

# Community News For The Valley Edition

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## **S**imsbury Woman's Club Scholarships

**STATEWIDE** — *The Simsbury Woman's Club offers a \$2,000 scholarship to a Connecticut woman who has completed at least 60 credits of undergraduate work with a 3.0 or higher GPA and is currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning. In addition, we are offering a \$750 Nancy Bird Scholarship, and The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut offers \$2,000 and \$1,000 Memorial scholarships. Only one application is needed for review. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of future promise, financial need and scholastic ability. Deadline for receipt of fully completed applications with all supporting materials is February 10, 2017. Applications may be obtained at [www.SimsburyWomansClub.org](http://www.SimsburyWomansClub.org) For details email [SWCScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:SWCScholarship@gmail.com)*

## **Lights On Canton**

**CANTON** — *Lights On Canton, the committee raising funds for permanent lights for the CMS/CHS track & field athletic complex, has announced new sponsorship opportunities for local businesses and organizations. Lights On Canton is offering new field signage for increased exposure at the track & field as well as bold new stadium spirit flags for the top of the home bleachers.*

*The field signage offers sponsors space to showcase their business logo and company messaging in a 4X6 or 3X5 format. We look forward to working with local businesses and organizations to promote their Canton Warriors spirit and raise funds for lights to illuminate the next generation of Canton athletes. If interested, contact Christy at [dcmitchello6@comcast.net](mailto:dcmitchello6@comcast.net)*

## **Buy-A-Brick Fundraiser**

**CANTON** — *Lights On Canton, the committee raising funds for permanent lights for the CMS/CHS track & field athletic complex, has announced the opening of its "Leave A Legacy" patio brick fundraiser. This large, gorgeous new patio will be placed at the heart of the athletic complex and will feature a dramatic "BIG C" design in Warriors colors.*

*Fully customizable bricks make an amazing way to recognize family members, an organization name or an individual achievement. A brick also can serve as a lasting memorial to a loved one or a cherished veteran. A variety of clipart can be added to the brick to reflect a commitment to sports, the arts, our nation or Canton Warriors. Bricks also make outstanding gifts to recognize a parent, teacher or coach.*

**Western Front starring Richard Thomas; the 1932 classic Farewell to Arms starring Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes and Stanley Kubrick's 1957 movie Path of Glory.**

**Finally, a large collection of books about WWI will be available on the shelves in the exhibit area. Patrons are welcome to browse the exhibit, watch a movie, loan a book and explore the Great War of 100 years ago. As time goes on, more and more information becomes available about how and why this War began before the US entered it. Visiting the exhibit and attending the book talk is a great first step in exploring this event. For information on the national World War I observance visit [www.ww1cc.org](http://www.ww1cc.org)**

### **Giving Tuesday**

**AVON — The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation raised over \$6,000 on Giving Tuesday in November. The global day of giving harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Giving Tuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events **Black Friday** and **Cyber Monday** to help kick-off the holiday giving season. The CdLS Foundation has participated in Giving Tuesday since its inception in 2011. This year, the Foundation partnered with Giving Tower on CrowdRise for its Holiday Charity Challenge. This challenge allowed individuals to create fundraising pages on behalf of the Foundation.**

**"We were so excited to be a part of the Giving Tower program because it gave our families the opportunity to showcase their philanthropic intentions and ask their friends and family to support the Foundation. This platform helps us maximize our fundraising outreach and create awareness for CdLS and the Foundation," said Development Manager Kristi Larson.**

**An estimated 20,000 people in the U.S. have Cornelia de Lange Syndrome but remain undiagnosed and without support services. Individuals with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, though most have similar physical characteristics including small size, hands and feet; thin eyebrows that meet in the middle; long eyelashes; upturned nose; and thin, downturned lips. Some individuals have limb differences, including missing fingers or arms. Common medical problems include GERD, bowel obstruction, and congenital heart defects.**

### **Book Talk**

**CANTON — "Master Your Inner Critic," a book talk with Chris Salem, will be held at Canton Public Library, 40 Dyer Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. Registration is requested by calling 860-693-5800, emailing [bvanness@libraryconnection.info](mailto:bvanness@libraryconnection.info), or at [www.cantonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.cantonpubliclibrary.org)**