

# CHAMBER TO WELCOME GOVERNOR AND HONOR TWO AT ANNUAL MEETING



*The Honorable Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut and keynote speaker at the 2019 Annual Meeting.*

The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut, Inc. will take place on April 12th at 11:30 AM at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington.

This year's keynote speaker will be The Honorable Ned Lamont, the 89<sup>th</sup> Governor of the State of Connecticut.

The 2019 inductees into the Chamber Hall of Fame will be Karen Kuhl of Geer Village Senior Community

and Paul Patch, Associate Member and retired from O&G Industries, Inc. Both have contributed countless hours of their time to our Chamber and deserve our upmost praise.

Ms. Kuhl has been a member of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber since 1998. She has served as a member of the Hospitality Committee for close to 10 years and has assisted at countless events greeting attendees and volunteering to assist the event host. She has also been a member of the Marketing & Communications Committee since its inception in 2015. Karen has volunteered as a Chamber Ambassador and took over the co-chair position in 2018. Following the merger of the Canaan Chamber of



*Karen Kuhl of Geer Village Senior Community & 2019 Chamber Hall of Fame Inductee.*

Commerce with the Northwest Connecticut Chamber, Karen facilitated meetings and events at Geer Village and now serves as the Canaan Liaison on the Chamber board. Ms. Kuhl has volunteered countless years as a reader in the Chamber's Read Aloud program and is a regular participant in the Chamber's Business

Showcase and past Expo events. Along with her co-workers at Geer, Karen has hosted many Health Council meetings, Business with Breakfast and Business After Hours events.

Paul Patch retired from O&G Industries, Inc. in 2017 after 36 years of service. He has served on the Chamber Board since becoming a director in 2007. Paul's rendition of the National Anthem has been heard at each Annual Meeting of the Chamber since 2007. In 2011, Paul was elected to the Executive Committee as Vice-Chairman of the Board. He served in that capacity until 2015, when he was elected Chairman of the Board.

Paul served as Chairman of the Board until 2017 and since then has volunteered as the Treasurer of the Chamber Board of Directors. In addition, he has served on the Northwest Connecticut Chamber Education Foundation's Board of Directors since its inception in 2007 and on its Executive Committee since 2015.



*Paul Patch, Retired from O&G Industries, Inc. and 2019 Chamber Hall of Fame Inductee.*

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President & CEO*  
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Happy Spring! It's finally here along with some exciting opportunities to spread your wings! It's not just traveling (Greece this month and the Scandinavian capitals in September). It's yet another new initiative that will benefit you.

We are pleased to announce our newest peer group, The Small Business Council. The Small Business Council has been established for the small business owner/manager - the decision makers - to discuss challenges, share solutions and work as a back-office consortium. Many small business owners have issues that they stumble upon throughout their workday that they may not have experience with - but another small business owner does. The Chamber's Small Business Council is a resource for the owners and managers so they can keep their businesses running smoothly.

The idea of the Small Business Council came from Northwest Connecticut Chamber member Erick Royer, owner of Stepcraft, Inc. Stepcraft is a manufacturer and on-line retailer of desktop multi-function CNC systems. Erick's role in the company covers leadership, designing, marketing, sales, human resources, office administration, customer service and more. Each day, he encounters a question in an area that he does not consider his expertise. He asked the Chamber to consider putting a group of small business owners/managers in a room together to share knowledge and experience and brainstorm ideas and solutions to problems.

The Chamber was happy to assist in the creation of such a group. The goal is to bring together leaders of companies with 10 employees or less to discuss challenges, share solutions and work together. We are grateful to Erick for bringing us this excellent idea and know it will be a welcome resource for business owners and managers to help their business thrive.

The kickoff meeting of the NW CT Chamber Small Business Council will be held on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at the Chamber and is open to members with 10 or less employees. Call us to save your seat!

