

Chamber Young Professionals Organization

Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce established the Young Professionals Organization (YPO) back in 2008. The group was formed due to a need for more interaction amongst our younger members. The group focused on networking, community service, and retention of young people in the region. YPO has grown to over 200 members in its 10 years. The mission of the organization remains the same: to attract and retain young professionals throughout Northwest Connecticut by networking, community involvement and professional development.

While most of the YPO events are social/networking focused, the group has also given back to the community through various volunteer events including the Naugatuck River Clean-Up, United Way's Day of Caring, Habitat for Humanity, etc. They have also sponsored professional development seminars, as well as educational opportunities to further your career. Seminars geared towards their age



group on topics such as retirement planning, insurance, work-life balance, and more have been held.

The Chamber recognizes that the economic future of northwest Connecticut relies on the region's ability to attract and retain young professionals who provide fresh ideas, initiate necessary change, and drive advancements in the local economy.



We have decided that it's time to restructure our YPO group and also recruit new members to join. Anyone 21-40 years old is invited to attend our special lunch meeting on Friday, November 17th at 12 Noon at the Chamber. Attendees will find out more about the organization and help plan for its future. Existing members and new members are all welcome to attend. Our YPO sponsor, Lance Leifert, CEO of Conquest, will moderate the discussion.

IF YOU GO Young Professionals Organization
Lunch Meeting, November 17th at 12 Noon at the
Chamber Office, 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington.
RSVP at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.

Promote Your Business in 2018

The Chamber is working on its 2018 calendar and has some available openings for the Business with Breakfast, Business After Hours and Restaurant in the Spotlight events. We invite any member who is interested in hosting one of these popular network building events to contact us at the office.

Business with Breakfast is traditionally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at a member's place of business at 8 a.m. You'll be given the opportunity to speak about your business or organization and/or provide a. We ask that you provide a light breakfast and coffee. Attendees are also given a couple of minutes to speak about their business. Business After Hours, our most popular network building event, is a wonderful opportunity for our host to highlight their business, facility, products and services. Scheduled at the convenience of our members from 5-7 p.m., hosts are asked to provide light refreshments to attendees. Door prizes are an attendee favorite.

Restaurant in the Spotlight is a monthly networking event which highlights the unique offerings of our restaurant community. Typically held during the first week of the month, the event runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Beverages are served on a cash basis and members are encouraged to stay for dinner after the program.

Call us today at 860-482-6586 to be a part of the excitement!

*From the Chamber
President & CEO*
JOANN RYAN



One of the most exciting initiatives we have undertaken this year is the Boston Federal Reserve Working Cities Challenge. The City of Torrington and the Chamber are the co-leads. It features a competition for three year grant funds in ten selected postindustrial cities in Connecticut. Five will be declared the winners. The model was created by the Federal Reserve and comprised public, private, philanthropic and nonprofit partners.

The core elements were collaborative leadership, community engagement and racial equity, systems change and learning orientation. A very strong steering committee was created late last fall. It included 60 partners from 39 agencies, businesses and nonprofit organizations that met at least twice per month and weekly as we prepare the application for the grant due November 30th.

Our charge was to determine a challenge that exists in our region, determine its root causes, develop a strategy to address root causes, implement this within one year and reach an outcome that addresses the problem. We realized the current demographic trends: declining number of millennials, falling public schools student enrollment, increasing number of senior citizens. These combine to threaten financial security and quality of life for Torrington (Connecticut's only micropolitan center with a population of 36,000 serving 180,000 citizens) and the town's economic viability.

We gathered community volunteers into 13 focus groups that met to discuss this challenge, its causes and potential strategies. Our goal is to retain and attract a younger workforce by increasing Torrington's economically, racially, ethnically diverse millennial population over the next 10 years.

It's a huge undertaking. Think positive thoughts because we are determined to make the final 5. If you want to help, please let us know. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

Leadership Northwest

The Leadership class met on October 18th for their first full day session. Deene Morris, Inspire Leadership, LLC conducted the session.

