



The Old Guardian

Month 8 of our 60th year

September 2025

“Good morning Old Guard”

Gentlemen,

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The President's Corner – Clem Sayers

Welcome Old Guard!

When we meet on Tuesday September 9th, it will be the 13th meeting of our 60th year and the 1st meeting of our 25-26 program year.

It will also be my first meeting as your President. Thank you everyone, It is truly an honor for me.

We have a great year coming up, fabulous Speakers thanks to Bob Cave, good storytellers thanks to Bernie Weiss and much more.

A few objectives we should all be thinking about:

Keep the Old Guard and our mission out front in the Community.

Grow our base, keep looking for new members.

Always be looking for new opportunities and activities for the Old Guard to become involved with.

Encourage people to visit our website.

I wish everyone all the best,

Clem

Treasurer Report – Membership - Stephen Guest

Our fiscal year began June 1st 2025. Invoices for dues were sent several times during the summer. To date we have 189 members that have paid to rejoin for the 2025/2026 season.

Parker has sidelined the name badges of those members that have not yet submitted their dues.

For those members, please bring your checks to the meeting on September 9th or 16th to re-establish your membership.

Those members that have not paid will have email address will be removed from the mailing list at the end of September.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – Mike Cabrey

Greetings Old Guard!

I hope all of you had the summer you deserved. I know we are all looking forward to beginning the new program year and renewing the opportunities for Fellowship and Service. As we begin this year, our membership stands at 189. We ended last year above 200 but moves, family and life happen. I am hoping that during your evening strolls, golf outings, time at the beach, or whatever you did this summer you may have run into a prospective Old Guard member. We have already had a couple reach out through our website. We still have the application on our website under "About Us/New Members tab. I ask that you all continue to share what we have with your friends, neighbors, fellow grocery shoppers, golfers etc.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Respectfully,

Mike

Program Committee – Bob Cave

The Old Guard Program Committee has been working through the summer to firm up programs and speakers for the coming year. Special thanks go to those members who offered suggestions and helped encourage speakers to come to our meetings.

Some of the speakers and programs that are scheduled for the coming year

include: CT Governor; Ct Comptroller; UConn President; WH Mayor; WH Town Manager; WH Police Chief; CT Food Bank; Courant Sports Editor; UConn Health; Walk Around CT Capitol Building; Hartford Health; Hartford Foundation; GHO Update 2026; Jackson Labs Update; Cyber Attack Protection: Ai In Schools; Mystic Seaport Ship Restoration and others.

The September programs are listed below along with a copy of the Speaker Bio's.

Remember to invite a friend or neighbor to any of these meetings and *wives are invited to attend the Sept 16th program.*

Hospitality – Parker Simonds

Name tags of members having completed a year's membership from 2024 have been resorted into the main section of the cases in alphanumeric order with the green dot removed.

I will be there to help them find their name and the number corresponding to where it is inserted in trays.

Golf – Chuck Hasbrouck

The following is the press release from July 30th.

Old Guard's Golf Tournament Raises \$15,903 for the West Hartford YMCA Camp Scholarship Fund

Thanks to a committee of eight dedicated members of The Old Guard of West Hartford, a very successful golf tournament was held on May 20, 2025. With this tournament, numerous records were set. Thirty-seven businesses and organizations committed to sponsor the event. Door prize donations were provided by businesses and individuals, which were distributed to forty-eight golfers and twelve luncheon attendees. Attendees had the opportunity to bid on ten silent auction items. Golfers purchased many Mulligan Cards. All of these were the largest in the history of the annual event. It was a wonderful day for a great cause. The money raised – \$15,903 – goes to the West Hartford YMCA's Camp Scholarship Fund, enabling many kids from families with financial needs to benefit from YMCA camp programs.

The tournament was held at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain, with Howie Friday, the head pro, being a gracious host. A buffet dinner followed at The Back Nine Tavern; Don Jenkins and his staff provided delicious food and a great atmosphere. And the sun shined brightly!

Special thanks go to *Kilwins West Hartford* which was the Tournament Title Sponsor again this year. Located in Blue Back Square, the store offers delightful, made-on-site chocolates, fudge and ice cream. Kathleen Allen, owner of Kilwins West Hartford with her husband Jay, considers this event to be near and dear to her heart, as the Camp Scholarship Fund helps many kids to have access to and experience life-changing camp programs.

