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LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST

Develop New Leaders in Your Business with Leadership Northwest

Last year's Leadership Northwest class was one for the books and now we turn our sights to the class of 2020. Can you identify a future leader in your organization? Or maybe it's you and you'd like to get more involved in the community while gaining leadership skills and learning more about yourself. Our Leadership Northwest program, now in its 17th year, is designed to develop resourceful, motivated business leaders committed to making this region a better place to live and work.

Participants of Leadership Northwest attend workshop sessions one day a month. The 9-month program gives them opportunities for contact with influential community leaders, provides experience in group dynamics, team leadership, professional and personal growth and builds working relationships and friendships with diverse members of the community. In addition, participants collaborate on a self-directed community-oriented team project that responds to a need in the region.

In the last 17 years, 63 projects were executed by the class participants including a welcome center, downtown festival, Earth Day clean-up, walking tour of Winsted, physical fitness challenge for elementary school students, Financial Reality Fair for high schoolers, a scholarship fund for summer campers, concert for individuals in recovery, job shadowing day for high school students, Little Free Libraries, a Mental Health Awareness Fair, and many more. In total, the projects have raised **\$101,051.35** and proceeds donated to various organizations in the community.

What does Leadership Northwest Offer?

The Employers Gain:

- Employees with increased leadership, organizational and problem solving skills.
- A strengthened involvement in community affairs.
- New access to a network of community leaders and resources.
- Public recognition of their community involvement.
- Enhanced employee morale.

The Community Gains:

- A committed, knowledgeable group of people prepared to accept key positions on community boards.
- A broad-based pool of individuals sensitive to the diverse populations in the community.
- A group with a greater appreciation of the issues facing our community today and in the future.



From the Chamber President & CEO JOANN RYAN



I have a huge favor to ask. In our quest to build a stronger Chamber, I have been “on the road” working with potential new members and corporate partners. One of the challenges we face and surely you hear it too is that there is “no time for meetings!” We understand and are aware of the hard work it takes to make your business a success. However, the Chamber can help promote business without you leaving your office.


Here’s what we do for you behind the scenes:

- List your business on the monthly newsletter with a distribution of 1500
- Promote your business by posting your news, special offers and events on the website
- Advocate for your business
- Watch your back for developments in Hartford and Washington
- List your business in the Chamber’s Business & Membership Directory and Member Newsletter
- Give you a Write-Up in the Chamber Newsletter
- Post your Member Discounts offer on the Website and in our Weekly Chamber Exchange email
- List your business in the Directory and on Website
- Provide free business counseling through SCORE
- Send you a Subscription to the monthly Newsletter
- Feature your business in the Member-In-The-Spotlight that appears in the Newsletter and on-line
- Initiate new programs that respond to your challenges

A national survey conducted by the Schapiro Group illustrates that Chamber membership benefits businesses:

- 49% increase in consumer favorability rating
- 73% increase in consumer awareness
- 68% increase in local reputation
- 80% increase in the likelihood that consumers would patronize the business

If you have a connection with a potential member, please call me. Thank you for your continuing support and involvement.



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Leadership Northwest

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Participants Receive:

- Experience with group dynamics and team leadership along with professional and personal growth.
- Understanding of leadership styles.
- Opportunities for contact with influential regional leaders.

Leadership NW participants are expected to attend all scheduled sessions in order to graduate. Times may vary but most sessions generally run from 9:00a.m - 4:00p.m. Participants in the program will require full support from their employer and acknowledgement of the time required away from their position.

Leadership Northwest is sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank and supported by a grant from the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board.

The 2019-2020 class is forming now. Please visit our website for more information and to download the application- <http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/events-programs/leadership-northwest/>. **Applications must be completed and returned to the NW CT Chamber no later than September 6, 2019.** Upon receipt of a completed application, a personal interview will be scheduled. Applications are accepted and interviews are conducted on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than September 13th.

Coming Up at NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

Learn at Lunch

The Chamber is pleased to be offering three Learn at Lunch workshops during the months of August and September.

A New Era in Digital Marketing: On-Line Visibility - New for 2019 - August 28th, 11:30 a.m.



You want prospects to find your business online. How do you make yourself visible among all of the other competitors? In this Learn at Lunch, we'll explore all the opportunities, and give you ideas about where to focus your energy.

Lance Leifert, CEO of Conquest, a leader in the full-service digital marketing industry, will share details on: the main components to on-line visibility, how search engine optimization (SEO) works, whether or not paid search is right for you, and how search works with Google.