Prior to the session, each class member completed an online self-assessment to discover their interaction communication style. Knowing each class members' interaction style will help the Leadership Advisors break the class up into teams to complete their self-directed community project. The most successful teams consist of people with diverse skills, who trust one another and work well together. By understanding Interaction Styles, teams benefit from multiple perspectives and skills to achieve objectives.

During the session, class members learned about:

- ◆ The differences in core drives, beliefs, talents and stressors
- ◆ How they are perceived by others
- ◆ Communication dynamics
- ◆ Role interaction
- ◆ How to effectively manage conflict
- ◆ Differences in decision making processes
- ◆ Stress management strategies
- ◆ Perspective shifting for influence and persuasion

Deene Morris is a leadership facilitator and executive coach. She partners with individuals, teams and organizations as a catalyst for meaningful change. She is skilled in helping individuals and teams get unstuck—moving beyond obstacles to achieve their greater potential. From senior management to front-line staff, she facilitates the behavioral practice of leadership development—and imparts proven techniques and strategies to support sustained results.



Her training is built upon the principles of positive psychology and she is certified in the use of EQ-i2.0 & 360, MBTI® (Master Practitioner), Interaction Styles®, Essential Motivators®, FIRO-B© Interpersonal Orientation and the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument. Prior to launching her consulting practice, Deene held corporate and foundation executive leadership positions at McLean, VNA Health Care and Hartford Hospital - and entrepreneurial leadership as co-founder and co-president of Heat'em & Eat'em, a women-owned, all-natural frozen food corporation. She's served in numerous volunteer leadership positions and holds a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership and a Certificate in Servant Leadership from Gonzaga University.

Visit the website at www.inspireleadershiptoday.com or e-mail deene@inspireleadershiptoday.com to explore how to take your team or organization to the next level of success!

Thank you Chatterley's Banquet Facility for hosting our session and thank you Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board for sponsoring this year's Leadership class.

Economic Summit

The Chamber hosted its annual Economic Summit on November 2nd at Torrington Country Club. The keynote speaker, sponsored through a grant from the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board was Donald Klepper-Smith of DataCore Partners, LLC.

Over 70 business people attended and heard a summary of the state and region's economy. Mr. Klepper-Smith also provided his predictions for the coming year.

Business After Hours

The Railroad Museum of New England in Thomaston played host to our October Business After Hours. Attendees toured the museum and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres compliments of Chatterley's Banquet Facility. Margie Bowen of Webscape Design & Consulting, LLC, a Burlington Chamber member, was the lucky winner of the train ride raffled by the museum.

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COMING UP AT THE CHAMBER

SCORE SEMINAR: Business Strategies for Saving for Retirement

Are you a small business owner considering a retirement plan for your business? Interested in learning more about your options? Tax advantages, investment opportunities, and an attractive benefit for current and potential employees are all great reasons to consider adding a retirement plan to your business model. Join James Thibault, CFP®, AWMA®, Managing Partner and John Seagrave, Investment Advisor Representative of Barron Financial Group, LLP on Tuesday, November 14th from 8-10 AM for an educational workshop.

Barron Financial Group, LLP is an independent Registered Investment Advisory firm located in Torrington. They will cover plans including: Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), Roth IRAs, Payroll Deduction IRAs, SEP Plans (Simplified Employee Pension), SIMPLE RIA Plans (Savings Incentive Match Plans for Employees), 401(k) Plans, Profit-Sharing Plans, and Defined Benefit Plans. The workshop fee is \$25. Registration is required. Visit nwtchamberofcommerce.org/calendar to register.

