

The Chamber Celebrates Success with Awards

Since 1991, the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut, Inc. has recognized individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional and unselfish service to the Northwest Corner with the Celebration of Success Distinguished Leadership Awards. The awards for Business Leader, Community Leader and Quality of Life will be presented on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at Chatterley's Banquet Facility.

Based on their contributions to the business environment, the 2017 Business Leader award recipients are Timothy and Susan Cook of Cook Funeral Home. Married for 26 years, the couple have been giving back to the communities of Northwest Connecticut even before Tim purchased the funeral home, formerly LaPorta Funeral Home, on November 1, 2001. Tim, a Winsted native and Susan, from Torrington, graduated from local schools including Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Tim is a member and past President of the Torrington-Winsted Rotary Club, a member of UNICO, the Elks and past President of the Winchester Knights of Columbus. Susan is currently a member of the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Auxiliary Board and a Corporator of the Torrington Historical Society. The Cook's have been avid supporters of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Altrussa Club and Friends of Hospice. They also hold an annual Veterans' Day memorial service and community Shred It events. Tim and Susan have generously donated Christmas gifts to the attendees of the Chamber's Holiday Celebration for 15 years.



The community involvement of Kenneth W. Merz has earned him the 2017 Community Leader award. Mr. Merz is the Corporate Secretary for O&G Industries, Inc. where he has directed all administrative activities for the State's largest privately-held construction firm and one of the country's Top 400 Construction Firms since 1970. Ken is widely known for



his service to the community. In 2014, he was named as the Torrington Register Citizen's Person of the Year for his long-standing contributions to the community. Ken is the co-founder and President of the KidsPlay Children's Museum in Torrington that has grown into a learning and recreational destination for over 40,000 children throughout the region. Ken has also served as a director for the Warner Theater, Torrington Economic Development Corporation, Litchfield Performing Arts Center and the Oliver Wolcott Library. He also served as Warden and Vestry member of St. Michael's Parish in Litchfield where he chaired the capital campaign which raised \$1,400,000.

McCall Center for Behavioral Health has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the Quality of Life award due to the organization's commitment to the overall improvement in the quality of life of Northwest Connecticut. McCall is a private, non-profit, behavioral healthcare agency focused on recovery, prevention and community. They seek to alleviate pain and human suffering brought about by substance abuse by providing comprehensive, integrated substance abuse and mental health treatment to help people lead healthier and more productive lives. McCall's staff is a group of dedicated professionals who are passionate about helping the people in their community. The people they serve are at the heart of everything they do. Every program, service and decision McCall makes is centered around them and their wellness.



McCall Center for Behavioral Health provides a full range of alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services. Depending on the needs of the people served, McCall offers a full range of dependency and mental health treatment programs including: intervention programs; outpatient treatment (intensive, traditional and medically assisted); residential care intensive & intermediate; and, mental health outreach & treatment.

FROM CHAMBER
PRESIDENT & CEO

JoAnn Ryan



Congratulations to the outstanding 2017 Celebration of Success honorees:

- Community Leader: Ken Merz, O&G Industries, Inc.
- Business Leaders: Tim & Susan Cook, Cook Funeral Home
- Quality of Life: McCall Center for Behavioral Health

All have touched thousands of people through their efforts to make this a greater place in which to live and work. In their own unique way, each has:

- Cared for others
- Answered a critical need
- Lifted our spirits
- Opened doors for new experiences
- Diversified their business
- Done the very best for this region and beyond
- Personified the essence of business giving back
- Developed new community partnerships
- Inspired us to become involved
- Made us aware of our neighbors in need
- Spread smiles
- Warmed our hearts and minds
- Displayed diplomacy, leadership and compassion
- Earned our respect and admiration
- Explored new opportunities and resources
- Made us brighter, happier and healthier
- Broadened our vision and horizons

Please join us in celebrating these worthy recipients during a unique party at Chatterley's Banquet Facility on Thursday, June 29th at 5:30pm.

From 2008 to 2011, The Boston Federal Reserve Bank of Boston joined with state and local leaders to commit its expertise to studying the many issues facing smaller industrial cities. Their initiative was so successful that they expanded into RI and CT in the fall of 2016.

