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**Chamber Introduces New Event - Tri Town Tag Sale &
Tolland County Treasures or Trinkets - 9/25/10
Scholarships Awarded at June Board Meeting
18th Annual Golf Tournament held at Blackledge Country Club**

Each time you watch the Antiques Roadshow on TV you just know you also have a hidden treasure waiting to be "found". So gather up your family heirlooms and garage sale finds! Clean out the attic and the basement! Brush the dust off of Grandma's knick knacks stored in that box in the closet!

The Tolland County Chamber of Commerce and its team of experts are going to give you the opportunity to find out just what you have.

Mark your calendar. On Saturday, September 25th from 9am to 3pm (*rain or shine*), bring your items to the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT.

Antique and collectable experts in furniture, clocks, paintings, lamps, dolls, coins, jewelry, musical instruments, pottery, paper and more will give you their expert opinion (*no firearms or taxidermy please*). Opinions will cost \$20.00 per item or \$20.00 for multiple items that will fit into a shoebox. If you have a clean photo of a large piece of furniture, the experts can work with that too. Items will be viewed on a first come basis. Refreshments will be available.

Wait! There's more! Also on Saturday, September 25th the Chamber will be sponsoring the Tri Town Tag Sale for Vernon, Ellington and Tolland! Cost is \$10.00 and includes signs, balloons and a listing on the maps which will be located in a special section of the Journal Inquirer newspaper on Thursday, September 23rd. Register for the Tag Sale in person at the Tolland County Chamber office, 30 Lafayette Square, (Hartford Turnpike), Vernon, CT. Also, a limited number of tag sale booths will be available for rental at the Tolland County Agricultural Center for \$25.00. Registration for these booths is required by September 10th.

For more information contact the chamber office at 860-872-0587 or email at tccc@tollandcountychamber.org

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The Tolland County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that two students from Tolland County Chamber member families were awarded the Alice C. McPadden Memorial Scholarship. Alice McPadden was the Executive Director of the Rockville Area/Tolland County Chamber of Commerce for 15 years. She developed many programs to benefit the members of the chamber and we are proud to say that we have given scholarships in her memory since 1997.

Congratulations to this years two scholarship recipients.

Devyn Adele Dowty, daughter of member **The William Dowty Company** is a graduate from Rockville High School. She served as president of the Interact Club for the past two years. Devyn will attend **Purdue University** as one of the only 200 students offered direct admission into the nursing program. She will also be competing with the Purdue Gymnastic team. Devyn also plans to continue her education to receive a master’s degree in nursing specializing in pediatrics.

Matthieu Wheeler son of member **Hockanum Valley Community Council** is a graduate of Rockville High School. Matthieu has a full resume of academic achievements and extra curricular activities including band, indoor track and field, boy scouts, and the National Honor Society. Matthieu is attending **Johnson and Wales**. His ultimate dream is to become a head chef in a high end restaurant and then eventually own his own restaurant!
Bon Appetite! Matthieu!

GOLF NEWS

18th Annual Golf Tournament

Sponsored by: **Rockville Bank Foundation**

THANK YOU ..THANK YOU..THANK YOU

To all of our sponsors!

The weather held out for the over 100 golfers at **Blackledge Country Club** for our 18th Annual Golf Tournament. Although it was a bit chilly, the rain held off and a great time was had by all. After golf was finished, everyone headed into the clubhouse for beverages sponsored by **Connecticut Bank & Trust** and enjoyed Hors d’oeuvres sponsored by **Blackledge Country Club**. During dinner

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sponsored by **NewAlliance Bank**, committee member Bob Stewart called out the winning ticket numbers for the many wonderful raffle prizes which were sponsored in part by our Champion Prize Sponsor - **Integrated Rehabilitation Services**. The grand prize was sponsored by **ECHN**.

The success of our chamber’s golf tournament would not be possible without the dedicated committee members, volunteers and chamber members who support us. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 18th Annual Golf Tournament!

Sponsor: **Rockville Bank Foundation**

Corporate Sponsor – **HealthNet Medicare Advantage**

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Hors d’oeuvres – **Blackledge Country Club**

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Chairman – John O’Keefe
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VOLUNTEERS

Sue Bellmore Angie Kumar
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 Eugene Kulpa Mary McConville



Chamber Benefits

•Referrals

Chamber members are referred to anyone who calls looking for goods & services. Also it is a proven fact that Chamber Members do business with other Chamber Members. Take advantage of your fellow chamber members and let them know about your business.

•Advertising Opportunities & Rates

Website Banner Ads

Call the chamber office for details

Vision Newsletter

Flyer - \$125 Business Cards - \$50

Event Advertising – Various Levels

“An Evening of Elegance Auction”

Annual Golf Tournament

Business Showcase

E-blast Advertising - \$150

E-blast your message to our membership



News & Chamber Updates!