C-PACE FINANCING PROGRAM

C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) & the Connecticut Green Bank offer an innovative and affordable way for businesses, manufacturers and non-profits to pay for green energy updates. Representatives from C-PACE will be at the Chamber on December 5th from 1-2:30 PM for a presentation on their services. C-PACE financing covers 100% of project costs with no money down and is repaid as a long-term assessment on the property. C-PACE not only makes green energy accessible, it allows owners to immediately increase cash flow and improve their building's value. Through C-PACE financing, you can: take control of energy costs to save money and increase your bottom line; act with confidence knowing the Connecticut Green Bank is on your side; and, make your building more comfortable with upgrades that will make it more enjoyable and attractive for you, your employees, tenants and customers. For information, please visit cpace.com.




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Tuesday, November 28th at 8:00 a.m.

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RSVP at nwtchamberofcommerce.org/calendar or call 860-482-6586.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars now for the Chamber's Annual Holiday Celebration! Infinity Hall will serve as host. Join us on December 6th from 5-8 p.m. to help celebrate the holidays and all we have accomplished together. Please do not forget to bring a monetary donation to benefit the local food banks.

See more of Coming Up at the Chamber on page 7.

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Tom is an announcer, emcee & entertainer at Lime Rock Park (www.limerock.com) for the "IMSA WeatherTech/Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge," July 21 & 22; & "Historic Festival 35," Aug 31 to Sept 4, featuring authentic vintage car racing.

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CHAMBER TRAVEL PROGRAM

South Africa

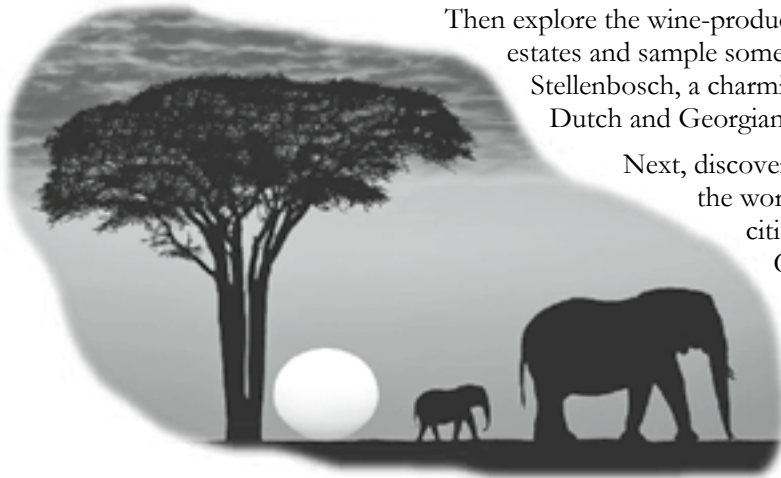
The Chamber is pleased to partner with Central Holidays West to offer a South African Adventure & Safari from April 21 to 30, 2018.

Excite your inner adventurer in South Africa! Set out from Johannesburg for a safari in Kruger National Park, one of Africa's leading game sanctuaries that covers more than 7,700 square miles of land between the Crocodile River in the south and the Limpopo in the north. It also boasts the greatest species diversity in Africa with more than 140 resident mammal species, including the iconic Big Five (lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo and rhino). A 4x4 vehicle gives you nearly unlimited photo opportunities to snap pictures of zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, hippo, crocodile, wild dog and vast antelope herds.

Then explore the wine-producing region of the Cape Winelands, visit picturesque vineyard estates and sample some of the finest South African wines. Take a stroll through Stellenbosch, a charming vineyard village boasting splendidly preserved Cape Dutch and Georgian-Victorian architecture.

Next, discover scenic Cape Town. This once colonial settlement is one of the world's most picturesque tourist destinations and most beautiful cities. Snug between hilly mountains and pristine white beaches, Cape Town is often called the cosmopolitan hub of Africa.

For more details on this and other Chamber sponsored trips, please visit the Chamber's Travel Program page at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/events-programs/chamber-travel-program.



Portugal

The Chamber is also traveling to Portugal November 2-10, 2018.

