



A group of Rotarians saw the play *Fences* last Friday night. What an excellent play with terrific acting. Worthwhile if you haven't seen it.

As we reviewed our BARNBILL we came across the Rotary Club of Ridgefield's ad. Everyone attending the Theater Barn this year will see it ... a beneficial investment communicating what we do for the community. Last Wednesday our ad and sponsorship stood out in The Women's Center Program booklet. Leveraging our relationships with other worthy organizations is an excellent way to increase our reach.

With Rotary, Good Things Happen!

ROTARY SHARES

- Raised \$1 Billion worldwide to eradicate polio
- Provided over \$1 Million in grants in Ridgefield
- Awarded over \$200,000 in local scholarships
- Each year we collect over \$100,000 in food and donations for the food pantry
- Our Gift of Life program saved the lives of 12 children by supplying sanitation and clean water to schools in Africa - started by Ridgefield grads.
- We were a charter sponsor of the Little League

What We Do Matters!

Rotarians support worthy Ridgefield organizations by sponsoring events like the Taste of Ridgefield, the Ridgefield Gone Country BBQ Festival, and Fly the Colors.

Rotary OF RIDGEFIELD

Please be our guest for dinner any Wednesday and see how you can help to make a difference.

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ENDPOLIONOW

THE END POLIO NOW CONCERT
starring
TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS

The Ridgefield Playhouse - Ridgefield, Connecticut - Friday, April 13, 2018 at 8:00 PM

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Rotary to host 'End Polio Now' concert at Playhouse April 13

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The Ridgefield Rotary, in association with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will present an "End Polio Now" concert with Tommy James and the Shondells at the Ridgefield Playhouse, Friday, April 13, at 8 p.m.

The Rotary Foundation has been worldwide leader in fighting polio for more than 50 years. The proceeds of this concert will go to eliminate it.

To learn more about Ridgefield Rotary, go to ridgefieldrotary.org. For tickets, call the Playhouse box office at 203-438-5735.

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A Farewell to Polio

Only one disease has been wiped from planet earth. Now Rotary wants polio to join small pox on that list. Rotary's 40-member Ridgefield club organizes events such as Taste of Ridgefield and a spring barbecue festival, which raise dough for groups such as Ann's Place, the Boys & Girls Club, and the Women's Center. On April 13, the club has organized a benefit concert to augment the \$1 billion that national Rotary has raised to eradicate polio. It enticed famed 1960s rocker **Tommy James and his Shondells** to perform at the Ridgefield Playhouse. "Tommy James really attracts the right audience for this cause," says past Rotary president Bill Wyman. "We believe millennials are not big supporters of the fight against polio." James will do a pre-show book signing and a meet and greet. Tickets are \$100. The huge win for the fight against polio is that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has agreed to double match what the concert raises, which between tickets sales, merchandise, and an auction could be \$50,000—raising the total take to \$150,000. That's a lot of polio shots, a lot of saved lives. —GEOFFREY MORRIS

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This week, articles concerning **ENDPOLIONOW** appeared in both the Ridgefield Press and Ridgefield Magazine. The fact that both organizations gave the concert significant space just reinforces the strength of what we are doing. **Eliminating only the Second Disease in the history of the world.** Wait till you see the work that Barbara McMahon and Sue Manning have done in support of the concert!



On the Town

TASTE OF RIDGEFIELD

Ridgefield Rotary organized the Taste of Ridgefield on January 28 at Lounsbury House. The event invites restaurants to serve guests in two sessions, and funds raised benefit local organizations. Clockwise from top left: Sarah Bouissou (right) led the crew from Bernard's and Sarah's Wine Bar; the Village Tavern crew served up delights; Monica and Todd Brown from No. 109 Cheese also took part.



Leveraging Relationships to Make the Community Stronger!





Supporting Ridgefield's Food Pantry
Thank you for your donation!

ROTARY FOOD DRIVE!

After taking a month off, because the temperature never got above 9, we're back! The Team, led by Barbara and Geri, had an exceptional day! Although the first shift started with temperatures around 10 it did warm up to about 30. The day produced the 5th best month on record!

We collected \$757 in Gift Cards, \$675 in cash and \$10,100 in food.

A special thanks to Doug Hayden, Geri Blair and Barbara Lane for being there all day!

What We Do Does Matter!

As we discussed last week Kerry Anne Ducey's HamletHub has started a small business and non-profit focus. This week the small business featured our **Citizen of the Year** Sarah Bouissou and her husband Bernard of **Bernard's and Sarah's Wine Bar**. What a

great writeup of what they do for the community. The non profit organization was the **Theater Barn**. Pamme Jones, new Executive Director, is making a difference already. Their calendar is fuller than its ever been as they begin to serve a broader community. The caliber of plays are strengthening and the quality of acting is outstanding! Yes, we played a small role in helping them gain this publicity!