A very special thank you to Kate Mullen, Chairperson of the chambers’ Membership Committee for a very successful **“Membership Appreciation Week”**. The Membership Committee along with the Chambers Ambassadors and the Board of Directors hit the streets or picked up the phones and thanked each and every one of the chambers members during “Membership Appreciation Week”. *And guess what??* We found out that most of you really like what we are doing. We found out that many members don’t know that as a chamber member, you can have your website linked to the chambers website. We found out that you all like the fact

that we are adding more networking events!!! So watch your email for upcoming events. Starting in the fall we have a very full array of programs, like Business Before and After Hours. We will resume the "Business Over Breakfast" program, Happy Hour and much much more. You can always check out our website at www.tollandcountychamber.org to learn about upcoming events and/or watch for emails letting you know what the next event will be. We will continue with our Legislative Updates that keep you informed of what our legislators are working on and we also make it easy for you to reach our legislators through our website. Just click on the "Gara & Markowski" link and make your voice heard on legislative issues that are important to you and your business.

Rockville Bank - Earns 5-Star Superior Rating for 19th Consecutive Quarter from BauerFinancial *Congratulations!*

Congratulations to William McGurk, President and CEO of **Rockville Bank** for being the recipient of **The 2010 Liberty Bell Award**.

Congratulations to Richard Trachimowicz for being named Executive Vice President of **Rockville Bank**.

Vernon Lions to hold 3rd Annual Duck Race on Saturday, July 31st at 6:00 p.m. the ducks will race on the Tankerhoosen River by Golfland (Rt. 83). Tickets are \$5 and available from any Lion, ViVenzo Insurance, Conyers Hardware, Crystal Blueprint, or any Vernon Branch of Rockville Bank. All proceeds benefit the numerous charities supported by the Vernon Lions Club.

The Holiday Inn Express- Vernon is getting a significant makeover thanks to a business loan from **American Eagle Federal Credit Union**.

Chamber member **Dr. Adam Daniels of CT Valley Orthodontics** recently traveled to Guatemala to provide free dental care to residents who don't have access or can't afford dental care. Kudos' to you **Dr. Daniels!**

Congratulations to **Gottier Fuel Company** as they celebrate **50 years!** **Gottier Fuel** has been a proud member of the chamber for 40 years!

Wi-Fi Is now available at **The Rockville Library**. Patrons must have a valid library card from any library in Connecticut to access Wi-Fi. Patrons will be able to use Wi-Fi with no time limit from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Chamber member Fred Bird of **Fred Bird Photography** has been named "**Firefighter of the Year**". Fred has been the fire department's photographer for over 20 years. He was chosen as the 2009 award recipient after being nominated by at least two of his peers. Fred's win is a first for the department – it's the first time that an associate member has taken top honors in the nearly 20 years the award has been given. **Congratulations Fred!**

White Oaks Retirement Community will host an evening of Networking with local business professionals and organizations on July 8th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. There will be light appetizers along with great connections! They are located at 230 Deming Street, Manchester, CT. Space is limited; call Danny or Paul at 860-648-2840 to RSVP.

Chamber Member **MCergo.com** celebrated the grand opening of its new 11,000 square foot corporate headquarters, warehouse and showroom facility in Tolland. McErgo (www.mcergo.com) is one of the nation's top distributors of ergonomic solutions and office furniture.

American Eagle Federal Credit Union announced that they are proud to be a first-time participant in the 2010 Travelers Championship "Chip in for Charity" program.

The Rockville Downtown Association (RDA) announced that they have hired Cliff Edwards as its new Executive Director. Congratulations and welcome Cliff!

Congratulations to **ImageWorks, LLC** on its acquisition of Laubacher Multimedia Assets. They will be adding approximately 100 new clients and the Laubacher Multimedia staff will continue to be involved in the sales and programming processes for a smooth transition.

New Members!

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

American Red Cross – 860-681-3985

Ryan Schierholz
209 Farmington Avenue
Farmington Ave, CT 06032
(Non-profit/Disaster Relief)

Select Physical Therapy – 860-896-0538

Doreen Seitz
69 West Road
Ellington, CT 06029
(Physical Therapy – Rehabilitation Services)

Richards Realty – 860-896-5336

David Richards
151 Talcottville Road
Vernon, CT 06066
(Real Estate)

Five Corners Wine & Spirits Shop

860-875-3389
Deepak Govani
192 Windsorville Road
Ellington, CT 06029
860-875-3389
(Liquor Store/Wine)

Hair-Larious Salon – 860-684-2887

Jessica Sassu
79 West Stafford Road
Stafford Springs, CT 06076
860-684-2887
(Hair Salon)

Cote Financial Solutions, LLC

860-375-0450
Kristle Cote
35-31 Talcottville Road #313
Vernon, CT 06066
(CPA)

Charter Oak Insurance & Financial Services

860-678-2908
Gus Large, J.D.
76 Batterson Park Road
Farmington, CT 06032
(Financial/Insurance/Estate Planning)

CNC Software – 860-875-5006

Mark Summers
671 Old Post Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(Manufacturer – Machine Mold)

Upcoming Events

Business After Hours

Vernon Manor

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
180 Regan Road
Vernon, CT 06066
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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### Tolland County Chamber of Commerce *presents* Treasures or Trinkets and Tri Town Tag Sale

*(Ellington, Tolland & Vernon)*

Saturday, September, 25, 2010  
Tolland Agricultural Center  
24 Hyde Avenue  
Vernon, CT 06066  
8:00 am. – 3:00 p.m.  
“An Expert Opinion” \$20.00

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Business After Hours

YMCA

Tuesday, October 19, 2010
11 Pinney Street
Ellington, CT 06029
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.