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During the Business Meeting portion of the Annual Meeting, the Chamber membership will recognize retiring members of the Board of Directors as well as elect the directors who have been nominated to serve a three-year term. Retiring members of the Board are: Joyce Muse, Altek Electronics, Inc., Paul Samele, Jr., Chatterley's Banquet Facility, and Margret Warner, Litchfield Bancorp. The individuals up for election are: Christine Bascetta-Gath, Litchfield Bancorp; Robert Geiger, Town of Winchester; Maria Gonzalez, New Opportunities, Inc.; Kathleen Katrenya, Torrington Savings Bank; Antonio Ponte, Jr., Thomaston Savings Bank; Michael Rooke, Ph.D., Northwestern Connecticut Community College; Erick Royer, Stepcraft, Inc.; John Seagrave, Barron Financial Group, LLC; and, Jacque Williams, Jacque Williams Entertainment.



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*Coming Up at*

# NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER



## Great Giveaway Business Showcase

The Great Giveaway Business Showcase is filling up fast! The event will take place on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington. There will be a vendor networking hour and Chamber Business After Hours from 4-5 PM and the event will be open to the public from 5-7 PM.

Last year, the event drew hundreds of people throughout the evening. Each vendor had a giveaway at their booth, which created tons of excitement and drew people over to their tables. This year, we're asking once again that each vendor provide an exciting giveaway and we'll raffle them off at the end of the event. The event is free and includes free parking, free food and a cash bar.

Reservations 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.

Gold Sponsors are Torrington Savings Bank and Lowe's Home Improvement Torrington. Silver Sponsors are Northwest Community Bank and FM 97.3 WZBG. Bronze Sponsors are BantamWesson, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook and Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Special thanks to the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board for their support. Additional sponsorships are still available at the varying levels. If you're interested in sponsoring the event, contact the Chamber today.

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## Financial Reality Fair

We are still in need of more volunteers on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Financial Reality Fair. The Chamber is once again partnering with the Connecticut Credit Union League and Northwest Hills Credit Union to provide a hands-on budgeting experience to high school students. Participating students gain practical knowledge about personal financial management in a one day "real world" environment.

The 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.

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# *What's Been Happening at* NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

## Leadership Northwest

On March 20<sup>th</sup> the Leadership class attended CBIA's Connecticut Business Day in the Legislative Office Building at the State Capitol. The group joined other Chamber groups and CBIA affiliates to hear from keynote speaker Governor Ned Lamont, along with their local state representatives and the Chamber's lobbyist.

In the afternoon, the group had a chance to sit down with Honorable Matthew Dallas Gordon, Connecticut Superior Court Judge. Judge Gordon talked with the group about his life and career path, making a good impression, mediating conflict, and some interesting cases he's presided over.



*The 2018-2019 Leadership Northwest Class and The Honorable Matthew Dallas Gordon at the State Capital on Connecticut Business Day on March 20th.*

The leadership teams are working hard on their group projects and are still in need of sponsors for both the Mental Health Awareness Fair, "Wellness in the Park", being held on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Coe Park, and the Little Free Libraries being created for all of the elementary schools in Torrington. Please contact Lauren at 860-482-6586 or email [lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org) for more information on the group projects and how you can get involved.

Thank you Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board for supporting this year's Leadership program.

## Manufacturers' Coalition

The March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Chamber's Manufacturers' Coalition was held at FuelCell Energy. Mike Lisowski of Fuel Cell gave an overview of the business and the 30+ attendees were treated to a tour of the facility.

The topic of the meeting was recruiting, hiring and training employees. Panelists included: Pam LaRosa, NW CT Chamber of Commerce, who spoke about recruitment tools available to employers through the CT Department of Labor; Tracy Ariel, Tunxis Community College, showed the group a great ROI tool to use when thinking about hiring an employee; Matt Koehler, BD, talked about attracting employees to the region; Evan Berns, Seitz, gave some tips for retaining employees; and Mai Goda, FuelCell Energy, went over their pre-employment process and employee reviews.

The Coalition's next meeting will take place on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at BD in Canaan. The topic of the meeting will be transportation.

## WOW! Forum

March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day and the WOW! Forum Advisory Committee, along with the United Way's Women's Leadership Initiative, held a networking event for women at Five Points Gallery in Torrington.

