

# **2019 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS**

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, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Chatterley's Banquet Facility. O&G Industries, Inc. proudly serves as the premier sponsor of the Celebration of Success Awards. Other sponsors include: Litchfield Bancorp; Northwest Community Bank; Barron Financial Group LLC; Borghesi Building & Engineering Co., Inc.; Charlotte Hungerford Hospital; Eastside Electric, Inc.; Northwest Hills Dealerships; and Torrington Savings Bank.



Based on his contributions to the business environment, the 2019 Business Leader award recipient is Steven Temkin, T&M Building Co., Inc. Steven is the Chief Executive Officer of T&M Building Co., Inc., a homebuilding company headquartered in Torrington, Connecticut, which was co-founded by his late father Abraham Temkin. He is also a member of Torrington Downtown Partners, LLC, an entity that owns, renovates and leases spaces in downtown Torrington. Temkin serves as the Treasurer and a Trustee of the Torrington Library, a Trustee

at Torrington Savings Bank, a member of the Board of Directors of the Torrington Historical Society and the Legislative Chairman of the Home Builders Association of Northwest Connecticut.

The community involvement of James O'Leary has earned him the 2019 Community Leader award. After graduating from Wesleyan

University, Jim served his country in the U.S. Army as a Commanding Officer. Jim has been a dedicated resident of Goshen for more than 50 years. He was Goshen's First Selectman from 1991-2003, a member of the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department and Goshen Fire Co. Ambulance for 45 years and has been the Town of Goshen Emergency Management Director since 2009.



Jim has given his time and talents to many boards and committees including: Goshen Board of Finance and Board of Selectman, Northwest CT Community Foundation, Connecticut Mutual Holding Company, Litchfield Bancorp, Goshen Historical Society, Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Northwest Hills Council of Governments, Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisory Council, and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.



Prime Time House, Inc. has been selected as the 2019 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. Prime Time House is a private, non -profit community mental health provider that empowers adults with mental illness to lead productive, independent lives. Members and staff work collaboratively to provide opportunities for friendship, employment, education, housing and transportation. Treated with understanding, respect and dignity, the emphasis is on an individual's abilities and strengths rather than their diagnosis or illness. For over 30 years, Prime Time has been dedicated to reducing mental health stigma and finding meaningful ways for members to better themselves both as individuals and as part of our community.

# From the Chamber President & CEO JOANN RYAN



Congratulations to the outstanding 2019 Celebration of Success honorees:

- Community Leader: Jim O'Leary, Volunteer Extraordinaire
- Business Leader: Steven Temkin, T&M Building Co., Inc.
- Quality of Life:
   Prime Time House, Inc.

The honorees have touched thousands of people through their efforts to make this a greater place in which to live and work. In their own unique way, each has:

- Strengthened our region
- Cared for others
- Given us a boost
- Answered a critical need
- Lifted our spirits
- Opened doors for new experiences
- Ensured the very best for the Northwest Connecticut corner and beyond
- Personified the essence of business giving back
- Developed new community partnerships
- Inspired us to become involved
- Lent a helping hand
- Made us aware of our neighbors in need
- Warmed our hearts and minds
- Displayed diplomacy, leadership and compassion
- Earned our respect and admiration
- Explored new opportunities and resources
- Generated a brighter, happier and healthier neighborhood
- Broadened our vision and horizons

Please join us in celebrating these worthy recipients during a special party at Chatterley's Banquet Facility on Thursday, June 27th at 5:30pm.



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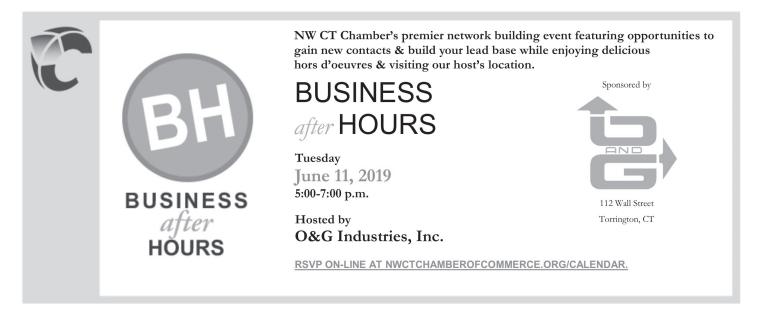
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# Coming Up at NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER



### **Small Business Council**

Northwest Connecticut Chamber's Small Business Council will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd at 8 a.m. at the Chamber. The Small Business Council (SBC) has been established for the small business owner/manager - the decision makers - to discuss challenges, share solutions and work as a back-office consortium. Many small business owners have issues that they stumble upon throughout their workday that they may not have experience with - but another small business owner does. The SBC is a resource for owners and managers so they can keep their businesses running smoothly.

