

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE GREAT GIVEAWAY BUSINESS SHOWCASE



The place to be on Thursday, May 10th is the 2nd Annual Great Giveaway Business Showcase at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington.

With over 40 companies exhibiting, the event is sure to draw hundreds of people throughout the evening. Each vendor will have a giveaway at their booth and winners will be chosen at the end of the event. Some of this year's giveaways include: a grill, fire pit, UCONN tickets, \$150 Visa Gift Card, gift cards to local restaurants, a drone, a pizza party catered by Marzano's, and much, much more!

In addition, the first 100 attendees will receive a special gift from the Chamber.

The event, which runs from 5-8 p.m., is free for the public and includes free parking, free food and a cash bar.

It's not too late to be a part of the event as an exhibitor. Table reservations are still being accepted and include an 8' skirted, covered table, 2 chairs and a company sign. The fee for Chamber members is \$200, non-members is \$300. Contact

Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org or call 860-482-6586 to reserve your table today.

The Chamber is grateful to the generous 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, and National Iron Bank, FM 97.3 WZBG and Republican-American.



*From the Chamber
President & CEO*
JOANN RYAN



In preparing for the once in a lifetime trip to South Africa, I searched for comfortable shoes that would carry me through Johannesburg for a safari in Kruger National Park, Cape Victoria, Cape Town and Stellenbosch. It was a successful shopping experience because I found a pair of PIKOLINOS.

A message fell out of the shoe box that is certainly worth sharing:

Every journey begins with one step
Follow your passion
Work as a team
Get inspired without Wi-Fi
Be original
Discover the magic of authenticity
Have less, do more
Simplify, be natural
Take the step, believe in yourself
Find beauty in the little things
Don't conform, create and reinvent
Learn to do things right, make mistakes
Let your imagination soar
Enjoy the journey more than the destination
Share your ideas
Smile at life
Life is a long trip
Get comfy

Good thoughts as we continue our efforts to ensure that "business is working together". You can be sure I'll send pictures from our South African journey.

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**Free Mental Health First Aid Training:
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Did you know that you are far more likely to interact with an employee having a mental health or substance use problem than one in need of CPR?

Mental Health First Aid, "CPR for the mind" is an 8-hour certificate training to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps trainees identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorder. Like CPR, Mental Health First Aid prepares participants to interact with a person who is struggling or in crisis, and connect the person with help.

 1 IN 5 American adults has a mental illness	 Mental illnesses are the leading cause of disability worldwide	 1 in 10 full-time employees has an addiction
40% of employees with a mental illness take time off because of it - up to 10 days a year	35% more than 35% of managers feel they receive no formal support or resources to help employees	HR managers know the toll mental illness can take on the company. Yet, only 15% feel managers are training to recognize the problem and share support and resources.

Date: Friday, May 4 & 11
Time: 8:00 am—12:00 pm
Location: Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce
333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington, CT 06790
Instructor: Valerie English Cooper, Mental Health Connecticut

To register, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friday-may-4-11-2018-800am-1200pm-torrington-ct-registration-41253050986>

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

Financial Reality Fair

The 9th Annual Financial Reality Fair took place on April 25th at Torrington High School. Over 700 students from the following schools participated in this year's fair: Terryville High School, Torrington High School, Derby High School, Northwestern Region #7, Oliver Wolcott Technical School, Farmington High School, Wamogo Regional High School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Highlander Transitional Program, Torrington Christian Academy, Litchfield High School, Glenholme School, and Thomaston High School.

The Chamber partners with the Connecticut Credit Union League and Northwest Hills Credit Union to provide this hands-on budgeting experience to high school students. Participating students gain practical knowledge about personal financial management in a one day "real world" environment.

The Financial Reality Fair is a 4 hour (approximate time), hands on experience where students, after identifying their career choice and starting salaries, are provided a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing and food. Of course, there are many temptations for additional spending and students must learn to balance their wants and needs to live on their own. After they have visited all the booths, students will balance their budget, and then sit down with a financial counselor to review their standing. The Fair is a unique opportunity for each student to experience some of the financial challenges they will face when they start life on their own.

Chamber members volunteer to make this event possible and we would like to thank the over 125 volunteers who spent their morning with us to make the fair run so smoothly.