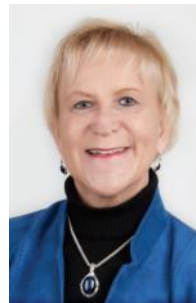
Business and Technology in 2020: Are You Prepared? - September 11th, 11:30 a.m.

Technology is a critical component of most businesses. As technology advances, business owners and managers are finding it increasingly difficult to not only keep up with the changes, but to also leverage these technologies to enable them to better support their customers, employees and other stakeholders.



Trying to keep up with technology, cybersecurity, regulation, the workforce, and the speed of change in today's business environment can be a daunting task. This Learn at Lunch, presented by Ed Davis, CEO of Systems Support Group, Inc., will be a round table discussion in which all of these topics will be discussed. Ed's 40 years of experience helping businesses of various sizes implement and leverage many waves of technology changes gives him a unique perspective on this subject. Be sure to sign up for this Learn at Lunch if you want to learn more about leveraging new technologies to benefit your business.

How to Make Your Business or Organization "Famous" Through Free Publicity - September 19th, 11:30 a.m.



Barbara Branagan-Mitchell, owner of Branagan Communications Consultants LLC, public relations, publicity placement, marketing communications and writing and editing agency for 26 years, will provide insights into how to place 'awareness-building' news articles, event listings and P.S.A.s-public service announcements with newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations to reach your company or organization's target audiences.

An integral part of a successful branding and marketing campaign, Branagan-Mitchell will share ways to 'feed' newsworthy publicity-generating materials to editors, reporters and producers of print and broadcast media outlets to help build, and maintain, 'awareness' of your company or organization. PR and publicity placement can be easily, and very affordably, 'married' with social media, advertising and digital marketing campaigns.

Limited seating is available for each workshop. The fee for Chamber members is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Workshops will be held at the Chamber office and lunch will be served. To make a reservation, please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586 or visit the Chamber website at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.

Young Professionals Organization

The Chamber's Young Professionals Organization is having a networking event on August 20th at Rowley Grill & Tap in Winsted from 5:30-7:00 PM. The event is open to anyone 21-40 years old who lives and/or works in Northwest Connecticut. Rowley Grill will provide complimentary hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. Bring your friends and colleagues out for a night of networking and fun! Attendees can also stay for Stump Trivia beginning at 7:30 PM.

RSVP for this Young Professionals gathering by emailing Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

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YMCA Camp Mohawk's Centennial Celebration!



Friday, August 30th–Sunday, September 1st 2019
YMCA Camp Mohawk Alumni Association
campmohawk.org/100



For 100 years, YMCA Camp Mohawk has given girls a place to thrive, make friends, gain new skills, and create memories that last a lifetime. This Labor Day Weekend, join us as we celebrate our centennial season! We have a weekend of traditional camp activities planned with loads of reminiscing with camp friends and staff.

Weekend Activities Include:

- Boating & Free Swim
- Arts & Crafts
- Ropes Course
- Archery
- Hike up Mohawk Mountain
- Mohawk Memories



For More Information:

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What's Been Happening at NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER Small Business Council

Northwest Connecticut's Chamber Small Business Council welcomed Alesia Kennerson, Revenue Examiner with the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services at the July 2nd meeting. Ms. Kennerson provided an informational presentation on sales and use tax requirements for the State of Connecticut. For those that were not able to attend, information on the presentation can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/Businesses/New-Business-Portal/Business-Information-Website>. There are a number of helpful links for businesses on the page. The specific information shared on July 2nd can be found by clicking "Business Tax Help Presentations" and then "Sales Tax Overview" presentation. Businesses can find exemption certificates and lists of taxable services as well.

In addition to the presentation, the Chamber's lobbyist, Mike Rell of International Government Strategies, has provided Chamber members with an informational publication from the Department of Revenue Services pertaining to the upcoming charge for (and ultimate ban of) plastic bags. That can be accessed by visiting <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DRS/Publications/OCG/OCG-9-BagFee.pdf?la=en>.

The Small Business Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. at the Chamber and is open to any Chamber member with less than 10 employees. For more information, contact the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

Job Postings

Did you know that you can post job openings at your business or organization on the Chamber's website at no charge? Our Job Postings page receives over 300 pageviews per month. Use this service to reach potential employees through your Chamber membership! Simply email the details of the job to Lauren@nwtchamberofcommerce.org and we'll take care of the rest.