We are very proud to be the co-lead with the City of Torrington involved in a very unique collaboration after Torrington was chosen as one of the ten of the original sixteen selected to apply for a Working Cities Challenge Grant.

The core elements are collaborative leadership, community engagement, evidence-based decision making and ultimately system change in order to better solve a problem. We are well on our way with a team of collaborators and core partners from a wide range of community organizations and leaders.

We will keep you posted. This is a huge undertaking for us with opportunities to deal with major challenges. We'll be calling on you to work with us.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

Manufacturers' Coalition

Submitted by Lance Boynton, Chair of the Manufacturers' Coalition

The Chamber's Manufacturers' Coalition held their May meeting on the 5th at the Chamber office. The group had a very informative meeting that provided insight and guidance into two areas where the membership have asked for assistance: an overview of the U.S. Small Business Administration and safety compliance.

Anne Rice Hunt, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration detailed several different incentive programs offered through SBA to help organizations grow and tap into resources that they might not otherwise know existed. She detailed several packages designed to assist small business including help with the 3C's (Counseling, Capital, and Contracting).

Robin Denny of Robin Denny & Associates Consulting, LLC educated the group on the need for a proactive approach to organizational safety. She shared numerous financial and human relations reasons for creating a safety culture and brought the presentation alive with personal stories as well as an inspirational guest speaker.

Business With Breakfast

The Culinary Arts class of Oliver Wolcott Technical School hosted the April 28th Business With Breakfast. This morning meeting offered attendees the opportunity to network one-on-one, provide a short introduction of their business to the group and enjoy the culinary skills of the students. Director of Counseling & Admissions Ruth Simoncelli and Principal Richard Shellman (pictured above) welcomed the attendees and informed them of the partnership opportunities available for businesses.



May's Business with Breakfast was held at Geer Village and Pursue the Clues will host the June 27th event. If you haven't attended one, join us! It will be worth your while.



Business After Hours

They may have begun renovations, but Brookdale at Litchfield Hills made sure all attendees at our most well-known network building event, Business After Hours, felt welcome. Carl Dunn (left with Peter Callahan of Fresh Perspectives) and his staff used a construction theme to call attention to the renovation of their second floor. They will be relocating their memory care units to that level with expanded services and their assisted living residents will be accommodated on the lower level.



Our next Business After Hours will be hosted by Torrington Savings Bank in Burlington on June 22nd.

Junior Leadership NW



The Junior Leadership Northwest Class of 2017 graduated from the program on Monday, May 22nd at a dinner ceremony held at Marino's Restaurant in Torrington. Nineteen high school juniors from Torrington, Wamogo, Gilbert and Oliver Wolcott Tech were awarded a certificate of completion from the program, along with a letter of recommendation for college. JoAnn Ryan welcomed the group of students, their family and friends, principals and guidance counselors. John Janco, President and CEO and Lesa Vanotti, Sr. Vice President, Treasurer and CFO of Torrington Savings Bank, the program's sponsor since 2011, also welcomed the group and gave their well wishes to the students. The keynote speaker for the evening was Maria Coutant Skinner, Executive Director of McCall Center for Behavioral Health. Maria shared great wisdom and advice with the students. Recruitment for the Class of 2018 will begin in September.



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We promised you'd be hearing about new and valuable benefits for your membership. It's time for *Learn at Lunch!* The series will offer members a one-hour meeting where they can have a bite to eat while hearing about a valuable topic that will benefit their business.

On June 28th from 12-1 p.m., we invite you to come to the Chamber offices for *Learn at Lunch: Social Media 101 for Small Businesses* presented by Lance Leifert of Conquest. Are you using social media the best way for your business? Come by for a light lunch and find out how you can make the most of your business social media accounts. Please register on the Chamber's website nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/. We hope to see you then and to hear what other topics would be beneficial for your business!

Save the date of July 26th for the *Learn at Lunch: Small Business Energy Advantage Program* presented by Wesson Energy.




Join us at our morning roundtable discussion

Business with Breakfast

Chamber members, bring your brochures and business cards along with any leads you would like to share.

Tuesday, June 27th at 8:00 a.m.

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RSVP online at <http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar> or call 860-482-6586.

