

Candidates for New Canaan Democratic Town Committee Democratic Caucus 01/09/18

Virginia Apy

5th generation in New Canaan, former chair of DTC. Former member of Commission on Aging (now part of health and human services) did part time work in Reg. of Voters office early 80's as well as headed candidate campaign.

Robin Bates Mason

Raised in Darien, CT and graduated from Darien High School in '91. Graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, in '95 with a BA in History. Resident of New Canaan for 17 years with two sons in the public school system. Notary Public, Master Gardener and sole proprietor of *In A Pinch*.

1995-1997

- Worked for the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute in Boston, MA as a program coordinator.
- Volunteered at The Boston International Institute, teaching citizenship classes
- Volunteered on campaigns to re-elect Senator Kerry and Representative Barney Frank.

1997-1999

- Worked for Swiss Bank Warburg/UBS as Sales Assistant on Equities Convertibles Desk.

1999-2001

- HSBC Treasury Sales Desk

2001-2017

Left HSBC when I had my first son and became a stay at home mom.

Completed the UNCONN Master Gardener program at Bartlett Arboretum.

Volunteered during this time for: South School, New Canaan Nature Center's Green House, Silver Hill Hospital through the Master Gardener Program.

Recent volunteer activities:

- Organizing the Silent Auction for "De-Clutter for a Cause" with Oprah Magazine, to benefit Aiden's playground in Littleton, MA. Organized a pre-tag sale fundraising dinner with Professional Organizer Peter Walsh for this event.
- Fundraiser for Emerge Connecticut (Emerge helps Democrat Women to run for office and just opened their Connecticut branch). Organized a "Wonder Woman" movie night fundraiser as well as a recent fundraising hike up Bear Mountain in Salisbury CT (highest summit in CT).
- New Canaan Beautification League Publicity Co-Chair
- Founder of Planet New Canaan, which will have our first event on Jan. 7th at the New Canaan Library with the screening of the movie "Bag It"

Meredith Bergman

Jessica Cardon

Jessica Elliot Cardon is a practicing attorney who has worked primarily in an in-house capacity as

a General counsel and Trademark counsel for a variety of companies. She is presently employed by Quality King Distributors as Senior Counsel, advising on a variety of legal matters including contractual negotiations, e-commerce and retail operations and branding and marketing.

Jessica is a graduate of Yale College, with a B.S. in Geology & Geophysics, and the George Washington University Law School, with a juris doctorate awarded with honors. She volunteers as a class parent and host family at New Canaan Country School and has been a New Canaan resident for 7 years, alongside her husband, Paul, and son, James. She also volunteers for a number of legal industry organizations, including the National Association of Women Lawyers and the International Trademark Association. Jessica joined the DTC of New Canaan in early 2017.

Jordan Cerbonne

Jordan graduated as an Honors Scholar from the University of Connecticut, where his thesis “Kennedy’s Crisis: How John F. Kennedy Used History to Prevent Armageddon” was published. He is currently applying to law school and aspires to obtain an S.J.D degree. He received the *Babbidge Scholar* designation for maintaining a 4.0 GPA in 2015 and 2016 as well as the *Excellence in History and Honors Awards* from both the University of Connecticut History and Honors Departments. Professionally, his memberships include: The Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers (ALSCW); The American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics (ASLME); Dickens Fellowship of New York (Lifetime Member); The Dickens Society; Friends of Dickens, New York; and The Gridiron Club of New Canaan. Jordan became a community activist at the age of twelve when he collected several thousand signatures on a petition to stop the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from rerouting its flights directly over New Canaan. This led to his first major political speaking engagement with then Attorney-General Richard Blumenthal. Jordan is proud to serve his third term on the New Canaan Democratic Town Committee and looks forward to serving on the By-Laws Committee as well as being elected to a commission or committee.