Chamber Emails

We've heard from a number of our members that they have not been receiving our weekly upcoming events emails (which are sent on Tuesdays) or our Chamber Exchange member to member emails (which are sent on Thursdays). If you are not receiving emails from us but always had, the problem could be that we recently changed our email servers. First, make sure to check your Spam folder. If it's not there, have your IT department check to ensure our domain of nwtchamberofcommerce.org is Whitelisted. If this has been done and you are still not receiving our emails, please give us a call to let us know and we'll have our IT check things on our side.



NW CT Chamber's premier network building event featuring opportunities to gain new contacts & build your lead base while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres & visiting our host's location.

BUSINESS *after* HOURS

Thursday
August 8, 2019
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by
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1st Annual

Restaurant Week



of Northwest Connecticut

A week dedicated to promoting local business & providing vital programs to the people of Northwest Connecticut

Become A Restaurant Week Partner

- It's easy! Interested restaurants simply decide to donate!
- Our restaurant week will run from **September 16-22**. Please select a day (or two, or more!) that you want us to promote.
- We promote your restaurant as much as possible in the weeks leading up to your selected day(s).
- People come to dine and a **percentage of sales** are donated to support local United Way programs!

Participating Restaurants Receive:

- Website listing, email & social media promotion
- Inclusion in press release(s)
- Posters & table top promotion
- Recognition at events pre/post restaurant week

Interested in participating?

Please contact Campaign Chair, John Seagrave, at 860-204-2419 or john.e.seagrave@gmail.com



Coming Up at NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

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WOW! Forum

Only **2 more months** until this year's WOW Forum on Friday, October 4th at the Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center at The Warner Theatre. The all-day professional women's conference will feature 6 incredible keynote speakers and some special surprise guests.



Tim Quinn, a crowd favorite, is coming back for a second time this year. After training in Milan alongside world-renown makeup artist Pat McGrath, Tim Quinn joined the Giorgio Armani Beauty team with the launch of the brand in September 2001. His

myriad of experience as an artist includes work in TV, print and film.

Tim began his illustrious career in the beauty industry when he first began modeling at the age of 19. After numerous photo shoots and magazine layouts, Tim discovered that his true calling was behind the camera designing his own individual style and not in front of it featuring someone else's designs.

Tim's words of wisdom have graced the pages of *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *W*, *Elle*, *Glamour*, *Marie Claire*, *InStyle*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Good Housekeeping*, *SELF*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal Magazine*, *The Huffington Post*, among others. Tim has been featured as one of the "25



Beauty Stars" in *W* magazine and won a Genius Award in *Elle Magazine* as a Genius Makeup Artist. He was also awarded the title of "Beauty Tsar" at *Hollywood Magazine's* Hollywood Style Awards. He has worked backstage in New York, Milan, Rome, Paris, Hong Kong and Beijing as well as at several award shows including the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes. Tim has traveled internationally hosting special events, training and promoting the beauty line. Additionally, Tim has been featured numerous times on television programs such as the Today Show, Extra and E! News.

Tim has worked with countless celebrities including: Brooke Shields, Debra Messing, Diane Lane, Glenn Close, Gwen Stefani, Hilary Swank, Kate Bosworth, Kerry Washington, Kim Cattrall, Olivia Munn, Robin Wright, Tina Turner, Victoria Beckham, just to name a few.

This year's emcee, Beth Dupont, is human resources director and EEO Officer for O&G Industries, Inc., one of the region's leading providers of construction services and products. Based in Torrington and in business since 1923, O&G employs over 1,000 skilled employees.



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BUSINESS *after* HOURS

Thursday
August 29, 2019
5:00-7:00 p.m.