**BUSINESS
with
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New Technology Advisory Council Peer Group

We are happy to announce the formation of our newest peer group, the Technology Advisory Council. The group will meet for the first time on June 19th at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber. Casey Johansen of AT&T will chair the group that will bring anyone in the technology field together to learn best practices and address mutual challenges. Other peer groups coming up are:

- ♦ Insurance Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ Manufacturers' Coalition will meet on June 2nd at BD in Canaan at 8:00 a.m. and July 7th at 8 a.m.
- ♦ Health Council will meet on June 20th at Geer Village at 8:00 a.m. and July 18th at 8 a.m.

Job Postings

The Chamber's website has a very active Job Postings page. Members are welcome to send any job openings they have for us to post on our page. The service is offered free of charge. Please send your post to lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org in a text format.



6/29

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7/27

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8/24

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Northwest Connecticut's Chamber invites you to join us
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"Social Media 101 For Your Business"

at

Learn at Lunch

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Wednesday, June 28th, 12 Noon to 1 p.m.

\$10 per person (including lunch).

Register at <http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar> for this and other Chamber events

New Member Orientation Breakfast

All new members of the Chamber are invited to join us on Thursday, June 22nd at 8:30 a.m. for a New Member Orientation Breakfast at the Chamber. Come and find out how to make the most of your membership. Mingle with your fellow new members, our Board of Directors and Membership Committee. If your business has been a member for some time, but you are new to your position, you are most welcome to join us as well. RSVP at <http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar>.

Part Time Chamber Sales Coordinator

The Chamber is seeking a part time sales coordinator to work with the staff. Motivated & determined individual wanted to join the team of the largest business organization in Northwest Connecticut. Candidates should be ready to work in a professional environment, possess strong interpersonal and communication skills and enjoy working in a role that varies day to day. The successful candidate will receive on-the-job training with the President & CEO of the organization. Regular interaction with business owners and managers should be expected. Previous sales activity and some experience with Microsoft products is preferred. Reliable transportation is a necessity. Anticipated hours are Monday-Thursday 12-5 p.m., Friday 12-4 p.m. Flexibility is required for some evening hours. Interested parties are encouraged to submit their resume via email to info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.



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COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER

The Burlington Chamber of Commerce held its 2017 Community Awards Dinner on May 9th at KC Dubliner. Award recipients were:

- Rivco Construction, LLC, Distinguished Business
- Larson's Garden Center, Chamber Beautification
- Tom Martin, Distinguished Community Service
- Tod Kallenback, Distinguished Citizen

Congratulations to all!



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

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Leadership Northwest

On May 17th, the Leadership Northwest class, along with some students from the Junior Leadership class, and other Chamber members, visited West Point Military Academy for a Leadership Tour. The group toured the gorgeous campus while their guide talked about the leadership skills possessed by many of their famous graduates. After the tour, they enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch overlooking the Hudson River before departing for a river cruise. The group enjoyed the sunny 90 degree day aboard the River Rose, an authentic Mississippi paddle wheeler that took them on a scenic cruise up and down the Hudson River.



The Class of 2017 will graduate on June 21st at a dinner ceremony held at The Tavern Off the Green in Litchfield. The evening's master of ceremonies will be the co-chairs of Leadership Northwest Paul McLaughlin, Litchfield Bancorp and Cindy Donaldson, Red Barn Consulting. The keynote speaker will be a Leadership Northwest graduate, Lance Leifert, CEO of Conquest. Each team will present the outcome of their group project and be given their certificate of completion for the course. Anyone is welcome to attend the graduation, and you can RSVP on the Chamber's website.



Over The Edge

The first recruitment event for Over the Edge Northwest CT was held on May 11th at Energy Fitness in Torrington. The event was an opportunity for those interested in repelling to learn more information about how to sign up, tips on how to fundraise, and more.

This new and exciting initiative is the first of its kind in Northwest Connecticut and will benefit three local organizations. The Chamber's Education Foundation, the Northwest CT Arts Council and Prime Time House have teamed up to send people over the edge of the Torrington Towers on Saturday, September 16th. Opportunities for

sponsorship and to register to rappel or form a team were discussed at the recruitment event. Watch for details on the next recruitment event and join us to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

For more information, or to sign up to rappel, visit <https://otecwe.com/nwconnecticut/>.

