

# EMPLOYER RESOURCE: ONE STOP WORKFORCE OPERATIONS

You are probably wondering “One-Stop Workforce Operations, what’s that?” It is one of the best kept secrets in Connecticut regarding resources to employers! The American Job Center, also known as the One-Stop, is a network of organizations working as a team to promote a universal approach to provide effective workforce assistance to businesses. This collaboration of state and local organizations along with the regional workforce development boards is designed to provide a seamless delivery system of programs and services. Employers gain access to this network by registering on CTHires, [www.cthires.com](http://www.cthires.com), the Department of Labor’s no cost online job bank.

The American Job Centers (AJCs) provide a variety of employment-related services for Connecticut’s businesses at little or no cost. Staff at the AJCs can provide assistance with services such as job posting on CTHires, recruiting and screening qualified applicants, guidance on reaching out to specific populations in employers’ recruiting efforts, job matching and labor market information. Employers in this region can contact Michelle Caffè, Business Services Specialist, at (203) 437-3308 or [michelle.caffe@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.caffe@ct.gov).

Along with recruitment and hiring assistance, AJC staff can also help employers to access available training grants and employer incentives that will assist with upskilling current employees and creating jobs to grow your workforce. Some of these programs include:

**Manufacturing Innovation Fund Incumbent Worker Training:** The program provides training grants to Connecticut manufacturers for growing innovative and technology-based manufacturing businesses in Connecticut. Contact Michelle Caffè for more information.

**Apprenticeship Training:** Apprenticeship programs in the State of Connecticut are administered by the Department of Labor’s, Office of Apprenticeship Training. Skilled consultants provide technical assistance, monitoring, and consulting services to qualified employers that take on the responsibilities of program sponsorship.

**Subsidized Training and Employment Program (Step Up):** Step Up offers two programs: the Wage Subsidy Program, the Small Manufacturer Training Grant Program and the Unemployed Armed Forces Member Subsidized

Training and Employment Program. Each offers employer incentives to hire new employees and create jobs.

**On-the-Job Training Program (OJT):** The OJT program enables employers to build their workforce by hiring and training quality, pre-screened candidates with assistance of at least 50% or more of the employee’s starting wage for up to 800 hours. Contact Steve Gray at [steve.gray@nrwib.org](mailto:steve.gray@nrwib.org) for more information on Step Up or OJT.

The local AJCs and the NW Workforce Development Board also offer funding for a wide array of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) training options to eligible adult and dislocated job seekers. Those trainings on the Department of Labor’s Eligible Training Provider List can be funded up to \$4,000. Some of these trainings include but are not limited to: Advanced Manufacturing, Culinary Arts, and Patient Care Technician. The goal of the training is to help to develop a high quality workforce.

The NW Workforce Development Board also has several grant funded trainings available to eligible job seekers. These include:

**Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG):** The Health Careers Advancement Project (Health CAP) provides opportunities for eligible participants to enter and advance along a career in the healthcare field.

**ITXpress Tech Hire Program:** The Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board and our partners in South Central Connecticut have been awarded a \$4 million TechHire Partnership Grant. The project will train unemployed and out-of-school young adults (ages 17-29) and upgrade skills of current workers for jobs in the IT Industry including software development, information system management, and computer programming.

**Brownfield Job Training Program:** This program is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency. The training offered under this program is a 40 hour per week, 8 week curriculum of instruction in the following: OSHA / EPA laws and regulations; OSHA Hazwoper Training; Underground / above ground storage tank removal; Blood-borne pathogens; OSHA hazard communications; Hazardous material handling; Confined space entry;

*From the Chamber  
President & CEO*  
**JOANN RYAN**



The Chamber is pleased and proud to announce the recipients of the 2018 Celebration of Success awards. Congratulations to this outstanding group of worthy honorees:

- Community Leader: Brian McCormick,  
Ebersol, McCormick, Reis & Steck, LLC
- Business Leaders: Greg Mele,  
Eastside Electric, Inc.
- Quality of Life: Torrington Savings Bank

The honorees 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:

- Strengthened our communities
- Cared for others
- Given us a spark
- Answered a critical need
- Lifted our spirits
- Opened doors for new experiences
- 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
- 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 stronger
- Broadened our vision and horizons

Please join us in celebrating these worthy recipients during a special party at Chatterley's Banquet Facility on Thursday, July 12th at 5:30pm.