We would also like to thank the generous sponsors who sponsored students to attend the fair: Northwest Hills Credit Union, State Representative David Wilson, Torrington Savings Bank, Eastside Electric, Inc., Brooks, Todd & McNeil Insurance, Academy of Medical Training, Torrington Municipal & Teachers Federal Credit Union, Torrington Democratic Town Committee, Thomaston Savings Bank, The Interlaken Inn, Conquest, and Keroden Endowed Fund, a fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, Inc.

Annual Meeting & Chamber Hall of Fame

The Chamber's 117th Annual Meeting was held on April 10th at Chatterley's Banquet Facility with over 250 attending.

During the Business Meeting portion of the meeting, the Chamber membership recognized retiring board member Sabrina Beck, Altek Electronics for her dedication to our Chamber. The Nominating Committee proposed the following individuals to serve a three-year board term: Sandy Evans, Whiting Mills; Brian Jones, Seitz LLC; and Vincent Laliberte, Pursue the Clues. All were unanimously elected.



Daniel J. McIntyre, Senior Vice President of Hartford Healthcare and President, Northwest Region, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital introduced keynote speaker Jeffrey Flaks.

Jeffrey Flaks, President and Chief Operating Officer of Hartford Healthcare, gave the crowd more information on the recent merger between Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and Hartford Healthcare and talked about how wonderful the Hospital has been throughout this process and how thrilled they are to be part of this community.

The 2018 inductees into the Chamber Hall of Fame were Larry Cassella, LARC, Frank H. Finch, Jr., Howd, Lavieri & Finch L.L.P., and John N. Lavieri, Sterling Engineering Corporation. The three gentlemen were introduced by Douglas O'Connell, Esq., Howd, Lavieri & Finch L.L.P. Each honoree thanked their colleagues, friends and families and explained that their dedication to the Chamber and this community has brought them great joy and lasting friendships over the years.



Thank you to this year's Annual Meeting sponsors: Geer Village, Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Valerie Manor and Litchfield Woods Health Care Center.

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COMING UP AT THE CHAMBER

Tails of NW CT

Have you chosen your dog yet? Don't miss out on the opportunity to bring traffic to your business and support three great organizations!


Join us on Monday, May 7th for the Tails of NW CT Kick-Off Party at Restaurant in the Spotlight at Edison Grill, 178 Birge Park Road, Harwinton from 5:30-7:00 PM. Dog fosters and potential fosters are invited to meet the artists, view their designs and select one for their dog that evening. There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. You can RSVP online at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.


The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, Northwest Connecticut Chamber Education Foundation and Prime Time House are collaborating on this public art project called *Tails of NWCT* which will build a sense of community in the region, 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.

Local artists are invited to create unique works of art by painting or decorating fiberglass dogs. Businesses and community members are encouraged to foster dogs for the event by sponsoring a dog, of which there are four types. The completed 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* 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 20th at Chatterley's Banquet Facility in Torrington.

All proceeds will benefit the three collaborating organizations, enabling them to strengthen arts and culture, provide scholarship opportunities, and improve the mental health of those living in Northwest Connecticut.

For more information about the project, including sponsorship opportunities and information for prospective artists, visit www.TAILSofNWCT.org or call the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce at 860-482-6586.






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Chamber Travel Program - Portugal

The Chamber is 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.

See more of Coming Up at the Chamber on Page 11.



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Young Professionals Organization

The Community Engagement Committee of the Young Professionals Organization is working diligently on a Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 publication and awards dinner and collected nominations throughout the month of March of individuals who would be deserving of the honor.

The criteria for nominees was that they must be 39 years or younger as of December 31, 2018 and must live or work in Northwest CT. Nominations of some very deserving young leaders doing amazing work in their career and/or community were collected and a panel of local leaders judged the nominees based on the following criteria: career or educational achievement to date, commitment to excellence in their industry, leadership within their organization, involvement in the community, leadership in community organizations, and potential impact on the community's future.

