



Vision

**Andover-Bolton-Columbia-Coventry-Ellington-Hebron
Mansfield-Somers-Stafford-Tolland-Union-Vernon-Willington**
Fall Issue 2009

Chamber Welcomes in it's 52nd Year

The Tolland County Chamber of Commerce will welcome in its 52nd year on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 with a breakfast meeting at Ellington Ridge Country club. The Economic Development Committee will present business awards to five area businesses. The winners of these prestigious awards:

Jeffrey Cohen – ImageWorks, LLC
Corporate Citizen

Julia Paolino – Integrated Rehabilitation Services

Economic Development – Ellington

Brenda Desmarais – Live Life Sportswear
Best New Business

John & Susan Leavitt – Preschool of the Arts
Economic Development – Tolland

Todd Rose – Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT

Economic Development – Vernon

So please plan to join us as we honor these companies for their accomplishments. We will thank outgoing president Stephen Sutton from Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela for his guidance during this past year. We will say farewell to board members: Wayne Johnson, Individual, Sandra Marella, Journal Inquirer, Gary Mather, Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, Richard Slutsky, Woodlake at Tolland. As we embark on our new year, it will be under the leadership of John Elsesser as president from the Town of Coventry.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN US!

We cordially invite you to join us for the bi-annual auction **“An Evening of Elegance”** on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Maneeley’s Banquet Facility. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with social, preview, silent auction, hors d’oeuvre’s, and cash bar. Dinner will be at 7:30 with the live auction and dancing to follow.

If you are looking for a way to thank your employees for their hard work and dedication, let us help you in making this your “holiday party” and an evening your employees will not forget. Chamber member Alex Cohen from Quantum Sound Productions will provide the music for the evening.

Tickets are \$55/person or you may reserve a table of eight or ten for \$50/person. Call the chamber office at 872-0587 to make your reservation.

Looking Through Vision

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2009-2010 Board of Directors

The following individuals are the chamber Board of Directors for 2009-2010 - * Executive Committee

Greg Barden – ReminderNews - 870-3023
Valerie Chase* – Ashley, Scarborough & Pierce 649-2737
Jeffrey Cohen * – ImageWorks LLC – 647-7725
Thora Cowperthwaite* – New Alliance Bank 871-2700
John Elsesser *– Town of Coventry – 742-6324
Gary Elwell – Rocwell Builders – 875-6974
Janet Gallugi – VNA HealthCare, Inc. – 249-4862
J. Renee Irvin – HealthWise Medical Associates 872-2289
Glenn Lemaire – Manchester Community College 512-2783
Chick MacMillan *– CBT – 871-3109
Betty Maurer – Workers Federal Credit Union – 684-4484
Kate Mullen *– People’s United Bank – 875-0338
John O’Keefe – Stafford Savings Bank – 684-4261
John O’Shaughnessy – O’Shaughnessy Insurance Services - 871-1101
Julie Paolino – Integrated Rehabilitation Services 870-8272
Kris Popovitch – ECHN – 646-1222 x6505
Theresa Renner – Magdefrau, Renner & Ciaffaglione -875-8539
Kathy Stavens* – Rockville Bank – 291-3890
Judy Stone – Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT – 872-9163
Stephen Sutton* – Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela 646-1974
Chris Wardrop – USI Insurance Services 203-634-5764
Greg Williams* – KMA Wealth Management 871-1749

..... **News & Chamber Updates!**

Rockville Bank Opens its first ever “In-School” Branch at South Windsor High School.

People’s Untied Bank welcomes David Yaffee of Vernon as a Financial Advisor. Yaffee is located at the Tri-City Plaza Branch.

Congratulations to The Town of Tolland for being named one of **“Money Magazine’s Best Small Towns to Live in America”** Tolland was rated **27** out of 100.

A Special Thank You to **Teddy Bear Carpet Care** for cleaning the carpet at the Chamber Office. Call **Teddy Bear Carpet Care** at 684-1448 to have your carpet cleaned today!

Manchester Community College will host its Third Annual Career Vocation Day on November 20, 2009. Contact Julie Greene at 860-512-3374 for more information.

Congratulations to Ellington Ridge Country Club as they celebrate their **50th year anniversary**.

Congratulations to Carmon Community Funeral Homes for being named U.S. Small Business Administration’s Family-Owned Business of the Year.

The Gene Pitney Commemorative Committee (GPCC) is presenting its **2nd Annual Tribute Show** to the late **Gene Pitney** on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 at the Pleasant View Café & Golf Center in Somers, CT. This year, the headline performers will be **JOHNNY FARINA** and **TONY LEE**, who is returning from the United Kingdom to reprise the moving Tribute to **Gene Pitney** that he did last year at the inaugural event in Rockville. The show is the GPCC’s principal fund raiser for the annual Gene Pitney Scholarship fund which benefits a graduating Rockville High School student who will be enrolling in college and can be obtained by calling Russ or Sandi at 860-871-6099 or visiting the GPCC website at www.genepitney.org.