Lucy Dathan

Lucy moved--along with her husband and three children aged 14,12 and 10—to the wonderful Connecticut town of New Canaan in February 2015 from Palo Alto, California. The change of climate was quite a shock at first, but after three years the family feels really settled and loves the schools, community and environment. Lucy’s professional career has spanned 25 years, largely working within finance but across many sectors. She started out as an auditor in a Big 4 firm in Silicon Valley, moving to Poland just as it was opening up to western markets and then spending over 11 years based in London broadening my experience in investment banking, raising finance and start-up CFO. Since moving back to the US over 12 years ago, she has continued to work part-time alongside raising a family as a start-up CFO, building finance functions from scratch, overseeing funding rounds, mergers & acquisitions, sales and liquidations.

Liz Donovan

New Canaan is Liz’s hometown. Daughter of Harvard Five architect Landis Gores, she went to Princeton after NCHS, and raised her adopted/foster children while holding volunteer positions in her Princeton class and the Boy Scouts. She also worked full time in software and project management. Returning to New Canaan in 2014 with her husband Craig to live with her Mom, she is Secretary for the New Canaan Y’s Togetherhood group, and volunteers at NCMT. As of

this summer, Liz has also been serving as Treasurer for the DTC. She was elected to Town Council this fall and would like to continue to serve on the DTC as well.

Susan Edmands

Susan B. Edmands has over 30 years of experience in many segments of the business research and market data industries. She is currently Managing Director at BST American LLC. She has built and managed practice groups covering several industries. She has developed training programs, implemented quality standards for client services, and managed a resource center that provided cutting edge tools and resources to serve 150 end-users that supported a 3000 client user base. She negotiated all contracts with information providers. She also served on acquisition teams to determine synergies with potential partners, built a model for continuity of business services, partnered to build successful outsourcing model for fulfilling business research. She has worked as project manager with financial institutions such as Lehman Brothers, Barclays Capital, Nomura, PwC, Vanguard, William Blair, Brandywine, RBS and Macquarie to provide them with centralization/optimization of market data contracts to realize cost savings, post acquisition resolution of bankruptcy cure practices, end user surveys to streamline content and service models, benchmarking, contract evaluation, implementation of market data management systems and vendor negotiations. Ms. Edmands is a former trustee and Vice President of both the Chemists' Club and the Societe de Chemie Industrielle. She is a member of the Software and Information Industry Association and its Financial Information Services Division, the Special Libraries Association and a former Director of the Fairfield County Chapter. She has served as trustee for Newtown Nursery School, Belmont Day School, Packer Collegiate Institute (where she also served as president of the PTA). She is currently a board member for Canaan Square Townhouses, volunteers at the New Canaan Library and with Staying Put in New Canaan. She is a member of the Democratic Town Committee and serves on the Outreach and Nominating committees.

Christina Fagerstal

Christina, with her husband Dick Fagerstal, has lived in New Canaan for nineteen years. Together they have raised their three children, Anders, age 24, Carl, age 20, and Maria, age 18 in our town. Anders is a now graduate of University of California, Los Angeles and currently serves in the U.S. Navy. Carl is sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Maria is a freshman at the University of Miami, FL. Christina grew up in Southern California but has also spent a considerable number of years overseas, having lived in Germany for four years with her family growing up. During two of those four years she attended boarding school in Holland, and during the summers she spent extensive time in Sweden where her mother is from originally. As a result she speaks several languages, including German, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian and a little French and Spanish. Christina loves to read and to travel. After graduating high school Christina attended Brown University in Rhode Island and received a Bachelor's degree in History. She subsequently worked as a paralegal in Boston before moving to Sweden for two and a half years where she studied at Stockholm University and worked in the tourism industry. Returning to the U.S. Christina moved to Manhattan where she joined Pitney Bowes in sales and sales management for 8 years. As a full-time at home mom, Christina has been very active in the schools and the community of New Canaan. While her children were younger Christina served on the parent boards of West Elementary and Saxe Middle School. Christina also served on the New Canaan CARES board for two years as a Parents' Cares Representative, and the Board of the Young Women's League as Programs and Nominating Chairs where she co-Chaired

fundraisers for the YWL. More recently Christina was on the Board of the New Canaan Outback Teen Center for 5 years, serving as its Board President for three. Recently Christina participated in the National Charity League with her daughter Maria, and served on the Board of the NCHS Service League of Boys with her sons Anders and Carl. Christina and her family are members of United Methodist Church, where Christina taught Sunday school and served on the Board of the UNMS Preschool. Christina loves to participate and contribute to the community.

