



## **CURE Biotech Summer Cookout Sizzles in Its First Year**

### **Branford Shoreline Location Big Hit**

Almost 150 sunloving lifescience entrepreneurs, scientists, and staff flocked to the lovely Owenego Inn in Branford for CURE's first-ever biotech summer cookout.

Paul Pescatello, president and CEO of CURE, welcomed the guests, telling them he was delighted to add to the CURE calendar a summer networking event on par with CURE's popular December Holiday Party.

Pescatello thanked the sponsors who made it possible for employees of CURE member companies to attend without charge – Kelly Scientific Resources, 454 Life Sciences, and CuraGen. Kelly Scientific, a staffing firm specializing in scientists, has just opened an office in Connecticut.

Pescatello also thanked Raindance Technologies, who arranged for the donation of fine wines from Chamard Vineyards in Clinton. Terry Elton, head of Branford's Economic Development Department, and Rebecca Martone of 454 Life Sciences were mentioned for their help in finding a great location.

The cookout included wine and beer service, a soup station, and full buffet and grill service.

Guests wore name badges that included snippets of DNA code and, in the spirit of bioscience networking, scoured the rooms and porches of the Inn for partners with complementary codes. Those who found partners put their names in the hat for noteworthy door prizes, thanks to the generosity of several gift sponsors.



Barnum Financial Group and Water's Edge Resort and Spa sponsored a \$500 gift certificate for use at Water's Edge. The winner was Nathalie Richard of CuraGen.

Aon Risk Services supplied a \$350 gift certificate for use at Amazon.com. The winner was Emily Carrow of the International Aids Vaccine Initiative.

Sound Runner, the Branford sports store, provided a \$100 gift certificate. The winner was Charles Cummings of 454 Life Sciences.



**Mark your calendar. The CURE Holiday Party is scheduled for December 4 in New Haven. Details to come!**

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