Young Professionals Organization

The Young Professionals Organization held a combined event with the Avon Chamber's Young Professionals on Wednesday, May 31st from 5-7 PM at Parrott Delaney Tavern in New Hartford. The event featured trivia, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and prizes for the winning teams.

On June 23rd, the YPO group will be participating in United Way's Day of Caring. Each year, the group assembles a team to work at Camp Workcoeman on various projects to prepare the camp for the summer. Past projects include washing windows, staining buildings, racking the beach, mowing, weed whacking, demolition, etc. If you're interested in volunteering for this day of community service, contact Lauren at the Chamber.

Membership Committee

Submitted by Frank Buonocore, Chair of the Membership Committee

No month goes by without making Chamber activities and membership benefits meaningful to you. The latest initiative is a seminar series about challenging business problems and solutions. An example is Human Resources requirements effects on your business. See page six for a schedule of the summer series. Please tell us about topics you would like presented.

The formation of a communications/technology peer group is moving forward. This group will work to bring anyone in the technology field together to learn best practices and addresses mutual challenges.

The Membership Committee is always looking for additional Chamber members to join their group. The committee offers several branches with which you can become involved: Ambassadors, Hospitality, Marketing & Communication and Community Representatives. Contact the Chamber if you are interested in gaining more exposure for your business through some volunteer efforts.



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Northwest Community Bank

The Team Success Scholar Program at Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC), currently funded with US Department of Labor funds through the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, will be subject to different eligibility requirements in the fall of 2017, changing NCCC's ability to support as many students. Primarily for degree seeking students, the hallmarks of the Team Success Scholar Program are mentorship, academic advisement, career readiness and training and financial literacy workshops.

After hearing of the changes, Northwest Community Bank offered to assist the program. The bank will contribute \$1,500 per year for five students for three years. Upwards of 80% of the students in the program graduate in three years, a substantially higher rate than the typical student. Bank President & CEO Stephen Reilly comments, "The bank recognizes the value, importance and success stories of the Team Success Scholar Program...we believe in investing in our community's young people, and this program is a terrific way to do that."



Travis Lang, Veterinary Technology student, graduating and transferring to UConn; Laura McCarthy, MA, Director of the Academic Success Center; Michael A. Rooke, Ph.D., President, Northwestern Connecticut Community College; Susan R. Dichter, Program Director, Team Success Scholars; James Altamirano, first year Criminal Justice student; and Stephen P. Reilly, President and CEO, Northwest Community Bank.

O&G Industries, Inc.

O&G Industries held its third annual Touch a Truck event on Saturday morning, May 6, at its South Main Street Maintenance Facility. An estimated 2,200 visitors attended the event. This popular community outing is the culmination of the company's annual Safety Week. Safety Week training and awareness activities are held at every O&G job site and facility across Connecticut.



Touch a Truck is a company outreach tailored to families, giving children the opportunity to explore heavy equipment and participate in a variety of activities. In addition to more than 40 different pieces of construction equipment for visitors to explore, Torrington Fire and Police



Departments and area businesses with specialized vehicles brought them to the event.

All proceeds were donated to the nonprofit agencies of the United Way of Northwest Connecticut.

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Rehabilitation Department's Sports Medicine & Athletic Training Program is offering conditioning camps in Litchfield, Thomaston and Winsted for high and middle school athletes. Programs



will be run at Gilbert, Litchfield, Northwest Regional #7 and Thomaston High Schools throughout the summer. For a complete schedule and registration information, please visit www.charlottehungerford.org/services/sports-medicine-athletic-training/, email sportsmed@hungerford.org or call 860-496-6660.

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Celebration of Success

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Litchfield Bancorp proudly serves as the premiere sponsor of the Celebration of Success Awards. Thomas J. Villanova, President & CEO of the bank states, "Litchfield Bancorp is proud to be the sponsor of this signature event for the past 15 years. The people and organizations that have been past and current recipients are of the highest caliber and do tremendous things for our shared community. It is an honor for our organization to be associated with them."