Lisa Hannich

Lisa has lived in New Canaan with her husband, Ulrich, and twin girls for five years, and has been involved in the community for seven (while her girls were in preschool at the New Canaan Nature Center). She grew up in Pennsylvania and Georgia, and has since lived in Los Angeles, London, Paris, Germany, Atlanta, and Stamford just prior to New Canaan. She received a BA in Psychology from the University of Georgia and a graduate degree in Child Development from the Institute of Education at the University of London, where she also studied Education Policy as well as International Human Rights. Her husband is a lawyer with UBS.

Lisa has worked in marketing, publishing, special educational needs, and human rights/international organizations such as UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). She volunteers in New Canaan with the New Canaan Nature Center, Mayfair, West School PTC, as co-leader of a Girl Scouts troop, and most recently with the DTC for the 2017 elections. She and her family attend St. Marks Episcopal Church, where her husband is a chorister, and her daughters are fourth graders at West Elementary. Additionally, Lisa has worked at Saxe in 5th and 6th grade special educational support, and she is currently a substitute teacher with NCPS.

Gerry Harrington

Gerry is a 35-year resident of New Canaan, is well known in town, having been a residential and commercial real estate agent for more than 30 years. Previously she worked in the real estate department of Cummings & Lockwood (a law firm), General Electric and Brookhaven National Laboratories. Her four children all attended New Canaan schools and have since graduated from college. Gerry is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a B.A. in English, and is a former board member of the American Association of University Women. Currently she serves on the Board of Assessment Appeals and is a member of the Democratic Town Council.

Chris Hering

Chris Hering is an 8-year resident of New Canaan where he lives with his wife and 3 children. He serves on the town's Parking Commission. Chris is from New York City and spent College in New London CT at Connecticut College as well as his MBA with a Finance Concentration from the Stern School of Business at NYU. Chris is Director of Strategic Initiatives for Advertising, Media and Publishing at NetSuite, a Global Business Unit of Oracle Corporation. He drives Product and Marketing strategy to better serve NetSuite's Vertical Customers in Advertising and Media. Prior to this role for 15 years he has held management positions in SAAS software sales, and Professional Services consulting. He started his career as a Business Analyst.

Beth Jones

Lifelong New Canaan resident
Former DTC chairwoman
Town Councilwoman 2007-2011

Selectwoman 2011-2017
Cook at the ABC House

Rich Lurie

Rich has lived in New Canaan for 38 years. He spent 31 years at IBM living abroad for 10 of those years in Tokyo and Paris. After retiring from IBM, Rich worked for an IT research company, Forrester Research in New York City for 16 years. He retired in 2014 when he decided to become active in local politics. Rich has an engineering degree from Purdue University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Carl Mason

Carl Mason grew up in Coventry, England. Carl then attended Bristol University, studying Physics, and stayed for his postgraduate studies. He completed his PhD just as demand for *quants* in banking was heating up. Knowing little of finance, and having written a thesis on computer simulation, he applied for jobs in IT. Carl was hired at SG Warburg, London, which was soon swallowed by Swiss Bank Corporation (later UBS). When the Chicago team requested a resource to implement a technology platform for equity derivatives research he leapt at the chance. Carl followed the team from Chicago to New York and then to Stamford, where he transitioned into a research analyst role. This led to derivatives strategist positions at Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley and BNP Paribas. He later returned to UBS as a quantitative strategist, developing models for the trading desk. Most recently, he joined Wells Fargo as a market risk officer for the equities business. Carl met Robin Bates Mason at the UBS Stamford office. They married in 1999. In 2000, Carl and Robin moved from the city to New Canaan (Robin grew up in Darien, so this was a stretch for her). They have two sons in New Canaan schools. Carl became a US citizen in 2009.