John Keleher, who completed his term as Old Guard President in May, said this about the tournament: "As a past president of Old Guard and YMCA board member I am doubly impressed! The Old Guard comes through again for local charity and I am thankful from the Y perspective - that so many deserving kids will get to go to camp."

Clem Sayers, the current president of The Old Guard, wrote, "The *Kilwins Swing for the Kids Golf Tournament* is the premier event of the year for the Old Guard. Under Chuck Hasbrouck's leadership and the commitment of

Old Guard members it is truly a success. \$15,903 for the YMCA Camp Scholarship Fund is amazing! We are all very proud.”

“We are truly thankful for the Old Guard's continued support of the West Hartford YMCA. Their generosity has allowed us to carry out our mission and provide lifechanging summer camp experiences for many youth in the West Hartford community,” states Donelle Daigle, Executive Director of the West Hartford YMCA.

As noted earlier, thirty-six sponsors joined Kilwins West Hartford to support the 2025 golf tournament.



Sponsor Tee Signs: Tournament Title – Kilwins West Hartford, Champion – Bacon Financial Group, Dornam, and Duncaster. All funds went to the YMCA Camp Scholarship Fund. Photo by D. Kauke.

Express your appreciation for their generosity in helping kids – support them with your business.

The Old Guard thanks:

Tournament Title Sponsor:

Kilwins West Hartford

Champion Sponsors:

Bacon Financial Group (West Hartford)

Dornam

Duncaster (Bloomfield)

Gold Sponsors:

Advanced Window Systems (Cromwell)

John & Kelly Hartman Foundation managed by Cummings & Lockwood LLC (West Hartford)

JP Carroll Roofing (Bloomfield)

Luna Tree Care (West Hartford)

McLean Senior Living (Simsbury)

The Old Guard (West Hartford)

Silver Sponsors:

Back East Brewery (Bloomfield)

Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama in Newington)

First Church (West Hartford)

Steven Hall, Dental Associates (Farmington)

Kaoud Rugs (West Hartford)

Mike's Barber Shop (West Hartford)

Nassau Financial Group (Hartford)

Old Guard & Friends Golf League (West Hartford)

Rob O'Meara Real Estate (West Hartford)

Ryan Business Systems (South Windsor)

Seabury (Bloomfield)

University of Saint Joseph (West Hartford)

YHB Investment Advisors, Inc (West Hartford)

Bronze Sponsors:

Tom Donahue – William Raveis Real Estate (West Hartford)

Hall's Market (West Hartford)

Hartford Health Care (Hartford)

Image Ink (Newington)

Liberty Bank (New Britain)

Lyons' Auto Service (West Hartford)

Masonicare at Middlewoods (Farmington)

Molloy Funeral Home (West Hartford)

Prime Healthcare (Greater Hartford)

Scott D. Walker, Retina Consultants (Hartford)

Senior Job Bank (West Hartford)

St. Francis Hospital – Trinity Health (Hartford)

Trout Brook Arborists (West Hartford)

West Hartford Dental Associates (West Hartford)

The Silent Auction, held at the luncheon, was made possible by generous donations valued at over \$3,000 by:

Gillette Ridge (Bloomfield)

Great American Donut (Dunkin's) (West Hartford)

Hartford Golf Club (Hartford)

Kilwins West Hartford (West Hartford)

Lux, Bond, & Green Jewelers (West Hartford)

Stanley Golf Course (New Britain)

Travelers Championship (Hartford)

Wampanoag Golf Club (West Hartford)

Yard Goats Baseball (Hartford)

Russ Jones

Attendees at the golf tournament went home with many door prizes, with a total value over \$1,800, generously donated by many area businesses.

Support them just as they have supported the tournament. Donors include:

The Back Nine Tavern at Stanley
Golf Course

Bristle & Blade Barber Shop

Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama

Chris Cote Golf Shop

Connecticut Beverage Mart

Tom Donahue – William Raveis
Real Estate

French Cleaners

Gillette's Wine & Spirits

Goodwin University

Maximum Beverage

Mike's Pre-Owned Golf Outlet

Olive Garden

Roaring Brook Nature Center

Ryan Business Systems

Sally & Bob's Eatery

Sancho Panza Literary Society

Shake Shack

Tangiers International Restaurant

Tavern in the Square

Tilted Bottles Wine, Beer & More

West Hartford Leisure Services

Anonymous Donors

With the success of this year's event, plans are already underway for next year's golf tournament. The Old Guard hopes that you'll choose to be a part of this great event to support the West Hartford YMCA's youth camps and programs. To be a sponsor, donor, or participant, please contact the golf committee at this email address: oldguardgolf@gmail.com. Be part of something extraordinary!



