

2018 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS



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Since 1991, the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut, Inc. has recognized individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional and unselfish service to the Northwest Corner with their Celebration of Success Distinguished Leadership Awards. The awards for Business Leader, Community Leader and Quality of Life will be presented on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Chatterley's Banquet Facility. Litchfield Bancorp proudly serves as the premiere sponsor of the Celebration of Success Awards.

Based on his contributions to the business environment, the 2018 Business Leader award recipient is Gregory L. Mele of Eastside Electric, Inc. Born in Torrington, Greg graduated as Valedictorian from Oliver Wolcott Technical School's Electric Shop and attended Waterbury State Technical College where he earned an Associate's degree in Electrical Engineering. Throughout school, Greg worked

as a projectionist and stagehand. He owned and operated Showtime Cinema Service & Supply and Camel Greens Indoor Miniature Golf & Game Arcade before starting Eastside Electric, Inc. in 1987. Eastside relocated from Torrington to Harwinton in 2014 after Greg developed 178 & 182 Birge Park Road. Mele is a



Torrington Savings Bank

Licensed Master Electrician in Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He was honored as the Oliver Wolcott Technical School Alumni of the Year in 2010 and received an award from the Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agency for length of service. He has served on the Torrington Economic Development Commission and is currently vicechair of the Torrington Planning & Zoning Commission, a member of the Torrington House

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LEADERS UNDER 40 TO BE HONORED JULY 26TH

Litchfield County is an aging population. It's a story we hear often. But it's not the whole story. Litchfield County also has a remarkable group of young leaders who are making a difference every day. They are contributing to their communities. They are investing in the future. They are working hard to assure success in business, education and society.

Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Organization was determined to not let this go unnoticed and are honoring the *Litchfield County Leaders Under 40*, an initiative that evolved from a 2017 Chamber undertaking.

Last year, the Chamber took a lead role in the Working Cities Challenge. Following months of communicating with community leaders and extensive research, the results were astonishing. Northwest Connecticut's demographics are changing. We have a declining number of millennials, particularly age 25-35, falling public school enrollment, and a rapidly increasing senior population. Combined, these challenges threaten the financial security and quality of life for our region.

There is a perception among the young people that jobs do not exist in Northwest Connecticut. This same group generally agree that our region is not an attractive place to live. The Young Professionals Organization's Community Engagement Committee disagrees. They know from experience that Litchfield County offers career opportunities and a quality of life that is both fulfilling and attractive.

Over 100 nominations were received for *Litchfield County Leaders Under 40*. We learned about extraordinary individuals living and working in the northwest corner who are making an impact in their company, school, non-profit or community.

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From the Chamber President & CEO JOANN RYAN



"Down Time"

We know you are wearing many hats, pitching in whenever necessary to get the job done. Here are some ideas borrowed from a book by Renata & Steven Ash that will encourage you to take some "down time" and just relax.

*Feel good about yourself. Work with us to turn this economy around. Whether it's the new Leaders Under 40, Tails of Northwest Connecticut or Leadership NW, there is always something good happening that will boost your morale and business.

*Set goals. Make a list and prioritize the tasks as you go. Be sure you put things in perspective, especially since it is the perfect time to take a break.

*Be your own best friend for a week. Take some time for yourself and try something new for a change. Attend a different Chamber event. I promise we'll make you feel at home.

*Blow your own trumpet once in awhile. Sign up to host Business with Breakfast on the last Tuesday of every month. You'll discover a great way to brag about your accomplishments and hear from businesses you've never met before.

*Pay if forward. We are fortunate to see businesses helping one another. Good things happen when one good deed is multiplied. Let's all do this so that we can change the lives of our friends and neighbors.

*Recharge your batteries. Join us for the Chamber's Celebration of Success on July 12th at Chatterley's Banquet Facility. Celebrate the success of Greg Mele, Brian McCormick and Torrington Savings Bank. You will be treated to a night to remember that will surely enlighten your spirit.

*Maintain your sense of humor and take time to laugh. Let's all relax while we continue to work together. Happy Summer!

