

## Chamber's 2017 Legislative Agenda Announced

The Government Relations Committee and the Board of Directors of Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce recently announced the approval of the organization's 2017 Legislative Agenda. The agenda's title "*Change the Business Culture of the State of Connecticut by Creating a Pro-Business Climate to Foster Job Creation and Business Growth,*" details priority issues and recommendations that do not request any additional funding from the State.

Timothy Waldron, Chairman of the Government Relations Committee described the process the group followed to determine the priority issues. "Over the past several weeks, the Government Relations Committee has worked hard to create a Legislative Agenda that reflects the priorities of businesses in our region, but is also mindful of the current economic climate of our state. We will be working closely with our legislative delegation to ensure that proposals included in the agenda are taken into account over the course of the current legislative session."

The agenda has been distributed to the legislative delegation representing Northwest Connecticut. Chamber members are encouraged to reach out to their senators and representatives to further impress upon them the importance of specific concerns. The complete agenda follows.

### **Budget**



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- Adopt and implement a plan to reduce Connecticut's long term indebtedness without additional borrowing. Bonding must be done responsibly and efficiently.
- Encourage structural changes that affect levels of public sector employment and public employee pay and benefits.
- Increase and index Prevailing Wage thresholds to reduce the cost of state and local projects and to create jobs.

### **Business**

- Adopt sensible unemployment benefit reform in lieu of tax increases to protect the unemployment trust fund.
- Oppose mandates and regulations that hinder businesses and municipalities.
- Look to solve the fiscal crisis by implementing an aggressive plan to attract and retain businesses in the state of Connecticut.

### **Workforce Development & Education**

- Promote a skilled workforce and STEM programs at Northwestern Connecticut Community College and in public schools.
- Achieve efficiencies in education. Mandate relief and consolidation must be addressed in areas such as administration, minimum budget requirements, binding arbitration, and special education.
- Support the growth and expansion of Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, which is a vital lifeline to the business growth in Northwest Connecticut and serves the largest geographic region of any technical school.



### **Healthcare**

- Establish a date to sunset the onerous hospital provider tax and provide adequate funding through Medicaid to ensure financial viability of our hospitals, which are our major employers and major economic drivers.
- Encourage mental health and opioid abuse programming that is critical to residents.
- Oppose the consolidation of health districts which will increase costs dramatically for municipalities.

### **Regional Economic Development**

- Support cost effective culture and tourism initiatives and the Convention and Visitors bureau which generate a return on investment.
- Assist the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, Northwest Economic Development Corporation, and the Chamber in efforts to encourage economic growth in the region.
- Support Northwest CT's companies that create fuel cell, wind, solar, bio-heat and other alternative energy innovations and employ hundreds of highly skilled employees.
- Create policies that will result in a pro-business environment to encourage growth.

FROM CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO

## JoAnn Ryan



Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it- but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." Welcome to the New Chamber...the New Year. We're all in for an exciting ride, re-invented, innovative and focused on better serving you.

This process began over a year ago during a staff strategy meeting when we realized the need to make changes that acknowledge this fast-paced global marketplace. Results from a series of Focus Groups confirmed the need to offer opportunities to tell your story, make contacts and create new partnerships.

In the coming months, I will explain some of the changes you are seeing. This month, I'll focus on networking. You told us that building your network was very important to you. We want our networking events to be valuable to you and our hosts. We've changed some names to clearly communicate the significance of our three very popular events.



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Thank you for your continuing support. With your help, we keep moving forward at a fast pace!

