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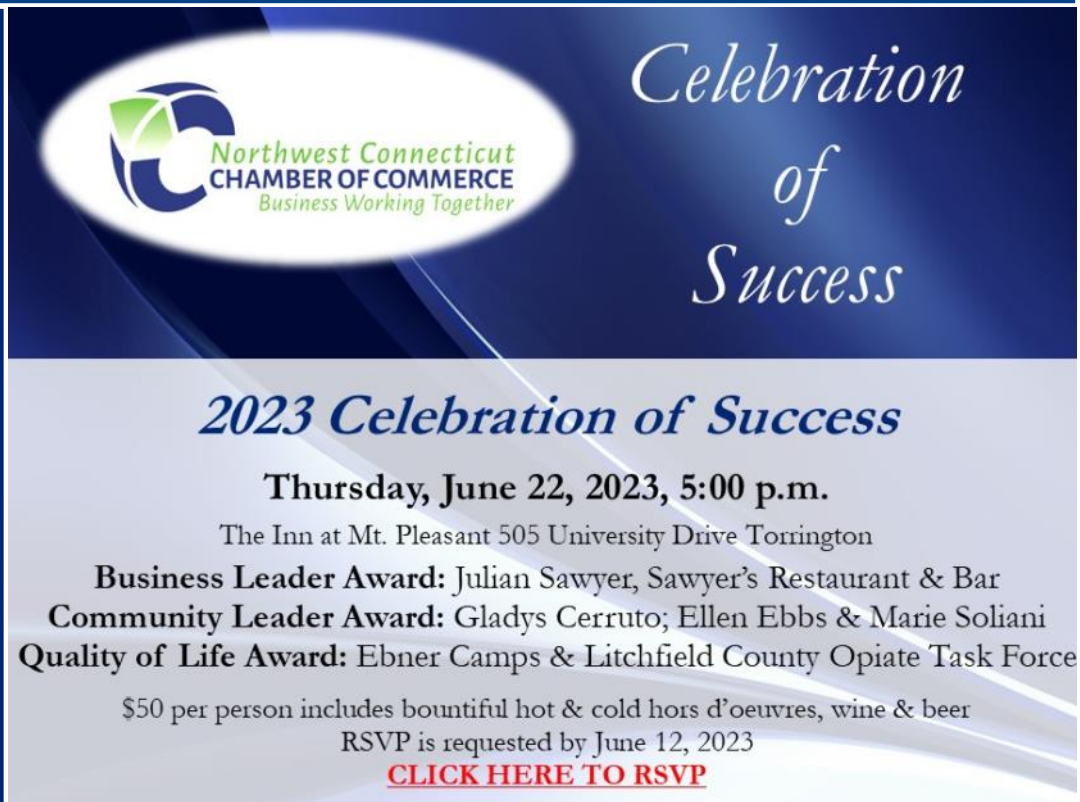
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*Celebration
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2023 Celebration of Success

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

The Inn at Mt. Pleasant 505 University Drive Torrington

Business Leader Award: Julian Sawyer, Sawyer's Restaurant & Bar
Community Leader Award: Gladys Cerruto; Ellen Ebbs & Marie Soliani
Quality of Life Award: Ebner Camps & Litchfield County Opiate Task Force

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Since 1991, the Chamber of Commerce, Inc. has recognized individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional and unselfish service to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. The **Celebration of Success** was established to recognize Business Leaders, Community Leaders and the Quality of Life honorees.

Torrington Savings Bank proudly serves as the Premier Sponsor of the event joined by Brooks Todd & McNeil, Eastside Electric, Nuvance Health, Sullivan Automotive and T&M Building Co. Inc. We are grateful to these sponsors for their generosity and support.

Based on his contributions to the business environment, the **2023 Business Leader** recipient is **Julian Sawyer**, the owner of The Tap House Group, LLC. You know him because of his presence at Sawyer's, Brinx and soon to be another location. Julian has owned and operated Sawyer's for eleven years. Now that many more restaurants and businesses are moving into the area, it has come to life due in part to Julian's leadership. In addition to Sawyer's, Julian has taken over Brinx Kitchen and Bar, located on Main Street next door to Toothpick and Manny's Shoe Repair. It is a busy lunch hour and afternoon into evening cocktail trade that appears to be a perfect second step.

The **2023 Community Leaders** are being presented to the **Leading Ladies** of our Community, **Gladys Cerruto, Ellen Ebbs and Marie Soliani**. They will be honored for giving selflessly of their time, efforts and love to our city and region for many years.

Gladys (Glady) Cerruto has always been a pioneer in a "man's world" as the owner and CEO of Torrington Metal Products for over twenty one years. She guided her business to great success because of her determination, dedication and hard work. She was also one of the first women to be elected President of the Torrington / Winsted Rotary Club. She has been recognized by the Department of Economic Development as the CT Small Businesswoman of the Year, the United Way's Woman of the Year in 2014 and the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor awarded to a Rotarian.