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Safety awareness in work environment; Personal protective equipment and respirators; Lead and asbestos abatement; and RCA / DOT hazardous and non-hazardous waste generation.

**Northwest Construction Careers Initiative:** Northwest Construction Careers Initiative strives to reach out to Waterbury residents in the interest of recruiting individuals for career opportunities in the construction building trades. The system brings together community-based organizations, direct-services providers such as the American Job Center in Waterbury, the local school system, the building trades and other community groups to achieve specific goals.

For more information regarding resources available through the American Job Center and the NW Workforce Development Board contact Pamela LaRosa, Director One-Stop Workforce Operations at [pam@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:pam@nwctchamberofcommerce.org).



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

## Leadership Northwest

In May, the Leadership class attended a Hartford Yard Goats baseball game for their class retreat. The group was treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the park and then enjoyed lunch while watching the game from the Luxury Suite.

The class will graduate on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Tavern Off the Green in Litchfield. The program will include dinner, a keynote speaker, and presentations from each team on their group projects. Colleagues, friends and family are all encouraged to attend to support the class. If you would like to attend, contact [Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org).



### Group Project Update:

Group 3 is organizing a collection day called *Finally Home*, of new/gently used household items including furniture, small appliances, linens, food donations, etc. to assist individuals and families transitioning from a shelter to permanent housing. Last year alone, FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity of Northwest CT) placed over 70 families in permanent housing. There is a significant need for items to help furnish these homes. The collection day will be Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-3pm at 150 Price Road, Winsted. If you're unable to make it that day, you can coordinate drop-off by emailing Owen Quinn, Executive Director, United Way of Northwest CT at [owen@northwestunitedway.org](mailto:owen@northwestunitedway.org).

## Great Giveaway Business Showcase

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Giveaway Business Showcase took place on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Chatterley's Banquet Facility in Torrington and was another huge success.

Over 40 businesses exhibited and over 500 people attended the event throughout the evening. FM 97.3 WZBG broadcasted live from the event and Jacque Williams Entertainment provided the music.

Each vendor had a door prize at their booth and winners

were pulled at the end of the night. Some of this year's giveaways were: a Pizzeria Marzano pizza truck party for 50 people, a grill, a fire pit, a 32" TV, UCONN tickets, a \$200 Visa Gift Card, gift cards to local restaurants, a drone, New Britain Bees tickets, and much, much more!

We would like to thank the following sponsors of this year's event: Torrington Savings Bank, Grabel Business Services, LLC dba H&R Block, Northwest Community Bank, Lowe's Home Improvement, Community Health & Wellness Center, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook, National Iron Bank, FM 97.3 WZBG and Republican-American.



## Meet the Mutts at Restaurant in the Spotlight

Dozens of artists, fosterers, and supporters met at Edison Grill in Harwinton on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Tails of NW CT Kick-Off Party at Restaurant in the Spotlight. The weather was perfect and attendees enjoyed food and beverages outside on the restaurant's patio.

Dog fosterers and potential fosterers had an opportunity to meet the artists, view their designs and select one for their dog that evening.

The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, Northwest Connecticut Chamber Education Foundation and Prime Time House are excited to bring this public art project called *Tails of NWCT* to the region. The dogs will build a sense of community, promote tourism, and enhance the exposure of local artists. *Tails of NWCT* will also beautify the business districts and towns, encourage foot traffic into local businesses, and celebrate the uniqueness of the area.

See more of What's Been Happening on Page 6.

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## COMING UP AT THE CHAMBER



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RSVP online at [nwctchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org).

## Health Council

The Chamber's Peer Group for individuals in the health care industry, the Chamber Health Council, will meet on Wednesday, June 20th at 8:00 a.m. at Brookdale Litchfield Hills, 376 Goshen Road, Torrington. The guest speaker at the meeting will be Carla Angevine, the Executive Director of Fit Together NWCT. Fit Together NWCT is a public health initiative that is working to build the healthiest kids, families and communities by helping to identify policy changes and environmental improvements in the cities of Torrington and Winsted that will help make the healthy choice the easy choice. Please RSVP for the meeting online at <http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar>.

## Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 Awards Dinner

Save the date of July 26th for the inaugural "Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 Awards Dinner". The event will be held at Chatterley's Banquet Facility from 6-8:30 p.m. An initiative of the Chamber's Young Professionals Organization, the dinner will feature the unveiling of the Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 Magazine and will recognize the outstanding group of individuals being honored. The group, chosen from more than 100 nominations, represent remarkable young people living and working in the northwest corner who are making a difference in their company, school and/or community. The awards dinner will be emceed by Natasha Lekwa, Host, Influence Marketing and Social Media Editor at *Forbes*. Call the Chamber for information on the event, including sponsorship opportunities.

