

**Join in the Fun!
It's the 7th Annual Darien
Community Spelling Bee
To Benefit The Depot Youth Center!**

**Sunday, March 6th, 2016
Town Hall – 3:00pm**



We invite you to join us for the 7th Annual Darien Community Spelling Bee! The Darien Spelling Bee is a community-wide event to raise money for The Depot and ensure our doors remain open for our youths. This year's Bee will be held on Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 pm in the Darien Town Hall Auditorium.

The Spelling Bee is organized into teams, each with three members. Teams compete in rounds, with the winning team of each round participating in the Championship Round. Trophies will be presented to the winning team and a plaque acknowledging their 2016 Bee achievement will hang in The Depot for years to come.

The Darien Spelling Bee does not involve "solo spelling." Team members consult on a team response. Some teams chose to study the spelling words on the website provided to our contestants; others choose a casual approach, but everyone is guaranteed to have a great time—especially the fans in the audience!

To participate, each team must remit a tax-deductible entry fee of \$150. Teams may choose to creatively fund the entry fee. For example, college alums might collect donations from fellow alums that do not wish to spell but want to show support for their school's team. If you are not a speller but would still like to participate, you can sponsor a team or make a donation in addition to attending the Spelling Bee. We have a number of high school and community service teams that would like to participate if they have funding. See the attached entry form for details. Teams, sponsors and donors will be recognized in the Bee program.

If you have any questions, please contact 2016 Bee Committee:

Claudia Sheehan: claudiasheehan@me.com, Jill Brannigan: jnbrann@optonline.net,
Suzanne Mulliken: mullikenfamily@yahoo.com

Don't Delay – Mail or fax this form to:

The Depot Youth Center
25 Heights Road, Darien, CT 06820
Phone: (203) 655-0812 Fax: (203) 655-0672

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Entry/Sponsor Form

Welcome to the Darien Community Spelling Bee. The Bee will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

To participate in the Bee, please mail or fax this form as soon as possible with \$150 entry fee. Names of team members may be sent in at a later date, but must be received no later than Saturday, February 27, 2016 to be included in the program booklet. Alternatively, if you would like to sponsor a team or make a donation, please complete the **Bee a Booster form**. **Mail or fax this form to:**



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Company/Organization/Group Name _____

Team Name (if different) _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone (area code first) _____

_____ Fax _____

Email _____

Team Members (Names of team members/entry fee are due by Saturday, February 27)

Name _____

Email _____

Name _____

Email _____

Name _____

Email _____

**Please make your \$150 entry fee payable to "The Depot".
Your donation is tax-deductible**

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Bee a Booster

If you cannot field a spelling team but would like to participate in the 7th Annual Darien Community Spelling Bee, become a Bee Booster and we will find a team that needs a sponsor!



Bee a Team Sponsor for a \$150.00 Donation
Bee a Friend of The Depot \$_____ Donation

Booster Name _____
Address _____
Town _____ Zip _____
Phone (area code first) _____
Email _____

**Please make your tax-deductible contribution to support
The Darien Community Spelling Bee payable to "The Depot"
By Saturday, February 27 so we can recognize you in the program**

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For more information, contact the 2016 Bee Hive:
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Darien Spelling Bee Rules



1. Each team will consist of three members including a Captain.
2. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in the American Heritage Dictionary: Fourth College Edition and Webster's Third New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section, the official Bee dictionaries.
3. The Master of Ceremonies will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word and country of origin, use it in a sentence, and pronounce the word once more.
4. Team members may ask for one additional pronunciation for the word, but no more.
5. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word. Each team will print the word legibly on the slate provided. All teams will complete the writing of the word within 25 seconds and will be instructed to put down all writing implements.
6. All teams will then display their slates simultaneously as directed, and if asked by the Master of Ceremonies, the Captain will spell the word as written. If there is a discrepancy in the written and oral spelling, the written spelling will prevail.
7. Upon misspelling a word, the team will be eliminated. If all remaining teams spell the word incorrectly, no team will be eliminated, and a new word will be given.
8. The last team to spell a word correctly in a particular round is declared the winner of that round.
9. Winners of each round shall be recalled for a playoff round, and the same rules will apply.
10. The judges will make the final decisions on all questions.

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