Ellen Ebbs was born and educated in New York City, attending Aquinas Hall Academy and Fordham University. She has worked as a photojournalist for The Litchfield Enquirer, Waterbury Hospital in Behavioral Health and the Development Department, Charlotte Hospital as a grant writing consultant, chair of the hospital's Capital Campaign and Director of Development and Executive Director of the Cancer Care Fund. She has been involved in many nonprofit and volunteer initiatives and loves to cook and entertain, especially for her wonderful family and friends.

Marie Soliani was born, raised and has always lived in Torrington, having attended Torrington Public Schools where she met and married Enrico "Rico" Soliani. She founded the CT Chapter of the American Association of Medical Transcriptionists and the Torrington Chapter of the United Ostomy Association of America. Marie was a City Councilwoman in Torrington for 16 years having served on the Grievance Committee, Small Cities and Charter Revision. Marie has traveled extensively, through Australia, Egypt, Africa and Europe. She has succeeded in fulfilling her mission of spreading the word of this special place we call Torrington.

The recipients of the Quality of Life Award are two outstanding organizations: **Ebner Camps** and **The Litchfield County Opiate Task Force**. **Ebner Camps** is a household word for camping throughout this area. Its history began in 1900 established on Lake Awosting in Ellenville, NY eventually moving to Bantam Lake in Morris in the 1930's. Oscar Ebner, Sr. and his wife Virginia purchased the camp in 1948 that continues to thrive under their leadership and that of their children and grandchildren now in their third generation. In its many years of operating day camps, Ebner Camps has made an impact on the lives of over 30,000 children.

The Litchfield County Opiate Task Force was formed in 2013 following a devastating increase in overdose deaths. Led by co-chairs representing the McCall Center for Behavioral Health and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, it has more than sixty active members from all sectors of the community and has taken on countless projects to address community needs and the root causes of addiction. Its goal is to improve access to care, enhance collaboration and data sharing among providers, reduce opioid use and misuse in the community.

Please call us immediately to make your reservation for Thursday, June 22nd at 5:00pm at The Inn at Mt. Pleasant, 505 University Drive, Torrington. It will be an evening long remembered.

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For more details and reservations contact:

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Special NEWS

You are cordially invited to the graduation of the

Class of 2023

*Celebrate this year's class, their many accomplishments,
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Leadership Northwest Graduation

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

5:00 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar)

5:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

Torrington Country Club

250 Torrington Road, Goshen

Tickets \$40 per person

Master of Ceremonies

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Guest Keynote Speaker

Dr. Michael Rooke
President, Northwestern CT Community College

Commencement Address
Team Project Reports

2023 Class Members are complimentary

RSVP by June 14, 2023 to karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

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Corporate Partner **NEWS**

Northwest Community Bank's Board Chair Bill Shea (left) and President/CEO Steve Reilly (right) thank Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer Steve Zarrella for his years of service. Steve Zarrella is retiring after 12 years with the bank. Greg Tonon has been promoted to succeed Steve as Chief Lending Officer.



Thank You, Steve!



Corporate Partner NEWSHartford HealthCare 
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital**Charlotte Hungerford Hospital to host 21st Annual Golf Classic:
Monday, June 5th at Torrington Country Club**

On Monday, June 5th Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) will host their 21st Annual CHH Golf Classic at Torrington Country Club in Goshen, Connecticut. Net proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Behavioral Health and Pet Therapy Program at the [CHH Center for Youth and Families](#).

Being the only Child Advocacy Center in Northwest Connecticut, CHH's Center for Youth and Families feels a strong community obligation to innovate and improve resources for the children and families it serves, as well as for the health and well-being of its staff. The Center offers child-focused, trauma-informed, and facility-based programs that create a safe place for support and healing.

The CHH Golf Classic—Northwest Connecticut's best charity golf tournament—will feature a scramble golf tournament format with contests and food and drink locations throughout the course. The day's events will also include a mid-morning brunch, cocktail and dinner reception, and game of chance with a variety of prizes.

To learn more about the CHH Golf Classic or donate to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, visit charlottehungerford.org/donate.



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Chamber Member **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Hello Chamber! Meet **GREEN WOODS COUNTRY CLUB**



This year Green Woods Country Club is enjoying its 120th Anniversary! We would like to offer the **Chamber Members a free round of 9 holes of golf**, during the week, at non-peak hours, to see the fine condition of our course and the great membership packages we have to offer. All Chamber members that would like to take advantage of this offer must call the Pro-shop to schedule a tee time and fill out an information sheet. Speak with Ken Williams our Director of Golf to take advantage of this offer 860-379-8302.

It is Green Wood's objective to make the time that you spend at the Club, be it golfing, dining or just enjoying our social events, a memorable experience. Our unique layout makes it very easy to play 9 holes, 18 holes or what we refer to as the loop which is 4 holes of golf.