## WOW! Forum

The annual WOW! Forum is a day-long event featuring nationally recognized speakers who educate and motivate the hundreds of women attending the largest professional development conference in this region. Since its inception 14 years ago, the event continues to flourish and inspires attendees professionally and personally. Coordinated by the WOW! Forum Advisory Committee, every detail of the day is focused on supporting and empowering women in the workplace. The 2018 WOW! Forum will be held on October 5th at the Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center of the Warner Theatre. Partnership opportunities are now available for companies to receive exposure, tickets and more! For more information, please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

See more "Coming Up at the Chamber" on Page 7.

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Businesses and community members are encouraged to foster dogs for the event by sponsoring a dog, of which there are four types. The completed art dogs will be on display throughout Northwest Connecticut from mid-August through Columbus Day weekend. A regional map of all the display locations for the completed *Tails of NWCT* art dogs will be available to residents and tourists. Dogs that are not purchased back by their sponsors will be available for bid at the *Tails of NWCT* Auction on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Chatterley's Banquet Facility in Torrington.

For more information about the project, including sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.TAILSofNWCT.org](http://www.TAILSofNWCT.org) or call the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce at 860-482-6586.

## Legislative Breakfast

The Chamber partnered with our fellow business organization, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, to present the Legislative Session Wrap-Up Breakfast on May 18th. The members of Northwest Connecticut's state legislative delegation were in attendance to review the bills that were signed into law during the session and hear feedback from Chamber members on issues of importance to them. The Chamber's lobbyist, Marshall Collins of International Government Strategies, LLC served as moderator.



## Manufacturing Bus Tour

On Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Chamber hosted a Manufacturing Bus Tour for local high school students. The funding for the program came from an American Apprenticeship Accelerator federal grant through the CT Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship Training, whose purpose is to develop strategic plans and build partnerships for apprenticeship expansion and diversification. Forty-five students from Torrington High School, Litchfield High School, Lewis Mills High School, and Housatonic Valley Regional High School visited Altek Electronics, Seitz LLC, Fuel Cell, and BD.

The students had a tour of the facilities and learned about the different career opportunities at each company. The program will be offered again in the fall.



[CharlotteHungerford.org](http://CharlotteHungerford.org)

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### Young Professionals Organization - Day of Caring

Once again this year, the Young Professionals Organization is recruiting a group of volunteers to participate in the United Way's annual Day of Caring on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. This year, the group will be cleaning and freshening up flower beds around the building and the main sign at Community Health and Wellness Center in Torrington. The event runs from 9AM-4PM and lunch is provided. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, shovels and gardening gloves, if possible. If you are interested in joining the Young Professionals team, please contact [Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org). Anyone is welcome to join the group.

There are still other projects available as well. If you have a group of colleagues or friends willing to take on a project of your own, please contact Terri at the United Way of Northwest CT- [Terri@northwestunitedway.org](mailto:Terri@northwestunitedway.org).

### Junior Leadership Northwest

Do you know a high school junior or senior who has leadership potential?

Junior Leadership NW, sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank, is a program for area high school juniors and seniors designed to give students an inside look at how local government, banks, law enforcement and other local entities operate. Junior Leadership NW provides an awareness of local history and resources that will interest students hoping to become future community leaders.

Junior Leadership NW's mission is to promote a community-based educational program where area high school juniors and seniors gain a working knowledge of their community and county. Junior Leadership will:

**Acquaint** high school students with community needs and resources which influence the future of Northwest Connecticut;

**Educate** students about the economic, social and political forces affecting the state and our region;

**Develop** leadership skills and encourage students to interact with community leaders, decision makers and peers; and,

**Challenge** emerging leaders to apply their knowledge and skills to the community.

In Junior Leadership NW, potential leaders are identified through area high schools. This gives students the opportunity to meet and make friends with people their own age, who they otherwise might not have known. That means that while gathering at each session, participants are also learning about the diverse people who make this community unique. A series of eight monthly sessions will expose students to become actively involved in Litchfield County by getting a first-hand look at business, government, media and more. In addition, it will give them the opportunity to meet our leaders and discuss current issues affecting our community. This program is also an excellent experience to include on a resume or college application.