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

Leadership Northwest

The 2017-2018 Leadership Northwest class graduated on June 20th at a dinner ceremony at Tavern Off the Green in the Litchfield Inn. Cindy Donaldson, Co-Chair of Leadership Northwest, was the emcee for the evening. Matt Koehler, BD, was the keynote speaker and he shared his experience with the Leadership program, which he graduated from in 2005. He also gave great advice about being an effective leader. Gloria LaChance from BD was selected by her classmates to give the commencement address. She talked about how this program has changed her life and her hopes for her classmates moving forward.

Each team gave a presentation on their group project, what challenges they faced, and the final outcomes. Each class member was given a certificate and glass star to commemorate their participation in the program. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Thank you to the Leadership Northwest sponsor, Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, the class advisors: Cindy Donaldson, Paul McLaughlin, Peter Callahan, Amy Jock, JoAnn Ryan, Darlene Sullivan, Margret Warner, Debra Zavatkay, and Lauren Zordan, and to all the individuals and organizations who gave their time to make this year's class sessions possible.

Business After Hours

The Chamber's Business After Hours continue to provide excellent network building opportunities for its membership.

Torrington Savings
Bank celebrated
their 150th
Anniversary with a
Business After
Hours at their
Torringford Branch
on May 30th. A
perfect evening
under a tent
featured a video
highlighting the 150
year history of the
bank, a brief
overview by



President & CEO John Janco and delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by Chatterley's Catering.

On June 19th, the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation proudly showcased their new offices, located at 33 East Main Street, at the Business After Hours. These monthly events are only possible due to the generous hospitality of the sponsoring companies and organizations. The Chamber appreciates the efforts of all member hosts.

Young Professionals Organization

On June 21st, the Young Professionals Organization participated in the United Way's annual Day of Caring. The group worked at Community Health and Wellness Center in Torrington cleaning and freshening up flower beds, planting and mulching.



Thank you to the young professionals who spent the day giving back to the community: Marysa Dailey, Litchfield Bancorp; Sarah Dziedzic, Union Savings Bank; Dave Ferreira, Northwestern CT Community College; Katurah Hall, National Iron Bank; Amanda Heath, Collinsville Savings Society; Vince Laliberte, Pursue the Clues; Laura Murphy, Litchfield Bancorp; Jim Steck, Ebersol, McCormick, Reis & Steck; Kurt Werner, Sullivan Insurance Agency; Lauren Zordan, Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce; and, Michael Zordan, Northwest Hills Credit Union.

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Leaders Under 40 Continued from page 1

A panel of local leaders evaluated each nominee using the following criteria: career or educational achievement to date, commitment to excellence in their industry, leadership within their organization, involvement in the community, leadership in community organizations, and potential impact to the community's future.

The honorees will be recognized at an awards dinner on Thursday, July 26th at Chatterley's Banquet Facility in Torrington as well as being featured in the inaugural *Litchfield County Leaders Under 40* magazine publication:

"The recipients go above and beyond contributing their time and talent to companies, schools, non-profits and communities. Congratulations and thank you for all you do. You are an inspiration to us all," said Lauren Zordan, Vice President of Programs & Events for the Chamber. "Together, we should continue to spread the word that Northwest Connecticut is a great place to live and work,"

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

Tickets for the awards dinner are \$50 each and are available by visiting nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.





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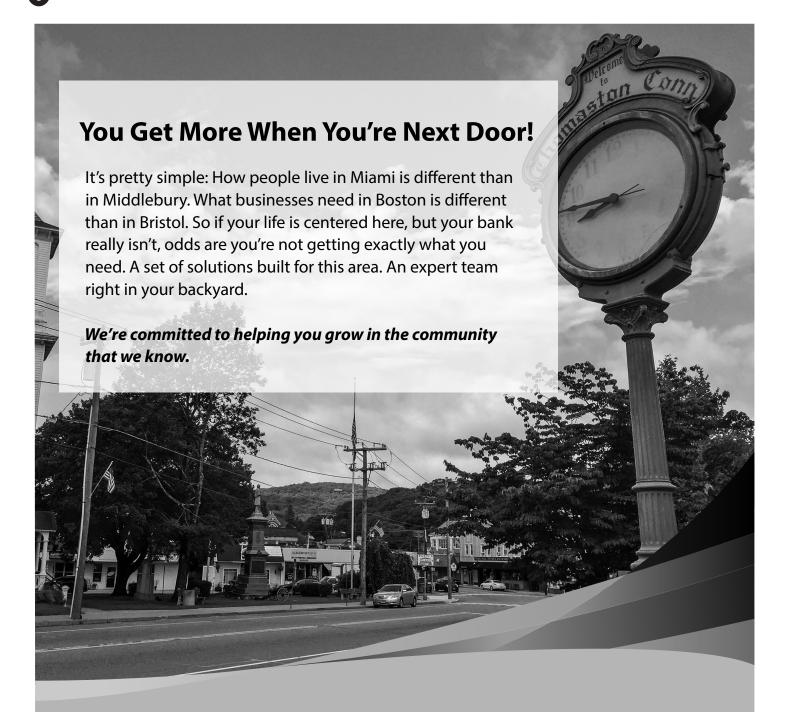
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RSVP on-line at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.