Green Woods Country Club was founded in 1903 and it is the Berkshire's hidden gem for golfing in Litchfield County. Green Woods is one of the only 3 golf courses in the United States, with a 10-hole layout, par 71. The club has a rich golfing history with many avid golfers rising to the level of pro and even competing on the highest golf stages and tournaments in the Country.

Member benefits include full unlimited golfing privileges 7 days a week, in season weather permitting. Additional benefits include the benefits of golf range, Ghin handicap fee, league play in any one of our 6 golfing leagues, eligibility for all our tournament play and access to our outstanding social events.

You will find the golf rates at Green Woods Country Club to be very reasonable and competitive within the Litchfield County golfing market. We offer single, family, senior, young adult, corporate, junior, and social memberships. To make the memberships even more affordable, we have a monthly payment plan available.

Our club prides ourselves on our laid-back atmosphere, friendly and inviting membership and the ability to enjoy everyone's company and our outstanding golf course. We thank you for considering our membership and we look forward to you becoming a member and joining the Green Woods Country Club family. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our pro shop at (860) 379-8302, or to speak with our Membership Chairman Matt Smith, a Chamber Member, at (516) 697-1792.

Member NEWS**GET READY FOR SUMMER!**

We Have MAIL-A-MAP Street Maps:

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Stop by our Chamber to pick one up. To view these maps and more online, please visit: mailamap.com. Specialty theme maps available online as well: Craft Beer Map, Motorcycle Touring Map & Museum Map.

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Northwestern Celebrates Milestone Commencement



Northwestern Connecticut Community College celebrated a milestone this year at their 57th commencement ceremony on May 25, 2023: It was the last commencement as *NCCC*.

On July 1, Northwestern will merge with the other eleven Connecticut community colleges as the state becomes a one community college system.

“It is important to remind all of our graduates tonight, as well as their family and friends attending,” President Michael Rooke said when he addressed the graduates at The Warner Theatre, “Northwestern will continue to thrive in the northwest corner as *Connecticut State Community College, Northwestern*, providing exceptional services to our students. We will always be here to support you, wherever the next chapter of your life leads.”

To further mark the event, graduates received a commemorative pin upon arrival with the inscription: *Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future*.

Family and friends were able to view a presentation of historical pictures from the last fifty-seven years prior to the start of the event, which opened traditionally with bagpiper, Ken Storrs, leading the processional. Faculty member, Maureen Chambers, who has been at the college for more than thirty years, performed the duties of Grand Marshal. The audience also watched a congratulatory cameo video from actor Luis Guzman prior to the speeches.

Connecticut Board of Regents Chair, JoAnn Ryan brought greetings and congratulations to the graduates from the Board of Regents with gratitude to families, friends, as well as faculty and staff for helping students achieve their goals. “To the Class of 2023, you are the future of Connecticut,” she said, “And I offer all of you my sincere congratulations.”

Graduate Luis S. Sanchez-Chiriboga addressed his fellow graduates as student speaker. Sanchez-Chiriboga acknowledged the hard work it took for all his peers to graduate and encouraged all graduates to continue to believe in them-

selves and their future. “We have overcome enormous challenges to reach this moment, and we should be proud,” he said. “As we look ahead, let’s remember the obstacles we’ve faced and the power we have within us. With hard work and determination, anything is possible.” Sanchez-Chiriboga also served as the Board of Regents student regent this past year and was involved in campus activities. He plans to continue his studies at Central Connecticut State University in the fall.

“We are very proud to have had a student from our campus serve on the Board of Regents,” said Rooke. “Luis has worked hard in this capacity to represent students and we are honored to have been a part of his educational journey.”

President and CEO of Northwest Community Bank, its divisions and parent company, Stephen Reilly, delivered the commencement speech and had sage advice for the graduates: Have a strong work ethic, find a mentor to support your goals, and always be kind in all your interactions. Reilly, who is retiring from Northwest Community Bank this year has been an active volunteer in the community and has been a long-standing board member of the college Foundation and supporter of the campus. “You are the future and I have great confidence in our future because of what we are witnessing tonight,” Reilly said.

Approximately one-hundred students of the eligible 169 attended the event. All total, Northwestern awarded 189 degrees and certificates this Spring.

“Our students face many challenges to earn their degree.” said Rooke, “Commencement is a time for students and families to be proud of all they have accomplished.”



Member NEWS

Smooth Transition at NW Hills Credit Union



Northwest Hills Credit Union is very excited to introduce our new President/CEO, Christopher Mastroni. Christopher was born and raised in Connecticut and lives locally. He joins the Credit Union with over twenty years of experience in the financial industry which includes nine years of senior management experience with credit unions. Most recently Christopher served as the Vice-President of Lending for a credit union in Hamden, CT. With the hiring of our new President/CEO, the Credit Union ensures the sustainability and commitment to serve its members and the community.

