

For immediate Press Release

The Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven is happy to announce its annual festivities scheduled for Columbus Day weekend.

On Saturday, October 11, the festivities begin with the annual wreath laying ceremony at the statue of Christopher Columbus in Wooster Square. This festive occasion begins at 11AM with mass at St. Michael's Church, the oldest Italian-Catholic church in Connecticut, followed by the traditional wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus Statue.

The heritage dinner will be held at Anthony's Ocean View on Saturday October 9 beginning with cocktail hour at 6pm and a full course Italian dinner. Entertainment will be provided by Visions and the guest speaker is the Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Congresswoman, 3rd district. At the heritage dinner the following will be honored for their contributions to the community and Columbus Day Committee: Dr. Mel Goldstein of Channel 8 for all his work with the fight against Cancer; Gina Falcigno and Chris Fletcher of the Town of North Haven for their contributions to last year's festivities and Mayor Joseph Maturo of East Haven for his work with this year's festivities. Tickets are \$60 per person and could be purchased by calling 484-9558 or 469-1217.

The culmination of festivities is the Columbus Day Parade scheduled for Sunday October 10 at 1:00 in the center of East Haven. Over 120 units will be participating and this year's parade promises to be one of the finest ever. Featured in this year's parade will be the East Haven High School Marching Band, which will provide a mini-concert at the parade's beginning and a vocal solo by television and movie star Caitlin Hale.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.columbusdaynewhaven.org.

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