Alyssa Mackenzie

Alyssa graduated from Boston University after completing high school in New Canaan, where she currently resides. Alyssa is a freelance writer and educational facilitator who has experience teaching children and adults of all ages and with a variety of needs. She is currently in the process of developing a Social Justice course which she will teach at Bethel's new private academic center, Workspace, beginning at the end of the month. Her website, MakeLemonadeWithLupus.com, was born out of her passion for chronic illness and disability advocacy as well as her desire to normalize otherness. Alyssa dedicates a majority of her "free time" to various volunteering and outreach efforts, as she has done since she was a student at South Elementary. She has become quite actively engaged with 203Action and sought to aid the Democrats' efforts in New Canaan as much as physically possible during this last election. When not reading or writing or spending time with her partner of ten years and their large families and respective dogs, Alyssa loves to travel, cook, craft, garden, paint, play guitar, and take up space on her yoga mat. She has undergone extensive yoga training and is certified in Pediatric Yoga for children with and without disabilities. Alyssa is relatively new to politics, but is eager to learn and hopes to prove a quick study.

Christine Marvin

Annamari Mikkola

Originally from Finland, Annamari Mikkola has been living in the USA for 22 years, out of which in New Canaan for 12. She is a nationally recognized photographer and art director. She is

also one of the pioneers using advanced 3D techniques in jewelry design. She has 20 years of experience in advertising, publishing and financial services and has strong non-profit board and fundraising background. She is currently serving on the Art Committee of the New Canaan Library and on the UN Committee of New Canaan. She was also on the board of Young Women's League for 3 years. She is married to Ajay Patel and has two sons in the Saxe Middle School.

Nick Mitrakis

Nicholas is a corporate finance executive with 19 years experience at large, global firms where he is and has been responsible for corporate finance & accounting, mergers & acquisitions as well as P&L responsibility. Nicholas is a graduate of Fordham University and has worked and lived in Germany, NYC, Dallas and London, UK and moved to New Canaan in 2010 with his wife Kristen and twelve year old daughter Katherine where Katherine attends Saxe Middle School. He is an advisory board member of the Fordham University Alumni Association, he is on the board of Financial Executives International in NYC, an advisory board member of FinTech startup Cashforce, a member of the New Canaan Democratic Nominating Committee and a Constable in New Canaan. He previously served as a New Canaan Constable from 2011-2013.

Fatou Niang

In 1998 Fatou moved to the US from France. As the New York correspondent for Diva Magazine (a French women's magazine geared toward the African community), she covered the Beijing + 5 Women's Conference at the UN in 2000. Fatou is very involved in her community and beyond with work for organizations such as Filling In The Blanks and AmeriCares. After founding 368 Consulting & Communications, LLC, Fatou used her strong experience in Public Relations/Media Relations from Disneyland Paris to expand her horizon in Real Estate, where her competitiveness from tennis, horseback riding and strength training is applied daily in her dealings. Fatou is married with two children. She has a BA in advertising, marketing and communication from CNED in France. Fatou is French-American with an African heritage. Her family origins are from Cote D'Ivoire and Mali in West Africa. She speaks French (her native language), English and Spanish fluently.

Elizabeth Orteig

Liz was born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens, NYC, and lived in Manhattan for 20+ years. She moved to New Canaan, the hometown of her husband, Steve Orteig, 12 years ago. She has been a woodwork artisan and antique restorer for over 45 years. She began creating furniture at age 18 for design showrooms, namely Karl Springer; crafting pieces using exotic materials such as ivory, ebony and mother of pearl. She owned a business with her first husband employing three other workers. In 1982, she joined Sotheby's woodworking department, for two years repairing important pieces from Louis XVI gilded chairs to a Ruhlmann desk. Since Sotheby's, Liz has worked independently with various workrooms in Manhattan, including 11 Street and Broadway, Union Square and 14 Street and 6 Avenue. While operating her independent business, she studied Architecture at City College in Manhattan and obtained a five year B Arch degree. She worked for a while as an apprentice architect, keeping her business as a side job and after a year went back to it full-time. She continues to operate her own business in New Canaan and has restored some pieces for the Parks & Recreation Department at Waveny House. Liz has been a board member of the Beautification League since she moved to New Canaan, and was formerly a board member of the League of Women Voters. She is currently a member of the Democratic Town Committee. She has participated in the Women's Paddle Tennis League