Welcome Christopher Mastroni

It's time for a change!! On May 31, 2023, after 43 years, Paul Rougeot, President/CEO of the Northwest Hills Credit Union retired. He is now looking forward to spending more time golfing, fishing, and traveling. After 30 years, Doreen Roy, Vice President of the Northwest Hills Credit Union retired. She will be spending more time with family, golfing and traveling. They both would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, volunteers, and members of the Northwest Hills Credit Union for giving them the opportunity to serve them over the years. It has been their pleasure and they wish everyone well in the future.

Happy Retirement Paul Rougeot & Doreen Roy

CJR Announces New Brand Identity

Reflecting the Organization's Evolution and Growing Continuum of Care



From Left: Frederick "Rick" F. Judd III, Chair, CJR Board of Directors and Executive Vice President, Union Savings Bank; Daniel Rezende, CJR President and CEO; and Matthew Karpas, Prior CJR Board Chair, current CJR Board member, and Founder, Karpas Strategies LLC.

CJR has unveiled a new brand, including a new identity, mission statement, and website, reflecting the organization's evolution and growth in meeting current and future needs of youth and families across Connecticut. CJR's new look represents a commitment by the organization to continue to build on the exceptional treatment, education, and support programs for children, young people and families that have become synonymous with the CJR brand while remaining steadfast to the values that have guided the organization since 1904.

The Connecticut-based nonprofit provides residential, education, community, and wellness services throughout the state, serving more than 1,700 individuals and families annually. CJR's skilled and compassionate team of 275 staff members is committed to helping children, youth, and families identify and utilize their strengths to meet challenges, resolve problems, and relate to others in healthier, happier, and more productive ways.

"CJR's continuum of care has never been more comprehensive, accessible, or needed than it is today," said CJR President and CEO Dan Rezende. "We are incredibly excited to roll out a new brand designed to better connect us with those we serve and support in deeper and more meaningful ways during Mental Health Awareness Month."

"Our brand refresh process involved many of CJR's key constituencies, enabling us to capture and convey CJR's voice today with greater impact," said Rick Judd, Chair, CJR Board of Directors.

Elements of CJR's brand evolution include:

- **New Logo:** The dragonfly mark reflects the encouragement, tools, and resources CJR provides to promote positive change in a safe, warm environment. The dragonfly has long been a symbol of happiness, new beginnings, and change.
- **New Tagline:** The new tagline, *Nurturing Change. Creating Possibilities.*, captures the organization's strength-based approach, and hopefulness for the future.
- **New Mission Statement:** The new mission statement expresses the organization's guiding principles and goals CJR strives to accomplish in helping individuals and families live their best lives. *At CJR, we believe every young person should have the opportunity to thrive. Our mission is to provide the necessary therapeutic treatment, education, and support for young people and their families to promote positive change and transform lives.*
- **Official Name Change** from Connecticut Junior Republic to CJR.
- **Redesigned website** (www.cjrimpact.org) serving as a valuable tool to showcase the organization's impact, spotlight its services, provide resources, and engage the community.

About CJR

Founded in 1904, CJR provides the care, treatment, education, and support young people and families need to attain positive change, personal growth, and to transform their lives. Offering Education, Residential, Wellness, and Community services, CJR has 16 campus and office locations across Connecticut. Provided by 275 professionals, CJR services help more than 1,700 individuals and families across Connecticut annually. For more information, visit www.cjrimpact.org.

Member NEWS

Gunn Memorial Library & Hickory Stick Bookshop Present: Author Talk with Seh-lynn Chai

The Gunn Memorial Library is pleased to collaborate with the Hickory Stick Bookshop to host an author talk at Judy Black Memorial Park and Garden on **Saturday, June 3 at 3 pm** with Seh-lynn Chai, co-author of *The Hard Road Out: One Woman's Escape from North Korea*.

The Hard Road Out details the survival story of Jihyun Park, who by the age of 29 had witnessed more unspeakable horrors than anyone should. Family members had died of starvation; her brother was beaten nearly to death by soldiers. Even smiling and laughing was discouraged. The first time she ran, she was forced to abandon her father on his deathbed – crossing the border under a hail of bullets. In China she was sold to a farmer, with whom she had a son, before being denounced and forcibly returned to North Korea.

Thirty-five years of Japanese colonization (1910 – 1945) and subsequent 70 years of division post Korean war (1950 -1953) shaped a divided Korea and created a culture of

distrust and hatred. Yet Chai's 2014 encounter with Park challenged those notions and opened many windows of Chai's life that had remained closed for too long.

Clear-eyed and resolute, Jihyun's extraordinary story reveals a Korea far removed from the talk of nuclear weapons and economic sanctions. She remains sanguine despite the hardship. Recalling life's tiny pleasures even at her darkest moments, she manages to instill her tale with incredible grace and humanity.

Seh-lynn Chai is sharing her story of meeting Park and the process of writing this book to give us an opportunity to reflect on the place of the past in the present and to ask ourselves what can bring people together.

Registration for this event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested and can be found on the library's website at www.gunnlibrary.org/programs

CALL FOR MUSICIANS & VENUES: Register for Make Music NWCT!