Over 140 women attended the event which featured food donated by Ciesco Catering, Brooker Memorial, People's United Bank, KJ Johansen, and The Venetian Restaurant, wine donated by Village Wine Cellar, water donated by Mount Claire, and entertainment by Jacque Williams Entertainment.

The event was the kick-off to this year's WOW! Forum being held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at The Warner Theatre's Carole and Ray Neag Performing Arts Center and the United Way's Women's Leadership Initiative Woman of the Year Gala being held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The 2019 Woman of the Year is Maria Gonzalez, the Organization of the Year is the Women and Girls Fund and Best Supporting Woman in the Role of Fellowship and Service is Gail Marchand.

Stay tuned for our first announcement of WOW! speakers in the Chamber's May newsletter!

*See more of What's Been Happening on page 11.*

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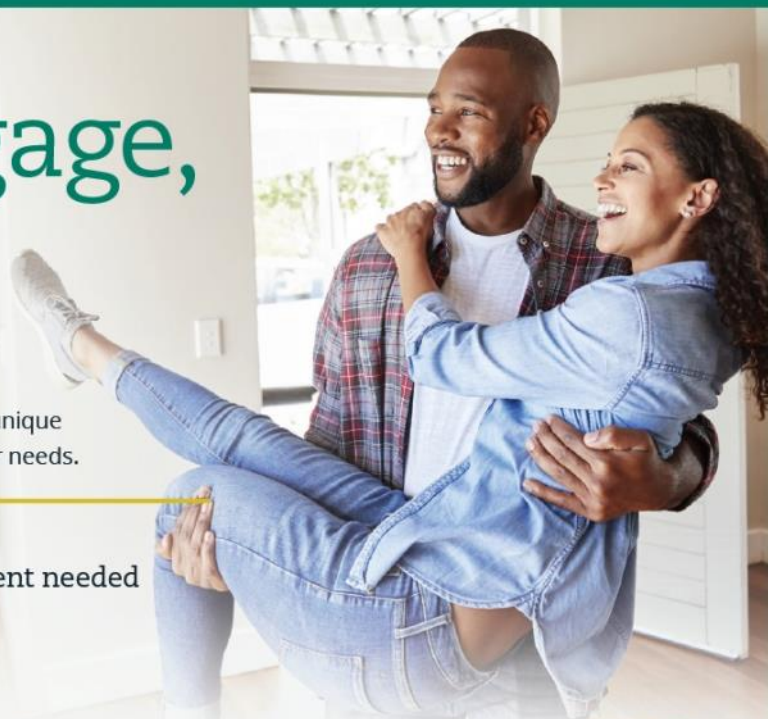
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Jacob B. Rosenstein recently joined Northwest Community Bank as Mortgage Loan Officer, originating residential loans for new and existing customers.

With nearly eight years of experience, Jake joined Northwest Community Bank in the fall of 2018. Prior to his banking career, he was a local business owner. He has firsthand knowledge of many

area communities, has served mortgage customers throughout the region, and has been a member of various business organizations.

Jake coaches American Legion baseball in the summer and basketball travel teams in the fall. He also volunteers at the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Winsted. He holds a BA in Government from Western New England College. He lives in Barkhamsted with his wife, Jacqueline, and son, Levi.

Jake loves to play golf.

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Northwest Community Bank has been selected to participate in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston's Equity Builder Program, which assists local homebuyers with down-payment and closing costs as well as homebuyer counseling and rehabilitation assistance.

The \$3.6 million program provides grants to financial institutions to assist households at or below 80 percent of the area's median income. Borrowers are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in assistance on a first come first serve basis. Buyers must also complete a homebuyer counseling program.

Northwest Community Bank is eligible to receive up to \$150,000 in 2019 through the Equity Builder Program depending on availability of funds.

Since 2003, the Equity Builder Program has awarded more than \$38.8 million in EBP funds assisting 3,512 income-eligible households to purchase a home.

To learn more about applying for assistance, please contact any Northwest Community Bank lender.