Bob Stavnezer, Bill Rose and Steve Langan watch Art Greene putting for



Bob Murphy leads the way at the dinner buffet.

Photo by D. Kauke

Youth Food Program / CT Foodshare - Jeff Lee

Happy Labor Day weekend Old Guard!

We have some additional Foodshare Volunteer details for the switch to the Wallingford facility.

We have confirmed our Foodshare First Friday dates thru the end of the year; October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th. The Volunteer Hub sign up process has been updated to reflect those changes. (I know it works because I just successfully signed up for October 3rd!)

Reminder - There is no September 2025 volunteer date.

Additionally, for those of you who would rather volunteer locally, we'll have an extensive list to share of a myriad of locations very soon.

In the meantime, we have a few Foodshare related options right in West Hartford at the Universalist Church where we drop off our monthly food donations. To find out more on those simply contact Carla Richardson, Food Ministry Coordinator at 860-233-3669 ext. 109 or via email to Carla at carla@westhartforduu.org.

Speaking of the monthly food donation process startup date, we will continue with our third meeting of the month scheduling on September 16th(this month is our second meeting).

More info to follow at our first meeting on September 9th.

No matter the option, thanks in advance for the great support of the Old Guard's ongoing fight against food insecurity!

Click the link below to sign up for October first Friday and future CT Foodshare volunteer dates.

Jeff

[Quick Link to CT Foodshare Sign-up or Sign-in](#)

Habitat ReStore – Ron Robinson

Habitat ReStore – Upcoming September 10th

We had very good participation during the summer and hope to keep it up with even more new volunteers.

We work 9:00-12:00 on a wide variety of projects at their Cottage Grove Road facility in Bloomfield.

Please hit the link below to register and contact me if you have any questions. You can also invite friends who may not be Old Guard members.

Thank you.

Ron Robinson

[Quick Link to Habitat ReStore
Sign-up or Sign-in](#)

Special Events – Ray Bliss, Bill OConnor, Paul Dean (Emeritus)

Special Events in the works:

September, 2025: Tour of Cedar Hill Cemetery/Park, Hartford, Connecticut

Guided Tour of the grounds in this historic, beautiful park like setting

Lunch to follow at a local restaurant

Time and date, TBD

435 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06124

October, 2025: Football game at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut

Trinity at home vs. visitor Middlebury College, game time 1:00 pm, 10/18/25 (Sat.)

Hotdogs, burgers, soft drinks, and hot coffee/tea available for purchase during the game from the concession stand

Jessee/Miller Field at Tansill Muldoon Stadium, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106

November, 2025: New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, Connecticut

Guided tour of the Museum, lunch to follow

Time and date, TBD

36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

December, 2025: Old Guard Holiday Party at the Back Nine Tavern at the Stanley Golf Course

Looking at a mid-December date commencing at noontime

245 Hartford Road, New Britain, CT 06053

Please note that there are admission charges/tour guide fees associated with the tours at Cedar Hill and the N.E. Air Museum, and for the football game. We are requesting group rates where applicable. The Holiday Party fee per attendee will be negotiated with management at the Back Nine, subject to OG Board approval

Ray

Historian – Tew DuBois

Beginning 5/1/25 to date, three former Old Guard members passed away: Dick Woodworth on 5/25/25, Robert L. Fisher, 6/12/25 and Brooks R. Joslin, 8/8/25.

As Historian I maintain a list of Old Guard members who pass away between 5/1/225-4/30/26.

Should you learn of a member of the Old Guard who passed away—perhaps in the Courant, by word of mouth, or however, let me know.

Thanks,

Tew

University of Connecticut Hospital Volunteers – Bill OConnor

Our Old Guard season of service resumes for the Fall. Time to set some goals and objectives. Consider following the longstanding history of volunteering of the Old Guard. The Guard had a long commitment for volunteering at the UCONN Hospital in Farmington. Old Guard members assist patients in finding their appointments and may assist them with a wheelchair.

