too!

The PA is working on lots of activities for the remainder of the year. Save the date for the Lucky 13 – Race to the Dream Celebration on Friday, April 29th. We welcome volunteers, and please contact our Chair, Ingrid Winn, if you can join her various committees.

Thank you, and Happy Valentines Day.

—Wynn McDaniel, Parent Association President

## Announcements from the PA

**OUR CHARTER DAY BLUE AND WHITE CELEBRATION** was a great success and the Parent Association wants to give a big thanks to all of the parents and faculty who “weathered the elements” and made it to our party.

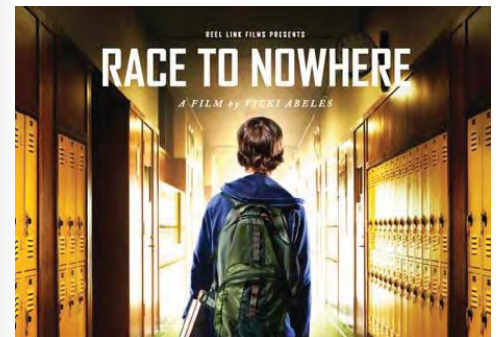
We can hardly believe it has been 13 years, it has gone by quickly but they have been a rewarding and wonderful 13 years for the entire Stanwich Community. The Giving Tree was also very successful and for those of you who could not attend, you can still “buy” birthday wishes for school needs. Thank you to all of the parents who helped pull this off — it was a true team effort!

We also want to thank Veronica and Etienne Touzot for the donation of the wines for the wine tasting, Jeanne and Bob Golden for their donation of the beer, and Gail Goldman the creation of the Giving Tree cake.

Please note that the Touzots donate 25 percent of all wine sale proceeds to Stanwich and that offer is in place, for the wines showcased at the tasting, until February 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, 100 percent of Le Triskelion will be donated to Stanwich, so don't forget to buy yours!



## RACE TO NOWHERE Monday, February 28 6:30pm Stanwich Main Campus



- 📌 This documentary is directed and written by a mother who is concerned about the pressures placed on children to be the best at everything so they can get into the top colleges. It includes interviews with students, teachers, and therapists across the country.
- 📌 The film was shown recently at Greenwich Library to a sold-out audience.
- 📌 Details to be sent to parents shortly and this will be open to the greater Greenwich community.
- 📌 There will be a panel discussion after the viewing.

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP ... BE PART OF THE DREAM**

**RACE TO THE DREAM  
13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STANWICH BENEFIT  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011**

We are on our way to building the dream. Already, we have a school with a curriculum, a philosophy and steadfast values that have surpassed other schools, and now we can do the same with our facilities. Here are some suggestions of how your family can contribute to the future of Stanwich School.

**UNDERWRITING:** Entertainment, Decorations, Printing, T-shirts to be sold at event  
Contact: [peghome@optonline.net](mailto:peghome@optonline.net)

**DONATE AUCTION ITEMS:** (Live and silent auction)  
Vacation rentals, Boat trips, Tickets to sports events/TV shows/ Theater, Beauty treatments, Cooking classes, Sports training, Sporting items, Golf lessons, Restaurant vouchers, Airplane tickets, Signed memorabilia, Landscape design and maintenance.  
Contact: [cttwin@aol.com](mailto:cttwin@aol.com)

Proceeds from the event will go towards building the Dream. We hope to have 100% participation from all families to make it a huge success. Save the date now.

*"A Race to the Dream"*

**STANWICH  
DOWNS**

# Stanwich Welcomes Paul Geise, Head Elect

The entire Stanwich community welcomes Paul Geise as we begin the next chapters in the Stanwich story.



Paul Geise talks with Junior House students about their athletic teams. For the first time, JH students wore their team jerseys to the Charter Day Assembly.



Primary House students, donning their homemade birthday hats, ushered Pat Young and Paul Geise to their group activity, where they enjoyed playing games, designing birthday cards and eating cupcakes.

Stanwich's  
Intermediate  
House  
Presents

Roald Dahl's

Willy  
Wonka  
JUNIOR

Friday

February 11

2:00 & 4:30pm

Stanwich East

All are Welcome!

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