# Welcome New Members

These businesses realize that "No Business Is An Island" and no business in Northwest Connecticut has to go it alone. All businesses have some common interests, challenges and concerns. When we work together, we work smarter, advance and prosper. Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce builds bridges and creates opportunities. Please join the Board of Directors and Chamber staff in welcoming our newest members:

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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

## Manufacturers' Coalition

Our Chamber has a very active Manufacturers' Coalition comprised of individuals in the manufacturing industry, as well as educators and other business professionals who provide services to manufacturers. The Coalition's December meeting featured guest speakers Peter Callahan and Lauren DellaFera from Fresh Perspectives. Peter and Lauren gave a very informative presentation on working with millennials. The Coalition expressed an interest in learning new, innovative ways to recruit millennials and keep them employed for a longer period of time. Fresh Perspectives had helpful data on what attracts millennials to a job, what keeps them happy in their job, and what they value most in life. The January Coalition meeting featured a plant tour at RBC Bearings in Torrington. The group toured the facility and heard from retiring Plant Manager, Bob Hart, and his successor Gene Hubbard.



Panel discussions were held on a local board of directors. The panel included: Paul McLaughlin, Victor Muschell of Victor M. Muschell, LLC, Sherie Power of Kelly Services, James Steck of Ebersol, McCormick & Steck, and Jacque Williams of Jacque Williams Entertainment. The panel of experienced board members gave the group some insight on how they got on a board of directors, what the commitment is to serve on a board, how serving on a board has helped them in their career and with their leadership skills, etc.

## Leadership Northwest

The Leadership Northwest class had two informative panel discussions at their December 14<sup>th</sup> session. The first was a Corporate Leadership Panel featuring: Mayor Elinor Carbone, Lynn Gelormino of The Warner Theatre, Lance Leifert of Conquest, Dan McIntyre of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Tom Villanova of Litchfield Bancorp, and JoAnn Ryan of the Chamber. Paul McLaughlin of Litchfield Bancorp moderated the discussion which focused on their leadership qualities, how they lead their employees, what has contributed to their success, etc.

The class' January session was held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber Office and started with a seminar led by Cindy Donaldson of Red Barn Consulting, LLC. Cindy taught the class about personal branding, press releases, LinkedIn and Facebook. After lunch, the class broke out into their teams and reported on their team projects in the works. More to come on those! In the afternoon, Bob Dickson of Dale Carnegie Training of Western CT, gave a seminar on "Creating Presentations that WOW!" and then worked with the class on public speaking skills.



The group then traveled to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for lunch and a talk about the Hospital's recent 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary given by Tim LeBouthillier, Director, Community Relations & Development for the Hospital. The afternoon panel was moderated by Chamber President, JoAnn Ryan and focused on the importance of

## Holiday Celebration

Five Points Gallery in Torrington hosted the Chamber's Annual Holiday Celebration on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 members and guests enjoyed networking with one another while viewing beautiful artwork at the gallery. Hors d'oeuvres



Photo by Sheila Ivain


and refreshments were provided by Ciesco Catering, Backstage Torrington and Village Wine Cellar and each attendee received a beautiful Christmas gift courtesy of Cook Funeral Home. Thank you to co-sponsors Taylor Rental, Dunning Sand and Gravel and Bank of America for their generosity and to Sheila Ivain who captured beautiful photos of the event.




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### Job Fair

Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce will hold the 13th Annual Job Fair on Thursday, March 30th at the Torrington City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair welcomes job seekers to network with potential employers, distribute their resume and apply for open positions. All industries and businesses are welcome to participate. The fee for Chamber members is \$100 and for non-members is \$150. Lunch is provided for employers. Supporting organizations of the Job Fair include: The City of Torrington, the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, the Connecticut Department of Labor, FM 97.3 WZBG, The Register Citizen and Republican-American. To reserve a table at the fair, please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

### Peer Groups

The Chamber will host the following peer group meetings and welcomes any member involved in the specific industry to attend. These meetings will be held at the Chamber, 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington.

- ♦ Manufacturers' Coalition will meet on Friday, February 3rd at 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ Insurance Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 15th at 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ Health Council will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at 8:00 a.m.