WOW! Forum

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

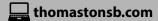




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Tour Committee, a Corporator of the Torrington Historical Society and collaborates with The Edison Grill as host for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. He enjoys supporting the Warner Theatre and other community events.

The community involvement of Brian T. McCormick, Esq. has earned him the 2018 Community Leader award. Brian has been a Principal in the firm of Ebersol, McCormick, Reis & Steck, LLC since 1985. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Connecticut Bar Association and the Litchfield County Bar Association and has been named a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Association. Brian is widely known for his service to the community. He has volunteered his time as a director and has held leadership roles with the Litchfield Community Center (Founding Member), the Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut, the Seherr-Thoss Foundation, the Litchfield History Museum, Oliver Wolcott Library, and the United Way of Northwest Connecticut. In addition, he was a member of the Board of Warden & Burgesses for the Borough of Litchfield and a member and chair of the Litchfield Historical District Commission. McCormick currently serves on the Board of Advisors and Board of Directors of Litchfield Bancorp, as a Founding Member, Director and President of Plumb Hill Playing Fields, Inc., as Founding Member, Board Member and Secretary of KidsPlay Children's Museum, as Member and Past President of The Rotary Club of Torrington and Winsted Area, as Counsel to the Warner Theatre, and has been a member of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years. Brian has been the recipient of the Rotary Club of Torrington and Winsted's Paul Harris Fellow and the Wisdom Award from Wisdom House.

Torrington Savings Bank has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Quality of Life award due to the organization's commitment to the overall improvement in the quality of life of Northwest Connecticut. In June of 1868, 17 area businessmen and community leaders gathered to charter a local bank on the premise that any person could afford to invest their money. Originally chartered as Wolcottville Savings Bank, named after the

borough in which it was founded, the bank changed its name in 1881 to match the exploding industry in Torrington.

As Torrington Savings Bank celebrates 150 years in business as a mutual savings bank, they take great pride in their past and present successes within the communities they serve. Both the bank and their employees give generously of their time and resources through contributions and participation in several non-profit organizations. In 2017, Torrington Savings Bank donated over \$200,000.00 and 1,785 employee hours to activities within the communities they serve. Since their humble start, Torrington Savings Bank has been a financial institution that puts the community at the forefront of everything they do, from their employee volunteerism in the community, to the full range of banking products and services offered. They are honored to be a part of such a strong and resilient community.

John Janco, President & CEO of Torrington Savings Bank said, "Torrington Savings Bank has been an important part of the local history, and I look forward to the Bank's continued success and contribution to the local economy."

"The 2018 honorees represent what is truly special about Northwest Connecticut," said JoAnn Ryan, Chamber President & CEO. "Greg, Brian and Torrington Savings Bank set an example for us all to follow and are most worthy of the distinguished leadership awards. Their contributions are extensive and have benefited the entire region. I look forward to celebrating their success on July 12th."

For more information on the Awards or for tickets to the event, please contact the Chamber at 860-482-6586.

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Business with Breakfast

Plan to do some Business with Breakfast at our monthly morning networking session and roundtable business meeting. The July 24th BWB will be held here at the Chamber, 333 Kennedy Drive, Suite R101, Torrington. Next month, Chamber member Pursue the Clues will host the meeting on August 28th. Both programs begin at 8 a.m. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards and have your 1 minute pitch ready to go! RSVP today at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar.