All candidates will be selected from area high schools. All applicants must be high school juniors or seniors during the session and a resident of Litchfield County. A committee will select the participants based on the application, leadership traits, potential and ability to communicate. Applications must be received by the NW CT Chamber no later than September 10, 2018. Applicants will be notified by mail as to their acceptance in Jr. Leadership NW by September 17th. Tuition for the program is \$75, due upon acceptance.

Applications can be found on our website at <http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/events-programs/junior-leadership-northwest/>.

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# Corporate Partner SHOUT OUTS

## Connecticut Mutual Holding Company

Doreen Welsh, a retired Flight Attendant who was on board the “Miracle on the Hudson,” spoke on Thursday, May 17th to a group of local bankers, business people and elected officials at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Mutual Holding Company Business Breakfast held at Chatterley’s Banquet Facility in Torrington.



From left, Steve Reilly of Northwest Community Bank, Tom Villanova of Litchfield Bancorp, Doreen Welsh and Gary Roman of Collinsville Savings Society.

Ms. Welsh entertained the audience by telling the story of what took place during the crash landing of US Airways Flight 1549 that landed in New York’s Hudson River in 2009. Welsh was a flight attendant who had been trained for 38 years to prepare for, but never expected to hear the words “Brace for Impact!” Throughout the event, Doreen had the audience’s full attention, creating many emotions including both laughter and tears, as they listened to her story.

## Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

During the month of May, a week is set aside to honor the value and contributions of nurses across the nation. Charlotte Hungerford Hospital thanks all of its nurses and recently nominated two of them for this year’s 2018 Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing.

CHH Intensive Care Unit Nurse Aislinn MacMaster, RN, and Nursing Educator Christine Caraballo, RN, attended the annual Nightingale event, originally developed by the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut to be a collaborative effort to celebrate outstanding nurses and elevate the nursing profession. Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the goals of the program are to encourage retention, inspire future nurses, focus public attention and recognize the breadth and scope of nursing practice at the local level.

Aislinn was born at CHH and graduated from Tufts University with a BA in English. She was inspired while visiting her father in a local hospital ICU unit where she met a smart, strong and caring nurse and decided to make a career change. She completed an accelerated nursing program at Quinnipiac University and is now a CHH ICU nurse at the hospital where her dad began his career as a doctor.

Christine has a BSN from Saint Joseph College and is currently enrolled for her Masters in Nursing Education. Her nursing background is vast and includes her involvement with the Emergency Medical Services for Children and the National Pediatric Readiness Project which addresses national deficiencies in the quality of emergent pediatric care in emergency departments. She has been a nurse for 18 years and is currently working full-time at CHH in nursing education and per diem as an emergency room nurse.

## O&G Industries, Inc. and Torrington Savings Bank

The Susan B. Anthony Project’s “Walk a Mile” event took place on May 20th and saw support from many Chamber members. O&G’s Quarry Supervisor Dave Guerrero, Torrington Savings Bank’s Senior VP Residential & Consumer Lending Jeff Geddes and Residential Lending Officer Jason Tuncy were among the men who participated in the walk to raise funds and awareness to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence.





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Once you are completely satisfied with your PSA, they will play it 4-5 times daily 7 days a week and feature you on their website. They will also distribute copies to local community stations in the region. The PSA is yours to keep. For more information on how you can take advantage of this special offer, exclusive only to Northwest Connecticut Chamber members, contact KBJB Radio at 860-350-8152 or [kbjbradio@gmail.com](mailto:kbjbradio@gmail.com).

## **Friendly Hands Food Bank**

Friendly Hands Food Bank is hosting the fundraiser, "An Evening with Psychic Medium Rebecca Anne LoCicero" on June 16th from 6-8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 152 Litchfield Street, Torrington. Rebecca Anne will reconnect attendees with their dearly departed loved ones and entertain with her humor and wit. She is the author of "Living with Messages from Heaven," a guide to conversations from the beyond. She is a certified medium and has worked with clients worldwide for over 23 years.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and baked goods available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets (\$25 ea.) are available by calling Friendly Hands at 860-482-3338 or at the food bank, located at 50 King Street in Torrington (M-Th 9-3).

## **Robin Denny & Associates LLC**

Robin Denny & Associates and the Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission will present "Establishing and Administering an Effective Safety and Health Committee" on June 27th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Chamber office, 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington.