### Annual Meeting & Chamber Hall of Fame Luncheon

Our Annual Meeting and Chamber Hall of Fame Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Chatterley's Banquet Facility in Torrington. The keynote speaker of the Annual Meeting will be Joe Brennan, President of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association. The 2017 inductees in the Chamber Hall of Fame will be announced in next month's newsletter. For more information, call the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

### Financial Reality Fair

Save the date of April 26 for the 8th Annual Financial Reality Fair. The Chamber is once again partnering with the Connecticut Credit Union League to provide a hands-on budgeting experience to high school students. Participating students gain practical knowledge about personal financial management in a one day "real world" environment. The fair is designed to teach students the value of using money responsibly. This exercise requires each student to choose a career and salary and then budget their money wisely to make ends meet. Chamber members volunteer to make this event possible. If you'd like to be involved, please call Lauren at 860-482-6586.



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Company staff donated over 1,500 toys to Torrington's FISH via the Torrington Fire Department's Christmas for Children Toy Drive. In addition, another 500 toys, benefitting 153 children, were donated to the Torrington Area Youth Services Bureau.



O&G Industries recently received its third consecutive CCA (Connecticut Construction Industries Association) Community Service Award following its 2015 win for its annual toy drive and 2014 win for its Platt Builds program. O&G won the award for its awareness and fundraising efforts throughout the month of October in support of Making Strides of Litchfield County, a local chapter of the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Network.

## Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) has once again earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

CHH underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite surveys throughout the hospital where a team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated compliance with hospital standards related to several areas, including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, and medication management. Surveyors also conducted offsite observations and interviews. CHH scored among

the top community hospitals in the nation, achieving satisfactory compliance in performance of 3,078 measures out of a total 3,100 measures with improvement plans for complete compliance well under way.



## Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

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The Center for Youth and Families in Torrington which provides all of the Child and Family Behavioral Health Outpatient services for Charlotte Hungerford Hospital has been awarded re-accreditation from the National Children's Alliance after an evaluation process that took place in June of 2016 in the Child Advocacy Center.

The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). There are over 750 CACs across the country and The Center for Youth and Families houses one of only 8 across Connecticut.

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### Representation of Northwest Connecticut Needs

- Appoint a resident of Northwest Connecticut to the Board of Regents.
- Maintain the Community Investment Act and Public Act 490 as intended.
- Support access to high speed internet which is vital to the growth of rural areas.
- Support high tech manufacturing in the renewable energy field which is positioned for growth and is vital to companies in Northwest Connecticut.

“The Chamber membership owes a debt of gratitude to the volunteer members of the Government Relations Committee for the time they dedicated towards developing the 2017 agenda,” Chamber President JoAnn Ryan stated. “Properly addressing the concerns of business leaders in our region will only help to strengthen the communities of Northwest Connecticut.”



## Small Business Counseling by SCORE

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Northwest Connecticut SCORE is a dedicated group of retired business people who counsel potential and current

business owners at the Chamber office by appointment. They are available on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Chamber office at 860-482-6586.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER (Cont'd.)

### Junior Leadership Northwest

December's Junior Leadership Northwest session was a Community Service Project and the kids really knocked it out of the park!

The group of high school juniors from Torrington, Wamogo, Gilbert and Oliver Wolcott Tech organized a Shoebox Project in collaboration with the United Way of Northwest Connecticut. They organized a toiletry drive on December 19<sup>th</sup> and received almost 6,000 items from the community! The students also collected empty shoeboxes that they decorated with encouraging messages. It took them just 2 hours to decorate over 150 shoeboxes and fill them with toiletry items based on gender.



The boxes will be at Torrington High School where the approximately 50 homeless teens attending Torrington High will be able to access them. Thank you to our Chamber members who donated to the drive!

The class' January session was held at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Guest speakers from the college talked to the students about the many career opportunities available in this region. They were also given a tour of the nursing lab, science lab and art studio.