The July meeting will begin with a presentation by Alesia Kennerson, Revenue Examiner with the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. Ms. Kennerson will provide an overview of the basics of sales & use tax (common taxable and exempt goods and services), proper certificates and record keeping and consequences of lack of record keeping. All Chamber members and guests are invited to attend the presentation. The SBC will hold it's regular monthly meeting immediately following Ms. Kennerson's presentation.

## **Manufacturing Summit**

The Chamber's Manufacturers' Coalition will host a Manufacturing Summit on Friday, June 14th at 8 AM at Green Woods Country Club, 300 Torringford Street, Winsted. The event is open to anyone and breakfast will be served.

Keynote speakers for the Summit will be State of Connecticut Commissioner of Labor Kurt Westby, Connecticut State Colleges & Universities President Mark Ojakian, and Franchesca Neris, an employee at BD and student at Northwestern CT Community College. The speakers will be sharing success stories about manufacturing and job training in our region. The emcee of the Summit will be Lance Boynton, Chair of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber's Manufacturers' Coalition.

The event is sponsored by the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board. Admission is \$25/person. Attendees can RSVP at nwctchamberofcommerce.org or by calling 860-482-6586.

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

## Young Professionals Organization

The Chamber's Young Professionals Organization has two events in June. One was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at American Mural Project in Winsted. "An Evening with Ellen Griesedieck" was a private event for young professionals in the region with an interview of founder Ellen Griesedieck and time for question and answer. They also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a beer tasting.

The second event is United Way's Day of Caring on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Every year, the Chamber's Young Professionals form a team and volunteer their time for a full day at a local non-profit. Each year the group does something different and their projects have included painting, gardening, yard work, repairing fences, cleaning and more. To volunteer on the Young Professionals team, contact Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

### **Leadership Northwest**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Leadership Northwest class had their class retreat, which was their last session of the year before they graduate on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The retreat was held at Camp Jewell in Colebrook. The morning started with teambuilding exercises on a low ropes course. The group had to work together to get the entire class onto a wooden seesaw without either side touching the ground. After only 2 attempts, they achieved their goal using lots of communication and teamwork. Then they did an activity where they worked in partners to get across two wires in a V-shape. They had to rely on each other to stay up on the wires.

Just as the sun came out, they went canoeing in the lake and had to work together to move in straight lines where they wanted to go.

After lunch, they had a friendly, but competitive game of wiffleball and then learned archery. After archery, they did an individual activity where they climbed up a rope tunnel about 15 feet in the air. The class cheered each other on as they made their way up the ropes.

The Mental Health Awareness Fair, "Wellness in the Park", put together by three of the four Leadership groups, took place on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Coe Park in Torrington. The event was moved indoors due to the



rain; however, it did not deter people from attending. There were over 150 attendees throughout the event which featured vendors, food trucks, yoga, Zumba, art therapy, live music and a Speak Out. Funds raised from the event will be donated to McCall Center for Behavioral Health: Veteran's Services. Thank you to the companies who generously sponsored the event and attended as exhibitors.

The fourth Leadership team built Little Free Libraries for all the elementary schools in Torrington. The team collected and stamped hundreds of books that were placed into the libraries for people to "take a book, and leave a book", which is the purpose of the Little Free Libraries.

Thank you to companies who sponsored a library.

The class will graduate on June 19<sup>th</sup> with a dinner reception and a presentation of their group projects at the



Torrington Lodge of Elks at 5:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend their graduation. The cost is \$40 per person. Class of 2019 graduates are complimentary. Call the Chamber to make a reservation- 860-482-6586.

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

# A familiar face, in a new place

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# Coming Up at NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

### Learn at Lunch: A New Era in Digital Marketing

#### **On-Line Visibility**

Lance Leifert of Conquest will present the fourth workshop in the series "A New Era in Digital Marketing" on June 20th at 11:30 a.m. The workshop "On-Line Visibility" will instruct attendees on best practices for increasing their on-line presence. A light lunch will be served. The fee for Chamber members is \$10 per person and for non-members, \$20 per person. Reservations are requested. Please register on-line at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar or call the Chamber office at 860 -482-6586.

