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EVENT INFORMATION

Wilton Democratic Town Committee Announces First *Outstanding Democrat Awards Dinner*

*Ernest Loser to be Honored
for His Lifelong Community Service and Patriotism*

Wilton CT, February 13, 2012 – On Thursday, March 15 the Wilton Democratic Town Committee (WDTC) will host the first *Outstanding Democrat Awards Dinner* from 7:00-10:00 pm at Trakside in Wilton.

According to WDTC Chair John Kalamarides, this event is intended to recognize the achievements and contributions of a community member with a long and distinguished record of dedicated public service to the Town of Wilton. “As this is the first of what will be an annual event, it is fitting that our first honoree is Ernest Loser – a Wiltonian of integrity and character who serves as an excellent example of that which every elected or appointed official in our town should strive to achieve.”

Karen Birck (former Chair and current Secretary of the Wilton Board of Education), who – along with Joe Dolan (former Director of Finance for the town) and Peggy Reeves (Assistant to the Secretary of the State for Elections, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs) – reviewed the candidates for this award and selected Ernest Loser, echoes this sentiment. “Ernie moved to town in the mid-1990s and immediately became involved as a volunteer in our town. He was appointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority in 1997, serving as its Vice Chair for two years. And beginning in 2002, he also served on the Board of Assessment Appeals.” Birck notes that his volunteer service to the town is not all that recommends Loser for this honor.

A corporal in the United States Army during World War II, Loser was wounded in action – receiving two Purple Heart decorations – and spent two years in hospitals recovering from his wounds. Having dropped out of high school at age 16, he earned a G.E.D. while in military service, went on to get his law degree from Saint John’s University and attended the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business. Following his retirement as a Senior Vice President at Chase Manhattan Bank, Loser was appointed to the Roosevelt Savings Bank Board of Directors and volunteered as an attorney at the Legal Aid Society in New York City.

On a personal note, Loser and his wife MaryAnn raised two children who have, in turn, continued the



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family tradition of service and success. Their daughter, Eva Loser, is a Commander in the United States Navy; and their son Ronald is a Merrill Lynch Vice President.

“Ernie’s entire life is one of extraordinary accomplishment,” says Birck, “and I encourage all Wiltonians to join us as we honor his lifelong community service and patriotism.”

For more information about this event, and to purchase tickets, visit www.wiltondems.org.

About the Wilton Democratic Town Committee

The mission of the Wilton Democratic Town Committee (WDTC) is to identify and support qualified individuals to sit and constructively participate in the running of the town of Wilton through its many appointed and elected boards and commissions. An equally important role that the WDTC must serve on a day-to-day basis is that of informed contributor to the realization and implementation of the initiatives that will ensure the success of Wilton’s short- and long-term growth. For more information, visit the WDTC website at www.wiltondems.org.

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