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November 17, 2016

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while you catch up with friends & colleagues.

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The NW CT Chamber Education Foundation & the United
Way of Northwest Connecticut invite you to

HOWL AT THE MOON
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

5:00 pm at Greenwoods Country Club

Call today to register your foursome!

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From the Desk of JoAnn Ryan

Chamber President & CEO



There's nothing creepy,
So don't be weepy,
It's only the Chamber's
Halloween.

There's a huge full moon,
You'll continue to hear from us
soon,
While we focus on helping you
succeed.

You're not a bore,
Why not come to meet SCORE,
Any challenge you face will be
addressed.

Have some candy corn,
Our programs won't make you
mourn,
There's plenty to fill your bag
with knowledge and
suggestions.

No goblins or ghosts while
drawing up your plan,
To our Leadership programs
everyone ran,
It's time to receive the benefit of
education to carve your
success.

I hear you're dressed up as a
witch,
But remember the Manufacturers'
Coalition and Healthcare
Council you can't ditch,
It's one way to strengthen many
strong employers with jobs
waiting for you.

It's our ghoulish wish,
Take time to help FISH,
No pantry should be empty
especially at this time of year.

Don't be slimy,
Please be timely,
Go to the website calendar for
opportunities for you.

Please come to the Economic
Summit with Pete and Nick
for the news,
This will give you some clues,
And you'll be guided as you
create your new year's
business plan.

Please don't boo,
At anything we do,
You're always in our thoughts
with the resources we
provide.

The Chamber is not haunted,
Nothing can leave us daunted,
Our volunteers are with us
every step of the way.

There are no ghosts,
Of that we can boast,
We're surrounded by people
who really do care.

You might think we're spooky,
Maybe even a bit kooky,
Laugh often we say and enjoy
each day.

Trick or treat,
Not just any old feat,
We're promoting economic
growth while enhancing the
quality of life in NW CT.

Happy Halloween!

Thank You Renewing Members

The following memberships were renewed between
August 23 and September 29, 2016

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O&G NEWS

O&G Industries, Connecticut's largest privately-held construction company, was named as one of Connecticut's 2016 Top Workplaces for the second consecutive year by Hearst Media. This is the third major recognition for the company in 2016. Earlier in the year, O&G was named to Engineering News-Record's (ENR) Top 400 Contractor list and their Top 100 Green Building Contractor list. O&G was the only construction company to receive recognition as a Top Workplace.

The staff of O&G Industries, Connecticut's largest privately-held construction company, is launching a month long campaign during October designed to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society.

- ♦ **Paint Night** The campaign will kick off with a paint night event on October 6th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at The Arts Desire in Torrington, CT. The event is open to the public with proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society. Anyone interested can register at <http://www.theartsdesirect.com>.
- ♦ **Real Men Wear Pink Day** Staff at O&G Industries will be wearing pink shirts on Friday, October 7th to show support for the fight against breast cancer. This event is part of the national Real Men Wear Pink campaign in which men are encouraged to wear pink on Friday's throughout October, raising awareness of the fact that breast cancer also strikes men.
- ♦ **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** O&G's team Powerful in Pink will be participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 16th at the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, CT. The event is open to the public. Anyone interested in joining O&G's team Powerful in Pink, or making a donation to support the team, can do so on the Making Strides website (<http://bit.ly/2cWtMT0>).

O&G has also recently announced the completion of the following projects: The renovation of the Cath Lab at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury; the construction of a new entrance at the historic Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford; and, Phase III of construction at Rocky Hill High School.

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MEMBER NEWS

NORTHWESTERN IS HIGHEST RANKED COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN CONNECTICUT

In a recently released report by the website WalletHub, Northwestern Connecticut Community College (62nd) is the highest ranked Connecticut Community College of the 821 institutions included in the results of the analysis, "2016 Best & Worst Community Colleges." Additionally, Connecticut State Community Colleges were ranked ninth best among state systems.