The following honorees were selected:

Katie Adkins, Plymouth Meats	Mathew Montgomery, Northwest CT YMCA
Christian Allyn, Town of North Canaan	Katrin Moskowitz, Community Health & Wellness Center
Peter Callahan, Fresh Perspectives/Copper Beech Institute	Brian Ohler, State of Connecticut
Jamie Cantoni, Cornwall Historical Society/Western Connecticut State University	Kimberly Petzel, Torrington Public Schools
Andrew Deacon, Torrington Public Schools	Isabella Pinto, Northwestern CT Community College
Jennifer Donovan, Red Barn Consulting	Olivia Pinto, Northwestern CT Community College
Ruth Dwyer Nadeau, Ackerly Brown LLP	Zachary Ritchie, Prime Time House, Inc.
Sarah Dzedzic, Union Savings Bank	Lisselot Rodriguez, Central Connecticut State University
Danielle Eichman, Papermoon Dance & Performing Arts	Michael Shea, OD, Blondin Shea Eye Care
Renee Giroux, Earth's Palate Farm & Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities	Robert Simon, Torrington Police Department
Jessica Gueniat, Torrington Library	John Simoncelli, Greenwoods Counseling Referrals, Inc.
Johanna Idrovo-Sarmiento, Northwestern CT Community College	James Steck, Ebersol, McCormick, Reis & Steck, LLC
Lauren Johnson, Catalyst Counseling of Connecticut	Michael Sweeney, Torrington Savings Bank
Jordan Kaine, RN, BSN, Visiting Nurse Services of CT	Carrie Taylor, Brooks, Todd & McNeil Insurance
Phillip Koenig, Wamogo Regional High School	Jessica Tessman, Central Connecticut State University
Vince Laliberte, Pursue the Clues	Jill Veras-Corey, Torrington Library
Meghan Lyon, Hoekenga & Machado, LLC /UCONN School of Law	Julie Vincent, Susquehanna University
Alain Malcolm, Altek Electronics, Inc.	Anthony Vultaggio Jr., Torrington Ford Lincoln
Katherine Mancarella, North Meadow Farm	Timothy Waldron, City of Torrington
	Michael Whittaker, ESPN
	Crystal Wiggins, Northwestern CT Community College

Honorees will be featured in a magazine publication and recognized at an awards dinner on July 26th at Chatterley's Banquet Facility in Torrington. The evening's Emcee will be Natasha Lekwa, Host, Influencer Marketing and Social Media Editor at Forbes. Natasha Lekwa is launching an influencer marketing strategy at Forbes, where she brings innovation and creativity to the 100 year old media company. As the host of the Forbes video series, The Business of Influence, Natasha interviews influencers, agencies, and other industry experts from around the world on a range of topics surrounding the social media influencer space. Natasha is focused on content creation and storytelling in new and visual ways using social media platforms. She taps influencers and Forbes list makers, including the visionaries of the Forbes 30 Under 30 list, Forbes Greatest Living Business Minds, Top Influencers, etc. for interviews, takeovers, and content created specifically for each social media platform.

See more of What's Been Happening on Page 9.



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2018 COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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 7:30 – Dinner

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Seating is limited – RSVP by May 1, 2018

Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased online:

www.BurlingtonCTChamber.org/AnnualDinner

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Leadership Northwest

The April 18th Leadership session focused on arts, culture and education in Northwest Connecticut. The mission of the class was to expose the participants to these vital aspects of the region and to learn about the role they play in the local economy.

The group started their day at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School where they visited two of the school's shops- culinary, and graphics and did hands-on projects with the kids, including helping the culinary students make homemade pasta which they enjoyed during their lunch at Oliver's Restaurant (located within the school).



In the afternoon, the class traveled to KidsPlay Children's Museum on Main Street in Torrington where they met with Museum Director, Eileen Marriott, to learn about the history of the museum and get a tour of the facility. The class also got to interact with the kids visiting the museum and helped facilitate some of their activities. While the class was there, Eileen had them come up with a marketing plan for the Museum and brainstorm some ideas to reach more of the community.

The class' May session will be their class trip to the Yard Goats game in Hartford where they'll get a behind-the-scenes tour and learn about the impact the team is having on Hartford and get to enjoy the game and lunch from the Luxury Suite.

Group Project Updates:

Group 1 held a Job Shadowing Day for Torrington High School students on April 3rd. Over 75 students visited local businesses for 2 and a half hours of job shadowing. Following their shadowing experience, the students and their hosts attended a luncheon at Chatterley's Banquet Facility where they heard from speakers Mayor Elinor Carbone, JoAnn Ryan, Superintendent Denise Clemons and Northwestern CT Community College President Dr. Michael Rooke.