"The 2017 honorees are admirable role models for us all", said JoAnn Ryan, Chamber President & CEO. "Their list of contributions to the communities we serve is extensive. They are friends that can be counted on; they have shown compassion and care by brightening people's lives; they have grown their business and invested in our communities; they have each earned our respect by taking on regional challenges; and most of all, they strive to make this a better place in which to live and work for all citizens. I look forward to celebrating their contributions to our region on June 29."

For more information on the Celebration of Success Awards, or for tickets to the event, please contact the Chamber at 860-482-6586.



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Member News

Harwinton Lions Club

The Lions Club of Harwinton will host the 1st Annual Harwinton Food Truck Festival on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 11 AM to 7 PM at the Harwinton Town Hall located at 100 Bentley Drive.

The Festival will feature over 20 food trucks, music, kids' activities, sampling vendors and other local vendors. The event is being sponsored by local businesses, including Torrington Savings Bank, Thomaston Savings Bank, Family Propane, LLC, Ultimate Plumbing & Heating, Litchfield Bancorp and Albreada Refuse & Sweeping.

Lions Club International is commemorating its Centennial Celebration from now until June 2018. This celebration marks 100 years of humanitarian service from Lions across the globe. The Lions Club of Harwinton is introducing the Harwinton Food Truck Festival as part of its ongoing contribution to the Centennial with hopes this event grows into an annual event that will attract people from all of Litchfield County and its surrounding areas.

Food trucks currently confirmed include 744 Express, Antojos Criollos, Blackie's Hot Dogs, Bradley Taffy, Bumski's, Caseus Cheese Truck, Chompers, Cutie Pie's, DrewbaQ Food Truck, Farmington Farm Truck, Firehouse Grill, Fryborg, Kranky's Dawgs, Peppermill Catering, Pork Friends & Company, Poutine Gourmet, Sugar Cupcake Truck, Sultan Kebab, Ultimate Sundae and The Whey Station. More will be announced soon. There are opportunities to advertise in the Event Program, where local businesses can place an advertisement or coupon. For more information about sponsoring, vendor opportunities or volunteering, please contact Harwinton Family Food Truck Festival Director Veronica Parsloe at (203) 364-7205 or FoodTrucksInTheValley@gmail.com.

The Harwinton Lions Club recently donated \$750 to the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital's Diabetes Education Fund to help fund programs and the newest continuous glucose monitoring technology for its Diabetes patients.

The donation will be used to fund new glucose monitors that are given to a patient to wear for seven days where it takes a reading of blood sugar levels every 5 minutes. The device is then returned to the center and the data collected is then analyzed by physicians. Information collected allows caregivers to study patterns and identify unrecognized periods of low blood sugar. This is then used to adjust insulin levels and offer lifestyle and medication modifications.

NW CT Entrepreneurial Center

The Entrepreneurial Center of Northwest Connecticut will host a **Bookkeeping and QuickBooks** seminar at Northwestern CT Community College, Founders Hall, Room 107, Park Place East,

Winsted on Saturday, June 10, 2017, 9 to 11 a.m. The seminar will be free although registration is required.

The Bookkeeping and QuickBooks seminar is sponsored by the Winchester Economic Development Commission, Winsted Friends of Main Street, and the Entrepreneurial Center of Northwest CT, which connects established business owners with new entrepreneurs in an effort to provide business development support, education, and training. The Bookkeeping and QuickBooks seminar is the first in the Entrepreneurial Center's Summer Business Series, which will host a different class each month through August.

Contact Jane Williams, Entrepreneurial Center of NW CT at 860-738-6444 or jwilliams@nwcc.edu to register for this seminar.

Branagan Communications Consultants

Barbara Branagan-Mitchell, owner of Branagan Communications Consultants LLC (BCC), public relations, publicity placement, marketing communications agency, announced that she has placed several notable stories in the "Republican American", "Register Citizen" and "Voices" newspapers for several local area businesses. Branagan-Mitchell placed business stories for Check It Off in Torrington, Samantha Gale Designs in Torrington, and Bethlehem-based Jason Healey, owner of J2H Digital and author of his just-released book, "From Ranking to Revenue: A Business Owner's Guide To Successful Search Engine Optimization".