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# Member News

## Center for Cancer Care Fund Receives Donation

The Torrington based "Free Spirit" Lady Harley Riders Motorcycle Club made a donation of \$2,150 to the Cancer Care Fund of Litchfield Hills. The funds were raised at the group's annual fund-raiser held this past October in Winsted which featured live music, over 40 donated raffle items, and monetary contributions from many area businesses.

Representatives of the club presented the fund board with the gift making 2016 the eleventh consecutive year the group has raised money for the cause. They have donated over \$25,000 in total since they began contributing. The donations are used to assist and support cancer patients residing or receiving care in northwest Connecticut through care, treatment, education and prevention programs.

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## Chamber's Lobbying Firm Expands

Marshall Collins of Marshall R. Collins & Associates, the Chamber's state lobbyist for close to 30 years, recently announced the merger of his firm with International Government Strategies, LLC (IGS). IGS is the Milford based lobbying firm of former Democratic House Speaker James Amann and former Milford State Senator Win Smith and has expanded with the addition of lobbyist Michael Rell of Wethersfield. Rell has worked as a press secretary for the State Senate Republican Caucus, a policy analyst for the House Republican Caucus and as the caucus's director of outreach.

## Salisbury Bank News

Salisbury Bank's Kim Downey, Vice President, Trust Officer, was chosen as one of the select few New Leaders in Banking. The Connecticut Bankers Association and *Connecticut Banking Magazine* asks bankers throughout the state to nominate their peers for the leadership award. Nominees must work at a CBA member bank, be an outstanding employee, manager or business leader, and be making a notable impact within their bank and community. Ms. Downey is one of thirteen individuals who was chosen for this recognition.

Spring Burke has been chosen as a 2017 Five Star Mortgage Professional award winner and will be featured in the March issue of *Connecticut Magazine*. To receive the Five Star Mortgage Professional award, a mortgage professional must satisfy five objective eligibility and evaluation criteria that are associated with mortgage professionals who provide quality services to their clients. Ms. Burke has received the award five years in a row.

## Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC) received a \$1,500 year-end critical needs grant from the Draper Foundation Fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. It was one of 50 year-end grants approved for local nonprofits that are dedicated to helping area residents and families with limited financial means. The grant will be used to support the Student Food Pantry.

NCCC is offering the required course for those interested in becoming a real estate salesperson. *Real Estate Principles and Practices* begins on February 16 and ends May 4. It will meet Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:35 p.m. The cost is \$459 plus textbooks. To register, contact Jane Williams at [jjwilliams@nwcc.edu](mailto:jjwilliams@nwcc.edu) or call 860-738-6444.

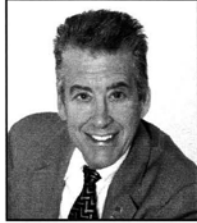
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## Burlington - Janet Schwartz

- ♦ The following programs will be held at Sessions Woods. Children's Program-Learn About Wildlife (return of the wild turkey, fun facts about fisher, what do bears do in the winter, hands-on presentation) on January 28, 1 pm. Wildlife Tracks (join Master Wildlife Conservationist Ray Hardy for a walk in the woods to look for animal tracks & signs) on February 25, 1 pm. March Mushroom Madness ("Foraging Fantastic Fungi" presented by the Connecticut Valley Mycological Society) on March 26, 9:30 am. Register for these events or get more info by calling 860-424-3011 or email [laura.rogers-castro@ct.gov](mailto:laura.rogers-castro@ct.gov).
- ♦ Land Trust Snowshoe Ramble. Explore Nassahegon Forest starting on Stone Road on February 13, 7 pm. Visit [burlingtonlandtrust.org](http://burlingtonlandtrust.org) for details.

## Falls Village - Wendy Eichman

- ♦ Winter Festival at HVRHS (gym & cafeteria) on February 11, 1-4 pm. \$5/person or bring winter clothing for donation. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- ♦ Father/Daughter Dance at Falls Village Children's Theater on February 17, 6-8 pm. For more information, contact [devbou@aol.com](mailto:devbou@aol.com).