Community Representatives July Report

Burlington-Janet Schwartz

◆ <u>Tavern Day</u> will be held on September 16th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Elton Tavern. Join just about everyone in town at the annual celebration of Burlington's history. Music, food, demonstrations, Punch & Judy show, soldiers from Burlington's Loyalist past. For information, email jerry.burns@eburnsmarketing.com.

Cornwall - Dianne Heiny

- ♦ Art In Cornwall can be seen at the following locations:
 - The Cornwall Library will show work by Brendan O'Connell from July 5th through August 18th. A reception will be held July 7th at 5 p.m.
 - The Souterrain Gallery's exhibit of Peter Joslin's work "Trout Markings & Landscapes" continues through July 29th.
 - The Toll House Gallery continues to exhibit works by Lennard Sweded Ahrstrom, Scott Zuckerman, Susan Rand and Don Bracken.
- Outdoor Movie Trinity Retreat will show "Good Dinosaur" on July 21st at dusk.
- ◆ <u>Community Contra Dance</u> at Town Hall on July 7th at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Society Rummage Sale will be held July 21st (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), 22nd (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and 23rd (9 a.m. to Noon).
- ◆ Yoga Stand up paddle board yoga will be held July 14th at 1 p.m. and July 28th at 11:30 a.m. Yoga at the Lake will be held on July 28th at 9 a.m. All will be held at Hammond Beach.
- Author Adarn Van Doren will speak at the Cornwall Library on July 14th at 5 p.m.
- ◆ <u>Jammin' at the Hammond with Joint Chiefs</u> at Hammond Beach on July 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ 80 Years of Superman: Comic Books program will be held on July 28th at 5 p.m. at the Cornwall Library Visit www.cornwallct.org and the Cornwall Chronicle for more events & information.

Falls Village - Wendy Eichman

◆ <u>Hunt Library Exhibit</u> of Robert Cronin's exhibit "Imaginary Paintings" will be on display July 21st through August 11th. A reception will be held on July 21st from 4-6 p.m. at the Library. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Harwinton - Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ◆ Concert for Sight Harwinton Lions Club 15th Annual "Concert for Sight" will be held July 21st at the Harwinton Fairgrounds. Gate opens at 2 p.m., show begins at 5:30 p.m. Music by Neil Diamond Tribute Singer Tom Sadge. Opening act is Burlington local band The Tradesmen. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate- available through the Warner Theatre box office (860) 489-7180.
- ◆ <u>Cars for Sight</u> Harwinton Lions Club 5th Annual "Cars for Sight" will be held July 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harwinton Town Hall Sports Complex. Trophies, Food, Music, Show Cars, Muscle Cars, and Trucks. Free admission. \$10 to enter a vehicle.
- ♦ <u>Harwinton Library</u> presents "Sing, Laugh, and Learn with Mr. Joe" on July 11th at 7 p.m. Mr. Joe's mission is to

- encourage the development of gross motor skills, finger dexterity, appropriate social practices and behavioral skills. This is a family program. No registration is required.
- ◆ Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on August 5th from 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Harwinton Historical Society, the event will be held at Harwinton Consolidated School featuring local A&J's Ice Cream for only \$1 per scoop. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the entertainment.
- ◆ <u>Free Outdoor Movies</u> at the Harwinton Sports Complex: July 12th "The Sandlot" at 8:45 p.m., "Everyone's Hero" on July 26th at 8:30 p.m. and "Disney's The Lion King" on August 15th at 8:15 p.m.

Morris - Rhonda Detlefson

◆ <u>Story & Music Time</u> offered by the Morris Public Library every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for ages 0-4 through August. Play games, sing songs, read a story, do a craft with our children's coordinator, Ms. G. Registration is requested, call 860-567-7440.