Volunteers serve a 4-hour shift 8 to noon or noon to 4 on Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays. Some training is required per HIPPA rules. This is a rewarding activity for our service.

Contact Bill OConnor for details:

Meals on Wheels – Dale Richter

Delivering meals since 1966.

Over 30 members volunteer for this important program.

Contact Dale Richter if you would like to join a team –

Calendar

<https://ctoldguard.org/meals-on-wheels/>

Foodbank – Lou Aiello, Mike Feehan

Lou and Mike keep an accounting of donation made to the listed charities by Old Guard members. Please let them know of your generosity.

During September we will be asking for your updated donations to the following charities:

- CT Foodshare
- Loaves & Fishes
- West Hartford Foodbank
- House of Bread
- West Hartford Youth

During the summer we accounted for donations to CT Foodshare of \$2,000

with 1x matching gifts \$2,000 and 5x food value totally \$20,000. Great start to the year ahead.

Note:

Last year Total Donations inclusive of matching gifts and CT Foodshare purchasing power was \$214,685.

Contact Lou or Mike to record your charitable donations.

Bowling - Tom Goodrum

Come and join us for Fellowship and Fun.

Bowling will start on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 9:30 am and continue every Thursday morning.

Bowling will be at Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama, 2143 Berlin Turnpike in Newington. No experience necessary.

The price is the same (no inflation) at \$8.25 which includes shoes and balls if you need them. And free coffee is available also.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Tom

Information & Technology – Gary Banks

We have had at least three speakers (Michelle Troy, Mike McGee, and Richard Voigt) from U Hart's President's College. Several of our members (Larry Carr, John Rhine, Gary Banks, ...) already attend and I believe others would also enjoy them also.

Here is the upcoming offering with schedule and registration information.

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE

Fall 2025 Courses and Lectures

Don't miss our free Fall Kickoff!: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 4:30–6 p.m./1877 Club

Course/Lecture	Instructor	Date/Time	Location
ARTS			
Music as Nourishment: Mind, Memory, Synchrony*	Dee Hansen	Tues. Sept. 2, 3:30–5 p.m. or Tues. Nov. 11, 2–3:30 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus) McLean (off campus)
Planning the Perfect Crime: <i>Rope</i> at the Hartford Stage*	Pamela Bedore Melia Bensussen	Lectures: Mon., Oct. 13, 20, 11–12:30 p.m. Performance: Sun., Oct. 19, 1 p.m. Melia Bensussen; 2 p.m. <i>Rope</i>	Lectures: KF Room/ Harrison Libraries Preview/Performance: Hartford Stage
Afro-Cuban Jazz: Fascinating Rhythms*	Javon Jackson Matt DeChamplain Zaccai Curtis	Wed., Oct. 8, 15, 29, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Beats and Fusion: How World Music Bridges Culture*	Mehmet Dede	Mon., Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
Monday Afternoon at the Movies: Lighten Up—with Screwball Comedies *	Michael Walsh	Mon., Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, 3–4:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Sol LeWitt: A Private Look at a Public Hartford Artist*	Sherry Buckberrough	Tues., Dec. 2, 3:30–5 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus)
Backstage with the Award-Winning <i>Wicked</i>*	Frank Rizzo	Thurs., Dec. 4, 11, 12:30–2 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE CONVERSATIONS			
The Battle Over Higher Education	Walter Harrison Lawrence P. Ward	Tues., Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
What's Up with Contemporary Art?*	Robert Calafiore Jared Quinton	Wed., Dec. 10, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center

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**To register, visit: hartford.edu/pc
Questions? pcollege@hartford.edu or (860) 768-4495**