Dr. Michael Rooke, President of Northwestern Connecticut Community College, declared, "This is good news that speaks to the dedication of the NCCC faculty and staff."

In order to determine the best community colleges in the US, WalletHub's analysts compared the 821 colleges across 3 key measurements, including educational outcomes, cost and financing and career outcomes. Besides NCCC, the other Connecticut State Community Colleges that were included in the survey were Gateway Community College, ranked 92nd, Manchester Community College, ranked 168th, Norwalk Community College, ranked 205th, and Housatonic Community College, which was ranked 642nd.

BERKSHIRE TACONIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES RESIDENT SURVEY WITH IPAD PRO GIVE-AWAY

Make your voice heard! Help shape the future of your community by completing Berkshire Taconic's resident survey between October 11–28, 2016. Conducted by research firm Mt. Auburn Associates, the survey is part of a four-county community assessment to help ensure that BTCF is addressing the most pressing issues and needs

in the community. Results will be shared in 2017. Residents who complete the survey will be eligible to enter a drawing for an iPad Pro. Eligible participants include all full or part-time residents of northwest Litchfield County (Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and Warren). With your help, Berkshire Taconic aims to reach as many constituents as possible so that a wide variety of voices and opinions are considered. Complete the survey starting October 11th and share this link with your networks: www.BTCFsurvey.com

MONGEAU PRODUCTIONS, LLC ANNOUNCES NEW SHOW

Seasons Magazines Up Close, is a new TV Show that is being produced by Mongeau Productions LLC, and will be airing on October 30th on WFSB-TV3. Don't miss Lisa Carberg hosting Connecticut's newest locally produced TV show, featuring all of the best of Seasons Magazines. Look for future shows each Season! View additional video content on our free app; Seasons Magazines CT and www.SeasonsMagazines.com. For video production for your business, contact www.mongeauproductions.net.

GILBERT SCHOOL BLUE, GOLD & SILVER CELEBRATION

The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation invites Chamber members to a Community Celebration recognizing Alan Strauss as 2016 Connecticut Principal of the Year as well as several other awards having been bestowed on the school. The event will take place on October 23rd at 2 p.m. at The Gilbert School, 200 Williams Avenue, Winsted. Please RSVP to 860-379-1245 ext. 207.

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The Chamber's NW CT Manufacturer's Coalition held its annual Manufacturing Summit at Chatterley's Banquet Facility on September 30th. Sponsored by the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, the attendees were greeted by Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty. The crowd heard from local manufacturers Don Balducci of CCAT's Advanced Manufacturing Center, David Preusse of Wittmann Battenfeld and Neil Aiello of Fuel Cell Energy, moderated by Don Shubert, Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Employment & Training, as well as Tim Sullivan of DECD. In addition to those pictured above, State Comptroller Kevin Lembo provided an uplifting address.

Young Professionals Organization ^{Lunch} Breakfast Club



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This Month's Host:



Location:
Oliver Wolcott Technical School
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Cost- \$10 per person for lunch.

Tuesday, October 25 • 11:30-1:00 p.m.

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BURLINGTON - JANET SCHWARTZ

- ◆ Farmington Bank will hold a Shred Day at its Burlington branch located at 253 Spielman Highway on October 8th, 9am-noon. Free and open to the public.
- ◆ Congregational Church will hold a Can, Bottle, Clothing & Toy Collection on October 15th, 8:30am-noon.
- ◆ The Burlington Land Trust will hold its 5k at Whigville Grange on October 23rd, 11am-1pm. For registration & more information, visit burlington5k.com.