Musicians and venues can now sign up to participate in Make Music NWCT!

Make Music Day is Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

To register to participate or for more details, visit makemusicday.org/nwct



FISH Benefits from *Divine Renovation*

Heartlight Entertainment founding members Monty Hobbs, Matthieu Chazareix and Valerie Smaldone (top left picture) made a visit to our Chamber this past February, announcing that they were working on Season 2 of the reality television series, *Divine Renovation*, a home improvement show that focuses on small fixes and adds a spiritual element that can make a big difference in people's lives. In addition to the improvements, a spiritual uplift is provided by the production company. It's a surprise that lifts the spirit of the recipient and shows them that people really do care. Season 1 has been picked up by UPTV with 67 million subscribers and we hope the same for Season 2.

The production team was looking for people to contact to help with the film project. What better place to start than the Chamber of Commerce! JoAnn Ryan supplied them with a list of non-profit and for-profit businesses, including houses of worship and municipalities. They visited with Torrington Mayor Elinor Carbone and scouted the city.

Erik Estrada, best known for his role as "Ponch" on the late 70's /early 80's hit TV series, CHiPs, is the host of the *Divine Renovation* series. He loves the concept of the show and always makes sure to reach out to police officers who are near and dear to his heart.

Season 2 has been named, *Divine Renovation, Destination: New England*. There are 6 episodes in the season. The production team traveled to areas from Southbury to New Hartford, Torrington, and Winsted, though much of the filming was done in Torrington.

How was Torrington selected? Following a very successful premiere season in Wilmington NC, the team was looking for their next location. Remembering their filming in New Milford, CT of their recent highly acclaimed award-winning film, *The Thursday Night Club*, people they met through that filming had recommended places to visit in Torrington.

After scouting the city, **FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity of Northwestern Connecticut, Inc.** was chosen for a renovation project. FISH received a new flagpole & flags, kitchen floor, freezer, bike rack, flowers, deck, bank check, and a lot of love and helping hands.

It was heartwarming to see the many donors and volunteers who came out to support this project with generous acts of kindness. In return, FISH had an appreciation cook-out for all who contributed.

Special thanks to *Divine Renovation*, Torrington Savings Bank, O&G, Iffland Lumber Co., Torrington Police Dept, Rep Jay Case, JoAnn Ryan

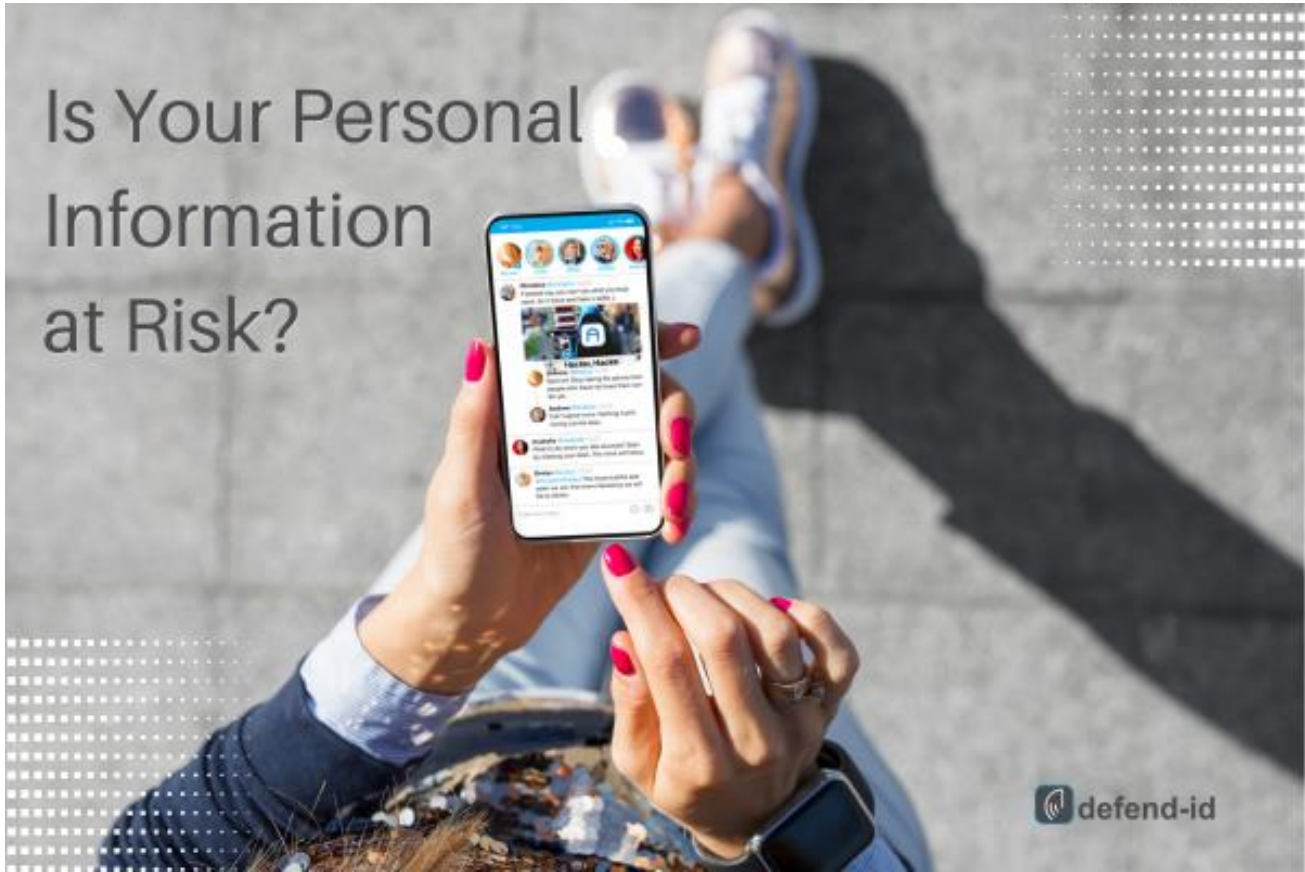
The **Premiere** is scheduled for **December 1st** at the Warner Theatre. It will be a "Producer's Cut", showing clips of the season and honoring communities who helped. Erik Estrada will be appearing as well.

