



The Village of Larchmont's Winter Wonderland theme this year included decorations reminiscent of the 1940's. Additionally, six local organizations competed in a tree-decorating contest for a \$500 prize. The trees were donated by **Larchmont Nurseries** and the contest was sponsored by **Bellasera Ristorante** in Larchmont. Community residents were encouraged to vote for their favorite tree once they were all fully decorated and on display. Under the supervision of Patricia Allen, Cathy Bennett and Sarah Chang, Girl Scouts from Larchmont and Mamaroneck decided to revisit the 1940's by honoring World War II veterans – particularly the 101 local residents who gave their lives in service and are listed on the Kemper Memorial. Ornaments were made for each of these 101 heroes including their names and, in most cases, their photos. Among the other unique handmade ornaments were small houses with gold stars on them, signifying the homes in which these individuals lived – a reminder that their actual homes had once displayed gold stars in their windows to announce their deaths. Bright red poppies and other patriotic ornaments also adorned the tree and sign on the tree contained a QR code to take people to the Richard M. Kemper Memorial Park and Girl Scout websites.



According to Patricia Allen, Service Unit Manager for girl scouts in Larchmont/Mamaroneck, Girl Scouts from Troops 1851, 2056, 2124, 2689, 2756, 2772 and 2976 participated in making the ornaments and decorating the tree. Pat said: *"The girls absolutely loved making the ornaments, learning about Gold-Star-Family homes and decorating the tree."* Decorating was completed on Saturday, November 28 and voting began shortly after. The other organizations participating in the competition included: **Larchmont Newcomers Club, Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club, The Fuller Center for Housing, Larchmont Friends of the Family** and **One River School of Art**. **We are pleased to announce that the Girl Scouts' tree was declared the winner and the \$500 prize was awarded to their organization.** The tree will remain in display at the corner of Larchmont Avenue and Guilder Street through New Year's Day.

For more information on the Kemper Memorial please visit: www.kempermemorialpark.org
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