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The Marina at Highland Lake

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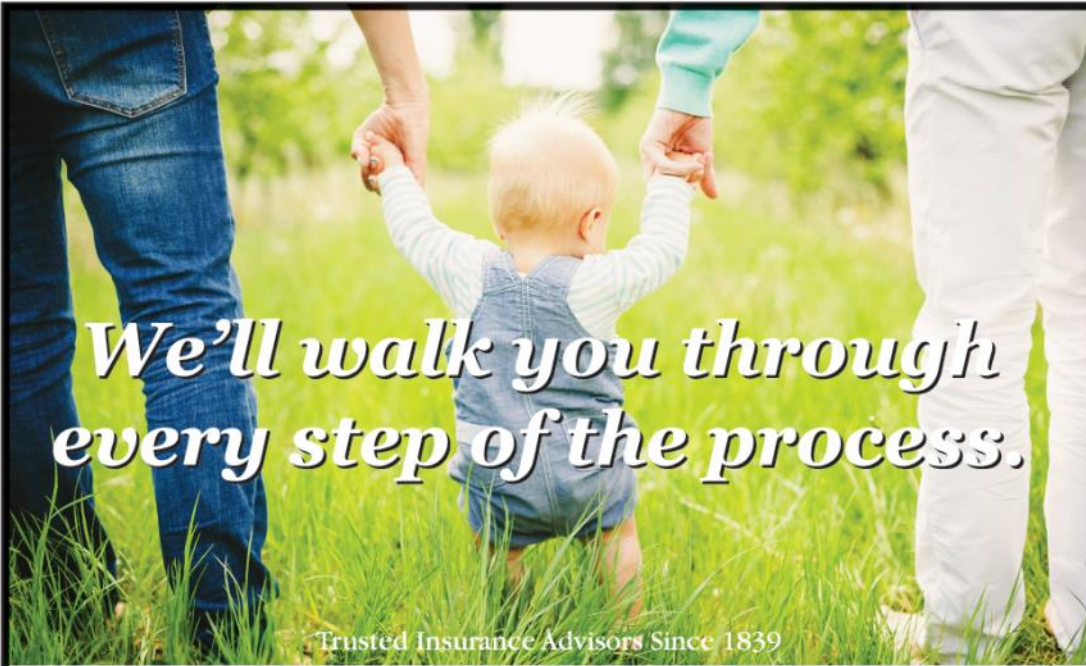
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Chamber Member NEWS

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF CT & DA CAPO RESTAURANT

The Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut is sponsoring a Business to Business Social on Thursday, August 15th from 5-7 p.m. The event will be hosted by Da Capo Restaurant located at 625 Torrington Road in Litchfield. Chamber members are invited to join them to network, mingle and hear about what the organization is up to. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a cash bar. Please RSVP by August 13th to Gina of Heaven Scent Floral Creations at 860-489-4444 or ginaflorist11@gmail.com.

WISDOM HOUSE RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER



Wisdom House is welcoming Travis Tucker, Ph.D. as program director of the organization that is celebrating its 70 year anniversary in 2019. An Interfaith Spiritual Retreat and Conference Center, Wisdom House presents programs open to the public year-round that celebrate the sacred in everyday life, the arts and ecology. In addition to numerous workshop and conference meeting spaces, throughout each year, Wisdom House offers daily meals and overnight accommodations for academic, nonprofit, and business organizations from across the United States and the world.

Dr. Tucker offers nearly 30 years of experience in education, administration, and coaching. He is a former Associate Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture's Ethics & Spirituality in the Workplace division. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale University in Philosophy and Religious Studies with a specialization in ethics and is a former Philosophy professor at the Universities of Hartford and New Haven. To learn more about Wisdom House, visit www.wisdomhouse.org, call 860-567-3163, or email to programs@wisdomhouse.org.

BLACK BEAR MUSIC FEST, LLC

Beth Murphy of the Black Bear Music Fest, a three-day music festival held over Columbus Day weekend, invites area non-profit organizations to participate as vendors at the 2019 festival. There is no fee for organizations to participate. Non-profits would not be required to man booths throughout the entire festival; staff and volunteers could spend as little or as much time as coverage allows - or could partner with other non-profits to share staffing at the event. Banners may be hung and literature may be left for attendees to browse through. Participants are asked to remove displays no later than Monday, October 14th at noon.

In addition, if your non-profit organization is planning an event and is in need of silent auction items or raffle prizes, Beth would be happy to donate full festival tickets to help your fundraising efforts. For more information on the 2018 inaugural event, visit www.blackbearmusicfest.com. If you would like more details or have specific questions, contact Beth at 860-469-5081 or email beth@blackbearmusicfest.com.

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Northwestern Connecticut Community College is pleased to announce the award of a \$6,000 grant from the Northwest Connecticut Philanthropy Fund, a fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, Inc. The grant funds will be used to support student essential needs through the campus Student Emergency Fund.

"We are seeing an increase in need from students who are in short term financial difficulty while trying to continue their education," said NCCC President, Dr. Michael Rooke. "This grant will go a long way in providing funds to those students who, through no fault of their own, may need short term financial help for expenses such as car repairs, housing costs, and gas money. By providing some financial relief to these students, we are able to allow them to continue with their education and provide a better future for themselves and their families."