Enter The Ridgefield Theater Barn and Meet Executive Director, Pamme Jones

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A true hidden gem on Halpin Lane in Ridgefield, The Theater Barn is celebrating 53 years of bringing quality live theater to the residents of Ridgefield and surrounding towns. From humble beginnings as a small theater group in 1965, Ridgefield Theater Barn has grown with leaps and bounds and now offers a host of workshops for children and adults, Comedy Improv Series, One Acts, and more. Here, Pamme Jones, the Theater Barn's new Executive Director, talks about award-winning *Fences* (currently on stage), the Theater Barn's upcoming productions, the mission of the Theater Barn, and how you can be part of this community theater.

You are the Ridgefield Theater Barn's new Executive Director! What does your role entail?

My role as ED is well, everything! Of course, moving our mission and artistic vision forward is paramount, but everything else falls under my purview as well. I am working with the artistic committee right now to get our 2018-2019 season announced, getting The Barn ready to participate in Fairfield County Giving Day, working with a brilliant design team on our new website, continuing to work with the town on fixing our parking problems, working with the Chekhov Festival on their plans for this year...I could go on and on! Then, of course, there is the day to day oversight of running the theater- a full-time children's program and our current mainstage show, August Wilson's *Fences*, in performance, with another one right behind it, our Evening of One Acts 2018, that is in full rehearsal and pre-production mode. Our theater calendar is packed and so are my days- and nights!

WHY SMALL BUSINESSES MATTER IN RIDGEFIELD:



Why Small Businesses Matter

Shop small, do big things for your community

Let's make 2018 a big year for our Ridgefield small businesses and put a spotlight on the local merchants who donate their time, talent, goods, and services for the betterment of our community.

Three questions with Sarah Bouissou, owner of Bernard's and Sarah's Wine Bar.

Why did you start your business?

From the time that Bernard and I met (in the kitchen at Le Cirque) we talked about the restaurant that we were going to have one day - we had been looking for a while, but what we wanted was fairly specific. I used to say, "In a perfect world, we would find a restaurant with a house on the property in a lovely town so that we could be a part of the community" well, we found our perfect world!

Best selling product/service?

That's hard to say. Bernard is such a wonderful chef, there are too many to mention, but some that we are really known for: his house-smoked salmon, cured charcuterie and pastes and of course his sauces! We also have a catering business, so that keeps us nice and busy as well.

How many local businesses do you use to support your business (products and services) and can you name them?

We use quite a few local businesses to support ours. We do many wine tasting dinners with 109 Cheese and Wine, Ancona's & Cellar XV. We also feature different artists at Sarah's Wine Bar, so we work closely with The Ridgefield Guild of Artists. We are also sponsors of the Ridgefield Bicycle Club and the Running Club, hosting post ride/runs as a part of their Thirsty Thursday. We also work with HamletHub & Kristen Jensen to support Ann's Place with the annual Drink Pink for a cause, where together we have raised quite a bit of money and it's a fun event! Just last week Bernard was the guest chef at a wine tasting dinner at Southwest Cafe - so that was a fun and delicious for her customers to get to know Bernard and I and we brought some of ours there.

We have always felt that the best way to succeed (and most rewarding) is to really become part of your community, if you are there for them, they will be there for you!

Speaker/Trivia Responsibility & Events

Fri Feb 16	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Wed Feb 21	6:30pm	Marja Mullingaux/Joe Cleary	La Vista
Wed Feb 28	6:30pm	Joel Third/Joe Savino	La Vista
Fri Mar 2	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sat Mar 3	11:30-4	Stop & Shop Food Drive	
Mon Mar 5	6:30pm	Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Wed Mar 7	6:30pm	Assembly/Barbara McMahan	La Vista
Fri Mar 9	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Wed Mar 14	6:30pm	Ralph Passarelli/Ralph Passarelli	La Vista
Wed Mar 21	6:30pm	Anita Quasha/Marja Mullingaux	La Vista
Fri Mar 23	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sat Mar 24	10:30am	Egg Scramble	Ballard
Sat Mar 24	5:30	Progressive Dinner	
Wed Mar 28	6:30pm	John Roche/Jim Finklea	La Vista
Mon Apr 2	6:30pm	Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Fri Apr 13	 <p>The Rotary Club of Ridgefield in association with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation present: ENDPOLIONOW THE END POLIO NOW CONCERT starring TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS The Ridgefield Playhouse - Ridgefield, Connecticut - Friday, April 13, 2018 at 8:00 PM</p>		
Thu Apr 26	5:30pm	Bartending for Meals on Wheels	Gallo
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