Winsted - Fran Delaney

- ♦ Whiting Mills continues their 3rd Sunday activities. Check out their website at whitingmills.com for details including:
 - •Tina Puckett, Master Basket Weaver, exhibiting "Organic Matters" at the Fairfield Public Library.
 - •Unwinding with Jan Young's "Yoga at the Mill".
 - •McEnroe Fitness is busy helping people get in shape for summer. Lots of hustle & bustle.
 - •The Mills' two new artists: Barbara Perkins, an amazing photographer and Dee Canelli, an extremely talented artist and weaver.
 - •Our showcase at People's features items from The Black Sheep Farm Studio.
- ♦ The Farmer's Market is on its new summer schedule featuring produce, baked good, meats and health and animal care products at Rowley Field on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Gaylord-Tiffany Building if inclement weather). See Farmer's Market website for specifics and updates.
- ♦ The Laurel Festival has concluded its 84th year in the town of Winchester with the crowning of Anna King and Adrian Delacruz as Queen and King of this year's festivities. This was one of the most exciting events in years featuring a spectacular parade, ball and weekend activities. Kudos for an incredible venue.
- ◆ Friends of Main Street continues the summer concert series commencing on July 12th and continuing every Thursday through July and August at 7 p.m. each week. Watch Friends weekly newsletter for each weeks concert or contact Friends of Main Street office (860-738-3351) for updates.

MEMBER NEWS

Planet Fitness

One of our newest Chamber members, Planet Fitness, invites you to join them for their Grand Opening Celebration on July 18th. Their new location at 675 Main Street in Torrington will host the event featuring food, raffles, music & giveaways. In celebration of their Grand Opening, Planet Fitness is offering a fantastic special: Join for \$1 down and then pay \$10 a month. Some conditions apply, see an associate at the fitness center for details. For more information, or to contact the new location, call 860-201-0033.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society held it's Relay for Life Luminaria Ceremony on June 28th at White Memorial Conservation Center. During the Luminaria Ceremony, hundreds of white bags, decorated by participants, are lit along a path to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against cancer. A moving ceremony is held once the luminaries are lit at dusk. Afterwards, participants walk a silent lap to reflect on those impacted by cancer.

Uniting communities across the globe, Relay For Life participants celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Last year, 2.7 million participants in the U.S. raised more than \$279 million to help the American Cancer Society attack cancer in dozens of ways, each of them critical to achieving a world without cancer – from developing breakthrough therapies to building supportive communities, from providing empowering resources to deploying activists to raise awareness. For more information, visit www.RelayForLife.org/litchfieldcountyct or call 800.227.2345.

Branagan Communications Consultants

Barbara Branagan-Mitchell, owner of Branagan Communications Consultants LLC (BCC) in New Milford, announced that her public relations, publicity placement, marketing communications and writing/editing consulting agency's services were secured to increase awareness of Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center in Litchfield. Wisdom House presents programs in spirituality, education and the arts, and offers hospitality for organizations whose mission is consistent with that of Wisdom House. The mission of Wisdom House is rooted in the Judeo-Christian Wisdom tradition which supports the center's commitment to sustainability and concern for contemporary issues. For more information on BCC's services, visit branagancommunications.com or call 860-210-0149.

Salisbury Bank

Salisbury Bank is continuing to help in the fight against identity theft while building community goodwill by sponsoring Free Shred Events and Food Drives. During the months of May & June, 12,360 lbs. of paper was shredded and recycled at their events at the Sheffield, MA and Lakeville branches. They will continue to provide these events on July 7th at their Canaan Branch (100 Main St.), August 18th at their Millerton Branch (87 Main St.), September 8th at their Great Barrington Branch (210 Main St.), and September 15th at their Sharon Branch (5 Gay St.). Each person may bring up to 4 boxes of paper (no binders please) for shredding to any of the locations listed from 9 a.m. to Noon. The Bank encourages participants to bring a non-perishable food donation to assist local food pantries in need. For full details, please visit salisburybank.com/ shred.

Northwestern CT Community College

Need professional hours? Northwestern Connecticut Community College Early Childhood Education Program is offering the following courses to help you stay current with your professional hours. Fall courses (August 28-December 15): Hybrid Courses include ECE 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education, ECE 176 - Health, Safety & Nutrition, ECE 210 - Observation and Participation, ECE 275 - Child, Family and School Relations, ECE 290 - Student Teaching I & Seminar; and Online Courses include ECE 185 - Child Development, ECE 206 - Administration & Supervision, and EDU 102 - Educational Paraprofessional. To register, visit nwcc.commnet.edu or call 860-738-6314.

The college recently became the first higher education institution in CT to join NROC. NROC partners with educators to create open & low-cost courses and tools designed to recognize every student's unique learning needs and preferences. These resources can be adapted and scaled to meet programmatic goals in a variety of instructional settings.

