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# The Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce

As we pull together, we will accomplish great things for our members and for our community. Be part of the future; join the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce today!

## Chamber News from Chairman, Ted Phillips

The Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce has experienced phenomenal growth since I last wrote to you. In fact, we are the fastest growing chamber of commerce in the State. And there's good reason for that. We are a volunteer driven organization servicing Norwich and surrounding towns,

and we take an active role in mutually supporting each other to make our businesses grow and our communities thrive. At the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce, *we mean business*. Just ask any of our members. Or better yet, come to one of our events or meetings and see for yourself!

## March Highlights

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, we had a breakfast seminar at **Spirit of Broadway Theater** on customer service secrets of the Seattle Fish Market. Those in attendance learned that part of excellent customer service is making sure that people are happy in their work. The seminar was sponsored by **United Community and Family Services** and **Miranda Creative**, allowing it to be free to members.

of our members and guests had a wonderful time at our **Business After Hours** hosted by the **Opus on the Hillside**, a new restaurant, located at 241 High Street (you may remember the property as The Hillside Restaurant run years ago by the Rizzuto's). The food, drink, company were wonderful! Make sure you treat yourself to a great meal at this causal upscale fusion of Sports Bar, Martini Bar, Wine House, and Seafood/Steakhouse Restaurant.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, more than 150

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## April Highlights



A Rainbow over Dodd Stadium must mean Good Luck!



On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the start of the baseball season with our friends and gracious hosts, **The Connecticut Defenders** at another **Business After Hours**. Dodd Stadium looks great, and you can sense the excitement generated by the new owners and management. What a wonderful place to have a family R&R day. Make plans to catch our home team when they are in town!

Last Thursday we had a breakfast seminar on **Community Development Block Grants** and other fund-

ing opportunities for those interested in investing in Norwich. The presentation, made by Community Development Director Kathy Crees of the **City of Norwich**, was informative and concise. The seminar was sponsored by **Eastern Federal Bank**, **A. P. Savage Supply Co.**, and **Radio Stations WICH/WCTY**, allowing it to be free to members. Catering was provided by **Chelsea Rose Catering**, and was held at the **Economy Inn**, where the renovations are being completed at breakneck speed.

## GNACC 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Our golf tournament will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at **Pautipaug Country Club**. Reports are in from the early season golfers that the course is in perfect shape. The event, which

will be a sellout, promises to be a great day for all. For information on playing, or to be a sponsor, call Kim at 887-1647.

## Business After Hours - May 25th

Our next **Business After Hours** will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, under the canopy at the **Marina at American Wharf**, hosted by **Café Kaydance**. This new restaurant, operated by restaurateur Adam Arpin,

offers fine eating, and you can sample and have fun with friends by joining us. We are now accepting reservations for this event, 887-1647.

## Melon Cutting

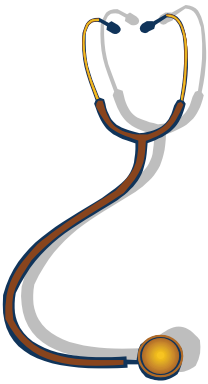
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate new members Michelle and Brian Hinton of **Edible Arrangements**, a great edible gift shop located at 77 Salem Turnpike, Norwich, on the Grand Opening Melon Cutting held last

Wednesday. We are very proud to call each of you members of The Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce. Please join us in welcoming Michelle and Brian to our community!

### Calendar Highlights

- May 3 Breakfast Meeting—UCFS
- May 12 Insurance Seminar
- May 22 Golf Tournament
- May 25 BAH—Café Kaydance
- June 8 BAH—Nutmeg Co.
- June 17 Harbor Ball
- July 19 BAH—Gates GMC Nissan
- Aug. 16 Maxum Enterprises
- Sept. 14 Antenna Hair Salon
- Sept. 21 Wine & Roses
- Oct. 18 People's Bank

*While golf may not be your cup of "tee", many sponsorship levels are available. Another option: gift certificates make wonderful raffle prizes for tournaments, and draws another customer into your business.*



## Ways You Can Reduce Health Insurance Costs

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a breakfast seminar on **Ways You Can Reduce Health Insurance Costs**. This seminar will be held at **NLC Insurance** on High Street in Norwich. Attendance is free for members but you must pre-register. Call 887-

1647. Not yet members may attend for a modest fee. This event is sponsored by **RL& G Agency, Hair Unique, Chelsea Insurance, and Diversified Group Services**.

## Welcome to the Newest Members of the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce

### Town of Bozrah

Keith Robbins – 1 River Road, Bozrah – 889-2689

### Liberty Bank

Diana George – 77 Salem Tpke., Norwich – 892-2503

### Music Center of Norwich

Arthur Wallace & Steve Marquardt – 275 West Town Street – Yantic – 887-1457

### Phelps Dodge Mining Company – Norwich Rod & Wire Plant

Bill Spellman – 41 Wawecus St. Norwich – 886-2661

### Americinn Lodge & Suites of Griswold, CT

Jennifer Tillinghast – 375 Voluntown Road – Griswold – 376-3200

### Magazines & More

Andre J. Konarski – 77 Salem Turnpike, Suite 105, Norwich – 886-6247

### Edible Arrangements

Brian & Michelle Hinton – 77 Salem Turnpike, Norwich – 886-6999

### Chelsea Gardens Foundations

Jean Becker – 100 Broadway Room 321, Norwich – 889-6642

## Until Next Month...

For more information on the many happenings here at The Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce, check us out at [www.norwichchamber.com](http://www.norwichchamber.com).

We always welcome your involvement and suggestions, so please let me know if there is

anything that we can do to help you. Call the Chamber at 887-1647. If you aren't yet a member, please consider joining our growing ranks. Dues are reasonable, and as our logo says: *Pulling together we can accomplish great things!*

*Ted Phillips*, Chairman

The Mission of the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated is to take a leadership role to support, promote, enhance and advance the general welfare and prosperity of the greater Norwich area so that its citizens, and its business and professional community, shall prosper. The organization shall give emphasis to the economic, civic, commercial, cultural and educational interests of the greater Norwich area to insure that the area is a desirable place in which to work, live, or visit.