CANAAN - WENDY EICHMAN, STADIUM SYSTEM

- ◆ Open Farm Sunday will be held October 9th, 11am-2pm. Visit Laurelbrook Farm and Freund's Farm in East Canaan and sample Cabot cheese, cider and ice cream.
- ◆ Paint & Sip with Beth Miller at Canaan VFW to benefit the Canaan Democratic Town Committee. Limited tickets, \$35, contact Gina at 860-309-0738.
- ◆ Relive the 50's & 60's Dinner & Dance on October 15th at the Canaan VFW at 6 pm. \$5 admission. Call 860-824-8158 for info.
- ◆ Kids & Caregivers Paint & Sip with Beth Miller on October 23rd at the Canaan VFW to benefit the local toy drive. Call Gina at 860-309-0738.
- ◆ A Korean Culture Lecture will be held at the Douglas Library on October 29th. Call 860-824-7863 for information.
- ◆ Boy Scouts Troop 22 will hold a Community Tag Sale on October 29th at Stadium System. Tables \$20. Call 860-824-4300.

CORNWALL - DIANNE HEINY

Please visit our website for more information: cornwallct.org.

- ◆ Saturday, October 8th: Book Sale at the Cornwall Library – 9am-2pm; Last day of the Farmers' Market at The Wish House – 9am-12:30pm; West Cornwall Riverside Trail Walk – 10am; and, Cornwall Library Artist's Reception for Susan Hellman - 4:30pm
- ◆ Sunday, October 9th: Book Sale at the Cornwall Library—11am-2pm; Artist's Reception at UCC, Connie Steuerwait—11:30am; and Cornwall Days Country Market—12 noon-5 pm.
- ◆ Monday, October 10th: Book Sale at Cornwall Library—10am-2pm.
- ◆ Saturday, October 15th: 5KRun/Walk to benefit the Little Guild at the Cornwall Town Green—10:30am.
- ◆ Sunday, October 16th: Muslims in America Speaker at UCC—11:30am; and, Tell Us Your Story with Richard Schlessinger at the Town Hall—2pm.
- ◆ Saturday, October 22nd: Cornwall Library Author Talk with Jamie Sheffield—5pm; and, Pasta Bonanza at the UCC Parish House—5-8pm.
- ◆ Sunday, October 23rd: Bluebird House Building Workshop at UCC Parish House-1-4pm.
- ◆ Saturday, October 29th: Going Green Fair at Cornwall Consolidated School.

FALLS VILLAGE - WENDY EICHMAN, STADIUM SYSTEM

- ◆ Saturday, October 8th, 4-6 pm, Opening Reception "Robert Cronin: Now 'n Then" exhibit at the David M. Hunt Library. Exhibit runs through October 29th. Saturday, October 15th, 5-8pm, the 15th Annual Auction in the Village at the Center on Main Street, 103 Main Street. Sponsored by the David M. Hunt Library. Tickets \$30 in advance; \$40 at door. Call 860-824-7424 or visit huntlibrary.org for information.

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National Cybersecurity Awareness Month Seminar

From the Break Room to the Boardroom: Creating a Culture of Cybersecurity in the Workplace

All organizations – from large and small businesses to healthcare providers, academic institutions, government agencies and civil society – can experience data breaches or be targets of cybercrime, which can result in stolen intellectual property, theft of personal information or – if our critical infrastructure is attacked – a disruption to our way of life.

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LITCHFIELD BANCORP HOLDS WORKSHOP UNDER NEWLY LAUNCHED "LITCHFIELD BANCORP ACADEMY"

Litchfield Bancorp will hold the workshop "How to Survive the Crippling Cost of College Debt" on October 11th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Litchfield Firehouse, 258 West Street, Litchfield. The workshop is designed to help students, parents and/or caregivers understand the intricacies of college financial planning, grant and scholarship research, student loans and most importantly, how to avoid crippling debt after graduation. To register for the workshop, please contact Laura Murphy at 860-393-9173 or laura.murphy@litchfieldbancorp.com.

