A Message from Grace:

March is a transition month here in the southern-most section of New England. We can tell that winter is gradually coming to an end. Daylight Saving Time starts on the 8th.

At Founders Hall, March means reading the Spring Semester Course Book and registering for spring classes. This year we also have two seminars, a book discussion and a New Member coffee. And we will do our civic duty by filling out the 2020 census.

We are closing out March with a pasta party on the 27th, part of our Friday Food Fest series. By then we should see clear signs of spring on the horizon, telling us the transition is almost complete.

Thank you for supporting Founders Hall all four seasons of the year. It is so nice to know you we can count on you.

SEMINARS

The Story of a Young Engineer and the Lunar Module
Friday, March 6, 1:00 pm

In 1965, a young metallurgical engineer, in his first job out of college at Grumman Aerospace, was assigned to work on the development, testing and production of the lunar module. Join Dick Hoffmann as he takes us through the challenges, trials and tribulations of this historical feat of engineering, one where something completely new had to be created, failure was not an option and bringing them back safely was the only acceptable outcome.

Celebrate Women Who Changed History - Rosie the Riveters
Friday, March 20, 1:00 pm

Dr. Darla Shaw, women's history professor, will play the role of Rita Stapleton who worked on the F4U fighter planes at the Chance Vought Plant (now Sikorsky) in Stratford. She will also discuss visits to the Rosie the Riveter WWII National Historical Park in Richmond, California, and to the Connecticut Air and Space Museum in Stratford. Dr. Shaw asks people to bring stories and memorabilia of women who worked in defense plants during the war. In conclusion, she will talk about becoming a Rosie or a Rosebud much in the same way you would become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
The Census is Coming

Grace is on a committee in Ridgefield called “Complete Count Ridgefield” which is encouraging all Ridgefield residents to complete the census so that Ridgefield has an accurate count. Here is important information that the committee wants you to know about the 2020 Census:

Soon every household in the U.S. will receive a notice in the mail to fill out the census.

- No emails will be sent, so if you receive an email about the census, it is fraudulent. Do not open it or click any links inside it.

The mailed notice will ask Ridgefielders to complete the census online. Founders Hall will have open hours on Friday mornings in the computer room where you can fill out the census online and receive support if desired.

- 9am - 12pm on March 20, March 27, April 3, April 17, April 24.
- Census Day is Wednesday, April 1.
- When you complete the census, you will count everyone that lives in your household as of April 1.

The census will ask you a few simple questions about the people who live in your home, such as age and sex. Your answers will be used to produce statistics, possibly redraw legislative districts and inform decisions about where money is distributed.

- It will NOT ask you for your social security number, bank or credit card numbers, money, donations, or anything related to political parties.
- Your responses to the census are safe, secure and confidential. Please contact Grace if you have any questions about the census.
### March at the Movies

Movies may change based on availability.

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<td><strong>About Schmidt</strong>&lt;br&gt;A man, upon retirement, embarks on a journey to his estranged daughter's wedding, only to discover more about himself and life than he ever expected.&lt;br&gt;2002, Jack Nicholson, Hope Davis</td>
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<td><strong>Breakthrough</strong>&lt;br&gt;When her 14-year-old son drowns in a lake, a faithful mother prays for him to come back from the brink of death and be healed.&lt;br&gt;2019, Marcel Ruiz, Topher Grace</td>
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<td><strong>After the Wedding</strong>&lt;br&gt;A manager of an orphanage in Kolkata travels to New York to meet a benefactor.&lt;br&gt;2019, Julianne Moore, Michelle Williams</td>
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<td><strong>Downton Abbey</strong>&lt;br&gt;The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early twentieth century.&lt;br&gt;2019, Michelle Dockery, Matthew Goode</td>
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<td><strong>The Daughter</strong>&lt;br&gt;The story follows a man who returns home to discover a long-buried family secret, and whose attempts to put things right threaten the lives of those he left at home years before.&lt;br&gt;2017, Geoffrey Rush, Nicholas Hope, Sam Neill</td>
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<td><strong>The Goldfinch</strong>&lt;br&gt;A boy in New York is taken in by a wealthy Upper East Side family after his mother is killed in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.&lt;br&gt;2019, Oakes Fegley, Ansel Elgort</td>
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<td><strong>Judy</strong>&lt;br&gt;Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts.&lt;br&gt;2019, Renée Zellweger, Jessie Buckley</td>
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<td><strong>Ophelia</strong>&lt;br&gt;A re-imagining of Hamlet, told from Ophelia's perspective.&lt;br&gt;2019, George MacKay, Daisy Ridley</td>
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**Join Us!**

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- **Website**: founders-hall.org
- **Facebook**: Founders Hall Ridgefield
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In 2019, 73% of all active Founders Hall members made a donation to Founders Hall. Thank you for helping us bring lifelong learning to you!

We want - actually we need - 100% of our members to give in order to meet our 2020 goals and ensure Founders Hall continues to provide stimulating classes taught by excellent instructors, and to take care of our wonderful building.

Our 2020 annual campaign goal is $505,500. Please respond to the letter that you recently received or will receive soon as generously as you can. Every single one of you is important. We need you today. Thank you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SENIORS ON THE BALL

On January 30th, the Founders Hall basketball group attended a Ridgefield High School Girls Varsity basketball game and scrimmaged during half-time. After a few words of introduction from JoAnn Cali, Seniors On The Ball showed off their best moves to an enthusiastic and positive crowd of Tiger fans. Our players must have been very inspiring for the girls - they widened their lead in the 2nd half and cruised to a victory over New Canaan!

FRIDAY FOOD FEST

Friday, March 27
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Join us for a Pasta Party to celebrate the end of the Winter Semester.

Sponsored By:
Constellation Private Duty

A Reminder....

Art supplies are for use by art students during their art class.
If you are attending open art time, please bring your own art supplies.
Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

April 3 - Luau Tea sponsored by The Greens at Cannondale/Wilton Meadows
April 23 - Volunteer Luncheon sponsored by Atria Senior Living
May 8 - May Day Tea sponsored by Ridgecrest at Meadow Ridge
May 19 - Annual Meeting
May 27 - Health & Fitness Day sponsored by Nuvance Health

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Thank you to all our donors from January 10th to February 9th

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