Group 2 hosted a 5k fun run on Sunday, April 22nd at UCONN Torrington Campus. Funds raised from the run were donated to the United Way's Campership Fund to provide camp scholarships to children in the region. The event featured food, entertainment and a raffle.

Group 3 is organizing a collection day of gently used or new furnishings including furniture, kitchen wares, sheets, towels, etc. for individuals transitioning from a homeless shelter into housing. For more information, call the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

Thank you for supporting our Leadership team projects!





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Chamber Travel Program - Portugal Continued

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 \$2849. For more information, visit the Chamber's website to download the brochure- <http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/events-programs/chamber-travel-program/>.


Legislative Breakfast


The Chamber and CBIA invite you to a legislative breakfast meeting with state lawmakers from the Northwest Corner. Join us on Friday, May 18th at the Chamber from 8-10 a.m.

Hear directly from your local lawmakers about the important issues from the 2018 General Assembly session, and discuss areas of focus looking forward to 2019 and beyond. Share your story and express your ideas for supporting workforce development, stabilizing the state's finances, and creating an economic climate that encourages business confidence and investment.

Invited guests: State senators Eric Berthel (R-Watertown), Beth Bye (D-West Hartford), Henri Martin (R-Bristol), Craig Miner (R-Litchfield), Kevin Witkos (R-Canton), and state representatives Jay Case (R-Winsted), Michelle Cook (D-Torrington), Arthur O'Neill (R-Southbury), Brian Ohler (R-Canaan), John Piscopo (R-Thomaston), Bill Simanski (R-Granby), and David Wilson (R-Litchfield).

The event is free for NW CT Chamber and CBIA members, but please take a moment to register on-line at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.





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Matchmaker Primer-Completing a Capability Statement

The US Small Business Administration's CT District Office and CT Procurement Technical Assistance Center have partnered with the Chamber and the NW CT SCORE Chapter to offer a free seminar explaining Business Matchmaker 2018 on May 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Chamber. The upcoming Connecticut Business Matchmaker 2018 is your opportunity to get your business in front of State & Federal agencies, private sector companies and large prime contractor procurement decision makers.

See more of Coming Up at the Chamber on Page 12.

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Matchmaker Primer Continued

If you are registered to attend or are thinking of attending the Connecticut Business Matchmaker 2018, scheduled for June 14 at The University of Hartford, then you should not miss this workshop.

Learn how to manage all three phases of the event including preparation, face to face meetings and follow up. In this workshop, you will learn how to: prepare to meet with important buyers, write your elevator speech, use proper matchmaker etiquette, create a powerful one-page capability statement that will set you apart from the competition, and develop an effective follow-up strategy with new contacts from the event.

To register for the workshop contact lisa.powell@sba.gov or 860-240-4892.




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Celebration of Success Nominations Sought

The Chamber's Celebration of Success, an annual event recognizing outstanding business and community leaders who demonstrate exceptional and unselfish service to our Northwest Corner. The event will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 5:30PM at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington. The criteria for the recognition: contribution to the business environment; community involvement and commitment to the overall improvement in the quality of life in NW CT.

The selection committee is seeking nominations from the public. We invite you to recommend an individual or organization worthy of recognition fitting the following categories:

- Business Leader Award (*Based on contributions to the business environment*)
- Community Leader Award (*Based on community involvement*)
- Quality of Life Award (*Based on a service or not-for-profit organization's commitment to the overall improvement in Northwest Connecticut's quality of life*)

Last year's recipients were: Kenneth W. Merz, Community Leader Award; Timothy & Susan Cook, Cook Funeral Home, Business Leader Award; and McCall Center for Behavioral Health, Quality of Life Award.

Please email your nominations, including the category and reason for nomination, to JoAnn Ryan at JoAnn@nwctchamberofcommerce.org by May 4, 2018. The Chamber's staff and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will review all nominations and select the recipients. If you have questions, please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

Chamber Member in the Spotlight



In June 2018, Torrington Savings Bank will celebrate a century-and-a-half in business. The bank, originally chartered as Wolcottville Savings Bank, was founded by several local business leaders in 1868, with the goal of making investment opportunities accessible to an economically-varied population. Since then, the bank has grown and expanded with the city, moving from a shared space in the Granite Building to its current Main Office location on Main Street in 1938.