## FUELCELL ENERGY

FCE has reached an exciting milestone in the growth and evolution of FuelCell Energy. Committed to their core values and to delivering on their vision, FuelCell Energy celebrated its 50th year in business last month, making it the oldest continually operating commercial fuel cell company in the world.

Originally founded on March 14, 1969 by Dr. Bernard Baker as Energy Research Corporation, FuelCell has grown from a respected research company leading in electrochemical battery and fuel cell technologies to a global leader in delivering clean, efficient and affordable commercial fuel cell solutions configured for the supply, recovery and storage of energy. Leading the industry with more than 8.7 million megawatt-hours of ultra-clean power produced, their global fleet of SureSource™ power plants, spanning three continents, is a testament to their 50 years of innovation and shaping the future of clean energy around the globe.

As they reflect on their golden anniversary, they continue to work hard to grow the business, expand their market potential, refine their services and evolve to meet the needs of their expanding list of customers. They are intensely focused on delivering on their commitments and vision for the future. And in everything they do, they strive to build momentum towards a brighter future for their customers, investors, employees, suppliers and planet.

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Torrington Savings Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Alan Saxena as Chief Risk Officer and Senior VP to their management team. Mr. Saxena comes to Torrington Savings with over 20 years of multi-industry experience including banking, consulting, aviation and not-for-profit.

In his role at the bank, Alan will be responsible for setting up an Enterprise Risk Management system with oversight over Internal Audits and Compliance within a centralized risk function.

Mr. Saxena is a graduate of the George Washington University where he earned his Masters degree in Business Administration concentrating in Finance. He holds an undergraduate degree in economics and accounting and is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).



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## Coming Up at NW CT'S CHAMBER *Continued from page 3.*

### Leadership NW: "Wellness in the Park" *Mental Health Awareness Fair*

The Northwest CT Chamber Leadership Program, Class of 2019, will be holding its first ever mental health awareness fair, "Wellness in the Park" at Coe Park in Torrington on Monday, May 13, 2019. The wellness fair will include booths from various community organizations, guest speakers discussing a range of topics from post-partum depression to Alzheimer's, and a chance for community residents to speak about their experiences. In addition to providing these resources, and in an effort to provide an inclusive environment of support, the event will also feature food trucks, yoga and Zumba demonstrations, and music provided by Jacque Williams Entertainment.

The goal is to bring more awareness to the abundance of resources available to individuals suffering from all types of mental illness and their loved ones who are affected. Not only will this fair seek to help members of the community find new avenues for help and guidance, but to cultivate a general, cultural atmosphere of education for all residents in the area. The goal is to provide this event free of charge to attendees. Any funds raised via sponsorships beyond those needed to stage the event will be donated to The McCall Center for Behavioral Health: Veterans Services. The group coordinating the event would like to extend great thanks to Torrington Savings Bank as their first Champion sponsor for this event.

The group of business leaders putting this effort together is comprised of three groups of thirteen members of the Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce 2019 Leadership Program. This is the first-time members of the Chamber's Leadership Class have banded together for a multi-group event. The purpose of Leadership Northwest is to educate participants, enhance organizational and problem-solving skills, and provide a network of up-and-coming community leaders.

For additional information, including sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor information, please contact [wellnessintheparkct@gmail.com](mailto:wellnessintheparkct@gmail.com).




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### Learn at Lunch: "A New Era of Digital Marketing" *Social Media*

Lance Leifert, CEO of Conquest, will present the second workshop in the series "A New Era of Digital Marketing" on Thursday, April 25th at 11:30 a.m. at the Chamber. This workshop will deal with social media marketing with a focus on Facebook advertising. Reservations are required and lunch is served. The fee for members of the NW CT Chamber is \$10 per person; non-members are \$20 per person. To make a reservation, visit <http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar> or call the Chamber office at 860-482-6586.

