



**Darien's**  
**BEST BARTENDER**  
**CONTEST**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Prosecco & Grapefruit Cocktail — the Winning Combination at Darien's Best Bartender Contest**

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*On Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, New Canaan-Darien & Rowayton Magazine held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Darien's Best Bartender Contest, a community happy hour designed to benefit the Community Fund of Darien.*

DARIEN, Conn. (September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017) - On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, *New Canaan-Darien & Rowayton Magazine* presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Darien's Best Bartender Contest, which was held in the charming open-air venue at Grove Street Plaza. From 5:30 p.m- 7:30 p.m., local mixologists concocted delicious signature drinks for attendees to sample and cast a vote for their favorite. While the event was postponed a day due to the fierce winds and rain that Hurricane Jose brought on Tuesday, the skies cleared and partygoers lucked out on Wednesday with a beautiful, breezy late summer evening. Attendees enjoyed live music performed by Henry Jones Band and sampled drinks and seasonal light bites from the following participants: Center Street Public House, Darien Butcher Shop, Estia's Back Porch Cafe, The Goose American Bistro & Bar, Fjord Fish Market, The Melting Pot, Rory's Restaurant, Valor Spirits and The Waters Edge at Giovanni's. After the votes were counted, the winning drink went to Rory's Restaurant for their prosecco and grapefruit vodka concoction. The secret to this crowd favorite? Fresh grapefruit juice and a splash of cranberry. This mouthwatering cocktail will be featured in the November/December issue of *New Canaan-Darien & Rowayton Magazine*, along with party photos of guests and competitors.

Local Business and Flower Sponsors included William Pitt - Sotheby's International Realty, Helen Ainson, Le Boudoir and The Gardener's Center and Florist. Exclusive Water Sponsor VOSS Artesian Water provided still and flavored sparkling water so guests stayed hydrated throughout the night.

A portion of ticket proceeds from Darien's Best Bartender Contest will benefit The Community Fund of Darien. This 65-year-old organization makes grants to local nonprofits to ensure that critical services such as food, shelter and mental health are accessible and affordable

to residents in Darien, Stamford and Norwalk. For more information about the group, visit their website, [www.communityfunddarien.org](http://www.communityfunddarien.org).

The event is produced by *New Canaan-Darien & Rowayton Magazine's* parent company Moffly Media, creator of the hugely successful Best Bartender competition in Stamford - now an annual contest which takes place by the water in Harbor Point and draws guests from around the county.

To see more party pics from the event, please visit [www.NewCanaanDarienMag.com](http://www.NewCanaanDarienMag.com).



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