The NCCC Student Emergency Fund was created in 2016 through NCCC Foundation funding and private donations to assist students with financial needs based on the student's specific need and individual circumstances. To date, the fund has helped more than 60 students.

TORRINGTON LIONS CLUB

The Torrington Lions Club will be holding their 42nd Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, August 16th at Greenwoods Golf Course in Winsted, CT. The day will begin with a cook-out lunch from 11 AM to 12:30 p.m. when the golf begins with a shotgun start. Enjoy contests and try to win a new 2019 Toyota 86TRD-SE from Torrington Toyota. The entry fee is \$115 and includes green fees and cart, lunch and a buffet dinner. Greenwoods members pay only \$90. For more information, contact Normal NeJaime at 860-482-3321.

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Tuesday, August 27, 8:00 a.m.

Hosted by  733 East Main Street, Torrington

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WOW! Forum *Continued*

Dupont joined O&G in 2018 after serving almost five years as chief of staff at Club Quarters Hotels/Masterworks Development Corporation based in Stamford and NYC. Her previous positions included serving as director, organizational services for the Connecticut Hospital Association.

Dupont has served on the board of directors for a number of organizations including LifeChoice Donor Services and Wallingford Hawks Youth Hockey. She currently serves on the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Department of Corrections Industry Advisory Board.

In addition to the extraordinary speakers, WOW! Forum attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, a dessert & wine reception with an auction, a gift and free parking. Tickets are \$125 per person. Buy five tickets and get one free!

The premier event sponsor is **TD Bank**, America's Most Convenient Bank. The WOW! Forum thanks TD Bank for their generous contribution and tremendous support of this professional women's conference.

Other major sponsors of the event include Conquest, Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Warner Theatre.

Registration for the WOW! Forum on October 4th is currently open at www.wowforum.org.

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The Amalfi Coast's mixture of history and nature are yours to discover from the Cathedral of Amalfi, to the villas in Ravello and the numerous churches built during the historical period of Amalfi's Republic. From Galli's Isles in front of Positano to the Emerald Grotto, the Amalfi Coast will captivate you with its warmth and beauty.

The trip includes a tour of Pompeii, the ancient city covered by volcanic dust from Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79 and a day of leisure in Rome, the "Eternal City". (An optional two-day extension including a city tour of Rome is available.)

8 days, 6 nights including hotels, meals, day trips and airfare from JFK for \$2899 (if booked before October 23rd). **Join us on September 30th at 5:00 PM at the Chamber Office to learn more.**

Budapest, Vienna & Prague *November 2-10, 2020*

Dotted with hilltop fortresses, ornate cathedrals, and imperial palaces, Vienna, Budapest, and Prague will captivate you. Enjoy Bohemian castles, Hungarian thermal baths, and vintage Viennese coffeehouses on this splendid journey to three of Europe's most exquisite riverside capitals. Take in the ornate architecture and stately elegance of Vienna. Roam Budapest's wide



boulevards and lounge along the banks of the Danube. Spend a few days getting to know each of these dynamic cities, and you'll discover their vivid World War II history, radical art movements, and unique local cultures. 9 days, 7 nights including hotels, meals, day trips, and airfare from JFK for \$2899 (if reserved before March 23, 2020).

Join us on September 30th at 6:00 PM at the Chamber Office to learn more.

The Chamber trips are open to anyone, members and non-members. Transportation is provided from Torrington to JFK for all trips (for an additional fee). For more information, please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586 or email Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.



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Cardiac Rehabilitation Services
780 Litchfield Street, Torrington.....(860) 496-9512
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Center For Cancer Care
200 Kennedy Drive, Torrington.....(860) 489-6718

Center For Healthy Aging
540 Litchfield Street, Torrington.....(860) 496-6240

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540 Litchfield Street, Torrington.....(860) 496-6650
115 Spencer Street, Winsted.....(860) 738-6650

Foot Center
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115 Spencer Street, Winsted.....(860) 738-6665

MRI /Advanced Medical Imaging
540 Litchfield Street, Torrington.....(860) 489-7314

Radiology / X-ray Services
540 Litchfield Street, Torrington.....(860) 496-6550
115 Spencer Street, Winsted.....(860) 738-6664

HHC Rehabilitation Network
538 Litchfield Street, Torrington.....(860) 496-6875
1151 East Main Street, Torrington.....(860) 496-0046

Sleep Center
115 Spencer Street, Winsted.....(860) 738-6620

Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine
7 Felicity Lane, Torrington(860) 489-0418



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Thanks to Our

RENEWING MEMBERS

The following Chamber members renewed their memberships during the period of June 25th through July 23rd. 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.

