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**Business Showcase - April 15th
Scholarships Available - Deadline May 9th
16th Annual Golf Tournament - June 12th**

The Tolland County Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce will hold its **Business Showcase** on Tuesday, April 15th at Maneeley’s Banquet Facility, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We are very excited about this year’s showcase. This is one of the chambers largest networking events East of the River and one that you will definitely not want to miss! Last year it was estimated that 500 plus people attended. Admission and parking are free.

We are proud to announce that our **Corporate Sponsor** is **ConnectiCare**
Platinum Sponsors to date are: **AT&T; Chamber Insurance Trust .**
Gold Sponsors to date are: **Fox Hill Center; People’s United Bank; Reminder News & Reminder Gold Pages; Rockville Bank.**
Silver Sponsors to date: **AT&T; Bearingstar Insurance; Comcast Spotlight; ECHN; Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home; Nathan Hale Inn**

As you peruse the Business Showcase, you will experience the wonders of some of the most exciting businesses within the boundaries

of East Hartford and Tolland County. Visit vendors ranging from financial institutions, communication companies, health care & healthcare facilities, fitness, automotive, cosmetics, gifts, hotel and conference centers, food and beverage vendors, day cares, insurance companies, home care products and *much much more!!* And as always there will be opportunities for door prizes, giveaways, business contacts and great food. Watch for a special pull out section in the Journal Inquirer Newspaper on April 10th detailing the format for the event and highlights of participating vendors. For more information call the chamber office at 872-0587.

We hope to see you there!!
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Chamber Increases Scholarships

The Alice C. McPadden Scholarship has been increased this year to \$2000, and the chamber will be offering two scholarships in the student category. We are also proud to announce that we will be offering an additional \$1000 scholarship in the professional category. These scholarships are offered to any chamber member or employee of a member. As in the past, we have two different categories Student and Professional.

Student Category: Is open to any high school senior or graduate student working towards a degree or certificate program.

Professional Category: Available to any business person for continuing education in the applicant's professional career. (*Proof of course cost and completion must be provided*) Applications for each of these scholarships are located in the flyer section of this newsletter. If you need additional application forms they are available on our website at www.tollandcountychamber.org or call the chamber office at 872-0587.

The scholarship will be awarded at the June Board of Directors meeting, and the deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008.

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16th Annual Golf Tournament

The Tolland County Chamber of Commerce will present the 16th Annual Golf Tournament on **June 12, 2008** at The Blackledge Country Club in Hebron, CT. The event is sponsored by **Rockville Bank Foundation**. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with a shot gun start at 10:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$135.00. The price includes Greens and Cart fees, Prizes, Coffee and Danish, Box Lunch, Hors d'oeuvres, and all you can eat Filet Mignon Dinner.

PGA Travelers Championship is returning to CT this summer, June 16th-22th at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. From sponsorships to volunteering, there are numerous opportunities to TCCC members to be part of this exciting CT event. With the world's best golfers

competing and hundreds of thousands of spectators coming out to be part of the action, CT's annual PGA tour event is an asset to the region. The Travelers Championship raises significant funds for CT charities, creates a considerable economic impact on the region and enhances the general quality of life in the region. For further information on how to partner with the Travelers Championship, please contact Jennifer Lowe at jlowe@travelerschampionship.com or call 860-502-6802.



News & Chamber Updates!

Rockville Bank promotes 3 executives Susan Adler Maloney, Sean Millane and James Roy were promoted to Business Development Officers; *Congratulations!* **Rockville Bank** also welcomes Richard DiChiara as Senior Vice President of Retail Banking.

Kim Kahan formerly of ReMax has opened a real estate firm **Kahan O'Neill, LLC**. They are located at 54 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT.

Congratulations to Debbie Kaczmarczyk of **Vernon Poolman** who has been named the winner of the 2008 Laura Lee Moak Memorial Women in Business Award.

Vernon Holiday Inn Express is happy to announce that they have renovated their hotel at 346 Kelly Road in Vernon. They now have brass lamps, wood framed mirrors, and art work for only \$5.00 each. For more information call Darlene at 648-2000.

The Chamber is happy to announce that we are now able to **email blast information** about upcoming events. The subject line will read, **"Scheduled Events for Tolland County Chamber"**.

Schneider's Flooring America will be holding a **Go Green Get-Together** on Saturday, April 26, 2008. This is your chance to Go Green and Save Green. Schneider's Flooring America has gathered together many local companies to show you how to save on electricity, water, gas and more. Plus, there will be all natural and environmentally friendly

products on sale at special prices. Maneeley's will be catering the event. This is your chance to help save the environment, save some green, and have some fun. For more information call 860-870-0055.

New Members!

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

Corbin Auto Sales 826-8665
Asma Habib
2005 Corbin Avenue
New Britain, CT 06051
(Automobiles - Used)

Tolland Auto Sales 871-2727
Lois Barlow-Cox
199 Tolland Stage Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(Automobiles – Used Specializing in Imports)

Stafford Storage 684-1004
David Schmid
40 West Stafford Road
Stafford Springs, CT 06076
(Self Storage)

Phoenix Therapeutic Massage of Vernon 966-8204
Stephen Callis
16 Janet Lane
Vernon, CT 06066
(Massage Therapist)

Coffee News of Northern CT 749-8067
Jim Steward
37 Kimberly Drive
Enfield, CT 06082
(Advertising - Print)

Family Hypnosis Center 875-1969
Norton Berkowitz
2 Cider Mill Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(Hypnosis)

Jim Dake Associates 430-1845
Jim Dake
200 Bear Swamp Road
Andover, CT 06232
(Financial Planner - Insurance)

Sugar Hill Building & Design, LLC 875-9968
Amy Finke
46 Marlboro Glade
Tolland, CT 06084
(Contractor)

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M.L. Bookkeeping Service 705-8789
Monica Peters
366 Center Road #15C
Vernon, CT 06066
(Bookkeeping)

Kaplan Computers 643-6474
Ken Kaplan
61 Tolland Turnpike
Manchester, CT 06040
(Computers)

Nature's Grocer 870-0020
Sue & Bob Spector
81 East Street
Vernon, CT 06066
(Natural Foods Deli) – *Gluten free facility*

PC Worldwide 649-0379
Cammy Kaplan
20 Utopia Road
Manchester, CT 06040
(Computers)



Upcoming Events

Vernon Townwide Tag Sale
Saturday, April 26, 2008
Registration \$6.00



Business After Hours
Deer Valley Townhomes
155 Windermere Avenue
Ellington, CT 06029
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Business After Hours
People's United Bank
Tri-City Plaza
Vernon, CT 06066
Tuesday, June 24, 2008
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

