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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!

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Chamber News from Chairman, Andy Messier

Our past Chairman of the Board has stated many times that we're the fastest growing Chamber in Connecticut. As we move forward, continuing the many partnerships we have forged and initiating new ones, we hope to continue our growth. We will not lose sight of the most important aspect of our organization, which is the attention to member services and provid-

ing value to them and the communities in which they operate.

We are indeed a Norwich based organization but, it has become clear that we must be the voice of business for the entire region and to that end we will strive to enhance the region and make it the place to live, work and conduct business. I invite all of you to join us in making this new year a great one.

January Highlights

On January 17th, a breakfast seminar was held at **New London County Mutual Insurance Company** on Workers Compensation. The speaker, Peter Maozicatto, of Travelers Insurance Company gave attendees a review of related workers compensation topics such as claim issues, permanency benefits, fraud and more. Please see recap on page 3. The seminar was sponsored by **RL & G Agency, Hair Unique, Chelsea Insurance**

and **Norwich Bulletin**, allowing it to be free to members.

On January 17th, our members and guests had a wonderful time at our **Business After Hours** hosted by **Easter Seals**, located at 24 Stott Avenue in the Norwich Business Park. Tours of their new 40,000 square foot facility were given by our very gracious hosts. Visit their website at www.ct.easterseals.com for more detail on how **Easter Seals** helps change the lives of adults and children every day.

Business After Hours - February 8th



Our next **Business After Hours** will be held on February 8th, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, at the Wauregan. Come have a peek at what is destined to once again become the downtown’s premier

location for special events in the historic ballroom. We are now accepting reservations for this event, 887-1647 or sign-up online at www.norwichchamber.com in the chamber calendar area.

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 7TH
IS
CONNECTICUT
BUSINESS DAY**
SEE EMAIL ATTACHMENT
FOR DETAILS

Website Changes

When logging onto the chamber website you’ll notice a couple changes. First, there is now an area called the Community Calendar. As chamber members you may list events pertaining to your business you wish the community to participate in. Click on the [contact us](#) link to send your information for display.

the categories have been reworked. Each membership has been set-up in a category that will hopefully give them the best chances to receive hits. Please enter the Members Area to check your selections. Changes can be made from this area, or contact Kim to make changes for you. **You can be listed in as many categories as you wish, however from the website you are only allowed to set two up yourself.** Contact Kim for help with more category selections.

The second change, the Chamber Calendar, is strictly for chamber meetings, Business After Hours, seminars and other events. You can sign-up here to attend these events.

Within the Members Area are other items you may find useful. The Referral Report will show you how many times someone has accessed your business on our site. If you’d like to offer a coupon, or savings to the membership this is where you would do so. Check back to the Members Area from time to time for more updates and changes.

The next change is within the sign-up areas. We now accept credit cards for payments. Be sure you are in the Chamber area to receive the member fee versus the higher non-member fee.

Lastly, in the Business Directory,

Calendar Highlights

- Feb. 8 BAH—The Wauregan
- March 7 CT Business Day
- March 8 BAH—World Gym Fitness
- March 13 Legislative Breakfast
- April 18 BAH—Harts Greenhouse
- May ? Golf Tournament
- May 9 BAH—Slater Mall Members
- May 31 BAH—CT Defenders
- June 17 BAH—Miranda Creative
- Sept. 5 BAH—Spirit of Broadway
- Oct. 17 Holiday Inn Norwich



The Perpetual Plaques have arrived!

Perpetual plaques for each membership of the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce to proudly display in your business are here. Stop in the chamber at 112 Main Street in Norwich to pick up yours!

Workers Compensation Seminar Recap

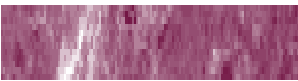
Thank You to Seminar Sponsors: Chelsea Insurance, Hair Unique, Norwich Bulletin and RL&G Agency.