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## Chamber Member IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Jeffrey Smith of Petrovits, Patrick, Smith & Company, LLC

Jeffrey Smith, member/partner of the CPA firm Petrovits, Patrick, Smith & Company, LLC, will be strapping on his bike helmet again this summer to participate in the 2019 Pan Mass Challenge (PMC). The PMC is an annual bike-a-thon raising money and awareness for life saving cancer research and treatment at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Riders in the PMC register for either a one day, a two day, or a virtual ride and pay their own registration fee to cover all their costs for the event. They also, based on their ride, commit to a fundraising level of sponsorship. The PMC donates, in addition to corporate sponsorships, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to Dana Farber. Since 1980 the PMC has donated more than \$654 million toward their mission.

Jeff will be riding in the PMC two-day 192 mile route from Sturbridge, Massachusetts to Provincetown on Cape Cod. This will be the same route he registered for in his inaugural ride last year. Jeff needed to withdraw from the second day of the 2018 challenge because his riding teammate (Jeff's son Tyler) had a serious accident during the event. Fortunately, the 2019 Pan-Mass Challenge offers both Jeff and Tyler the opportunity to ride together once again in support of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.



At the age of fifteen, Jeff lost his father to pancreatic cancer. As years went by, the number of his family members, friends and business associates struggling with cancer themselves or having to care for others who have cancer has steadily increased. The Dana Farber Cancer Institute has done so much to combat the disease by providing therapeutic clinical trials, conducting cutting edge research, leading advanced training in cancer treatment and so much more. Jeff is proud to contribute time, energy and funds to such a worthy cause.

In addition to owning an accounting firm, Jeff is a member and Treasurer of the Rotary Club of the Torrington/Winsted Areas, a former Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Board Member and a volunteer Chairperson for various Mission and Outreach Organizations.

Anyone interested in learning more about the PMC, its mission and its achievements can visit its website at [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org). All who are interested in supporting Jeff's ride, and ultimately the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, are invited to visit his profile page at [www.pmc.org/profile/JS0889](http://www.pmc.org/profile/JS0889) or send donations payable to PMC to Jeff's office at 173 Prospect Street, Torrington, CT 06790.

## *What's Been Happening at*

## NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

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### Junior Leadership NW

Last month's session, held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, was facilitated by Lauren DellaFera. Lauren taught the kids about self-discipline and taking initiative, time management skills, a plan for personal growth, healthy self-image, inspiring peers, and how to handle criticism and use it for personal improvement. The hands-on, interactive seminar was very well-received by the attendees.

Their next session on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will focus on arts, culture and education.

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# MEMBER NEWS

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Utilizing knowledge she obtained from receiving her Master's Degree in Social

Work, Perrotti helps people through the emotional aspects of buying or selling their home. She joined the innovative Regency Real Estate due to its highly-regarded reputation for the most comprehensive and unmatched marketing package and utilizing social media to its full capacity. Sarah Perrotti possesses practical experience in real estate, home ownership and rehabbing properties. She can be reached at Sarah@RegencyHomesCT.com, 203-558-5681 or 860-945-9868.

## Rowley Grill and Tap and LABA

Dimitri Karouta (left), owner of Chamber member Rowley Grill and Tap in Winsted and Ollie's of Litchfield, catered the February meeting of the Litchfield Area Business Associates (LABA) held at



Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center. The pizzas that were fully enjoyed by the LABA members included cheese, onions and peppers, pepperoni and gluten-free. The LABA networking organization meets the third Tuesday of each month. The 2019 meetings will be held each month at Wisdom House, located at 229 E. Litchfield Road in Litchfield. Photographed (left to right) with Mr. Karouta were Deborah Kelly and Michele Eiger of Wisdom House and LABA President Paul McLaughlin, Jr., of Litchfield Bancorp.

## FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity NW CT

The Torrington Elks Club, on May 1st from 5:30-8 p.m., will host the 4th annual “A Tasteful Event” fundraiser to benefit FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity of NW CT and their work with the hungry and the homeless of the NW corner. Over 15 area restaurants and bakeries have volunteered to prepare savory and sweet treats for the event. Attendees will enjoy music, participate in a silent auction, and vote for the People’s Choice Award. Area businesses have generously donated as event sponsors and

will be recognized. Tickets are \$30 pp, and are available at fishnwct.org or by phoning 860-482-7300.

