

## New Canaan Benefit for Lyme Disease Research and Education Raises \$82,000



New Canaan residents, from left to right: Serena Crowley, Joanne Bruch, Sandy Parks and Carolyn Savini.



Seated in chair--- Author Pam Weintraub / Cure Unknown, Left and back of author -- Yolande Casey, Benefit Co-Chair, far back left -- Debbie Siciliano, Co-Pres TFL, Back middle--Jennifer Weis Monsky, TFL Advisory Board, Back Right -- Co-Pres TFL, Diane Blanchard, Bottom Right -- Cathy Rubin TFL Board.

**June 2008-** The New Canaan Committee for Time for Lyme, a Lyme disease Advocacy group in Greenwich, CT, presented from Carnegie Hall, Pianist Cosmo Buono and Lyric Baritone Barry Alexander, in a private concert to benefit Lyme disease research and education. The event was on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at the Home of Susie & Glenn Starkman, New Canaan, CT. The event began at 7pm with a Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction, 8pm Performance, 9pm Dinner.

In addition the evening provided a sixth grade string quartet as entertainment during dinner. Joining the local New Canaan residents were the following doctors; Dr David Younger , Chief of Neuromuscular Diseases at NYU Medical Center, Dr. Daniel Cameron, Internist, President ILADS, Dr. Brian Fallon, Director of Columbia University Lyme Disease Research Center, Dr. Steve Schutzer, Immunologist from UMDNJ, Dr. Ben Luft, Infectious Disease doctor from Stoneybrook, NY.

Pamela Weintraub, author, was also at the event to sign copies of her new book *Cure Unknown*. Weintraub is an experienced science journalist and began researching Lyme disease when her family became seriously ill after moving to the New York countryside.

Lyme Disease and other tick-borne illnesses are alarmingly on the rise, with 49 of the 50 states reporting numerous new cases every year. Unfortunately, many of these cases are children. The Northeast is considered a high-risk location for Lyme as determined by the Center for Disease Control."

### About Time for Lyme

Time For Lyme is an organization dedicated to eliminating the devastating effects of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness. Our mission is to prevent the spread of disease, develop definitive diagnostic tools and effective treatments, and to ultimately find a cure for tick-borne illness by supporting research, education, and the acquisition and dissemination of information. In addition, we will continue to act as advocates for Lyme disease sufferers and their families through support of legislative reform on the federal, state and local levels. For more information on our organization, please visit [www.timeforlyme.org](http://www.timeforlyme.org).