The Insurance and Healthcare Committee presented a Workers Compensation mini-seminar on Wednesday January 17th. Peter Mozicatto, a representative for the Travelers Insurance Company was the guest speaker. Peter, who is a National Accounts Claim Manager for workers comp customers, gave attendees a simple to understand

and informative review of related workers compensation topics, including: Claim issues, setting reserves, permanency benefits, fraud, independent contractors vs. employees and more. Appropriately for an insurance seminar, **New London County Mutual Insurance Company** graciously offered their cafeteria for the meeting and Olde Tymes Restaurant

provided a continental breakfast. The seminar was attended by several Chamber members who gave two thumbs up for the seminar format and our speaker. Watch for future seminars on workers compensation and other timely insurance issues.

A special word about seminar and meeting sponsors...advertising, promotion, preparation, mailing, food (and sometimes location or speaker) are part of every seminar that is offered by the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce. Yet the Chamber continues to offer each seminar at no cost to members thanks to the generosity of sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a Chamber seminar in the future, please contact Kim at the Chamber office 887-1647.



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.

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

Connecticut Pardon Team, Inc.

Jacqueline Caron, 307 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Norwich – 234-6942

The Connecticut Pardon Team has provided information and assistance to thousands of individuals since 2004 which has helped them determine their eligibility to apply for a non-inmate pardon. By raising public awareness of the process of applying for a Pardon, and the procedures surrounding the Pardon Process, we have helped to simplify the process and make it more accessible.

Comp Data Tech

Edivaldo Avelino – 214 Main Street, Norwich – 617-918-3692

We troubleshoot, diagnose, build, service, network, maintain and repair all IBM and compatible Laptop, PC Hardware & Software. We will respond promptly and have you back in working order either the same day or the next day in most cases, because we know how important it is for you to have your PC running.

Workforce Technology Training, LLC

Robert Austin – 20 Milton Road, Quaker Hill – 501-3257

AM Lithography Corporation

Jeff Blinderman – 964 Center Street, Chicopee, MA – 800-582-6605

Commercial sheet fed printing. UV printing. Specialty Packaging. AM Lithography is a high quality, service oriented printing company specializing in packaging design and manufacturing. We have UV printing capability, allowing us to print on plastic, vinyl, and foil substrates.

Red House Asian Cuisine

Bennick Tan – 287-291 Main Street, Norwich – 886-0888

Authentic Asian Cuisine.

Morning Glories Floral Design & Pottery

Marcy Vitagliano & Heather Abel- 27 Broadway (the Wauregan), Norwich – 887-0046

Full service floral shop and pottery studio with classes available for adults and children. Other gift items made by local artisans will be available for sale.

Don't Forget Support Your Fellow Chamber Members!

City Perk



Shawn, Dominic & Rhoda Magliano
of City Perk

Featured Member

City Perk, founded in 2004, is a coffee house located in the heart of downtown Norwich. Rhoda, Shawn and Dominic Magliano open the door, and their arms, daily to all that come to get the best coffee and the latest news available.

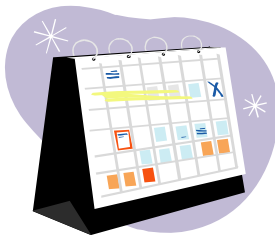
City Perk offers gourmet coffees, teas, pastries, a full lunch menu, used books, cigars, pipe tobacco, accessories, and more.

Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday—7:00 am to 3:00 pm with additional hours as follows: Every Tuesday

they remain open until 11:30 pm for their ongoing Texas Hold’Em Tournaments. Thursdays are Poetry Reading at City Perk and their doors are open until 8:00 pm. The first and third Friday of the month they are open until 8:30 pm for the Open Mic Java Jam lead by an incredibly talented musician, Steve Smigiel.

“City Perk is a success because of all our wonderful patrons, and for that we deeply thank each and every one of you,” states Shawn Magliano.

GNACC Presents: Breakfast with Your Legislatures



Mark your calendars and plan to attend a breakfast on Tuesday, March 13th with your local legislatures. A continental breakfast will begin at 7:30 am and at 8:00 am a Question & Answer discussion will follow regarding the current issues effecting Connecticut businesses and residents.

This is a free event for Greater Norwich Area Chamber members.

Location: Cafeteria of the New London County Mutual Building at 101 High Street. Parking is in the employee area. The cafeteria is inside the employee entrance to the right.

Sign-up is on the website in the Chamber Calendar area, or by phoning 887-1647. If you wish be a sponsor for this event contact Kim at 887-1647.

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

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!*
Andy Messier, Chairman