## **Network Building Opportunities:**

#### Business with Breakfast & Restaurant in the Spotlight

Mark your calendars to attend the upcoming Business with Breakfast and Restaurant in the Spotlight network building opportunities.

On Tuesday, June 25th, Valerie Manor (located at 1360 Torringford Street in Torrington) will host the Business with Breakfast roundtable discussion beginning at 8 a.m. Enjoy easy networking over a light breakfast. Each attendee will then give a 30-second "commercial" for their business followed by a brief presentation by our host.

Dimitri Karouta and his staff of Rowley Grill & Tap, 19 Rowley Street in Winsted, will host the July 1st Restaurant in the Spotlight from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Restaurant in the Spotlight provides the host restaurant an opportunity to highlight items from their menus while our members network with one another. The event features complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

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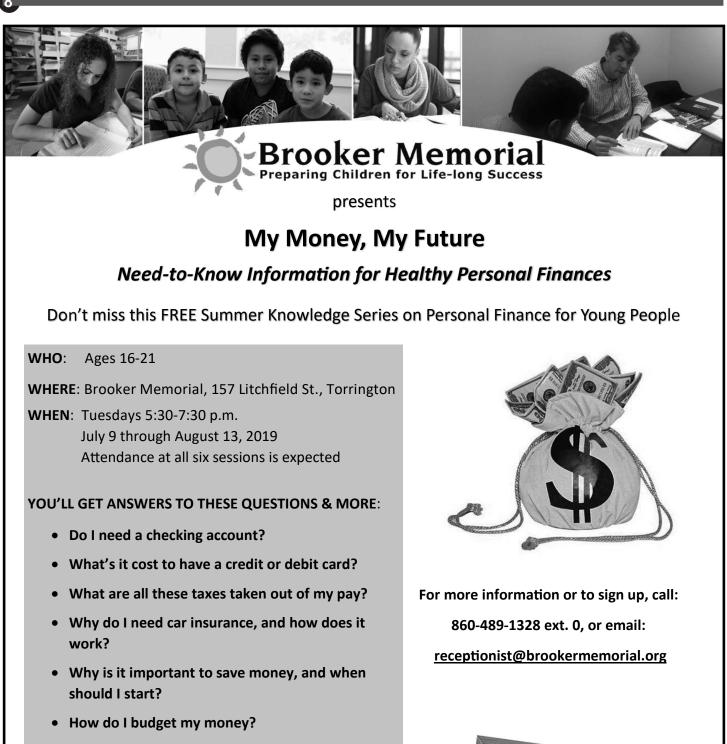
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When you walk into Prime Time, you will find a supportive environment where people living with the devastating effects of mental illness can discover for themselves that they are able to work and be involved in their community like any other citizen. Many of the program members say that before they came to Prime Time House, they sat at home and became increasingly isolated and depressed. Prime Time House provides a place of hope, choice and opportunity for residents of Litchfield County who are struggling with mental wellness.

"The 2019 honorees represent what is truly special about Northwest Connecticut," said JoAnn Ryan, Chamber President & CEO. "Steven, Jim and Prime Time House 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 June 27<sup>th</sup>."

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



#### **INSTRUCTOR:** Jonathan Jacobson

Mr. Jacobson has over 20 years of professional experience in the financial services industry. He holds an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management and a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. He also has many years of tutoring experience for students of all ages in various subjects.

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# Coming Up at NW CT'S CHAMBER Continued from page 6. WOW! Forum

This year's WOW! Forum will take place 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. The conference also includes breakfast, lunch, a chocolate and wine reception and silent auction.

We are very excited to welcome Alana Stewart as a keynote speaker this year. Alana is an actress, host, New York Times bestselling author, and spokesperson. She is also an animal activist and brand ambassador for PRIA Beauty. As an actress, she has appeared in dozens of films and TV shows. Her most recent film, Swiped, debuted November 6, 2018. She hosted the popular talk show *The George and Alana Show* with ex-husband, George Hamilton and was most recently in *Stewarts and Hamiltons* on E! network.



WOW! Speaker Alana Stewart

Alana has appeared on most major network news and talk shows including CNN, MSNBC, The View, Bill O'Reilly, Barbara Walters, Larry King, Nightline, Wendy Williams, and The Doctors. She has made numerous appearances on The Today Show, eXtra, Entertainment Tonight and Access Hollywood.