Travelers will enjoy 9 days and 7 night exploring Portugal's hidden treasures. Some of the highlights will be historic & colorful Lisbon, old-world neighborhoods of Alfama and Belem, UNESCO World Heritage Jeronimos Monastery & Belem Tower, a tradition Fado show, the historic towns of Sintra and Obidos, the world famous shrine of Fatima, picturesque fisherman's villages and charming coastal towns, and so much more.

The trip includes round trip airfare from JFK, 10 meals including 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners, sightseeing, including a local guide and all entrance fees, a professional tour director, deluxe motor coaches and baggage handling and transfers.

The price per person is \$2749 if reserved by March 30, 2018. For more information, visit the Chamber's website to download the brochure- <http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/events-programs/chamber-travel-program/>.



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*Corporate Partner***SHOUT OUTS****Republican-American**

The Sunday Republican-American was recently honored by the New England Newspaper and Press Association. For the second consecutive year, the Sunday Republican was named the Association's Sunday Paper of the Year. The award marks the fourth straight year the paper has received top honors in the daily or Sunday competition, which judges overall excellence of newspapers in New England. In addition, the paper received "distinguished newspaper" recognition. Business Editor Alec Johnson, Managing Editor Anne Karolyi and Litchfield County Editor John Cullen accepted the awards on behalf of the paper at the Association's ceremony.

O&G Industries

O&G Industries, Connecticut's largest privately-held construction company, was named a Connecticut Top Workplace by the Heart Media Group. O&G received the award in the mid-size company category and was the only construction company to make the 2017 list. This is the third consecutive year in which O&G has been named a Connecticut Top Workplace.

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) Multi-Specialty Group has added a new Diabetic Foot Center to its roster of physician practices and services headed up by CHH Podiatric Surgeons Dennis D' Onofrio, DPM, FACFAS, and Darren Winkler, DPM.

The service provides effective, timely diagnosis and treatment of foot wounds for diabetic patients. It is located at the hospital's newly renovated Turner Coe Building, connected to the Main Tower Building at 540 Litchfield, Torrington, with parking behind the Memorial Building.

For more information, or to make an appointment, please call 860-496-6723.

People that have Diabetes often suffer from other associated medical ailments such as nerve damage and poor circulation which may cause a loss in the ability to feel pain, heat or cold, and even the sense of touch in their feet. If left untreated, foot wounds can lead to amputation, so prevention through early detection and treatment is key. Studies show that Diabetes is the leading cause off all non-traumatic lower extremity amputations and people with Diabetes are 30 times more likely to experience them.

Dennis D'Onofrio, DPM, FACFAS, joined CHH in 1990. He attended Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and served his Residency and Internship at V.A. Medical Center, West Haven. He is certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and is also a certified Wound Specialist Physician. Darren Winkler, DPM, joined the CHH medical staff in 2010. He attended Medical School at New York College of Podiatric Medicine and did his Residency and Internship at St. Barnabas Hospital. He is Board Eligible for the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

***Save The Date...* Corporate Partner Reception**

The Chamber cordially invites our Corporate Partners to join us for the 2017 Corporate Partner Reception on Friday, December 1st at 7:30 a.m. Our host, Chatterley's Banquet Facility, will provide a delicious breakfast. Guest speakers will be Mark E. Ojikian, President of the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities, his Chief of Staff, Alice Prichard, and Michael Rooke, President of Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Please feel free to RSVP to the Chamber online at nwtchamberofcommerce.org/calendar or call 860-482-6586.

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Litchfield County Commercial, Realtors

David Dean, president of Litchfield County Commercial, Realtors is pleased to announce the addition of Michael Soliani to his team of commercial & industrial professionals.

Having been born and raised in Torrington, Michael brings a lifelong perspective of the area to their office. Michael is a retired firefighter with the City of Torrington which brings a unique view of properties to the office. He is currently a volunteer firefighter and instructor for the Harwinton West Side FD. He was also employed with local contracting and manufacturing companies which has assisted in his abilities as a leader.

