

Laura Mary Ferrier Wilbur

Laura Wilbur is one of the most respected members of her community where she has lived for more than 50 years. She has raised three children and contributed her time and talents to many local and national organizations. Present and former affiliations include:

Near & Far Aid Association, Inc.:

- ◆ **President**, 1999-2001.
- ◆ NFAA, Inc is responsible for raising and giving away over \$800,000 each year to needy organizations in Fairfield County. The agency is currently responsible for four fundraisers – the Southport-Westport Antiques Show, the Near & Far Golf Tournament, the Spring Gala and a House Tour.

Family Services Woodfield, Inc.:

- ◆ Active volunteer for over ten years.
- ◆ **Chairman of the Board**, Board member and Co-Chair of Capital Campaign which raised over \$2 million.

United Visiting Nurse Association:

- ◆ **Vice President and Member of the Board.**
- ◆ Chaired the Hospice Committee and acted on various other committees.
- ◆ Co-Chaired the Christmas Tree Festival for the benefit of the Hospice program.

Garden Club of America, Inc. and Sasqua Garden Club:

- ◆ **Vice President, Board Member** and current member of the Sasqua Garden Club.
- ◆ Was GCA Zone II Scholarship Representative.
- ◆ **Vice President** of the Garden Club of America's Scholarship Committee for 4 years. Committee was in charge of assigning over \$70,000 in educational scholarships to students all over the United States.

The Alhbin Center for Rehabilitation Medicine:

- ◆ **Member of the President's Council.**
- ◆ Former Vice President of the Auxiliary Board, Chairman of the Community Outreach Committee of the Auxiliary and served as a member of the Community Relations Committee.

Fairfield Community Services:

- ◆ **Chairman**, 1986-1989, and **Member of the Board.**

Lehigh University:

- ◆ Co-chair of Parent's Fund Appeal in 1994 with husband.
- ◆ 1994 - 2000; Inaugural member of the **Board of Advisors for the Women's Studies Program.** Emeritus Member of the Board of Advisors.

Greens Farms Academy:

- ◆ Elected a **Trustee** for ten years.
- ◆ Founding chair of the Education Policy Committee.
- ◆ Participated on various committees and worked on two capital campaigns.
- ◆ American Field Service Chapter Head and AFS parent twice.

Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Connecticut:

- ◆ **Member** of the **Parents' Board**

Operation Hope:

- ◆ **Board Member**
- ◆ Operation Hope provides shelter, food, counseling and other services for the homeless.
- ◆ Honored by Operation Hope at their annual 2009 Gala, "A Night in Casablanca."

Southport Conservancy:

- ◆ **Board Member**

Women's Campaign School at Yale University:

- ◆ 1999-2002, **Board Member** and Treasurer

Connecticut Coalition Against Gun Violence:

- ◆ Founding **Board Member**.

Connecticut Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence:

- ◆ Founding **Chairman** and **Emeritus Board Member**.

Corporation for Supportive Housing:

- ◆ **Board Member**.

Fairfield Historical Society:

- ◆ **Member of the Board of Directors**.

Yale University Alumni Chorus:

- ◆ **A First Soprano**, trip to the Netherlands 2006, sang with Cambridge and Leiden Universities in Leiden and in The Hague for the US Ambassador and guests.

Town of Fairfield Affordable Housing Task Force:

- ◆ **Member** of the task force, appointed by the Town of Fairfield.

Chairman, Town of Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival 1995

U.S. Sailing:

- ◆ Regional Training Coordinator.
- ◆ **Board Member** of the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound.

Southport Congregational Church:

- ◆ **Moderator**, second woman to hold this position.
- ◆ Chaired various boards and committees.
- ◆ Formerly on the Long-Range Planning Committee and presently a member of the Choir.

Sasquanaug Association:

- ◆ **Board Member**

Southport Conservancy

- ◆ **Board Member**

Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County:

- ◆ Former **Vice President**, committee member, currently a sustainer.
- ◆ Founding member of Fairfield Designed Homes, a partnership formed to build low and moderate income housing.

International Institute of Connecticut, Inc. (Now CIRI, The Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants)

- ◆ In business for more than 90 years, The International Institute of Connecticut (IICONN) is a statewide 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to the needs of immigrants, refugees, and their families with offices located in Bridgeport, Stamford, Derby and Hartford. Laura is a Vice President and member of the **Board of Directors**.

English Literary Club:

- ◆ A member of this 100 year old Southport Reading Club.

Country Club of Fairfield:

- ◆ Elected to the **Board of Governors**.

Participated on Committees at the following clubs and schools in varying capacities:

Pequot Yacht Club, Fairfield County Hunt Club, Pequot Library, Westminster School and several local neighborhood boards.

Honors:

- ◆ Awarded the President's Bowl of the Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County in 1994.
- ◆ Awarded the Woman of Distinction Award by the Girl Scouts of Housatonic Council in 1997.
- ◆ Awarded the Woodfield Award by Family Services Woodfield, Inc. in 2000.
- ◆ Honored at the Operation Hope Gala in 2009

- ◆ Honored at “Connecticut Immigrant Day - 2014,” by the Governor of Connecticut, as one of fifteen Connecticut residents from thirteen different countries who have made long lasting contributions to their communities and professions.
- ◆ With Packer, awarded the Southport Conservancy 2021 Bowl for “Outstanding Community Service.”