In March, Branagan-Mitchell was named the 2016 Waterbury Regional Chamber Ambassador of the Year. In 2017, she is celebrating 24 years of entrepreneurial success helping companies and organizations build public awareness of their products and services by writing and placing publicity with news media via press releases and captioned photos. Branagan Communications Consultants services include writing and editing of content for websites, newsletters, and marketing materials. To learn more, visit www.branagancommunications.com, call 860-210-0149, or email barbara@branagancommunications.com.

Elevator Service Company, Inc.

Elevator Service Company, Inc. President and CEO, Steven Roth, will be awarded the Associate of the Year Award by the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Fairfield County at their Annual Meeting on June 9th. Steven has also been recognized by other organizations, is a new member of the State Board for the HBRA, and Elevator Service has been the recipient for various awards in the elevator and building industry.

Mr. Roth also announced the incorporation of his new company, Design Build Services, Inc. The new company will provide turn-key solutions from home modifications to the necessary construction for an elevator.

Elevator Service Company, Inc. is an AIA continuing education provider.

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Member News

St. Peter St. Francis School

St. Peter/St. Francis School in downtown Torrington is actively recruiting candidates from the community for additions to their school Board of Directors.

The school educates children from Pre-K through grade 8. They strive to awaken, encourage, and enlighten students in an academically challenging environment centered on the Roman Catholic Faith. Central to their mission is service to their community.

St. Peter St. Francis School is reaching out to members of the community to join them as a working member of their board to perpetuate their mission to students, families, staff and community. Board members are elected for a term of three years. The current members of the board stressed their experience has been great in terms of personal and professional growth and development.

Interested individuals are asked to direct questions to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Jaime Michalec, at [rpidel@yahoo.com](mailto:rpidel@yaho.com). Please consider becoming part of the force committed to making a difference with the children and in the community! Visit their website at www.spsfschool.org.

EdAdvance

Do you have a skill, expertise, or talent to share? EdAdvance's Foothills Adult & Continuing Education seeks enrichment teachers for the Fall 2017 semester. Whether your skills are in the area of health and wellness, technology, science, or the arts, they welcome the opportunity to speak with you about joining their team of instructors.

EdAdvance offers evening classes at the following locations: Torrington High School, Terryville High School, Pomperaug High School, Woodbury Middle School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Northwestern Regional High School, and EdAdvance's Litchfield campus. They also offer daytime classes at EdAdvance's Litchfield and Danbury campuses.

The Foothills Adult & Continuing Education course brochure is distributed each fall and spring to over 75,000 residences across northwest CT. Contact EdAdvance today at 1.800.300.4781 to learn more about joining their team of instructors.

To learn more about Foothills Adult & Continuing Education, please visit www.edadvance.org.

Northwestern CT Community College

Students from the Northwestern Connecticut Community College Business program presented their final projects at the 17th annual Principles of Finance campus presentations to members of the faculty and campus community on April 20.

The Finance project is a team based, semester-long capstone experience that provides the structure and support by which

upper level business students use the skills and tools acquired in the Business program to sift through mountains of information, extract relevant data, assess risk and make decisions based upon present and future expectations.

The project culminated in the 35-minute presentation by the team, followed by a 10-minute question and answer session during which, students spoke of their research and defended their findings.

Northwestern Connecticut Community College Business students face the rigors of a business education that focuses on combining traditional business modalities with creative simulation and communication technology to produce graduates who are consensus builders and leaders. The Northwestern Business Program is committed to creating critical thinkers and principle-centered organizational architects.

Salisbury Bank

Salisbury Bank and Trust Company recently announced the appointment of John Trott as Senior Vice President, Team Leader, Commercial Lending. John has over 25 years of experience and most recently worked at Catskill Hudson Bank in Poughkeepsie as Vice President and Regional Senior Loan Officer. He is a SUNY New Paltz graduate, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Development Economics. He has served as the Chairman of the Manufacturing and Trade Committee and Co-Chair of the Employer Resource Committee for the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Amanda Goewey, Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager and Eileen P. Narbutas, AAP, Assistant Vice President, Customer Support and Electronic Services Manager recently graduated from the Connecticut School of Finance & Management (CSFM), an intensive two year bank management training program sponsored by the Connecticut Bankers Association. The program provides an opportunity for bank management personnel and other key employees of Connecticut's Banking industry to obtain a more comprehensive knowledge and awareness of the banking business.