Michael resides in Harwinton with his wife Lisa and has 3 adult sons. He is a past baseball coach and member of the Harwinton Youth Sports Association, member of the International Association of Firefighters Alumni, member of K of C - St. Sharbel Council at St. Maron Church in Torrington, BPOE #372 and a supporter and volunteer for the Torrington PAL.

Mike joins Kevin Nelson and Gary Giordano, specializing in the sales and leasing of commercial & industrial properties and the sale of businesses.

Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center

Wisdom House is holding a food fundraiser to assist you with your holiday meals and treats and to support the center's ministry.

Turkey dinners, cookie trays and Yule log desserts will be available for pickup during the fall and winter holiday season. Orders are being taken now through the holidays. The menu, photos and details are on their website: www.wisdomhouse.org. Call 860-567-3163 to place your order.

Please contribute to the ministry of hospitality, spirituality, education and the arts with your support of this first time fundraiser for Wisdom House.

NW CT Arts Council

The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council will honor seven awardees at the 4th Annual CultureMAX Awards Event on November 14th from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Warner Theater. The annual event was established to celebrate the inspiring works and contributions that various people, organizations and businesses have made, and to educate the region's

community about the positive forces that impact their cultural environment.

The 2017 recipients to be recognized are: Susan Becker Aziz of Bantam in the Artist category; Adam Atkins of Harwinton in the Art Educators category; Mark McEachern of Torrington in the Heritage Professional category; Ellen Paul of Warren in the Volunteer category; TheatreWorks New Milford in the Cultural Organization category; and, Torrington Savings Bank in the Culture-Loving Business category. A Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to artist Tim Prentice of Cornwall.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and are available at www.culturemax.org.

Just prior to the awards event, at 3:45 p.m., The Arts Council will present "NW CT Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 Symposium" at the Warner Theatre. Results of the *Arts & Economic Prosperity Study 5* will be discussed and put into context. Panelists for the symposium include: Kristina Newman-Scott, Director of Culture, Connecticut DECD; Marty Goldin, Developer, Goldin Management; Steven Zarrella, Senior V.P., Northwest Community Bank; Elinor Carbone, Mayor, City of Torrington; Connecticut State Representative John Piscopo; and, Lynn Gelormino, Executive Director, Warner Theatre.

The Panelists will discuss the results of the study in the context of their own sector's work in the region. Analysis of the study's data reveals the level of economic activity as well as the number of full-time jobs the arts industry in our region generates. The study's findings also show how much tax revenues the nonprofits arts and culture sector produces for northwest Connecticut and our state.

LARC

The 16th LARC Annual Festival of Trees will be hosted and held at Valerie Manor, 1360 Torrington Street, Torrington from November 24th through December 3rd. A beautiful collection of holiday displays and silent auction will be open daily from 1-7 p.m. On December 3rd, the hours are 1-5 p.m. (auction closes at 5 p.m.). A donation of \$2 for adults (children 12 and under are free) is requested. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to come and enjoy.

A special preview party will take place on Tuesday, November 21st from 5:30-7 p.m. For details and a schedule of events, please visit litchfieldarc.org for details.

Community Representatives Report

Bethlehem - Rhonda Detlefsen

- ◆ The Bethlehem Christmas Festival will be held on Main Street in Bethlehem on December 1st and 2nd. For information, visit www.christmastownfestival.com.

