

THE DISH: Richard Gere, Carey Lowell host children's charity event

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From left, neurosurgeon Ezriel Kornel, Carol Bagen, a member of "The Spirit of Green Chimneys" event committee, actor Richard Gere and artist Katherine Pettiti Kornel, a member of the event committee who offered 50 percent of the proceeds of her paintings displayed at the restaurant to Green Chimneys. Photo: Contributed Photo / Greenwich Time Contributed

Scene ... Actors and Pound Ridge, N.Y., residents Richard Gere and Carey Lowell hosted "The Spirit of Green Chimneys" donor event Jan. 24 at their restaurant, The Bedford Post on Route 121 in Bedford, N.Y. Founded in 1947, Green Chimneys, which is located in Brewster, N.Y., helps children with emotional, behavioral, social and learning challenges and is world renowned for its animal-assisted and nature-based therapeutic programs. The sold-out event featured delicious hors d'oeuvres and an array of homemade desserts by the restaurant's Chef Brian Lewis, and a performance by Oscar-winning composer and pianist Alan Menken ("The Little Mermaid," "Pocahontas," "Beauty and the Beast," "Little Shop of Horrors," etc.) and his daughter, singer/songwriter Anna Rose. Present at the event was noted artist Katherine Pettiti-Kornel, who donated half of the proceeds from her showcased paintings to Green Chimneys, and her husband, neurosurgeon Ezriel Kornel, of Bedford Hills, N.Y.; Dr. Flora Tabaddor, of Beth Abraham Family Health Services; Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife Mary of Bedford,

N.Y.; Green Chimneys founder Dr. Samuel B. Ross Jr. and his wife Myra; Green Chimneys Executive Director Joe Whalen and wildlife expert Paul Kupchok; Katonah, N.Y., resident Martha Stewart; Russell Hernandez, co-owner The Bedford Post; and Greenwich resident Pasquale Spezzano. For more information on Green Chimneys, go to www.greenchimneys.org or call Jane Barr at 845-279-2995, ext. 116.

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Scene ... New York Yankees pitcher and Greenwich resident Mark Teixeira was seen Jan. 22 having dinner with two male friends at Box Car Cantina in Greenwich.

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Scene ... Riverside resident Gary Dell'Abate, AKA "Baba Booeey," producer of the "The Howard Stern Show" on Sirius XM satellite radio, was seen last Saturday grocery shopping at A&P Fresh in the Riverside Shopping Center.

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Out there ... Chocolate, Dessert Wine Lover's "Tasting" Evening to benefit the Shelter for the Homeless Stamford is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 11 at The Hilton Stamford Hotel. A ribbon-cutting to commemorate Shelter for the Homeless Day is also scheduled for 5:45 p.m. at the Hilton with political figures including Stamford Mayor Mike Pavia; Lt. Gov. Mike Fedele; Shelter Executive Director Rafael Pagan Jr.; and Fritz Knipschildt of Chocopologie Cafe By Knipschildt Chocolatier. Vendors participating in the event include Napa & Co.; 2 Chicks With Chocolate; Chappaqua Toffee Co.; Kona Grill; Bad Louies Fudge; DiMare Pastry; L'Escale; The Melting Pot; and My Favorite Place. Radio station 95.9 THE FOX will broadcast live from the event, which will feature performances by the Stamford High School Jazz Band, Westhill High School Quintet and the Jamie Petrone Music Arts Theatre. For tickets, go to www.shelterforhomeless.org or call 203-406-0017.

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Scene ... Gubernatorial hopeful and Greenwich resident Ned Lamont was seen last week having dinner at Napa & Co. on Broad Street in Stamford. Also, Senate hopeful and Greenwich resident Linda McMahon was seen having lunch with friends, while Stamford native Sen. Joe Lieberman was having lunch with his wife Hadassah and another couple.

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Scene ... Pound Ridge, N.Y., resident and NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw was spotted at Xerox World Headquarters in Norwalk last week. Brokaw was there interviewing Anne Mulcahy, chairman and former chief executive, and Ursula Burns, current chief executive, for an upcoming program on the baby boomer generation.

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Out there ... Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk is scheduled to host its fifth annual Step Out Wine & Beer Tasting Event from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday. The evening includes wine and beer tastings from Harbor View Wines & Spirits, Anheuser-Busch InBev, and restaurants including Abbondanza Specialty Food/BONDA Restaurant, Beach Cafe, Bobby Q's Barbeque & Grill, The SoNo Baking Company & Cafe, Tuscan Oven and Whole Foods Market. Proceeds from the event will support museum exhibits, as well as educational and outreach initiatives. For tickets, call 203-899-0606, ext. 245, or go to steppingstonesmuseum.org/stepout.

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Scene ... Greenwich resident and 77 WABC Radio personality Mark Simone was seen Jan. 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) having lunch with a colleague at Glory Days Diner in Greenwich. Simone, a member of the Friars Club, also hosts a weekly show on cable's "NY1" and several music specials on PBS television.

And that's all for now.

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