TORRINGTON SAVINGS BANK

Torrington Savings Bank has announced the appointment of Robert Switzgable as a Trustee to its Board of Trustees. Mr. Switzgable is the owner and General Manager of Ski Sundown located in New Hartford. He is on the board of the Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce and previously a member of the New Hartford Business Council. His past appointments include the New Hartford Economic Development Commission and a Corporator of the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

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HARWINTON - CAROL KEARNS & HARRY SCHUH, HARWINTON LIONS CLUB

- ♦ Harwinton Public Library: Juried Art Exhibit from September 3rd through October 29th.
- ♦ Recycle Saturday, October 8th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the Harwinton Town Garage. Bring electronics, used oil/antifreeze, scrap metal and bulky waste.
- ♦ Harwinton Historical Society: "Connecticut's Jonathan Trumbull" presentation on Sunday, October 9th. "The Electoral College" presentation on Sunday, October 23rd. Both programs are from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Harwinton Public Library and are free and open to the public.
- ♦ "The Graveyard Shift" Cemetery Walk on Friday, October 14th from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at South Cemetery. Bus transportation will be provided from Town Hall. No parking is allowed on South Road.
- ♦ Harwinton Senior Center: Annual Tag and Bake Sale and Lite Lunch on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Veterans Day Card Craft with Trish on Thursday, October 20th at 12:30 PM. "Octoberfest" party on Wednesday, October 26th with lunch at noon followed by entertainment. Veterans Celebration and Pot Luck lunch on Wednesday, November 9th starting at noon followed by patriotic sing-along with the HarwinTONES. All Veterans are special guests. Call 860-689-1951 for more information.
- ♦ Town of Harwinton Recreation Department 5th Annual Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 29th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at Sports Complex.
- ♦ Harwinton Lions Annual Scholarship Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 6th from 8:00 AM – Noon at Harwinton Consolidated School.
- ♦ Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

HARWINTON - ROGER PLASKETT

- ♦ "The Graveyard Shift" Cemetery Walk will take place on Friday, October 14th from 5:30-8:30pm at South Cemetery featuring actors portraying people buried in the cemetery. Bus transportation will be provided from Town Hall. No parking on South Road.

LITCHFIELD - EDGAR AUCHINCLOSS, PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK

- ♦ Russ Barton is making great strides renovating the old jail property for mixed retail use. Our new Stop & Shop is progressing nicely and expected to open this coming April. We understand the law firm of Carmody & Torrance will be opening an office on the green in Litchfield. I would encourage persons to stop in and take a look at the newly renovated Studio and Gallery spaces at the old Bantam Switch Factory in Bantam. The Litchfield Hills Rowing Club is off to a great fall season with fully enrolled Masters and Junior boats competing on Bantam Lake. The cooler weather is coming and the fall hiking season is beginning. Come enjoy the beautiful outdoor color followed by a cold beer at one of our fine West Street establishments.

WARREN - CRAIG NELSON

For more info, call 860-868-7881 ext. 113 or visit warrenct.org.

- ♦ Warren Fall Festival will take place the weekend of October 8th & 9th from 10am-5pm at Warren Woods, 255 Brick School Road, Warren. The event will be held rain or shine and features tractor pulls, children's activities, vendors, food, and many attractions & demonstrations. Visit www.warrenfirecompany.org for more information.
- ♦ Join the trip "OKTOBERFEST in the Catskills" on October 16th. Traditional & non-traditional German food vendors galore in addition to live German-American entertainment, wine tastings (add'l fee) and farmers' market surrounded by the lush fall foliage of the Catskills. Enjoy a perfect day on Hunter Mountain. \$42 per person includes motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snacks.
- ♦ Join the trip "Essex Steam Train and River Boat Lunch Excursion" on October 18th. Enjoy a 3-course lunch aboard restored 1920's Pullman dining cars. At Deep River Landing, you'll transfer to the *Becky Thatcher* riverboat for a cruise on the Connecticut River. Cost \$55 per person including lunch, ticket and transportation.