## Harwinton - Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ♦ The following programs will be held at the Harwinton Public Library. "Wild West Re-enactment Book Talk & Signing" with author Jim Griffin, Eric Lee and His Horse on February 4, 10 am. "Get Organized" with professional organizer Jan Baltrush on February 11, 1pm. Adults & children 12 & up. Free/open to public. Call 860-485-9113 for information & to register.
- ♦ The Harwinton Historical Society will present "The Road to 9/11" video with discussion to follow on February 5, 2pm at the Harwinton Public Library. Discussion led by Bruce Burnett. Free/open to public.
- ♦ Harwinton Recreation Adult Fitness programs offer something for everyone: Pickleball, Zumba, Morning Pilates, Volleyball, Yoga and Fit Club. Call 860-485-0626 or email [recreation@harwinton.us](mailto:recreation@harwinton.us) for details.

## North Canaan - Wendy Eichman

- ♦ VFW Post 6859 Paint 'n Sip with Beth Miller at Canaan VFW on February 10, 6 pm. \$35/person. Register with Beth Miller 860-605-6787.
- ♦ Couples Paint 'n Sip at The Colonial Theatre, February 11. \$75/couple inc. champagne, sweets, hors d'oeuvres, painting. Singles welcome \$35/person. Register with Chris Claydon 860-671-7991.
- ♦ NCES PTO Chocolate Festival on February 14. Contact Nikki Blass for info [nbllass01@yahoo.com](mailto:nbllass01@yahoo.com)
- ♦ Canaan Lion's Club Paint 'n Sip at Canaan VFW on February 24, 6 pm. \$35/person. Register with Beth Miller 860-605-6787.

## Torrington - Lynn Gelormino

- ♦ Torrington Fire Department asks residents to take a survey on the city website ([www.torringtonct.org](http://www.torringtonct.org)) to assist in updating the Fire Service Strategic Plan.
- ♦ In February, the City will introduce an electronic newsletter. It will contain information on city projects, important meetings and keep citizens in the loop. To sign up, email [newsletter@torringtonct.org](mailto:newsletter@torringtonct.org) or call 860-489-2228.
- ♦ Winter Showcase Acoustic Concert Series at Coe Memorial Park Civic Center on February 3 & 10, 8 pm.
- ♦ *The Who's Tommy* will be performed at the Warner Theatre February 4-12. Call 860-489-7180 for tickets.
- ♦ KidsPlay Family Fun Day on February 19, 11 am - 4 pm at the Warner Theatre. Enjoy a day of family entertainment. \$15 for family of 6 (\$12 with KidsPlay membership), \$2 each add'l. person. Call KidsPlay for information 860-618-7700.
- ♦ *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon* at the Warner Theatre February 25-26. Brand new musical based on the best selling book by Mary Pope Osborne. Call 860-489-7180 for info/tickets.

## Warren - Craig Nelson

- ♦ Warren Parks & Recreation is sponsoring several trips in February & March. Visit the Recreation page at [warrenct.org](http://warrenct.org) for complete details.
- ♦ St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon on March 15, 12 noon at the Parish Hall. \$15/person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Ruth at 860-868-7865, Edna at 860-868-2115 or Park & Recreation at 860-868-7881 ext. 113.

## Winsted/Winchester - Fran Delaney

- ♦ Friends of Main Street's annual Bubbles & Truffles chocolate & wine tasting on February 3 in the Goldin building on Main Street next to the FOMS office. A portion of proceeds will be used in support of the Soldier's Monument. Visit [foms.org](http://foms.org) or call 860-738-3351 for tickets.
- ♦ Farmers' Market continues through the winter months on the third Saturday (February 18, March 18). The market is located at the Gaylord Tiffany building on Rowley Street from 10 am - 4 pm.
- ♦ Whiting Mills continues its 3rd Sunday craft and artisan event at 100 Whiting Street. The Mill has been honored by *Yankee Magazine* as the "Best Artist Community" in the "Best of New England 2016".