The Nutmeg Fudge Company created the "Ponch" Milkshake! Peanut butter & chocolate shake with caramel, whipped cream, chocolate sprinkles and a chocolate dipped potato chip! **Through June, for each shake sold, \$5 gets donated to FISH in Torrington!**



Chamber **NEWS**

Webinar: Is Your Personal Information at Risk?



The Importance of Identity Theft Protection In today's digital age...protecting your personal information has become more critical than ever before. With the rise of data breaches and cyber attacks, it's become increasingly easy for criminals to steal your identity and... To Learn More,

Join us for a webinar with host, Brian Thompson from **defend-id** on Tuesday June 27th at 11:00 am. ZOOM Details to come.

Interested in hosting a Business with Breakfast?



Join us at our morning roundtable discussion

BUSINESS with BREAKFAST

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Chamber NEWS



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.

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Grand Opening of **STOCKYARD** And RIBBON CUTTING



Ribbon Cutting at the Grand Opening of STOCKYARD on April 22, 2023. First Selectwoman Denise Raap joins owner, Craig Bothroyd, as they cut the ribbon being held by DJ Murphy of Murphy Boyz Printing & Marketing and NW CT Chamber President & CEO, JoAnn Ryan.

CONGRATULATIONS To The Roberts Tax Group



Chamber NEWS

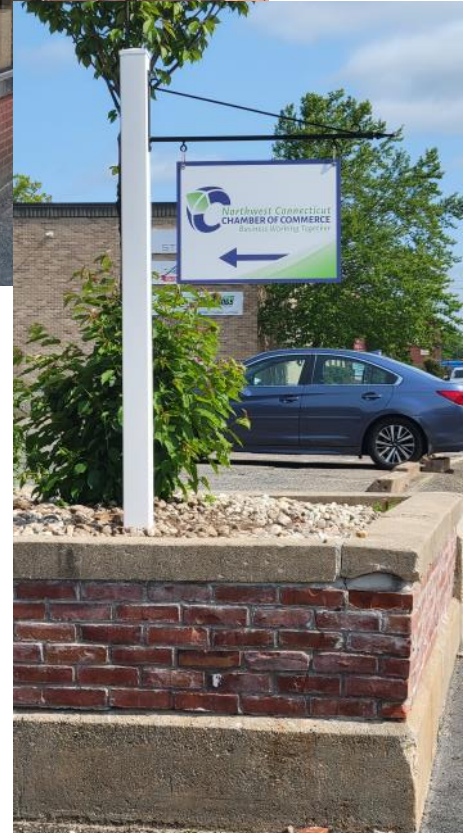
Leadership Northwest



From Left: Nina Franklin, Steve Reuther, Wady Guadalupe, Kari Gotberg, Bianca Sun, Sami Sheely

Bullseye! Leadership Northwest hit the mark at Camp Awosting, one of 5 camps owned by Ebner Camps. Session 8 was their class outing. This was a team building retreat.

Session 9 is their Graduation where they will have the opportunity to present their group projects. The Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 21st from 5-8 pm at Torrington Country Club, Goshen. RSVP to karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org by June 14th . Tickets: \$40 with Cash Bar.



NEW

Chamber Signs

Ambassador of the Month
Jennifer Penn



Congratulations Jennifer!!!

Our Member Ambassadors are a part of our Membership Committee. They work with the Chamber staff to welcome and acquaint new members to the organization. It is their role to reach out to an assigned member once a month and assure they are informed of upcoming events, are introduced to fellow members at the events, and have any questions they may have answered by the staff. In addition, the Ambassadors are in touch with renewing members in order to support member retention.