- ◆ Arconic Engines
- ◆ Beardsley & Memorial Library
- ◆ Berkshire Environmental Services & Technology, LLC
- ◆ Bicon Electronics Company
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- ◆ **Dymax Corporation**
- ◆ Alan J. Eckstrand, LLC
- ◆ Five Points Center for the Visual Arts, Inc.
- ◆ Future Foundations Child Care Center
- ◆ GeronNursing Registry Northwest, Inc.
- ◆ Goodworks Infinity Norfolk
- ◆ Gourmet Conveniences Ltd.
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- ◆ Hoffman Honda
- ◆ Hoffman Nissan
- ◆ Hoffman Toyota
- ◆ Litchfield Community Center
- ◆ Litchfield County BMX Group, Inc. (15 years)
- ◆ Litchfield Hills Orthopedic Associates
- ◆ M.R. Bart Construction Corp.
- ◆ M. LaHart & Company, LTD
- ◆ Manor House Inn
- ◆ Gerald H. Michalowski, CPA
- ◆ My Office, LLC
- ◆ New Opportunities, Inc.
- ◆ Northwest CT Realty
- ◆ Northwest Hills Council of Governments (25 years)
- ◆ People's United Bank
- ◆ Sandra B. Roberts (15 years)
- ◆ Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA)
- ◆ Santoro's Cleaners, Inc.
- ◆ Servpro of Southbury/Torrington
- ◆ Sharon Playhouse (5 years)
- ◆ Simsbury Bank
- ◆ Ski Sundown
- ◆ Town of Hartland
- ◆ Town of Winchester
- ◆ Wheeler Clinic - Family and Community Ties Foster Care Program (5 years)

Corporate Partner SHOUT OUT



O&G INDUSTRIES, INC.

With over 54 years of service to Torrington's O&G Industries, Ernie Torrizo will transition into retirement over the summer. Ernie is retiring as a Senior Vice President with the company and has led an estimating group that has bid some of the State's largest road, bridge and building construction projects.

Ernie served on the Chamber Board of Directors from 1994 to 2002. We appreciate the time and energy Ernie committed to our organization and wish him a happy, healthy retirement.



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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.

AUGUST 2019

- 6th - **Small Business Council** Meeting, 8 AM
- 7th - **WOW! Advisory Committee** Meeting, 4 PM
- 8th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Business After Hours at Litchfield Woods Health Care, 255 Roberts Street, Torrington, 5-7 PM
- 21st - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Chamber Health Council Meeting at VNS of Connecticut, 65 Commercial Boulevard, Torrington, 8 AM
- 27th - **Business with Breakfast** at Pursue the Clues, 733 East Main Street, Torrington, 8 AM
- 28th - **Learn at Lunch "On-Line Visibility - New for 2019"**, 11:30 AM
- 29th - **Business After Hours** at The Marina at Highland Lake, 173 Lake Street, Winsted, 5-7 PM

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2nd - **Chamber Office Closed** in Observance of Labor Day
- 5th - **Manufacturer's Coalition** Meeting, Location TBD, 5 PM
- 11th - **Learn at Lunch "Business and Technology in 2020 - Are You Prepared?"**, 11:30 AM
- 12th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 13th - **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
- 18th - **Insurance Committee** Meeting, 8 AM
Leadership Northwest
- 19th - **Learn at Lunch "How to Make Your Business or Organization 'Famous' Through Free Publicity"**, 11:30AM
- 20th - **Chamber Fest**, Watch for More Details!
- 24th - **Business with Breakfast** sponsored by the United Way of NW CT and hosted by Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, 8 AM
- 26th - **Board of Directors** Meeting, 8 AM
- 27th - **Torrington House Tour Preview Party** at Five Points Gallery, 33 Main Street, Torrington, 5-9 PM
- 28th - **5th Annual Torrington House Tour** visit torringtonhousetour.org for tickets and information. Bus tours departing from the Chamber beginning at 10 AM; tour runs until 3 PM.
- 30th - **Chamber Travel Program Info Sessions** Amalfi Coast & Rome Info Session at 5 PM and Budapest, Vienna & Prague Info Session at 6 PM. Details can be found on page 13.

SAVE THE DATE: October 4th - WOW! Forum
Register Today at www.wowforum.org

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