Michael Pitosa, a supervisor and educator with 41 years experience with the Safety and Health Division of the Workers' Compensation Commission will present on the Safety Committee Requirements, Considerations for an

Effective Safety Committee, Organization of the Workers' Compensation Commission and Resources of the Workers' Compensation Commission. Along with his supervisory duties, Mike is a guest speaker educating unions, insurance companies, healthcare, manufacturing, human resources and safety committee personnel. To RSVP, send an email with "June Chamber Seminar" in the subject line to [getdonesafe@gmail.com](mailto:getdonesafe@gmail.com).

## **Northwest Connecticut Arts Council**

The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council announces special events coming up over the summer months. Make Music NWCT, a mix of free outdoor musical events, will make its debut on June 21st. Make Music NWCT is a part of Make Music Connecticut and Make Music Day, a global music celebration that takes place on the summer solstice of each year and brings people of all ages and skill levels together to make music. The Arts Council is coordinating the Make Music NWCT for 27 towns in the region. To date, 31 performances have been scheduled. Performances include former state troubadour Thomasina Levy, The RAMA Saxophone Quartet, Wildcat Creek, The Liddie Big Band, Doug Mahand, Two Old Guys, Robert Fullerton, Soul Pilot, Bob Decker, Dave Kenna, and Cygne. Venues will include the Warner Theatre, The Music Shop, DM Hunt Library, Norfolk Chamber Music property, Makery Co-Working, Hunt Hill Farm, The Litchfield Historical Society and more. Visit [artsnwct.org](http://artsnwct.org) for more information.

The Arts Council will also present the 9th Annual Open Your Eyes Studio Tour on June 30th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 29 artists' studios in Cornwall, Goshen and Warren. A Preview Party will be held on June 16th at 3 p.m. at the Warren Town Center. For details, visit [openyoureyestour.org](http://openyoureyestour.org) or call 860-618-0075.

## **Branagan Communications Consultants**

Barbara Branagan-Mitchell, owner of Branagan Communications Consultants LLC (BCC) in New Milford, announced that Derby Downtown, LLC, owned by Lepore & Sons in New Hartford, has secured her agency's services to launch publicity for their just-proposed Factory Street Square multi-use complex overlooking the Naugatuck River in the southern tip of Derby. The proposed complex will feature 300 one to two bedroom apartments on three to four floors, rooftop gardens and community spaces, health club, in-complex golf simulator and library, dog walking-sitting-grooming services, WiFi and much more. For more information, visit [branagancommunications.com](http://branagancommunications.com) or call 860-210-0149.

# Community Representatives March Report

## Burlington– Janet Schwartz

◆ **Monday Writing Group** meet Mondays at the Burlington Library from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The group is open to anyone interested in writing.

◆ **Johnnycake Music Festival** will be held June 9th from 3-9 p.m. at Johnnycake Mountain Farm. The event is sponsored by the Lions Club and will feature music, food & games. Bring a picnic meal or buy food at the festival.

## Canaan – Wendy Eichman

◆ **The 54th Annual North Canaan Railroad Days** will take place July 18th –29th and will feature many family friendly events. Details can be found online at [canaanrailroaddays.com](http://canaanrailroaddays.com) or on their Facebook page.

- Celebration of the Canaan's Free Dinner at the Bitterman Center, July 11th, 4:30-6 p.m.
- Carnival at Lawrence Field, July 18th-21st, 6-10 p.m.
- Family Fun Night at Lawrence Field, July 26th, 5-8 p.m.
- "A Celebration of Life", 23rd Annual Poetry is Music hosted by Collin's Diner, a National Historic Landmark, July 28th.
- Grand Opening of the Great Falls Brewing Co. in the Depot, July 28th.
- Craft & Flea Market, July 28th & 29th.
- St. Martin of Tours Annual Festival, July 28th.
- Roaming Railroad - giving free train rides up and down the street, July 28th.
- Fireman's Parade featuring music & food courts, July 28th.
- Car Show & Fireworks, July 28th.
- Breakfast at the North Canaan Ambulance Building & Annual Canaan Family YMCA Road Race, July 29th.
- ◆ **The Lodge at Geer Village** presents the 2018 Summer Series. Please RSVP to Deb Pelletier at 860-824-2625 or email [dpelletier@geercares.org](mailto:dpelletier@geercares.org).
  - Professional Panel on "The Opioid Epidemic" will be held on June 6th at 6 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Room. Light dinner will be served.
  - "Mental Health First Aid" will take place on June 13th and 14th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days in the Hollenbeck Room. Light lunch will be served.
  - "The Conversation Project", presented by VNA Northwest will take place June 20th from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Room.
  - "Perfecting Your Golf Swing" will be presented on June 28th by Dr. Mike Mangini and a guest pro golfer.