Today, Torrington Savings Bank boasts seven branches in northwest Connecticut, including three locations in Torrington.

President and CEO, John Janco, said, “As CEO during this historic moment, I take great pride in the bank today and its long, successful history. Torrington Savings Bank has been committed to evolving and changing to meet the financial needs of our customers and our communities. Our 150-year history reflects our commitment to excellence. We look forward to continued success as Torrington Savings Bank for many years to come.”

Celebratory events will be held throughout the year in observance of the sesquicentennial anniversary including two that will take place this month in conjunction with the Chamber. The bank will host the May Business with Breakfast at their Burlington branch at 8 a.m. on May 22nd and the Business After Hours at their Torrington branch on Dibble Street in Torrington on May 30th. Visit the Chamber’s website to register for both.

Torrington Savings Bank has announced a \$150,000 donation to the Torrington Library. This donation is for the recently named Torrington Savings Bank Community Room. This expansive, new gathering space was created during the latest renovation of the library which was completed in 2016. This gift aligns with the Bank’s commitment to community and provides a valuable benefit to all.

The Torrington Library encourages public use of meeting rooms as gathering places to exchange ideas, access and share information and participate in programs created for public enjoyment, public education and civic engagement.

John E. Janco, President and CEO of Torrington Savings Bank stated, “As Torrington Savings Bank recognizes its 150th anniversary in 2018, it is our privilege to be donating to one of the cornerstones in our community. The Torrington Library is a place where the community can truly come together.”

Jessica Gueniat, Library Director, said “We are honored to receive the Torrington Savings Bank donation, especially as TSB celebrates a landmark 150 years of service to the community. TSB truly understands the importance of supporting local organizations and has always been a generous benefactor of the library. We couldn’t be more pleased with this continued partnership and on behalf of the library Trustees, Corporators, and Staff, we thank the Torrington Savings Bank for their commitment to the library and the community.”



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Litchfield Bancorp

Litchfield Bancorp held the second business of their community Cash Mob events in April. Each month one local business will be “mobbed” by Litchfield Bancorp employees to support local businesses by shopping local. On Saturday, April 28th the Cash Mob was held at Salisbury Garden Center in Salisbury. The event was open to the public and customers who mentioned that they were “Cash Mobsters” obtained 10% off their entire purchase and a special offer from Litchfield Bancorp.

A cash mob is a group of people spending money together at a local business. Cash mobs create a fun and interactive way for an organization to support the local businesses in the community. Litchfield Bancorp will host a cash mob once a month in one of the local towns that it serves. The date, time and place will be announced at least 2 weeks in advance, encouraging the public to join.

To learn more about the Cash Mob visit their website at litchfieldbancorp.com or follow them on Facebook for updates. Use #LBCCASHMOB to tweet and share posts.

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) recently accepted a \$6,000 donation from Torrington Big Y World Class Market to benefit the Hospital's Pink Rose Breast Cancer Fund. The donation is a portion of Big Y's 11th Annual Partners of Hope Campaign which raised over \$209,000 in 2017 at its stores throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts to distribute to individual communities and charities in the communities they serve for breast cancer related screenings, education and treatment.

CHH Breast Health Nurse Navigators Tammy Rouleau, R.N. and CHH Early Detection Program Outreach Coordinators Damaris Sierra and Rosa Hilario recently received the check from Big Y Torrington Store Director Tracy Lambertson and Employee Services Representative Candace Tarentello to be used in their efforts to assist local women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Since 1996, the Pink Rose Fund has provided community outreach, education, free early detection screenings, radiation



therapy tops and post-surgical garments to women in Northwest Connecticut. The Pink Rose Program provides coordinated access to services related to breast cancer patients by offering one on one education and support by a certified R.N. Nurse Navigator.

The hospital recognized the continuing efforts, dedication and service of its volunteer corps at its annual volunteer awards ceremony at the Crystal Peak Banquet Hall during National Volunteer Appreciation week on April 18th. Over 160 junior and senior volunteers donated a total of over 14,000 free hours of service in 2017. This number is equivalent to approximately \$335,000 worth of labor.