Salisbury Bank has announced its 2017 Community Shred Day Schedule. This free service is part of the Bank's commitment to help in the fight against identity theft. The Shred Day events will take place at the Bank's branches and are open to all local residents and businesses. Each person may bring up to four boxes of paper (paper only; no binders) for shredding by Legal Shred personnel to any of the locations listed below from 9 AM to 12 Noon:

- July 8th at the Canaan Branch, 100 Main Street, Canaan
- September 16th at the Sharon Branch, 5 Gay Street, Sharon



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Community Representatives Report

Burlington - Janet Schwartz

- ◆ The Johnnycake Music Festival will take place on June 10th at Johnnycake Farm. This annual event brings the whole community together through music. It is one of Make a Mark's staple fundraisers along with the annual Chess Tournament and provides an environment the whole family can enjoy in the early summer months. Partnering with the Burlington Lions Club, the Make a Mark team is able to put on this event where local bands perform, kids can play and everyone enjoys listening to music. The festival is the embodiment of what the Make a Mark Enrichment Fund is all about: bringing the community together. Performers will include Cajun Ray.

Canaan/N. Canaan - Karen Kuhl & Wendy Eichman

- ◆ Canaan Farmers' Market begins June 7th and will run every Wednesday through September 20th from 4 to 6:30 PM at Stadium System.
- ◆ The Sunset Music Series begins June 15th at the Canaan VFW and will run every Thursday through August 31st from 7-9 PM. Enjoy live music, food, drink and family fun!
- ◆ Lone Oak Campsites Motorcycle Run to benefit Make-A-Wish Connecticut will take place June 17th. Entry is \$25 per bike and \$15 per passenger. Food, raffle and music will be held at Lone Oak following the ride.

Cornwall - Dianne Heiny

- ◆ The Morris Dancers will make their annual appearance in Downtown West Cornwall on Saturday, June 10th at 4 PM. Their joyful dance, full of leaps, twists and the sound of a million little bells, is well worth watching.
- ◆ The Cornwall Library is having a show titled "Dive into Spring and Summer with Karen Lesage" now through July 15th.
- ◆ "A Show of Peace," artwork by the children of the UCC is on display at The Parish House through June 11th.
- ◆ The Toll House Gallery will continue to showcase the work of Donald Bracken in addition to the newly added collection of Lennart Swede Ahrstrom and Scott Zuckerman. These paintings will be on display Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturdays 10 AM to 5 PM.

More Community Representatives Report on the next page.



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- ◆ The Souterrain Gallery will be hosting an opening reception on June 10th from 3-6 PM in collaboration with the Housatonic Camera Club for its members. The exhibit will be on display through July 9th.
- ◆ "Books and Blooms" will be held at the Library in Cornwall Village on June 9th from 6-8 PM.
- ◆ The "Books and Blooms Garden Tour; The Art of a Kitchen Garden" is being held by the Cornwall Library on June 10th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Please go to the library's website and click on events. What a great way to spend the day!
- ◆ The Cornwall Historical Society will hold an opening reception on June 16th from 5-7 PM for "Made in Cornwall."
- ◆ The Foreign Mission School will celebrate its bicentennial June 17th & 18th.
- ◆ Seek inner peace through Meditation-for-Mothers on Sundays at 1 PM and Thursdays at 4 PM. Organized by Motherhouse, a non-profit dedicated to inspire and empower families through events, homesteading workshops and the promotion of local goods. All levels of experience, all faiths (or no faith) welcome. Please call 860-672-0229 for more info.
- ◆ Visit cornwallct.org for additional activities.

Falls Village - Wendy Eichman

- ◆ David M. Hunt Library will host the exhibit "Presence," oil paintings by Judith Wyr from June 16th to July 15th. A reception will be held June 16th from 5-7 PM. The event is free and open to the public. Call 860-824-7424 for details.

