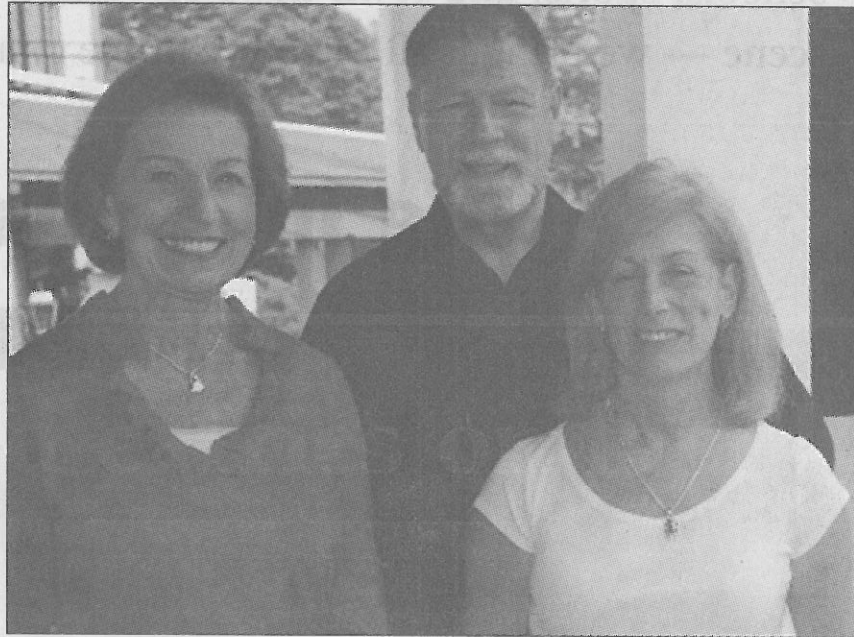


# Community Center readies for fundraiser

As it has for the past 17 years, the Community Center of Northern Westchester is offering area residents a congenial evening of fine food, drink and socializing in October, all in pursuit of a good cause: raising funds to support the center's ongoing work and mission— "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The center's 18th Annual Cocktail Party and Auction Benefit will be Saturday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Fellowship Room, Route 22, Bedford. Tickets are \$95 per person and can be reserved by calling the center at 232-6572.

With a theme of "Building Partnerships," this year's event will celebrate the growth of the center's services in recent years, and the connections with other organizations that have fostered that expansion. The honoree at this year's event is Sherry Wolf, executive director of the center, who has been the driving force in creating partnerships with other local service providers and community groups and individuals. Ms. Wolf began working with the center as a volunteer in 1994, was board president for eight and a half years, and has served as executive director since 2007.

Local merchants and supporters help underwrite costs of the event to ensure that funds raised go directly to support the center. An array of fine hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Wm. Nicholas & Co. of Katonah, thanks



**Fran Dowling and Sue Brofman, event chairwomen for the Community Center of Northern Westchester's Annual Benefit Cocktail Party and Auction, make plans for the event with supporter Andy Vitrone, owner of Wm. Nicholas & Co., Katonah, which provides hors d'oeuvres for the event.**

to proprietors Jeff Goodwin and Andy Vitrone, longtime Community Center supporters. Another Katonah mer-

chant, Fine Lines, donated "Save the Date" cards, being mailed out this week. Anonymous donors have underwritten additional expenses for the event.

Other merchants and donors support the event with silent or live auction items.

Also in the works is a journal to commemorate the evening and generate additional support for the center. "We encourage everyone to consider buying an ad in the event journal," Ms. Brofman said. "Whether it's offering special congratulations to our honoree, Sherry Wolf, or just funding the center's work, an ad in the journal gives you a chance to support the center in a meaningful and public way."

For reservations for the event, to advertise in the journal or to donate an auction item, call the Community Center of Northern Westchester at 232-6572, or visit [www.communitycenternw.org](http://www.communitycenternw.org).