Canaan/N. Canaan - Karen Kuhl & Wendy Eichman

- ◆ The following programs will be held at The Lodge at Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road, Canaan. They are free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Deb Pelletier at 860-824-2625 or dpelletier@geercares.org
 - ◇ Veteran's Seminar "How Will You Pay for Senior Living" will be held November 3rd at 2 p.m.
 - ◇ Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging will present "Assisted Technology Demonstration" on November 14th at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Be Well Community Yoga Center, located at 91 Main Street offers yoga for all ages. Find classes on Facebook @Bewellcommunityyoga or call 413-429-5650 for more information.
- ◆ Contractors Night at Stadium System's Retail Store, 297 Ashley Falls Road, will be held November 17th from 5-8 p.m. Learn how to brand your business with decorated apparel and promotional products. Meet the Red Wing representative. Refreshments and prize drawings.
- ◆ Ladies Night at Stadium System, 297 Ashley Falls Road, will be held November 27th from 6-9 p.m. Refreshments, free gift for attending, prize drawings and SALES. Enjoy a night out and get a start on your holiday shopping.
- ◆ Parade of Lights will take place on November 26th.
- ◆ Stadium System will be open on Sundays beginning December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Christmas Eve for all your shopping needs.

Cornwall - Dianne Heiny

- ◆ Please visit the Cornwall website at www.cornwallct.org and/or visit the Town of Cornwall's Facebook page for more information.
- ◆ On November 11th, Veterans' Day, a Poetry Reading and Art Show featuring Sally Van Doren will be held at the Cornwall Library at 5 p.m.
- ◆ The UCC Parish House will host an Opening Reception for Danielle Mailer's exhibit "A Room with a Muse and Some Animal Creatures" on November 12th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibit will be on display November 5th through the 26th.
- ◆ The Local Farm will hold it's Women's Drum Circle/New Moon group on November 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a poem or chant. Finger food welcome.

- ◆ A Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at the UCC Parish House on November 19th at 12 Noon. This traditional meal is free and all are invited. Seating is limited. Please call or email the church office at 860-672-6840 or office@uccincornwall.org if you plan to attend. Those who have no one with whom to share Thanksgiving dinner are especially invited.

Falls Village - Wendy Eichman

- ◆ The David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, will host Lime Rock photographer Patricia Decker's exhibit "Seeing Through" from November 3rd through December 1st. A reception will be held November 10th from 5-7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 860-824-7424 or visit huntlibrary.org.

Goshen - Charlene Dutka

- ◆ The Goshen Farmer's Holiday Market will take place at St. Thomas Church Hall on November 19th at 1 p.m. Recipes, tastings, organic products, local and fabulous. For more information, visit goshenfarmersmarket.com

Harwinton - Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ◆ Recycling Schedule:
 - ◇ Used oil/antifreeze on November 4th from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Harwinton Town Garage.
- ◆ The Harwinton Lions Club 45th Annual Scholarship Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, November 5th from 8-11:30 a.m. at Harwinton Consolidated School. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at the door or in advance at Thomaston Savings Bank or Harwinton Town Hall.
- ◆ Harwinton Public Library will present the following programs:
 - ◇ 12 x 12 Art Exhibition from November 4th through December 20th. Paintings, drawings, photographs, collages and designs in a 2-D format. Free admission.
 - ◇ "Fashionably Connecticut: A Century of Connecticut Fashion 1860-1968" will be held on November 18th at 10 am. This event is sponsored by the Lions Club of Harwinton.
- ◆ The 7th Annual Harwinton Hometown Holiday Celebration will be held December 2nd from 4-7 p.m. at the Harwinton Town Hall and Sports Complex.

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Community Representatives Report

Litchfield - Edgar Auchincloss

- ◆ Things in Litchfield continue to be very positive. Our school year is off to a solid start, Russ Barton's Jail Project has it's first new tenants; come check it out, and the Historic Preservation Trust is proffering another option for a new Town Hall in the former courthouse.

Morris - Rhonda Detlefsen

- ◆ The Morris Public Library presents "After School Stories and Crafts with Ms. G" for children in grades K-2 on November 17th and December 8th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The librarian will pick up children at JMS at 3:30 (bring a note to school) and parents can pick up children at the library at 4:30 p.m. Call 860-567-7440 to register. Only 20 spots available. Earn minutes towards your JMS reading log.
- ◆ The Morris Public Library presents "Ebooks and Audiobook Workshop – Overdrive App" on November 3rd. Download the app at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy the tutorial at 6:30 p.m. Bring your device to receive help with downloading. Only 8 spots available. Register by calling 860-567-7440.
- ◆ Velya Jancz-Urban and Ehris Urban will present "Pudd'nheads: Childhood in Colonial America" on November 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Public Library. Register by calling 860-567-7440.