Levels of service in 1,000 increments were awarded to volunteers with pins. A sampling of this year's awardees include Allan Bado, John Bazzano, Peter Baker, James Seitz and Jacqueline Stefurak-Harms all with 1,000 hours of service, Erzbet Takacs with 2,000 hours of service, Mary Yorker with 5,000 hours of service, Daphne Bobinski with 7,000 hours of service and Edward Potter with 13,000 hours of service.

O&G Industries, Inc.

O&G Industries, recently completed the Saxe Middle School Addition and Renovation project on the school's campus in New Canaan.

The \$18.6 million renovation and addition project included the construction of a two-story classroom addition that includes 17 new classrooms and the renovation of 2 classrooms and 4 music rooms. The project also included the renovation of a 700-seat auditorium, improvements to the cafeteria and kitchen area, and construction of additional storage space within the auditorium and music spaces.

The 18-month project was substantially completed and turned over to school officials in the fall of 2017.

Community Representatives March Report

Burlington— Janet Schwartz

◆ **Garden Club** meeting on May 10th at The Elton Tavern. "Roses—Easy Care Roses for the Home Garden" with Marci Martin the rosarian at Elizabeth Park. Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m. Free & open to the public. Plant sale on May 19th at Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cornwall – Dianne Heiny

Please visit our website at cornwallct.org, Facebook page and Cornwall Chronicle's Facebook page for more info.

◆ **Cornwall Library** features Joe Ellis' "Portraits of Cornwall Birds" with a reception on May 12th at 5 p.m. Show runs through June 23rd.

◆ **The Toll House Gallery** Featuring art by Donald Bracken, Lennart Swede Ahstrom and Scott Zuckerman and Susan Rand M-F 9-5 and Sat 10-4.

◆ **UCC Parish House** featuring exhibit of fiber arts & pottery by Iris Hermann "Sew, Clay and Crochet" through May M-F 9-1, Sun 10-noon & by appointment.

◆ **Souterrain Gallery** continues to exhibit Gail Jacobson's boy of work "All Over the Map" through May.

◆ **Paint Palette and Punch** at UCC Parish House on May 11th. 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. for adults & 3:30 for K-12.

◆ **Plant Sale** Mother's Day plant sale on the Village Green on May 12th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

◆ **Community Dinner** at Trinity Conference on May 12th at 5 p.m.

◆ **Farm Market Opening Day** on May 19th. Co-op Farm Market at the Village Green 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and W. Cornwall Farm Market at the Wish House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

◆ **Book Sale** on May 26th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 28th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cornwall Library.

◆ **Cow Workshop** on May 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Local Farm. Visit rlocalfarm.com for information.

◆ **Memorial Day** festivities on May 28th include a Veterans' Service at the N. Cornwall Cemetery at 9 a.m., A Seamen's Memorial at the Covered Bridge at 10 a.m., the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at 11 a.m. and the Memorial Day Carnival at UCC at 12 noon.

Falls Village – Wendy Eichman

◆ **David M. Hunt Library** The British-themed Little Free Library at Toymakers Café on Main Street will open May 19th at 4 p.m. A replica of the iconic British red phone box will be stuffed with free books for the community. The Hunt Homegrown Plant sale will be May 19th & 20th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Service Dogs in Action" on May 12th at 10:30 a.m.— a demonstration of service dogs featuring ECAD.

Harwinton – Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

◆ **Recycling** Electronics, used oil/anti-freeze, scrap metal and bulky waste on May 5th from 8 a.m. - noon at the Harwinton Town Garage. Community Paper Shred-It Event May 19th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall Complex. Used oil/antifreeze on June 2nd from 9-11 a.m. at the Town Garage.

◆ **5K Road Race** 11th Annual "Catch Me If You Can" 5K on May 12th. Start and finish at the Town Hall Complex. Call 860-806-1825 for more information.

◆ **Roast Beef Dinner** Harwinton Westside Fire Department's annual dinner on May 19th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Harwinton Consolidated School. Tickets \$16 for adults, children 12 & under \$12. Call 860-485-9234 for tickets.