## Cornwall – Dianne Heiny

Please visit our website at [cornwallct.org](http://cornwallct.org), Facebook page and Cornwall Chronicle's Facebook page for more info.

- ◆ **Cornwall Naturally** celebrates the great outdoors and abundant natural beauty of Cornwall. On June 9th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Details can be found online at [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org) and events include:
  - Cornwall Library Books & Blooms sale and country gardens tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Souterrain Art Gallery artist reception for Peter Joslin, Trout Markings and Landscapes from 3-6 p.m.
  - Cornwall Conservation Trust opens its doors to visitors at its newly opened office and exhibit space at 9 Railroad Street.
  - Exuberant Morris Dancers perform their Crop Dance at 3:40 p.m. at the Covered Bridge.
- ◆ **Outdoor Movie** Trinity Retreat will show "The Natural" at dusk on June 16th.

◆ **Detective Fiction Talk** presented by Jim Fishman at the Cornwall Library at 5 p.m. on June 16th.

◆ **Auction** Join John Bartlett, fashion designer and founder of the Tiny Tim Rescue Fund, along with By Request Home Concierge, for a special evening of cocktails, plant based hors d'oeuvres, and an amazing collection of fine art and luxury items to be auctioned to benefit the Little Guild Animal Shelter on June 23rd. Special guest appearance by Hugh Panaro, Broadway's Leading Man, who has starred in Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Show Boat. \$75 per ticket. Visit [littleguild.org/events](http://littleguild.org/events) for information.

◆ **Hike** Enjoy a hike at the Trinity Retreat Center Preserve on June 30th from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

## Falls Village – Wendy Eichman

◆ **David M. Hunt Library** The Library will host author Carol Ascher on June 14th at 6 p.m. for a reading and discussion of her local history book "A Chance for Land and Fresh Air" documenting the life and culture of Russian Jewish immigrants in the communities of Sharon and Amenia. The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. For more information, call 860-824-7424 or visit [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org).

## Harwinton – Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

◆ **Recycling** Used oil/antifreeze on June 2nd from 9-11 a.m. at the Town Garage.

◆ **Nature Walk** The Harwinton Land Trust Nature Walk will take place on June 2nd from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Bull Pond Reserve.

◆ **Food Truck Festival** sponsored by the Harwinton Lions Club will take place June 3rd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex.

◆ **Harwinton Public Library** will hold a Fairytale Party on June 11th at 6:30 p.m. All children ages 3 & older are invited. A guest princess will read princess stories. Children are invited to dress as princes & princesses. Miss Amanda will lead the children in making a royal scepter craft to take home and serve a delicious royal snack for all to enjoy. Call 860-485-9113 to register.

◆ **Harwinton Historical Society Program** will participate in CT Open House Day on June 9th from Noon to 4 p.m. The Historical Society will open the Barn Museum and One-Room Schoolhouse located at Harwinton Consolidated School. The Hungerford Museum, located at 50 Burlington Road (Route 4) will also be open to the public. No charge at either location.

◆ **Harwinton Recreation Summer Camp** will run June 25th through August 10th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harwinton Sports Complex on Bentley Drive. For Harwinton residents and HCS students entering grades 1-8 in September. Come for sports, crafts, games and special events that relate to a weekly theme. Call 860-485-0626 or email [recreation@harwinton.us](mailto:recreation@harwinton.us) for more information.

# MEMBER NEWS

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## FOCUS Center for Autism

The FOCUS Center for Autism will present FOCUS ROCKS, a benefit concert featuring rock, funk, and American Roots music from local Connecticut artists on June 24th at Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street in Collinsville. The event will feature Michael Clear Band, Mixed Signals and Kerri Powers with George Mastogiannis. Doors open at 4 p.m. Show begins at 5. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$45 for FOCUS Rocker (includes access to VIP seating, perks and a commemorative t-shirt). For information and tickets, visit [41bridgestreetlive.com](http://41bridgestreetlive.com).

## Torrington Lions Club & City of Torrington

The 3rd Annual Tag Sale Extravaganza will take place Saturday, June 9th. This city-wide tag sale is the biggest tag sale event of the year. All Torrington residents are welcome to participate.