Winsted/Winchester - Fran Delaney

- ◆ Winsted is enjoying the onset of a renaissance with the reoccupation of the first Bridge Street mill building with the new Mad Loft apartments and the beginning of reoccupation of the Lambert Kay building. Meanwhile, the American Mural Project construction is well under way with the anticipated opening in the spring of 2018.
- ◆ The annual Christmas on Main Street event will be held on December 2nd, with a variety of activities downtown including horse drawn carriage rides and, of course, Santa.
- ◆ Whiting Mills, Artists, Artisans & Specialty Shops, located at 100 Whiting Street, will hold their 11th Annual Open Studios Event on December 2nd & 3rd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring over 30 resident artists, photographers, craftspeople, businesses and specialty shops plus 15 guest artists. There will be a wide variety of unique items for sale perfect for holiday giving. The grand opening of Deb Lill's 'Lill Curio Shop & Vintage Photography Studio' will take place. Whiting Mills' 3rd Sunday event will be December 17th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ RR Model and Hobby Supply will sponsor a workshop on autumn scenery on December 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Roger at 860-379-3383 for more information.

IN NEED OF A MEETING SPACE?

Northwest Connecticut's Chamber, located at 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington, has two conference rooms available for use during and after business hours. On-site parking is also accessible. We do charge an affordable hourly rate.


For information, please call us at 860-482-6586.



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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us for our
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Member News

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Salisbury Bank

As part of the Bank's ongoing commitment to enrich the lives of our neighbors, Salisbury Bank has kicked off its tenth annual Fill-the-Basket food drive to help local food pantries feed those in need. Salisbury Bank's fourteen branches will collect donations of non-perishable food items and household supplies. Cash donations will also be accepted. All donated items as well as the monetary contributions collected will be donated directly to local food pantries serving each area.

Local pantries are in need of a variety of donations including: canned goods, cereals, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, peanut butter, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, and tomato sauce. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, shampoo, and soap are also appreciated.

Please join Salisbury Bank's effort to reach out to those in need and accept our sincere thanks for helping enrich the lives of others throughout our communities. Fill-the-Basket will run from November 1st through December 22nd in all Salisbury Bank branches.

Thanks to Our
Renewing Members

The following Chamber members renewed their memberships during the period of September 28th through October 31st. Thank you for your continued commitment to Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce. Companies listed in bold indicate a Corporate Partner.

- ◆ A to Z Computer Services
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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.

November 2017

- 9th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 10th - **Chamber Closed** in observance of Veterans' Day
- 14th - **SCORE Workshop "Business Retirement Savings"**, 8-10 AM
- 15th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Leadership Northwest
- 16th - **Manufacture Your Future** at the Oliver Wolcott Technical School Open House, 75 Oliver Street, Torrington, 6-8 PM
- 17th - **Young Professionals Organization** Luncheon, 12 Noon
- 21st - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 23rd - **Chamber Closed** in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
- 24th - **Chamber Closed** in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28th - **Business with Breakfast** at Torrington High School, 50 Major Besse Drive, Torrington, 8 AM

December 2017

- 1st - **Corporate Partner Reception** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 7:30 AM
- 5th - **CPACE Financing Program** Informational Session, 1-2:30 PM
- 6th - **Chamber Holiday Party** at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk, 5-8 PM
- 7th - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 13th - **Leadership Northwest**
- 14th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Business After Hours at Hatfield & Co.
20 East Main Street, Torrington, 5-7 PM
- 19th - **Health Council** Meeting, 8 AM
- 20th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 21st - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 25th-29th - **Chamber Offices Closed**

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