In 2007, Alana began working with her dear friend Farrah Fawcett on *Farrah's Story*, a documentary of Farrah's courageous battle with cancer which Alana filmed and produced. In 2009, *Farrah's Story* debuted on NBC to a record-breaking audience and was nominated for an Emmy Award. Alana now serves as President and CEO of The Farrah Fawcett Foundation which funds cancer research and promotes prevention and awareness. The Foundation is currently working with Stand Up Two Cancer and has funded an HPV research team at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. The FFF is also working on an initiative with The American Cancer Society to increase HPV vaccine uptake in the US. Five percent of all the world's cancers are HPV related.

Alana received the prestigious Genii Award from the American Women in Radio and Television filmmaking for *Earrah's Stary*. She was also honored by The John Wayne Cancer Institute with

for excellence in documentary filmmaking for *Farrah's Story*. She was also honored by The John Wayne Cancer Institute with the 'True Grit' Humanitarian Award and was honored by The Beckstrand Cancer Foundation for her contribution to the cancer community.

This year, we will also welcome Bevin Mugford as a speaker. Bevin is Head of Field Development for Peach, a four-year-old lifestyle brand with a mission to help women "elevate their everyday" and thrive personally and professionally. For customers, Peach offers contemporary and comfortable apparel for gym, work and play; for its cadre of social-sales brand representatives across the U.S., an opportunity to start their own fashion business without the financial risk; for female-founded accessory brands, a platform to collaborate and share success.

A former real estate entrepreneur, Bevin is a founding member of the Peach team and the Head of Field Development. In her role at Peach, she recruits, trains and leads a national sales team. A dynamic and engaging public speaker, Bevin activates the Peach mission through presenting powerful personal and professional development workshops on flexing internal strengths. Described as a "zesty badass with a flair for the dramatic", Bevin believes men and women can do anything when they play to their strengths.



WOW! Speaker Bevin Mugford

Join us on October 4th to learn more about Alana and Bevin. Registration will open on July 1 at www.wowforum.org.

# Chamber Member IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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- Litchfield Bancorp (25 years)
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- Mount Claire Water
- NW CT Rod & Gun Club
- Riverton Self Storage (10 years)
- Soundworks & Security (20 years)
- Stor-It-All, Inc.

- TD Bank (35 years)
- U.S. Playground Surfacing, Michael McGuffie
- Winsted Health Center Foundation, Inc.
- YMCA Camp Mohawk

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

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 17 students from 8 different schools in the region graduated from the Junior Leadership Northwest program at a dinner reception at Marino's Restaurant in Torrington. Parents, friends and educators also attended the ceremony. Maria Gonzalez, Director of Community Services at New Opportunities, Inc. was the keynote speaker. Maria gave the class great advice for their future and talked about the importance of volunteering in their community. The class was given certificates of completion from the program.

Thank you to John Janco and Lesa Vanotti from Torrington Savings Bank for attending the graduation and sponsoring the Junior Leadership Northwest program.





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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.

#### **JUNE 2019**

11th - Business After Hours at O&G Industries, 112 Wall Street, Torrington, 5-7 PM Government Relations Committee Meeting, 8 AM 13th -14th -Manufacturing Summit at Green Woods Country Club, 300 Torringford Street, Winsted, 8 AM. Reservations required. 19th -Insurance Committee Meeting, 8 AM Health Council Meeting, 8 AM Leadership Northwest Graduation at Torrington Lodge of Elks, 70 Litchfield Street, Torrington, 5:30 PM. Reservations required. 20th -Learn at Lunch "New Era of Digital Marketing: On-Line Visibility ~ Getting Found Online" presented by Lance Leifert of Conquest, 11:30 AM. \$10 pp Members, \$20 pp Non-members. 21st -Young Professionals Organization Day of Caring 25th -Business with Breakfast at Valerie Manor, 1360 Torringford Street, Torrington, 8 AM 27th -Board of Directors Meeting, 8 AM Celebration of Success Awards at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 5:30 PM **JULY 2019** 1st -**Restaurant in the Spotlight** at Rowley Grill, 19 Rowley Street, Winsted, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 2nd -"Sales & Use Tax for Small Businesses" presented by Alesia Kennerson of the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services at the Small Business Council Meeting, 8 AM 3rd -WOW! Forum Advisory Committee Meeting, 8:30 AM Chamber Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day 4th -Membership Committee Meeting, 8 AM 11th -Government Relations Committee Meeting, 8 AM 17th -Insurance Committee Meeting, 8 AM 23rd -Business After Hours at Litchfield Bancorp, 294 West Street, Litchfield, 5-7 PM 30th -Business with Breakfast at the Chamber, 8 AM

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