As a NROC member, NCCC will enjoy affordable, unlimited access to NROC content, as well as thoughtful instructional resources. NCCC will be using NROC EdReady content to provide free instructional software in *Writers Workshop* and *Math Boot Camp* this summer, saving students thousands of dollars collectively in educational resource costs. In the fall, English faculty will replace their main textbook in *Introduction to College English (ENG 096)* with NROC English. After the fall 2018 semester, there will be an examination of ways to possibly scale the software options even further.

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- ♦ Aging Well NW CT
- ♦ Alan J. Eckstrand, LLC
- ♦ Apple Cinemas Barkhamsted 9
- Steve Ardussi, Your Personal Benefits Advisor
- ♦ Bicron Electronics Company
- ◆ The Clouther Insurance Agency (10 Years)
- ♦ Elevator Service Co., Inc.
- Fernwood Rest Home, Inc.
- FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity NW CT
- ◆ Robert H. Fox, Freelance Toolmaker
- ◆ Future Foundations Child Care Center (10 years)
- ♦ GeronNursing Registry Northwest

- ♦ Goodworks Insurance
- Green Woods Country Club (10 Years)
- ♦ Hickory Stick Bookshop
- ♦ H-O Products Corporation
- ♦ Hunter Real Estate LLC
- ♦ Joyful Noise, Inc.
- ♦ Laigle Floorcovering & Design
- ♦ Litchfield Bancorp
- Litchfield Hills Orthopedic Associates
- ♦ Little Guild of St. Francis
- ♦ Manor House Inn
- ♦ Mike's On The Spot! LLC
- ♦ Mohawk Mountain Ski Area Inc.
- Northside Welding & Machine
- ♦ NW CT Rod & Gun Club

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- ♦ Vibra-Conn, Inc.
- Women's Enterprise Initiative
- Yale New Haven Hospital, Smilow Torrington Care Center
- ♦ YMCA Camp Mohawk

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Manufacturers' Coalition



The Manufacturers' Coalition held their June meeting at KidsPlay Children's Museum, 61 Main Street in Torrington, where they learned more about the museum's history from Museum Director Eileen Marriott and Board Chair Ken Merz. KidsPlay is looking to collaborate with local manufacturers on their newly created makerspace for children of all ages. Any interested manufacturers should reach out to Eileen at 860-618-7700.

COMING UP AT THE CHAMBER Continued from page 7 NEW MEMBER BENEFIT: Leads Group Forming

We are excited to announce another business service for our members! Coming in August, the Chamber will have a biweekly leads group meeting at our offices. The group will be limited to one person per industry. John Seagrave of Barron Financial Group and Vince Laliberte of Pursue the Clues will be leading the first lead group. At each meeting, members will have the opportunity to give an "elevator pitch" to the group before providing their "ask" of the week. Each meeting will conclude with a presentation by a member of the group. The format will build a network of professionals who understand your business and engage with like-minded professionals in NW CT! Additional lead groups will be formed as demand grows. If you are interested in becoming a part of the first group, please contact anita@nwctchamberofcommerce.org or call 860-482-6586.



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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.

July 2018

11th - WOW! Forum Advisory Committee Meeting, 8 AM

12th **Membership Committee** Meeting, 8 AM

Celebration of Success Awards at Chatterley's Banquet Facility,

371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 5:30 PM

17th - **Business After Hours** at Chapman Lumber, 224 Watertown Road, Thomaston, 5-7 PM

18th - **Health Council** Meeting, 8 AM

Insurance Committee Meeting, 8 AM

24th - Business with Breakfast at the Chamber, 8 AM

26th - Litchfield County Leaders Under 40 Awards Dinner at

Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 6 PM

AUGUST 2018

2nd - Membership Committee Meeting, 8 AM

16th - **Government Relations Committee** Meeting, 8 AM **Business After Hours** at Brandywine Living at Litchfield,

19 Constitution Way, Litchfield, 5-7 PM

28th - **Business with Breakfast** at Pursue the Clues, 733 East Main Street, Torrington, 8 AM

Save the Dates For These Major Chamber Events

September 22nd - Torrington House Tour October 5th - WOW! Forum

October 20th - Tails of NW CT Auction

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