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DESIGNERS

RESTAURATEURS

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ACTORS

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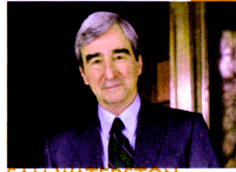
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PEOPLE

OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY



JAMES BUCKLEY



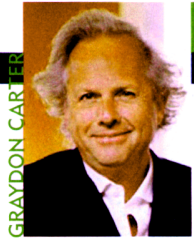
SAM WATERSTON



CAROL PECK



NANCY & HENRY KISSINGER



GRAYDON CARTER

DIANE MEIER

She brings savvy marketing ideas to local projects, such as the Litchfield County Writers Project, based at UConn, Torrington.

FRANK DELANEY

Author of *The Celts*, *Tipperary*, and more, with wife Diane Meier he brings intellectual life to Kent.

CHRIS MURPHY

With the other elected officials among us, he carries the hopes and wishes of northwest Connecticut, in his case to the floor of the U.S. House.

CAROLYN KLEMM

For the past three decades she has become godmother of area real estate, gaining an intimacy with every significant property in the region.

DAVID OWEN

New Yorker staff writer, this Washington resident commits his non-writing hours to zoning for his community.

MAGGIE SMITH

Owner of the spectacular Winvian Resort, she brings elegance to Litchfield.

SHEILA NEVINS

President of documentary and family programming for HBO, Nevins channels that experience into her Bantam Cinema.

GRAYDON CARTER

Editing *Vanity Fair*, the world's most sophisticated society magazine, certainly carries its own degree of influence.

ANTHEA DISNEY

This longtime colleague of Rupert Murdoch, she recently founded the

Women's Enterprise Initiative to help female entrepreneurs succeed.

HENRY AND NANCY KISSINGER

This most famous international diplomat and magnetic socialite wife host soirées in their Kent home, while providing goodwill community gestures.

SAM WATERSTON

With a trail of acting honors, he has led "Law & Order" by night and raised cows by day on his Cornwall farm.

PRISCILLA AND JAMES BUCKLEY

Two of the ten Buckley children who grew up on Sharon's Great Elm Estate, where they live today. Priscilla was an AP writer and managing editor of *National Review*; James was a U.S. senator, federal judge, and assistant secretary of state.

SKIP BARBER

Owner of Lime Rock Park and founder of one of the world's most famous racing schools, the former race-car driver has brought international fame to the northwest corner.

DAVYNE VERSTANDIG

The Litchfield County Writers Project celebrates our county's remarkable literary talent, and as its director, Verstandig has helped attract such writers as Arthur Miller, Charles Van Doren, Honor Moore, and Frank McCourt to its UConn Torrington programs.

BILLY NELLER

Along with Joe Concannon, Neller put together the Litchfield seven-mile road race that for 34 years now has been a regional powerhouse of a running race and an attraction for out-of-towners.

WILLIAM MORRISON

Owner and inspiration behind the 7,000-square-foot Morrison Gallery in

Kent, he brings his influence through the bold and often grand art that he shows but also as a representative of the large Litchfield County gallery scene.

DAN HINCKS

He led the effort to revitalize Infinity Hall, the late 19th-century music hall, into a gorgeous entertainment venue, attracting people from all over to its restaurant, performances, and events.

JAMES PATRICK

As executive director of the beautifully restored Warner Theater, he represents the intellectual fortitude, financial doggedness, and creative beauty that saved this gem of a cultural arts center in Torrington from demise.

DANIELLE MAILER

A talented painter and community supporter, she represents the tremendously vibrant visual arts community, with her bold strokes and colors.

JILL CLAYBURGH

An acclaimed actress, she brings her fame and talents to support the arts in the region, where she lives with husband and playwright David Rabe.

RAFE CHURCHILL

As part of the Churchill family in Sharon that has been bringing quality design and construction to the region, he has been a pioneer in "green" building.

JOANNA SEITZ

A leading purveyor of lifestyle design, J. Seitz & Co. has made New Preston a shopping destination.

RICHARD LAMBERTSON

He and partner John Truex built a brand around their eponymous handbag and accessories business and now bring those talents to Tiffany & Co. ■