Harwinton - Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ◆ The following programs will be held at the Harwinton Public Library: Meditation Session "Inviting Silence" on June 12th at 7 PM; and, a Princess Party on June 14th at 6:30 PM for children ages 3 and up. The children are invited to dress as princes and princesses. A guest princess will read princess stories. Call 860-485-9113 to register for these programs.
- ◆ Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary's "All You Can Eat" Father's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held June 18th from 8-11:30 AM at the Firehouse, 158 Burlington Road. Adults \$8 and children 12 and under \$3.50. Tickets available at the door or call 860-485-1398.
- ◆ "Catch Me If You Can" Harwinton 5K Road Race on June 24th at 9 AM at the Harwinton Town Hall/Sports Complex. Call 860-806-1825 for more information.

- ◆ Harwinton Lions Club 1st Annual Family Food Truck Festival will take place on June 25th from 11 AM to 7 PM at the Harwinton Town Hall/Sports Complex. Admission is free. Enjoy over 15 food trucks, music, kids activities and local artisan work.

Salisbury - Adam Higgins

- ◆ The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau will hold its 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, August 21st at Torrington Country Club. The tournament is a scramble format with registration & BBQ lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. \$150 per person includes full BBQ lunch, cart, beverages on the course, one hour open bar, hors d'oeuvres & award ceremony.

Winsted/Winchester - Fran Delaney

- ◆ The Mad River Shareholders Campaign launched on May 13 with the purpose of creating a regional community owned food co-op in downtown Winsted. Contact Mad River Market, 97 Main Street, P.O. Box 1044, Winsted, CT 06098 for updates and info.
- ◆ On May 18th, the second annual Police Awards Ceremony was held in the Gilbert School recognizing officers and citizens for outstanding police work.
- ◆ Beginning June 23rd, the Farmers' Market will return to the East End Park on Fridays from 3-6 PM through September 22nd. See www.foms.org for updates and watch Friends of Main Street weekly newsletter.
- ◆ Whiting Mill continues its 3rd Sunday craft and artisan events at 100 Whiting Street. Visit whitingmills.com for more information.
- ◆ The 81st Rotary Pet Parade was held on May 20th. This is the nations oldest and longest running parade of this type!
- ◆ The annual Laurel Festival will be held the weekend of June 7th, with the Laurel Ball at the Crystal Peak on June 7th and the Laurel Parade on June 9th, See Laurel Festival on Facebook for updates and more information.
- ◆ Friends of Main Street summer concerts will commence on June 6th, with a special event at Soldier's Monument park and concert by the Zolla Boys. Weekly concerts and events will be held at East End Park through August 23rd.
- ◆ The Still River Music Festival will be held at the Riverton Fair Grounds on June 24th from 12-10 PM.
- ◆ See www.foms.org for more information.

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.

Douglas K. O'Connell, Esq. Joins Northwest Community Bank Board of Directors



Douglas O'Connell was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Northwest Community Bank. Doug has had a long-standing relationship with the bank, serving as an advisory board member and as a Corporator of Connecticut Mutual Holding Company for numerous years.

Doug is a partner at the Winsted law firm of Howd, Lavieri & Finch, LLP. His practice focuses on estate planning, trust and estate administration, probate matters and tax planning for the principals of closely held businesses.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Doug received his law degree from Western New England College School of Law and holds a master of law degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. He is a member of the American, Connecticut and Litchfield County Bar Associations.

Actively involved in many local and civic charitable organizations, Doug has served on the boards of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, United Way of Northwest Connecticut, the Torrington Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce of

Northwest Connecticut, the Winsted Area Child Care Center, and the Winsted Rotary Club, where he was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2007.

Doug resides in Torrington with his wife, Linda, and they have a daughter, Katie. His hobbies include tennis, golf, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

Northwest Community Bank is a mutually owned state-chartered bank, headquartered in Winsted, Connecticut since 1860. In addition to Winsted's Main Office, the bank has branches in Avon, Granby, New Hartford, and Torrington; and an academic branch at Northwestern Regional High School in Winsted.

Welcome, Doug, from all of us at Northwest Community Bank!




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- ♦ Waddell & Reed, Joshua Ferreira



At the Brookdale Business After Hours: Lou Carpino of VNA Northwest & Lisa Ferris of Brooker Memorial.



Membership Committee Members Carol Crain of Primerica, Harry Schuh & Carol Kearns of Harwinton Lions Club.



Gene Farley and Britt Baker of Torrington Lumber and David & Ginger Dean of Litchfield County Commercial Realtors.