The Ambassador of the Month is chosen by the Ambassador Subcommittee for their outstanding service to our members.

Business After Hours at Sawyer's Restaurant & Bar



Tom Macre and Melissa Root

Amy DiPippo and Sharon Kunay

Dennis (DJ) Murphy and Melissa Root

Over 80 people attended the Business After Hours at Sawyer's Restaurant & Bar, hosted by M&T Bank. Door prizes of M&T Bank bags filled with a bottle of wine and some M&T Bank chotchkes were given away. Grand prize drawing of a 50" TV went to DJ

Murphy. Julian Sawyer thanked the community for their support. Julian is this year's recipient of our Chamber's Celebration of Success Business Leader Award for his contributions to the business environment. Congratulations Julian!



Leadership NW Group 3

Leadership NW Group 3 donated grooming kits to FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity.

Pictured From Left: Deirdre Houlihan DiCara Executive Director of FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity; Nina Franklin, Union Savings Bank; Josh Rubino, Commercial Sewing; Daniela Ouellette, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 21st from 5-8 pm at Torrington Country Club, Goshen. RSVP by June 14th to: karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org. Tickets: \$40 with Cash Bar.


Chamber **NEWS**


Business with Breakfast And Ribbon Cutting at A&B Homecare Solutions dba Northwest Home Care

(Located at 30 Peck Rd, Suite 2202 in Torrington)



From Left: Kelly Taylor (Community Liaison), John Oronzo (VP of Operations for Connecticut), Torrington Mayor Elinor Carbone. This event was held on May 23rd.





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**

Wednesday
Date
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by
YOUR BUSINESS NAME

RSVP ONLINE AT NWCTCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR

Sponsored by

Your Logo

Your Company Address

Interested in hosting a Business After Hours?



Your Business and logo could be listed here

Send us an email to schedule a date:
karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org
Or Call: 860-482-6586.

Committee Reports

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

We had an excellent Government Relations Committee meeting this month. The highlight of our meeting was the presence of Secretary of State, Stephanie Thomas. She gave us an overview of her duties on the state level and also shared with us the roll out of her new initiative, C.E.O. This acronym stands for "Civically Engaged Organizations. This initiative will present programs to help people understand basic civics and give a deeper understanding of how our system works.

As always, we heard from our lobbyist, Mike Rell, who really helps us get the vibe from Hartford on those matters that will resonate in our part of the state. We encourage you to join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8am. You can participate on Zoom or join us in our new offices located at 59 Field Street, Suite 120 in Torrington, Connecticut.

HEALTH COUNCIL:

The Northwest Chamber of Commerce Health Council is a peer group comprised primarily of individuals and companies involved in healthcare in Northwest Connecticut, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Meetings focus on specific areas of interest, including employee recruitment and retention, workforce development, on-the-job training programs and grants, legislative updates that affect the health care industry, facility tours and more.

Our May Health Council meeting included our guest speaker, **Aileen Meehan, Community Engagement Officer with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation**. Aileen spoke about the mission of the Foundation and how they strengthen communities across our shared service areas. She also shared details regarding the [Tabor Foundation Fund](#).

To learn more about the Tabor Foundation Fund, please reach out to Aileen directly:

Aileen Meehan | Community Engagement Officer
800 N Main Street | Sheffield, MA 01257-9503
ameehan@berkshiretaconic.org
Office: 413.229.0370 ext. 117, Mobile: 805.451.0564
www.berkshiretaconic.org

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Membership Committee assists the chamber as a liaison to membership. The committee is comprised of three sub-committees:

- Hospitality – assists the Chamber at events by greeting members and helping with refreshments.
- Ambassadors – helps to keep new and existing members engaged with the Chamber.
- Marketing & Communications – assists the Chamber in marketing and communicating its brand as well as advertise its events.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month ... please contact Sharon to join at info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL:

The Small Business Council is a peer's group for C-level individuals looking to discuss various topics that each member deals with in operating a small business. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month. Anyone looking to participate should contact Sharon at the Chamber at info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

Health Council News

The Tabor Foundation Fund

Scholarships for health care training and education

Are you in a health care field or training to become a health care professional? If you live and work in northwest Litchfield County or northeast Dutchess County, the Tabor Foundation Fund offers scholarships for education in a variety of health care fields, including nursing, EMT, physical therapy, counseling and more. The fund also offers help with the cost of living expenses to make further education possible.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to residents of Ancram, Ancramdale, Amenia, Copake, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Wassaic, and Wingdale (NY) and Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Lakeville, Salisbury and Sharon (CT), and nonresidents who currently work in a health care facility that serves our area. You must be enrolled in or accepted by an accredited academic institution in a health care field and committed to working in a location that serves these communities.

AWARDS

\$1000 to \$4000 per year. Recipients are typically supported throughout their education.

Apply by June 30
Look for more details
and the full application at
www.berkshiretaconic.org/Tabor

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Chamber NEWS

During the Pandemic, our Chamber had offered FREE advertising to help support our members. January 1st, we will reinstate our reduced ad pricing structure to enable us to better serve you.