Course/Lecture	Instructor	Date/Time	Location <i>Check website for updates</i>
HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS			
Moral Heroes: What Courage Looks Like	Elizabeth Vozzola	Mon., Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
The Post-World War II Order Is Gone: What Next?	Jeremy Pressman	Thurs., Sept. 25, 3:30–5 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
Order in the Court: The Supreme Court Round-Up	Jilda Aliotta	Mon., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:30–6 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center
The <i>Maine</i> Sank; the Navy's Fortunes Rose	Jason Smith	Friday, Oct. 17, 2–3:30 p.m.	The McAuley (off campus)
Hot Topics in Volatile Times	Chris Doyle	Thurs., Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 5:30–7 p.m.	Shaw Center/ Hillyer Hall
LITERATURE AND CULTURE			
The "Fiction of the Year" Book Club	Michele Troy	Tues., Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
Sirens' Call: Why Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> Still Speaks to Us*	Tom Lee	Thurs., Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 16, 12:30–2 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
Jane Austen: Sabotaging the <i>Status Quo</i>	Catherine Stevenson	Thurs., Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2–3:30 p.m.	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
<i>The Great Gatsby</i> at 100: What Can <i>Gatsby</i>, <i>Daisy</i>, and <i>Nick</i> Still Teach Us?	William Major	Tues., Nov. 4, 3:30–5 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus)
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & MATH			
Extreme Weather: The New Normal?	Christoph Geiss	Tues, Sept. 16, 2–3:30 p.m. or Fri., Nov. 21, 2–3:30 p.m.	McLean (off campus) The McAuley (off campus)
Eight Glasses a Day? Hydration Demystified	Colleen Muñoz	Fri., Sept. 19, 2–3:30 p.m.	The McAuley (off campus)
Far Out: 6,000 (!) More Planets	Michael Robinson	Tues., Oct. 7, 3:30–5 p.m.	Duncaster (off campus)
Cryptocurrency: Suddenly Everywhere All At Once	Vivek Sharma	Wed., Oct. 8, 15, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
Roundabouts: Safer Driving, Fewer Emissions?	Clara Fang	Fri., Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m.–noon	KF Room/ Harrison Libraries
20th Century Medical Discoveries: Small Steps Behind Radical Change	Mike Magee	Wed., Nov. 5, 12, 19, 1–2:30 p.m.	Wilde Auditorium/ Harry Jack Gray Center

Storytellers – Bernie Weiss

September 9th - Fred Erickson - Two rural Minnesota childhoods

September 16th - Court Bourns - How to PUSH and then BREATHE

September 30th - Jon Dixon - You didn't think you were going to get away with that, did you?

September Speakers

September 9th – Rick Ledwith, Vernon Riddick: West Hartford Town Manager & Police Chief

“Working with and Helping Neighboring Communities”

West Hartford Town Manager: Rick Ledwith



Rick Ledwith is the Town Manager of West Hartford, Connecticut, a full-service municipality with a population of 64,083. West Hartford is an award-winning community known for its diversity, excellent schools and municipal services, and great quality of life. West Hartford has operated under the Council-Manager form of government since

1919, the first municipality in Connecticut and one of the first in the country to adopt this form of government. Rick has worked for the Town of West Hartford since 2001 in several capacities. Prior to being appointed Town Manager, he served as the Executive Director of Human Resources, where he has worked extensively with every municipal department as well as the West Hartford Public Schools.

Rick and his wife Tara have lived in West Hartford for 27 years and are proud to have raised three children in town.

West Hartford Police Chief: Vernon Riddick



Vernon L. Riddick Jr. is the Police Chief of West Hartford since 2018 and has been in public safety for 29 years. Prior to joining the West Hartford Police Department he served 24 years in the City of Waterbury, CT Police Department where he spent his last five years as Chief. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Tufts University and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Post University.

Currently, Vernon is Vice-President of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and is a member of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council that oversees training and certification for police officers in the State of Connecticut. Chief Riddick is the President of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and an Adjunct Instructor at the University of New Haven.

September 16th – Terry & Judy Schmitt “Biking is a Great Way to see a New Country”



Note— You are encouraged to invite your partner to this meeting. Even better – ride your bike!

You, too, can bike all over the world!

Join Judy and Terry Schmitt as they seek to convince you that, no matter how old you are, you can enjoy an amazing vacation in wonderful places all over the world.

Judy and Terry have gone on three recent bike trips: in New Zealand, in Maine, and in the Netherlands. These trips were all arranged through one company, Vermont Bicycle Tours (or, VBT, for short), but there are several companies out there that do the same thing: create a wonderful vacation that combines some physical activity (biking) with a great deal of comfort, exploration, and wonderful food.

Even if you haven't bicycled in decades, you can still consider a trip like this. You do not have to be a "hard core" bicyclist to go.

Terry and Judy will show you some pictures from their recent trips, but mostly will try to convince you that, if you like the outdoors and you love to travel, this kind of trip might just be for you!