FISH provides the most basic of human needs, food, shelter and hope. Dependent on the generosity of the community, last year the FISH Food Pantry distributed enough food to nearly 1,800 individuals for over 116,500 meals, and housed 102 individuals (85 adults, 6 children and 11 veterans) at the FISH Homeless Shelter.

## Torrington-Winsted Area Rotary Club

The 83rd Annual Rotary Pet Parade is set to delight hundreds of children of all ages on May 18th at 2p.m. on Winsted’s Main Street – rain or shine. All children from Winsted, Torrington, Norfolk, New Hartford, Barkhamsted and Colebrook are invited to participate in this annual spring tradition organized by the Torrington-Winsted Area Rotary Club. The oldest pet parade in the nation, the Winsted spectacle will feature 12 parade divisions, marching bands, Rotary and local dignitaries, the 2018 Laurel Queen and King, and the 2018 Pet Parade Poster Winner.

The diverse Pet Parade Divisions make it possible for any and all children to take part, even if they don’t own a pet. The parade divisions include: small floats, wagons and doll carriages that might contain a child, pet or stuffed animal; pets (carried, caged or on a lead); famous people in costume; animated/cartoon characters; super heroes and villains; fiction and fantasy from the movies/books; floats; Scouts, sports and youth organizations; dogs (leashed or carried); and, needing helmets to participate, bikes, rollerblades and skateboards; small self-propelled vehicles; and horses and ponies.

Registration forms for the parade were distributed through schools, or will be available on the day of the Pet Parade at parade line-up, located on Meadow Street in Winsted between 1-1:30 p.m.

## N.E. Accordion Connection & Museum



“Accordion Stories from the Heart” author Angelo Paul Ramunni, creator of the privately owned New England Accordion Connection & Museum in N. Canaan, will present an Author Talk & Mini-Concert on April 6, 1-2 PM at the David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls

Village. Mr. Ramunni will share stories from his newly-released book and perform a variety of accordion songs. The event is free. Reservations are requested by calling 860-824-2625. For information on the Museum, visit neacmc.com, or contact Mr. Ramunni at 860-833-1374.



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## RENEWING MEMBERS

The following Chamber members renewed their memberships during the period of February 23rd through March 22nd. Thank you for your continued commitment to Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce. Companies listed in bold indicate a Corporate Partner. Milestone anniversaries are indicated in parentheses.

- ◆ Larry Cassella
- ◆ Catholic Cemetery Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, St. Francis & St. Peter Cemeteries
- ◆ **Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, a Hartford HealthCare Partner**
- ◆ Coldwell Banker Commercial DRT, Goodfellow Group
- ◆ Community Council of NW CT
- ◆ Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank (10 years)
- ◆ Dale Carnegie Training
- ◆ Datapay Payroll Services
- ◆ East Coast Lightning Equipment (30 years)
- ◆ Elaine Murphy at Shear Bliss of Burlington
- ◆ Duncan Ebersol Residential Staff
- ◆ **Eversource Energy**
- ◆ Garnet Consulting Services, Inc.
- ◆ Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home
- ◆ Global Resources, Inc.
- ◆ Housatonic Valley Association
- ◆ Hunt Hill Farm
- ◆ Insurance Center of Torrington
- ◆ Jimmy's Store
- ◆ Joyful Noise, Inc.
- ◆ Junior Achievement of Southwest New England (10 years)
- ◆ Litchfield Area Business Association
- ◆ Litchfield Distillery
- ◆ Litchfield Montessori School
- ◆ Matson Financial Advisors, Inc.
- ◆ Mongeau Productions, LLC (5 years)
- ◆ Morsel Munk, LLC
- ◆ Mountainside Treatment Center (5 years)
- ◆ Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board (15 years)
- ◆ Northwestern Mutual, Harold & Rose Mandly
- ◆ Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts (30 years)
- ◆ Primerica Financial Services, Carol Crain (15 years)
- ◆ Pro-Film
- ◆ Salisbury Bank & Trust Company
- ◆ Secor, Cassidy & McPartland, PC
- ◆ St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- ◆ Stateline Wine & Spirit
- ◆ Sullivan Insurance LLC
- ◆ Tents Unlimited
- ◆ Torrington Municipal & Teachers Federal Credit Union (5 years)
- ◆ Vinny's Restaurant & Pizzeria (10 years)
- ◆ Warner Theatre
- ◆ Welcome Real Estate
- ◆ White Horse Country Pub & Restaurant
- ◆ Whiting Mills, LLC