Networking with Chamber Members

The membership committee is pleased to announce that they will be continuing to sponsor their networking breakfast. This networking breakfast is a way for you to share referrals with the people you know and trust inexpensively. The idea is that you bring a non-member with you and a pocket full of business cards. Each participant will have approximately 2 minutes to give a “mini infomercial” about their business and most importantly the time to give each other leads and testimonials. The meetings are on a first come, first serve basis with an ideal group size of 24. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 20th, 2009 at Fox Hill Center**. The time will be from 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. There is a \$5.00 donation at the breakfast meeting and at the end, one person’s business card will be randomly selected and a donation will be made to the charity of that person’s choice.

New Members!

The following businesses and individuals have recently joined our chamber. Please welcome them with your patronage

Ford, Oberg, Manion & Houck, P.C. 646-3141

Doug Manion
220 Hartford Turnpike
Vernon, CT 06066
(Attorney)

Stone & Paddle Restaurant – 870-9999

Neil Sharp
40 West Street #1
Vernon, CT 06066
(Restaurant)

Comprehensive Business Solutions – 645-0273

Lori Squires
P.O. Box 9186
Bolton, CT 06043
(Bookkeeping)

Always Best Care of Central Connecticut – 533-9343

Kristine & John Lajeunesse
P.O. Box 3015
Vernon, CT 06066
(Home Health Services – Senior Services)

Media Control Company, Inc. – 872-1234

Ronald Regan
40 Tolland Stage Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(Distributor of Ergonomic Furniture)

Gaulard Web Services, Inc. – 530-1310

Jay Gaulard
25 Sentinal Woods
Hebron, CT 06248
(Web Design)

Arthur Murray Dance Studio – 870-7400

Todd Russell
520 Hartford Turnpike
Vernon, CT 06066
(Ballroom Dance Studio – All Ages)

Positive Energy Electricity Supply – 203-528-0243

Michelle Casida
765 Straits Turnpike
Middlebury, CT 06716
(Positive Energy Electricity Supply)

The Sports Department – 614-5866

Kevin Hayes
18 Brookfield Drive
Ellington, CT 06029
(Sports Newspapers)

Conrad Bookkeeping Services – 803-2048

Peggy Conrad
66 Mt. Laurel Drive
Tolland, CT 06084
(Bookkeeping)

Wood n Tap – 872-6700

Stephen Leighton
263 Hartford Turnpike
Vernon, CT 06066
(Restaurant)

A Villa Louisa – 646-3161

Anthony LoGrasso
60 Villa Louisa Road
Bolton, CT 06043
(Banquet Facility/Catering/Weddings)

Quantum Productions – 643-1691

Alex Cohen
41 Homestead Street
Manchester, CT 06042
(Entertainment/DJ Services)

Mary Kay Cosmetics – 228-9855

Colleen Carchidi Lester
56 Szegda Road
Columbia, CT 06237
(Independent Beauty Consultant)

Advicoach – 413-391-1479

Bill Horowitz
2321 Bigelow Commons
Enfield, CT 06082
(Business Coach)

Connecticut Valley Orthodontics – 872-8361

Dr. Adam Daniels, DDS
219 Talcottville Road
Vernon, CT 06066
(Dentist/Orthodontics)

**Remember
It's Profitable to Participate!**

Upcoming Events

52nd Annual Meeting

Ellington Ridge Country Club
56 Abbott Road
Ellington, CT 06029
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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### **Business Before Hours**

Vernon Holiday Inn Express  
346 Kelly Road  
Vernon, CT 06066  
Thursday, October 29, 2009  
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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Networking Breakfast

Fox Hill Center
22 South Street
Vernon, CT 06066
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Cost: \$5.00

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### **Business Forum**

Tolland County – Windham  
Region Chambers of Commerce  
& CBIA  
Wednesday, November 4, 2009  
Mansfield Community Center  
10 South Eagleville Road  
Mansfield, CT 06268  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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“An Evening of Elegance” Auction

Maneeley’s Banquet Facility
65 Rye Street
South Windsor, CT
Saturday, November 21, 2009

Kick off the holiday season with family, friends and co-workers at the chamber’s bi-annual auction. The evening will be filled with live and silent auction items, dinner and cash bar!
Sponsorships available for the evening.

Dinner Sponsor-SOLD- ConnectiCare

\$2500: Includes your company logo on all advertising – company logo in program-table of 8 for your guests.

Champagne & Hors’douevres Sponsor

(one available) \$750: Includes company name listed on all advertising-company listing in program
4 tickets for your guest

Entertainment Sponsor (2 available) \$600

Includes company listing in program
2 tickets for your guest

Dessert Sponsor -SOLD- Vernon Manor

\$300 Includes company name listed on all advertising - company listing in catalog
recognition by auctioneer

Live Patron Sponsor: \$100

Includes company listing in program.

Company Table Sponsor: \$400

Reserve a table of 8 with your company name prominently displayed.

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### **Holiday Business After Hours**

Cassidy Hill Vineyard  
454 Cassidy Hill Road  
Coventry, CT  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Call the chamber office for additional  
information at 872-0587.