PROMOTE YOUR COMPANY WITH THE



DON'T WAIT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE MEMBER ONLY BENEFITS!

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Display Advertisements are available to Chamber members. Deadline is the 15th of the month. Submit ad in JPEG or PNG format to info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

Cost:

Full page (7 1/2" w x 9 1/2" h) - ~~\$250~~ **\$125**

1/2 page horizontal (7 1/2" w x 4 1/2" h) - ~~\$150~~ **\$75**

1/2 page vertical (3 1/2" w x 9 1/2" h) - ~~\$150~~ **\$75**

1/4 page (3 1/2" w x 4 1/2" h) - ~~\$75~~ **\$50**

Business card (3 1/2" w x 2 1/4" h) - ~~\$50~~ **\$25**

Member News and **Member in the Spotlights** may be submitted for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter and will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Bites should be approximately 100 words in length. Spotlights should be approximately 250 words in length and may include a logo or photo. Deadline is the 15th of the month. Email information to info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

Cost: *Complimentary*

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Display Advertisements are available to Chamber members in the Annual Business & Membership Directory. Ads should be submitted by the 15th of February. Information and pricing are available by contacting JoAnn Ryan at joann@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

CHAMBER EXCHANGE – MEMBER TO MEMBER E-MAIL BLAST ADS

The Chamber sends e-mail blasts to all members with special offers and advertisements. These e-mails are sent separately from the standard member e-mails and are specially identified as offers from members. Members are able to place one ad per month. Ads can be linked to a website or FaceBook page. The e-mail distribution list exceeds 1,500 individuals. Ads should be submitted in JPEG or PNG format and should be 7" wide x 3-5" high. The fee is \$50 per ad. To schedule your Chamber Exchange ad, contact JoAnn Ryan at 860-482-6586 or joann@nwctchamberofcommerce.org

MEMBER TO MEMBER

Present a **Member to Member Workshop** to fellow members and highlight the products and services of your business. Utilize the Chamber's conference room, obtain a set of mailing labels, receive a 1/2 page advertisement in the newsletter and an email to the membership promoting the workshop. Contact JoAnn Ryan to schedule at joann@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

Cost: ~~\$300~~ **\$250**

Chamber Space Rentals



Conference Room - Conference Style (seats up to 28)



Conference Room - Classroom Setup (seats 20-25)



Library - (Seats up to 6)



Reception Area - (Seats up to 8)

Member Room Rates: 8 am – 5 pm, \$35 for the 1st hour, \$20 per hour thereafter
 5 pm – 10 pm, \$45 for the 1st hour, \$35 per hour thereafter

Non Member Room Rates: 8 am – 5 pm, \$80 for the 1st hour, \$55 per hour thereafter
 5 pm – 10 pm, \$125 for the 1st hour, \$100 per hour thereafter

*After hours (5 pm – 10 pm) rates also apply to weekend use.
 Corporate Partners of the Chamber may utilize the conference rooms at no charge.
 Premier Members of the Chamber may utilize the conference rooms at half price.*

Projector, Whiteboard, and Flip Chart are available at no additional charge



Upcoming **CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Jun. 1 - Membership Committee - 8 AM
Jun. 6 - Small Business Council - 8 AM
Jun. 7 - Wow Advisory Committee - 9 AM
Jun. 8 - Government Relations Committee - 8 AM
Jun. 12 - Leads I - 12 PM
Jun. 13 - Business After Hours—@ New Beginnings of
NW Hills Litchfield County Inc, The Gathering
Place, 21 Prospect St, Suite A, Torrington, 5-7 PM
Jun. 14 - Leads II - 12 PM
Jun. 21 - Health Council - 8 AM

Jun. 21 - Leadership NW Graduation @ Torrington
Country Club, 250 Torrington Road, Goshen -
5-8 PM
Jun. 22 - Board of Directors Meeting - 8 AM
Jun. 22 - Celebration of Success @ The Inn at Mt.
Pleasant, 505 University Drive, Torrington, 5-8 PM
Jun. 27 - Webinar: "Is Your Personal Information at
Risk?" [Presented by: Brian Thompson, **defend-id**],
via ZOOM, 11 AM
Jun. 26 - Leads I - 12 PM
Jun. 28 - Leads II - 12 PM

Save the Date

July 13 - Business After Hours @ Green Woods Country Club, Winsted, 5-7 PM

August 16 - Great Giveaway Business Showcase @ Torrington Armory, 4-7 PM

August 22 - Business with Breakfast @ Cadco Ltd, Winsted, 8-9 AM

October 6 - WOW! Forum, Warner Theatre, 82 Main Street, Torrington, 7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

October 9-17 - Trip to Ireland 

Newsletter Submissions:

Please send us your newsletter submissions by the 15th of the month. Beyond that date, we cannot guarantee that it will be in the following month's edition.

Thank you.