## 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2018-2019 Membership Drive concluded on March 1st. We are thrilled to have welcomed 41 new members to the Chamber. You have seen them displayed in our "Welcome New Members" section throughout the past several months. The success of the drive can be attributed to a fantastic set of volunteers and supporting members.

Thank you to our honorable chair, Greg Mele of Eastside Electric, Inc. Gracias to our Membership Committee and in particular the Marketing & Communications and Ambassador Sub-Committees for their support, input, hard work and dedication. Merci to our friends at KOTA for their generous donation of one of the grand prizes. Grazie to Ciesco Catering, The Village Wine Cellar, Noteworthy Chocolates, Litchfield Hills Nursery and our Hospitality Committee for making the Chamber Open House a fabulous evening that was both informative and enjoyable. Vielen Dank to Torrington Savings Bank for donating use of their billboard to promote our drive and open house. Dziękuję Ci to the members who provided bonus incentives to our new members: FM 97.3 WZBG, Republican-American, KBJB Radio, Comcast Spotlight, Minuteman Press and Warner Theatre.

Last but not least, what would we have done without those members who helped by recruiting businesses in the drive?!? To Barbara Branagan-Mitchell, Larry Cassella, Lisa Ferris, Dimitri Karouta, Karen Kuhl, Lance Leifert, DJ Murphy, Elaine Murphy, Jan Nelson, Sarah Perrotti, John Seagrave, Jacque Williams and Steve Zarrella...we appreciate your efforts more than you know! Congratulations to the grand prize winners Karen Kuhl, John Seagrave and Lisa Ferris. Enjoy your prizes!!



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

### APRIL 2019

- 9th - **Small Business Council Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Business After Hours** at Northwestern Connecticut Community College Draper Center (in the Learning Resource Center), Corner of Route 44 and Park Place East, Winsted, 5-7 PM
- 11th - **Government Relations Committee Meeting**, 8 AM
- 12th - **Annual Meeting & Chamber Hall of Fame Luncheon** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Rd, Torrington, 11:30 AM
- 17th - **Health Council Meeting** at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital's Library Conference Room, 540 Litchfield Street, Memorial Building 1st Floor, Torrington, 8 AM  
**Insurance Committee Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Leadership Northwest**
- 19th - **Chamber Offices Closed in Observance of Good Friday**
- 23rd - **Business with Breakfast at the Community Health & Wellness Center of Gtr. Torrington**, 469 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, 8 AM
- 24th - **Financial Reality Fair** at Torrington High School
- 25th - **Board of Directors Meeting** hosted by Winvian, 8 AM  
**Learn at Lunch: Social Media Marketing** presented by Lance Leifert of Conquest, 11:30 AM

### MAY 2019

- 1st - **WOW! Forum Advisory Committee Meeting**, 4 PM
- 2nd - **Membership Committee Meeting**, 8 AM
- 3rd - **Manufacturer's Coalition Meeting** at BD, Route 7 & Grace Way, Canaan, 8 AM
- 9th - **Government Relations Committee Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Great Giveaway Business Showcase** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington. **Business After Hours** begins at 4 p.m. (RSVP to receive your special admission ticket.) Open to the public from 5-7 p.m.
- 13th - **Leadership NW Group Project - Wellness Fair** at Coe Park, Torrington, 5:30-8 PM
- 15th - **Insurance Committee Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Leadership Northwest**
- 23rd - **Board of Directors Meeting**, 8 AM
- 27th - **Chamber Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**
- 28th - **Business with Breakfast at the Chamber**, 8 AM

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