WINSTED - FRAN DELANEY, WEST STATE MECHANICAL

- ♦ The American Mural Project continues to move forward. General Contract bid packages have been submitted for the construction and "raising the roof" to house the mural. Award to the successful contractor will begin the next major step toward completion of the project.
- ♦ The Gilbert School will be celebrating a variety of awards on October 23rd.
- ♦ Farmers' market will be continuing into the fall, every Friday from 3-6pm at the East End Park.
- ♦ Whiting Mills continues the third Sunday events and activities on October 16th at 100 Whiting Street. Check the Whiting Mills website for this month's activities which include miniature trains and white elephant sale.
- ♦ On September 14th Friends of Main Street held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Still River Studio and Art Gallery located on 568 Main Street. Opening art show and reception were held on September 17th at the same location.

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MEMBER NEWS

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ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER BEING DEVELOPED BY NCCC

Entrepreneurs– You Asked, We Listened! Northwestern Connecticut Community College is developing an Entrepreneurial Center to develop vibrant and connected communities of entrepreneurs in Northwest Connecticut through education and support. To join the mailing list and stay up-to-date on the happenings of the Center, please email Jane Williams at jwilliams@nwcc.edu. Stay tuned for the official announcement of the center and a list of classes to be offered.

SALISBURY BANK & TRUST'S SINCHAK EARNS DESIGNATION

Julianna Sinchak, Marketing Manager of Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, recently graduated from the American Bankers Association (ABA) School of Bank Marketing and Management. The school prepared her for the Institute of Certified Bankers (ICB) Certification exam which she took following graduation. The ICB, a subsidiary of the ABA, promotes industry excellence and continuous career development for bankers through a wide range of job-specific professional certifications. ICB professional certifications are awarded only to those financial services professionals who pass a rigorous examination and maintain their level of knowledge with ongoing education. Sinchak earned the Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP) designation through the ICB.

COLLABORATION FOR RESULTS: THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and Berkshire United Way invite nonprofit, business, government and civic leaders to attend "Collaboration for Results: The Principles and Practices of Collective Impact," a capacity-building workshop with John Kania of FSG on November 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kania, along with FSG founder Mark Kramer, was first to articulate this powerful approach to tackling complex social problems that brings people together from different sectors to develop a common agenda for achieving social change. You won't want to miss this exclusive opportunity to learn directly from John Kania and from regional colleagues who are implementing the principles and practices inherent to this approach. The event is made possible with support from Berkshire Bank and Greylock Federal Credit Union. Tickets are \$40. Register today at www.berkshiresaconic.org/Seminar.

BANTAM HOME & ENERGY'S AZIZ RECOGNIZED

Peter Aziz, president of Bantam Home & Energy, a member of the Chamber and a counselor for the Northwest Connecticut SCORE Chapter, was recently recognized as the recipient of the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association's Energy Marketer of the Year Award during a conference in Newport, R.I. The award recognizes individuals who have played key roles in state energy policy, in promotion of heating fuels in Connecticut, and in exemplifying standards of conduct in the energy industry. Peter was also honored for promoting the benefits of Bio-Heat, heating oil blended with organic material to produce a cleaner-burning fuel.

W.L. GILBERT TRUST/THE GILBERT SCHOOL SEEKS CANDIDATE TO FILL ALUMNI ASSOCIATE POSITION

The W.L. Gilbert Trust & The Gilbert School is seeking an individual to serve as Alumni Associate. The Alumni Associate will be the primary contact person between The Gilbert School graduates and the Gilbert Trust. Knowledge of, or the ability to learn the Donor Snap database, is essential as is the expectation that all donor information is held in the strictest confidence. The position is 25 hours per week 9 am to 2 pm., Monday thru Friday. Some flexibility is available and some flexibility will be necessary to modify work hours based on workflow and Trust/School activities. For a complete list of responsibilities or to submit your application, please email Kenneth Healy at healyk@gilbertschool.org.



