

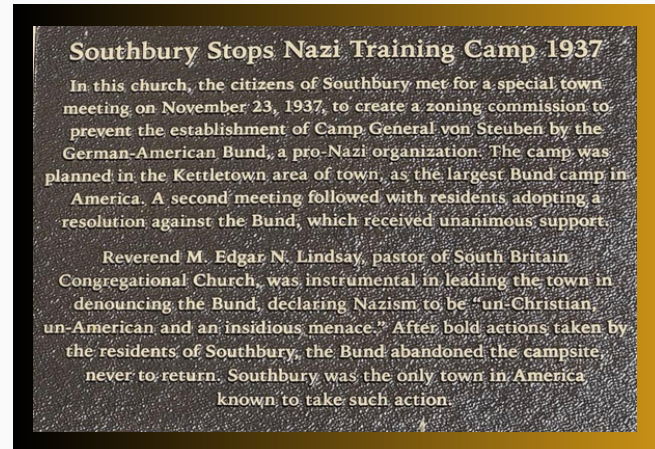
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EDELSON CAMPAIGN - 69TH DISTRICT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## *Championing Southbury's 1937 Story - Part Two*

**BY ED EDELSON**

In my previous blog, I discussed how I helped bring the obscure Southbury story to national attention, making it a source of community pride. Through my research for the documentary, I connected with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, leading to the inclusion of Southbury's story in the 2018 exhibit "Americans and the Holocaust." This exposure brought further attention through webinars and research papers. In 2018, I proposed installing a historic plaque at the South Britain Congregational Church, which was completed in 2022, enhancing community awareness and pride.



In 2021, I published a children's book, "Lois's Story: How a Young Girl's Inspiration Helps Stop Hate and Fear," to convey the story's lessons to younger audiences. Together with Rabbi Eric, we created an "Educator's Guide," which was recognized by Region 15's Equity and Inclusion Council. The book inspired students to form the Upstander's Club. For the documentary's 10-year anniversary, I planned commemorative events, including tributes, seminars, and a special walk. Additionally, I initiated the naming of "The 1937 Pond" at Heritage Village, with a dedication ceremony in November 2023.

Read the full blog post and learn more about my effort by going to [www.edelson4ct.com](http://www.edelson4ct.com).

## Letters to the editor: Ed Edelson for State Representative

To the Editor:

It is with great pride that I will be casting my vote for Ed Edelson as our State Representative this November. Having known Ed for most of my life, I can attest to his profound influence on my personal and professional development.

In 2010, my sisters and I founded the Youth Wildlife and Recycling Foundation (YWARF) with an aim to increase environmental stewardship within our community. While some might have dismissed our efforts as mere childhood enthusiasm, Ed, then the first selectman of Southbury, wholeheartedly embraced our vision.

He not only encouraged our initiative but also facilitated a pivotal opportunity for me to present my proposal before the Board of Selectmen.

Through his advocacy, we successfully secured funding for recycling bins in our public parks and launched the "Go Green in Southbury" campaign, significantly enhancing local environmental awareness.

Now fifteen years later, I can wholeheartedly say that Ed has been one of the most important and consistent role models to me throughout my life. His unwavering support of YWARF is just one example of his dedication to serving others and nurturing good ideas, regardless of the age, race, or gender of those who bring them forward.

Ed's extensive experience, deep understanding of our community, and proven ability to elevate important causes make him an excellent choice to represent us at the state level. I am honored to support him and encourage others to recognize the value of his dedicated service.

Anna Bower Richardson, Southbury  
June 19, 2024

## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Christine Edelson, Campaign Advisor

Christine Edelson has been an advisor to Ed’s political campaigns since 2011. Actually, she has been advising him for over 53 years of marriage through good times and more complicated times since they met in 1970 in Stamford, Connecticut.

Although Christine has done quite a variety of things professionally they have all been involved for caring for others: whether as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, pre-school teacher or Innkeeper. Currently, she chairs the worship committee for Mattatuck Unitarian Universalist Society, is treasurer of the Heritage Village Library, where she coordinates the annual Book Sale, and the treasurer of the Heritage Village Democratic Club. Christine serves on the Boards of Pomperaug Woods and Southbury Community Trust Fund. The latter is managed by the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Christine’s skills have been critical to all of Ed’s campaigns from taking photos, proof reading his written material to make sure they are in his voice, and offering love and support when times get tough. She assumes the role of wardrobe consultant hoping that he is dressed appropriately for different public events.

Over the years she has organized many political events for Ed, including fund raisers with noted politicians like Senator Chris Murphy and this year’s very popular nominating convention where 100 people attended. “The best one, however, was the victory party in 2011 after Ed’s first campaign”, observed Christine. “I saw that his hard work bringing people together resulted in him becoming the first Democrat to lead with a Democratic majority of the Board of Selectman. And I am so proud of what he accomplished as First Selectman. I know he will bring the same values of being pro-active, creative, collaborative and accountable to Hartford while representing the 69th District.” When not advising Ed or working on her many volunteer commitments, Christine is a devoted grandmother to their six grandchildren ages 11-19.



In early June, we enjoyed a successful walk across the district with friends and supporters.

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## CAMPAIGN EVENTS: JULY

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### COFFEE & CONES WITH THE CANDIDATE

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#### THIS WEEK

**Saturday, July 6th**  
9:00 - 11:00am

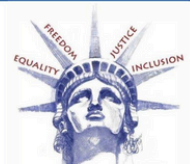
**Leo's**  
7 Poverty Road, Southbury



#### COMING SOON

**Saturday, July 13th**  
4:00 - 6:00pm

**Scoopin'**  
385 Main Street S, Southbury



### SOUTHURY DEMOCRATS *Summer Picnic*

**Sunday, August 4th**  
12:00 - 3:00PM

**Ballentine Park Pavillion**  
611 Old Field Road  
Southbury, CT 06488

**Catered by Frankies**



Rain or Shine. For more information or to sign up, go to

[www.southburydemocrats.com](http://www.southburydemocrats.com)

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