List your tag sale on their map - declutter your home and bring in some cash! Treasure hunters receive a FREE printed map from Torrington Parks & Recreation on the day of the event. The map will also be downloadable and available on-line (interactive version). Businesses and street locations will also be hosting special sale events, multi-family tag sales and marketplaces. For information, visit [citywidetagsale.com](http://citywidetagsale.com) or call 860-489-2274. All proceeds will go towards the Independence Day fireworks fund.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Pastor Scott Cady of St. Paul's Lutheran Church invites all Chamber members and their families to be involved in a special upcoming event. Members of the church are holding a fund raiser for a little girl who needs a heart transplant and her family as they try to deal with all of the stresses related to it. A pasta dinner, raffle and silent auction will take place on June 16th from 4-7 p.m. in St. Paul's Church hall, 837 Charles Street in Torrington.

Chamber members are encouraged to participate by attending and enjoying the meal, offer goods or services for the raffle or silent auction and by spreading the word about the event to others you know. St. Paul's is honored to be a part of a community so eager to come together for neighbors in need.

## Northwestern CT Community College

Northwestern Connecticut Community College and Charter Oak State College recently signed a Community College Tuition Match Scholarship Agreement in which Charter Oak State College will provide the last two years of a bachelor's degree to graduates of associate degree programs at NCCC, at the Connecticut Community Colleges tuition and fee rates in effect for that year. This agreement goes into effect in Fall 2018 semester. Interested NCCC students should contact Charter Oak State College Admissions at [admissions@charteroak.edu](mailto:admissions@charteroak.edu).

In order to apply for the scholarship, students need to meet the following requirements: attain 2.3 or higher grade point average (GPA); complete the associate degree; and, matriculate at Charter Oak State College within 6 months of completing Associate's degree.

The tuition scholarship is good for 5 years. In order to maintain the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 Charter Oak credits in the fall and spring semesters. This would allow the student to graduate in five years, if attending part time. Students can take more courses at the reduced rate and thus graduate earlier, take courses in the summer, or take additional courses, as applicable, at NCCC as long as they adhere to the requirements stated above.

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NCCC's Continuing Education program will present Hand Drumming classes on June 13, 20 and 27 from 4:30-5:30 at Greenwood's Hall Auditorium, Park Place East in Winsted. Instructor Erin Kennedy will offer this beginning level class for ages 12-120 (ages 11 and under are welcome with a parent). Drums will be provided on site or you may bring your own. No musical experience is necessary. Lessons are \$15 per class or all three for \$40. For more information, contact Jane Williams at [jwilliams@nwcc.edu](mailto:jwilliams@nwcc.edu) or call 860-738-6444.

## Salisbury Bank

Salisbury Bank continues to help the fight against identity theft while building community goodwill by sponsoring Free Shred Events and Food Drives. The most recent was held on June 2nd at the Lakeville Branch of Salisbury Bank. For information on other upcoming shred events, please visit [salisburybank.com/shred](http://salisburybank.com/shred).



**Burlington Chamber of Commerce  
Business After Hours  
June 7, 2018 | 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**



We invite all our Burlington, Northwest CT and Central CT Chamber members to join us on **Thursday, June 7, 2018** for a Business After Hours networking event.

You will not only network with your Chamber peers and other professionals, but we will have:

- Cold Beverages
- Appetizers
- **Ice Cream Bar** - You read this right! It's June, so why not!!!

We hope you can come to enjoy the beauty of Larson's Garden Center and enjoy some ice cream & networking!



*Thanks to Our*

## Renewing Members

The following Chamber members renewed their memberships during the period of April 24th through May 21st. Thank you for your continued commitment to Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce. Companies listed in bold indicate a Corporate Partner.