◆ **Harwinton Public Library Programs 860-485-9113:** "**Teddy Bear Sleepover**" May 4th - Drop off your child's favorite teddy or stuffed animal before closing time (4:30) to frolic & play while the librarians are away. Then come on May 5th at 10 a.m. for a Teddy Bear themed breakfast and see what the teddies were up to all night. Ages 0-6, free. Call to register.

"**Mother/Daughter Spa Night**" May 9th from 7-8 p.m. Professional henna artist Jamilah will give you your own henna design. Free and open to mothers & daughters of all ages. Call to register.

"**Plant, Book & Bake Sale**" on May 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The basement is full of interesting titles for all ages. Enhance your garden with something from their plant collection and take home delicious baked goods.

◆ **Harwinton Historical Society Program** "Sacred Sites in Harwinton - Cairns," presented by Bob DeFosses on April 28th from 2-4 p.m. at the Harwinton Library. Free and open to the public.

◆ **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.

◆ **Blood Drive** sponsored by the Harwinton Lions Club will take place May 26th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Town Hall.

Litchfield – Edgar Auchincloss

◆ The new People's United Branch inside the new Stop & Shop in Litchfield continues to grow with a healthy offering of attractive rates and innovative financial products, come by and take a look for yourself. With four new shops on the northern side of West Street inside the jail, much anticipation remains about pending new tenants. The Greater Litchfield Historic Preservation Trust opened the old courthouse so the public could evaluate the potential conversion into a new Town Hall.

Winsted/Winchester – Fran Delaney

◆ **Farmers' Market** continues its spring schedule on May 26th featuring produce, baked goods, meats, health and animal care products at the Gaylord-Tiffany building at Rowley Place. Visit winstedfarmersmarket.org for specifics & updates.

◆ The Rotary Club is sponsoring the 82nd Annual Pet Parade on May 19th. See the Rotary Club, FOMS and town website for specifics on Winsted's oldest running parade.

◆ **Whiting Mills** 3rd Sunday Open House on May 20th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May's featured artist is Kiki Michalek, a very talented artist who works using an airbrush and traditional painting methods with mixed media. Her work will be on display at Whiting Mills and at People's Bank at Winsted's Stop & Shop.

◆ **The Laurel Festival** is celebrating its 84th year in the town of Winchester. A royal ball will be held on June 8th at East End Park and a Queen and King of the Festival will be named at the parade on June 10th. Come enjoy a great small town American tradition. See the Laurel Festival Facebook page for details.

MEMBER NEWS

Torrington Lions Club Car Show

The 12th Annual Torrington Lions Club Car show will take place June 1st (rain date June 8th) from 5-9 PM on Main Street in Torrington. There is no cut off date. \$10 to enter your car. Featuring trophies, muscle cars, vintage, imports, food, music & 50/50 raffle.

Red Barn Consulting, LLC

Cindy Donaldson of Red Barn Consulting will present a free entrepreneur workshop "From 9-5 to Launch" on May 15th from 4-6 p.m. at Northwestern CT Community College Learning Resource Center. The workshop will explain how to transition from a 9-5 job to launching a successful business in the next 12 months. RSVP to jenn@redbarnconsultingllc.com.

Raynard & Peirce Realty LLC

Broker Associate Wendy Eichman has purchased the real estate operation formerly known as The Raynard & Peirce Real Estate Company. The new entity is Raynard & Peirce Realty, LLC. Eichman transitions from Broker Associate to being Broker for her new company which will remain in the same central location—96 Main Street, Canaan—with the same office and the same phone number.

As a life long resident of Canaan actively involved in a myriad of business and community organizations, Wendy Eichman is a well known and respected member of the local community. She has worked at Stadium System's retail store for the past 10 years and is Manager. She lives in Canaan with her husband Phil, sons Warren and Tim and daughter, Emily.

LARC

LARC has been selected as one of 10 chapters of ARC in the country to participate in a two-year study conducted by The Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts in partnership with The Arc of the United States. The program, known as the Provider Transformation Network (PTN), offers ongoing technical and peer support to advance LARC's transformation away from segregated employment and sub-minimum wage, towards competitive integrated employment. The program also focuses on helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have meaningful access to and engagement with communities outside of employment.

In coming months, LARC will receive ongoing technical assistance, which includes in-person and virtual support, staff training, access to resources, a summary of data collection and the opportunity to virtually communicate with other providers participating in the project.