September 23rd – No Meeting – Rosh Hashanah (West Hartford Schools are closed)

Sep 30, 2025 - Ned Lamont, Governor & Sean Scanlon, Comptroller

"2025–A Busy Year for Connecticut"



Ned Lamont was sworn into office as the 89th governor of Connecticut on January 9, 2019. He began his second term on January 4, 2023.

Lamont got involved in public service shortly after college, founding a weekly newspaper in a town hit by the loss of its largest employer. Covering town meetings and the Board of Selectmen, he helped to bring voice and transparency to a community working to recover from job losses and reinvent itself. Later, as a member of both the Greenwich Board of Selectmen and the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Lamont worked in a bipartisan effort to safeguard a multimillion-dollar budget and deliver results for constituents. For four years, Lamont also served as Chairman of the State Investment Advisory Council, overseeing a multibillion-dollar state pension fund.

Lamont started his own company, taking on the large and established giants of the telecom industry. Under his vision and stewardship, the company grew to serve over 400 of America's largest college campuses and 1 million college students across the nation.

As a volunteer teacher, Lamont sought to give back to his community by volunteering at Harding High School in Bridgeport. In an effort to spark entrepreneurship, Lamont taught students about the inner-workings of small businesses, bringing in local businesspeople to share their own experiences, and helping to place students in local internships. Lamont is on the faculty of Central Connecticut State University as an adjunct professor of political science and philosophy, where he also helped to found a popular business start-up competition. In early 2009, he helped lead an initiative to bring together Connecticut leaders from across the business, nonprofit, and labor sectors to unite in a strategy to create new jobs in the state.

As a candidate for United States Senate in 2006, he stood up for his convictions and challenged the political establishment. Taking on long-time incumbent Joe Lieberman for the Democratic nomination for United States Senate, Lamont campaigned on the platform that wars in the Middle East were draining resources and attention that could be better focused on pressing domestic issues like the economy, education, and healthcare. As a private citizen, he fought for the issues in which he believes, serving

on the boards of Mercy Corps and the Conservation Services Group, non-profits which seek to make a difference in the humanitarian and renewable energy fields, respectively.

Lamont was born on January 3, 1954, in Washington, D.C. to Camille Helene and Edward Miner Lamont. The eldest of three children, he attended Phillips Exeter Academy, and served as president of the student newspaper, The Exonian. After graduating Phillips Exeter in 1972, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Harvard College in 1976 and a Master of Business Administration from the Yale School of Management in 1980.

Lamont married his wife Annie on September 10, 1983. They have three children: Emily, Lindsay, and Teddy.



Sean Scanlon began his term as Comptroller in 2023, succeeding Natalie Braswell.

The son of a police officer and small business owner, Sean attended Guilford public schools and worked his way through high school and Boston College. After graduating, Sean returned to Connecticut with the goal of helping others. He began working as an aide for U.S. Senator Chris Murphy where he helped the Senator fight for gun safety and better health care, as well as addressing constituent concerns. In Guilford, he worked with neighbors to organize successful grassroots campaigns to build a new high school and institute a full-day kindergarten.

In 2014, Sean was elected State Representative for Connecticut's 98th District. In the House, Sean became a champion for health care reform, a passion rooted in his own life experiences coming from a family that was often uninsured or underinsured.

As chairman of the legislature's Insurance Committee, Sean wrote and passed legislation protecting people with pre-existing conditions from insurance discrimination, established the lowest monthly co-pay cap for insulin in the nation at \$25, prevented insurance companies from covering mental health differently than physical health,

required health insurance plans to cover ten “Essential Health Benefits,” and created Connecticut’s first prescription drug price transparency law.

During his fourth and final term, Sean served as Chair of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding committee where he led the fight to create tax relief for working families like the one he grew up in and worked with Governor Lamont to pass the largest tax cut in state history.

Outside of the legislature, Sean previously served as Executive Director of Tweed-New Haven Airport, where he secured a \$100 million public-private investment deal, brought in a new air carrier, and created over 100 new community jobs.

Sean lives in Guilford with his wife Meghan, who is the President & CEO of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, their two young sons Jack and Declan.

Your officers for 2025-2026

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Parker Simonds, Hospitality

Jeff Lee, CT Foodshare, West Hartford Youth Food Program

Lou Aiello and Mike Feehan, Foodbank

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