and the Women's Tennis for many years. She and her husband were town pool members when their daughter lived in town. Liz is fluent in French, Spanish and Italian a little and English.

Sandy Rama

Graduated Rutgers University, 1977, BA Psychology. Graduated Marywood University, 1988, MBA. Sandy was employed as a computer programmer, analyst and manager for over 20 years, at several fortune 50 companies including Metropolitan Life Insurance, Nabisco Brands, Kraft Foods and Philip Morris International, where she installed and supported financial software. She has lived in New Canaan for 22+ years. During these years, Sandy has volunteered at the NC High School; was the Boy's basketball liaison from 2009-2011; soccer and baseball parent coach; worked at the First Presbyterian pre-school for 10 years and worked for 1 year, at NC South Elementary School as the computer room assistant teacher.

Jeanne Rozel

- An Indiana Hoosier and graduate of Indiana University in 1963
- Elementary teacher in the Washington, D C area
- New Canaan resident since 1975
- Both of our children attended Center School in New Canaan
- Parent volunteer in the New Canaan schools and St. Luke's
- Girl Scout volunteer for more than 45 years
- Served on the Merrie Bee Girl Scout Cabin committee as a volunteer and occasional chairman since 1986
- Recipient of the Thanks Award, an important national award from The Girl Scouts of America
- Realtor for 25+ years / Now retired:-)
- As a realtor I was chairman of the committee that raised the Center School bell for New Canaan's Bicentennial in 2001
- Former President of the New Canaan Board of Realtors
- Former Director of the Connecticut Board of Realtors
- Recognized as Realtor of the Year by the New Canaan Board of Realtors
- Served on the Assessment Board of Appeals
- Serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals

Bob Smith

Bob had a 25 Year Career with IBM where he worked in product development and managed all phases of the development life-cycle. He also held a variety of managerial and technical leadership roles and had assignments at the group and division headquarters and a three-year international assignment at IBM's development laboratory near Nice in France. Bob also received First and Second Level Patent Achievement Awards during my career with IBM.

Bob left IBM at the end of 1988 and formed his own small technology consulting company. He worked primarily in the financial services sector and had long-term consulting engagements of two or more years with Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Chemical Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank, Citigroup Retail Banking, and ended his consulting career with a three-year assignment with Barclays Bank at Canary Wharf in London.

Bob retired in February 2009 when he ended my assignment with Barclays Bank and returned to Darien. He then joined the Darien Men's Association (DMA) in the fall of 2010 and served 1 year terms as Secretary, 2nd VP, 1st VP and President. He is still serving as the Team Leader of the Technology Committee. Being an officer in the DMA provided great training on how to manage the DTC, a volunteer organization, and is radically different than managing in the corporate world.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (now the University of Virginia Tech)
- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Kentucky
- Master of Science in Management from the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University

Ed Vollmer

A 34-year resident of New Canaan, Edward Vollmer is a Constable for the town and has supported New Canaan through his membership on various town committees, including the Historical Review Committee, Democratic Town Committee. He also served on the Board of the New Canaan Historical Society. A U.S. Navy veteran, Ed has also worked as a New York State Parkways Police Officer. He is a graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. His varied career positions, included, Creative Director with a New York City advertising firm and in 1979 he co-founded a medical device company, Unimar, Inc.. Unimar was a specialized medical devices company which worked with physicians in the U.S. and Europe, helping to develop and marketing their device concepts for cancer screening and infertility.