Branagan Communications Consultants

Barbara Branagan-Mitchell, owner of Branagan Communications Consultants LLC (BCC) in New Milford, which is celebrating 25 years of success as a sole proprietor public relations, publicity placement, marketing communications and writing/editing consulting agency, has launched a publicity campaign for the newly-opened Route 63 Automotive in Watertown. BCC is working with Route 63 Automotive co-owners Joe and Brenda Riolo to place press releases in media outlets throughout the Greater Watertown region announcing the recent opening of the newly-created center that services, sells and stores all types of domestic and foreign automobiles and trucks. BCC's services also include writing and editing of content for websites, branding and sales materials, newsletters, brochures, and presentations. For more information on BCC's expertise and services, email Barbara@branagancommunicationsconsultants.com, visit her website or call 860-210-0149.

Prime Time House

Prime Time House is pleased to announce that Jeff Geddes of Thomaston, Nancy Rogers of Litchfield and Elena Simoes of New Hartford have joined their Board of Directors. Prime Time House is a nonprofit agency that empowers local adults with mental illness to lead productive and independent lives by providing opportunities for education, employment, friendship, housing and transportation.

Community Health & Wellness Center

The Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) is now the official owner of the former IGA Super Saver building, located at 372 Main Street in Winsted.

Headquartered in Torrington, CHWC established its Winsted satellite office in 2012 and serves approximately 3,000 in its current location on Spencer Street. With the Main Street property secured, CHWC can concentrate on the renovation of the building, which will allow for expanded medical, dental and behavioral health services for the community.

CHWC has also received recognition by the federal Health Resources & Services Administration. The Torrington center is one of 46 health centers across the country and the only in CT to receive the HSRA National Quality Leader Award. In addition, they are the recipient of the Health Center Quality Leaders award. This is one of seven CT HSRA health centers who were among the top 30% nationally in achieving best overall clinical outcomes, demonstrating high quality across their clinical operations.

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CHH Center For Cancer Care

200 Kennedy Drive, Torrington.....(860) 489-6718

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- ◆ All About You Collaborative Health Care Services, LLC
- ◆ **AT&T**
- ◆ AVI International, Inc.
- ◆ Brookdale Litchfield Hills
- ◆ Café 38, LLC
- ◆ City of Torrington
- ◆ Community Health & Wellness Center of Torrington
- ◆ Crabby Al's Seafood Restaurant & Bar
- ◆ Daley Moving & Storage
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- ◆ PAC Group, LLC
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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. Dates are subject to change. Please visit our website for up to date details. Thank you.

May 2018

- 2nd - **WOW! Forum** Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 AM
- 3rd - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 4th - **Free Mental Health First Aid Training** Session 1, 8 AM - 12 Noon
- 7th - **"Meet the Mutts" at Restaurant in the Spotlight** at The Edison Grill, 178 Birge Park Road, Harwinton, 5:30 PM
- 8th - **Member to Member Workshop** presented by the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 8 AM
- 10th - **Great Giveaway Business Showcase** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 5-8 PM
- 11th - **Free Mental Health First Aid Training** Session 2, 8 AM - 12 Noon
- 16th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Leadership Northwest Class Trip
- 18th - **Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast** sponsored by the Chamber & CBIA, 8 AM
- 21st - **Learn at Lunch "Share the Health"** presented by Cindy Bensley, RN, Arbonne International, 12 Noon
- 22nd - **Business With Breakfast** at Torrington Savings Bank, 260 Spielman Highway, Route 4, Burlington, 8 AM
- 23rd - **Manufacturers' Apprenticeship High School Bus Tour**
- 24th - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 28th - **Chamber Offices Closed** in observance of Memorial Day
- 30th - **Business After Hours** at Torrington Savings Bank, 235 Dibble Street, Torrington, 5-7 PM

June 2018

- 1st - **Manufacturers' Coalition** Meeting, 8 AM
- 6th - **WOW! Forum** Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 AM
- 7th - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 14th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Celebration of Success Awards at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 5:30 PM
- 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
- 28th - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM

Save the Dates For These Major Chamber Events

- July 26th - Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 Awards Dinner
- September 15th - Torrington House Tour
- October 5th - WOW! Forum

RSVP on-line at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar or call 860-482-6586.