If your community isn't listed and you would be interested in becoming involved, please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586 to find out more about our Community Representatives.





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# Renewing Members

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- ◆ Ackley Insurance Solutions
- ◆ Adams Samartino & Co., PC
- ◆ All-Star Storage, LLC
- ◆ Altek Electronics Company
- ◆ American Institute for Economic Research (AIER)
- ◆ Bank of America
- ◆ Borghesi Building & Engineering Co., Inc.
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- ◆ Jill B. Brakeman, Law Office & Mediation Center
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- ◆ Championship Turf Services
- ◆ CMHA Northwest Center for Family Service
- ◆ Colavecchio Design, Inc.
- ◆ CONNSTEP
- ◆ Conquest
- ◆ Coutant, Sederquist, Nebor & Clauss Dentists, PC
- ◆ Devereux Glenholme School
- ◆ The Law Office of Robert F. Dwyer, Jr.
- ◆ Eastside Electric, Inc.
- ◆ Eco Home Comfort Systems
- ◆ Edward Jones Investments
- ◆ Fairchild Auto-Mated Parts, Inc.
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- ◆ Inspire Leadership, LLC
- ◆ Jacque Williams Entertainment
- ◆ Litchfield Drapery & Blinds
- ◆ Litchfield Hills Nursery
- ◆ McCall Center for Behavioral Health
- ◆ Meadow Street Commons-Winsted, LLC
- ◆ Meraki
- ◆ National Iron Bank
- ◆ Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation
- ◆ Northwestern Mutual, John Morris
- ◆ O&G Industries, Inc.
- ◆ Pelletier Mechanical Services, LLC
- ◆ Petrovits, Patrick, Smith & Co., LLC
- ◆ Property Partners Real Estate, LLC
- ◆ Red Barn Consulting, LLC
- ◆ The Roberts Tax Group
- ◆ The Rotary Club of Torrington & Winsted Areas
- ◆ Rougeot Electric, LLC
- ◆ Jackie Scoville
- ◆ Seitz LLC
- ◆ Special Olympics Connecticut, Inc.
- ◆ Spectracoat Metalizing, LLC
- ◆ Stadium System
- ◆ Torrington Business Park, LLC
- ◆ Torrington Library
- ◆ Torrington Savings Bank
- ◆ Union Savings Bank
- ◆ United Construction & Engineering, Inc.
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**North Canaan**-Colonial style brick building is a Main Street landmark - formerly used as a Dentist office. Reception area, 3 offices, one has fireplace, bath and work space on main floor; downstairs features library, wet bar and additional bath. Public parking available behind building. Exclusive \$165,000. Call Associate Broker Wendy Eichman for details and showing: 860-671-0627.

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- Webster Bank

# Chamber Calendar of Events

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

## February 2017

- 1st - **WOW! Forum Advisory Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 2nd - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 3rd - **Manufacturers' Coalition** Meeting, 8 AM
- 6th - **Restaurant in the Spotlight** at The White Horse Country Pub & Restaurant, 258 New Milford Turnpike (Route 202), New Preston, 5:30 PM
- 7th - **School-to-Career Pathways** Meeting, 7:30 AM
- 8th - **Read Aloud Day**
- 9th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 15th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM  
**Leadership Northwest** sponsored by Red Barn Consulting & Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board
- 20th - **Chamber Closed in observance of Presidents' Day**
- 21st - **Chamber Health Council** Meeting, 8 AM
- 23rd - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 27th - **Junior Leadership Northwest** sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank
- 28th - **Business with Breakfast**, 8 AM

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- 30th - **Annual Chamber Job Fair** at Torrington City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, 5-7

## Save The Date

- April 20th - **Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Luncheon**
- April 26th - **Financial Reality Fair**
- September 23rd - **Torrington House Tour**
- October 6th - **WOW! Forum**

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**on-line at [nwctchamberofcommerce.org](http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org) or call 860-482-6586.**