Whine & Unwind

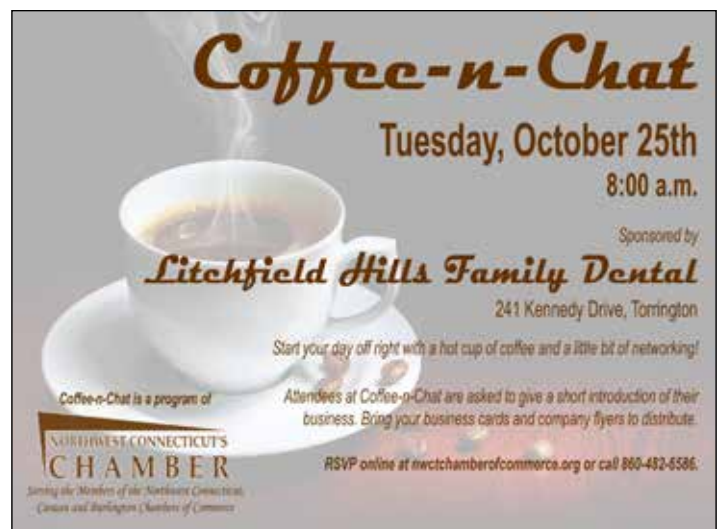
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November 9th, 2016
5:30-6:30 p.m.

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or call 860-482-6586



Coffee-n-Chat

Tuesday, October 25th
8:00 a.m.

Sponsored by
Litchfield Hills Family Dental
241 Kennedy Drive, Torrington

Start your day off right with a hot cup of coffee and a little bit of networking!

Coffee-n-Chat is a program of
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Serving the Members of the Northwest Connecticut
Chambers and Burlington Chamber of Commerce

Attendees at Coffee-n-Chat are asked to give a short introduction of their business. Bring your business cards and company flyers to distribute.

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Chamber Calendar of Events

All events listed below will be held at the Chamber offices at 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington unless otherwise noted.

October 2016

- 13th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Membership Services Committee Meeting, 8 AM
- 17th - **SCORE Workshop "Digital Marketing for Your Business"**, 8 AM (see page 11 for details)
- 19th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Member to Member Workshop "From the Break Room to the Boardroom: Creating a Culture of Cybersecurity in the Workplace", 8 AM (see page 9 for details)
- 24th - **Junior Leadership Northwest** sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank
- 25th - **Coffee-n-Chat** at Litchfield Hills Family Dental, 241 Kennedy Drive, Torrington, 8 AM
Young Professionals Organization Lunch Club at Oliver Wolcott Technical School's Restaurant "Oliver's", 75 Oliver Street, Torrington, 11:30 a.m.
- 27th - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 28th - **"Howl at the Moon" Glow Ball Golf Tournament** presented by the Chamber Education Foundation & the United Way of Northwest Connecticut at Greenwoods Country Club, 5 p.m.

November 2016

- 3rd - **Membership Services Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 4th - **Manufacturers' Coalition** Meeting, 8 AM
- 9th - **WOW! Forum Advisory Council** Meeting, 8 AM
Whine & Unwind at Tavern Off the Green, 432 Bantam Road, Litchfield, 5:30-6:30 PM
- 10th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 16th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Leadership Northwest sponsored by Red Barn Consulting & NW Regional Workforce Investment Board
Manufacturing Expo at Oliver Wolcott Technical School, 75 Oliver Street, Torrington
- 17th - **2016 Economic Summit** sponsored by Webster Bank & Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board at The Torrington Country Club, 250 Torrington Road, Goshen, 7:30 AM
Business After Hours at Brookdale Litchfield Hills, 376 Goshen Road, Torrington, 5-7 PM
- 23rd - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 24th & 25th - **Chamber Closed** in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28th - **Junior Leadership Northwest** sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank
- 29th - **Coffee-n-Chat** at Farmers Insurance, Robert Layer Agency, 59 Torrington Road, Suite C2, Goshen, 8 AM
Thanksgiving Social at Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road, Canaan, 5-8 PM
- 30th - **Digital Marketing Seminar** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 7:30 AM

Save The Date

- December 8th - **Chamber Holiday Party** at Five Points Gallery, 5-8 PM

RSVP to the Chamber on-line at nwtchamberofcommerce.org or call 860-482-6586.