- ◆ Allstate - The Ziegenbalg Agency
- ◆ **Altek Electronics, Inc.**
- ◆ Berkshire Alarm
- ◆ Biznuzz IT Services
- ◆ Branagan Communications Consultants, LLC
- ◆ Mark J. Capecelatro, LLC
- ◆ Concentra Medical Centers
- ◆ Connecticut Community Foundation
- ◆ Data Pay
- ◆ Dianne Heiny
- ◆ Infinity Hall
- ◆ Jacob's Garage, Inc.
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- ◆ Ledgebrook Spirit Shop
- ◆ Lone Oak, Inc.
- ◆ Matson Financial Advisors, Inc.
- ◆ Morsel Munk, LLC
- ◆ Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, Inc.
- ◆ Paul Patch
- ◆ Payroll Ease, LLC
- ◆ William Perotti & Sons, Inc.
- ◆ Salisbury Bank and Trust Company
- ◆ Shoff Darby Companies
- ◆ The Simsbury Inn
- ◆ Soundworks & Security, LLC
- ◆ Stor-It-All, Inc.
- ◆ **TD Bank**
- ◆ Technical Industries, Inc.
- ◆ Toth Insurance Agency, LLC
- ◆ Tru-Hitch, Inc.
- ◆ **Webster Bank**

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### Harwinton – Harry Schuh & Carol Kearns (Continued)

◆ **Harwinton Recreation Pre-School Summer "Camp"** will run from July 10th through August 2nd from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Harwinton Consolidated School Fields and Pavilion. For boys and girls age 3-5. Make new friends, enjoy crafts, movement activities, stories, sharing time, games and supervised "free play" 3 days each week. Call 860-485-0626 or email recreation@harwinton.us for more information.

### Morris – Rhonda Detlefsen

◆ **Morris Public Library**, 4 North St., is offering several programs. A Summer Reading Program, "Libraries Rock", offered for all levels (children, teen & adult), will run from June 21-August 16. Participants will be able to enter to win one of their prize baskets after a reading achievement. An Adult Coloring Challenge will also be offered during the Reading Challenge. Patrons can obtain a weekly coloring page at the Library and submit it for display upon completion. Register at the library or download your log from their webpage.

The Children's Summer Reading Kick-Off and Ice Cream Social will be held on June 21st at 6 p.m. for students in Pre-K through 6th grade.

Story and Music Time takes place on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and features stories, songs and games for ages 0-4. For information, call 860-567-7440 or visit morrispubliclibrary.net.

### Torrington - Lynn Gelormino

◆ **Lowe's Touch a Truck & Bike Rodeo** will be held June 2nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lowe's Home Improvement on Winsted Road, rain or shine. The Bike Rodeo features certified cycling instructors who will teach riders how to properly fit a helmet, lead the bicyclists through the ABC Quick Bike Check, and conduct basic riding and handling skills. Perfect for kids 5-80 years old! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own bike and helmet.

◆ **Northwest Idol** is back! Auditions June 2nd at 3 p.m., semi-finals June 23rd and July 21st at 7p.m. at Coe Park Civic Center, 101 Litchfield Street, Torrington. Finals will be held August 26th at the Warner Theatre.

- ◆ **Graduation** Torrington High School Class of 2018 will graduate on June 24th at 6 p.m. at the Warner Theatre. The last day of school for Torrington is June 22nd.
- ◆ Torrington has a new Fire Chief. Congratulations to Chief Towey.
- ◆ Savannah Helm of Torrington is one of 52 state winners of "Doodle for Google" who will compete in the national competition that gives the young artists the opportunity to have their artwork displayed on Google's homepage.
- ◆ The Quiet Zone opened at 1299 East Main Street at the intersection of East Main and Torrington West Streets.



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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. Dates and locations are subject to change. Please visit our website for up to date details. Thank you.

### June 2018

- 1st - **Manufacturers' Coalition** Meeting, 8 AM
- 6th - **WOW! Forum** Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 AM
- 7th - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM  
**Burlington Chamber Business After Hours** at Larson's Garden Center, 26 Covey Road, Burlington, 5-7 PM
- 14th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 19th - **Business After Hours** at Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, 33 East Main Street, Torrington, 5-7 PM
- 20th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM  
**Health Council** Meeting at Brookdale Litchfield Hills, 376 Goshen Road, Torrington, 8 AM  
**Leadership Northwest Graduation** at Tavern Off the Green, 432 Bantam Road, Litchfield, 5:30 PM
- 28th - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM

### July 2018

- 5th - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 11th - **WOW! Forum** Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 AM  
**Business After Hours** at Chapman Lumber, 224 Watertown Road, Thomaston, 5-7 PM
- 12th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM  
**Celebration of Success Awards** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 5:30 PM
- 18th - **Health Council** Meeting, 8 AM  
**Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 26th - **Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 Awards Dinner** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 6 PM

### Save the Dates For These Major Chamber Events

- September 15th - Torrington House Tour
- October 5th - WOW! Forum
- October 20th - Tails of NW CT Auction

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