



# Vision

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## Scholarships Awarded at June Board Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament held at Blackledge Country Club

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.

**Eleanor Taft Kleinhans** is a graduate from East Lyme High School. She is the daughter of members Nell & Bob Kleinhans of **Coldwell Banker Right**. Elle will be attending **Stevens Institute of Technology** and will be studying in the field of biomedical engineering. We are honored to give this dedicated student this scholarship. She stated in her essay that through her work with special needs students they have taught her to open her eyes to see that happiness comes in all shapes and sizes. She plans to dedicate her career in biomedical engineering to helping people with disabilities.

**Lydia Lynne Schneider**, will be attending **Springfield Technical Community College** to pursue her life long dream of becoming a nurse. We were honored to assist Lydia create her dream with this scholarship. She

hopes to specialize in the field of surgery, more specifically as a first assistant to a surgeon.

### GOLF NEWS

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
Sponsored by: **Rockville Bank Foundation**

### **THANK YOU .. THANK YOU.. THANK YOU**

To all of our sponsors!  
Eyes were on the sky as the eager golfers and volunteers headed for **Blackledge Country Club** for our 17<sup>th</sup> 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**. Some lucky golfers enjoyed a free massage by member Steve Callis of **Phoenix Therapeutic Massage of Vernon**. 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 **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 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament!*

Sponsor: **Rockville Bank Foundation**

- Corporate Sponsor – **ConnectiCare**
- Grand Prize Sponsor – **ECHN**
- Golf Prize Sponsor – **Integrated Rehabilitation Services**
- Dinner Sponsor – **NewAlliance Bank**
- Putting Green Sponsor – **Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela**
- Breakfast Sponsor – **USI Connecticut**
- Lunch Sponsor – **Woodlake at Tolland**
- Hors d'oeuvres – **Blackledge Country Club**
- On Course Beverages – **Connecticut Bank & Trust**
- Hole in One Sponsor – **Scranton Motors**
- Closest to the Pin – **American Eagle Federal Credit Union**
- Longest Drive – **AT&T**
- Closest to the Pin – **Ellington Travel**
- Closest to the Pin – **Olender's Body Shop**
- Advertising Sponsor – **Journal Inquirer**
- Advertising Sponsor – **ReminderNews**
- Chair Massages – **Phoenix Therapeutic Massage**

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- ViVenzio & Associates
- VNA HealthCare
- Willington AutoBody
- Willington Pizza
- Wolff Companies
- Workers Federal Credit Union

**PRIZE DONORS**

- American Eagle FCU
- Anderson Automotive
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- Blackledge Country Club
- Chamber Insurance Trust
- Custom Impressions
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Indian Valley YMCA  
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Rein's Deli  
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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Co-Chairmen – John O’Keefe – Jack Risley  
Gary Elwell                    John O’Shaughnessy  
Dick Finance                   Jack Gannon  
Julie Paolino                   Joe Jeamel  
Steve Leibowitz                Bob Stewart  
Chick MacMillan               Steve Sutton

**VOLUNTEERS**

Sue Bellmore                    Kate Mullen  
Candice Corcione                Daisy Paulhus  
Thora Cowperthwaite            Theresa Renner  
Colleen Dunphy                   Kathy Stavens  
Lugene Kulpa                    Mary Tautic  
Mary McConville                Kim Ziemba

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**Chamber Benefits**

**•Networking**

Networking events this past year have proven to be an invaluable tool to our members. Did you know, if you attend one the monthly Business Before or After Hours, you will likely be networking with 100+ other chamber members!! Networking events are at an all time high. So much, that we are continuing networking through the summer months. Come to **Theo’s Restaurant** in Vernon on the last Wednesday of every month throughout the summer – **June 24<sup>th</sup> , July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** and enjoy hors’douevres and a cash bar and join us for informal networking. Stay for dinner and receive 10% off any entrée’. There is a minimal fee of \$5.00 for chamber members and \$10.00 for not yet members. Business Before and After Hours will resume in September. Check out our website at [www.tollandoucntychamber.org](http://www.tollandoucntychamber.org) for all of our upcoming events.

**•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 - \$110 Business Cards - \$40*

**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*

**2008-2009 Board of Directors**

The following individuals are the chamber Board of Directors for 2008-2009 - \* 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
- Wayne Johnson** – Individual – 643-1005
- Glenn Lemaire** – Manchester Community College 512-2783
- Chick MacMillan** \*– CBT – 871-3109
- Sandra Marella** – Journal Inquirer – 646-0500
- Gary Mather** \*– Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home - 875-3536
- Amy Mosher** – Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT -872-9163
- Kate Mullen** \*– People’s United Bank – 875-0338
- John O’Shaughnessy** – O’Shaughnessy Insurance Services - 871-1101
- Julie Paolino** – Integrated Rehabilitation Services 870-8272
- Theresa Renner** – Magdefrau, Renner & Ciaffaglione -875-8539
- Richard Slutsky** \*– Woodlake At Tolland 872-2999
- Kathy Stavens** – Rockville Bank – 291-3890
- 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** Foundation awarded more than two dozen promising CT high school graduating seniors Academic, Vocational and Agricultural Scholarships. Congratulations to all of the deserving students!

**Congratulations to Manchester Community College** President, Dr. Gina Glickman who was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award from The John Hopkins University Alumni Association.

**Congratulations** to Board Member Chris Wardrop. Chris was promoted to Senior Vice President – Commercial Insurance of **USI Insurance Services of CT**

**The Mansfield Downtown Partnership** will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival on the Green on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00 p.m. behind the Storrs Center commercial plaza. The fun will begin with a parade at noon. Activities will include performances by the Kidsville Kuckoo Revue, UConn Marching Band the James Montgomery Band and much, much more. For additional information about this exciting event you can contact the Partnership office at 429-2740.

**ECHN** to hold a series of community lectures and screenings free of charge.

### ***Current Trends in the Treatment of Arthritis in the Knee and Hip***

Date: Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Site: Manchester Memorial Hospital

### ***Don't Sweat It! New Treatments to Keep You Dry***

Date: Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Site: Manchester Memorial Hospital

### ***Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) and Digestive Wellness***

Date: Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - Time 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Site: Woodlake at Tolland

### ***Tired of Counting Sheep?***

Date: Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Time 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Site: Manchester Memorial Hospital

### ***Leg Health – Treatments for Varicose Veins***

Date: Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Time 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Site: Glastonbury Wellness Center

### ***Supermarket Savvy with Diabetes***

Date: Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Time 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
Site: Highland Park Market, Manchester, CT

## **Congratulations to Fox Hill Center**

**Fox Hill Center** has achieved a “91% Customer Satisfaction Rating” based on results from a 2008 customer satisfaction survey of discharged patients.

### **Locations Available**

Band Rehearsal Space for Rent – **Daniel's Mini-Storage**, 98 East Main St., Rockville currently has two rooms available. You may contact them at 871-9015

**Proulx & LaRoche Builders** have 7,000 sq.ft. building in established industrial park available. Building use includes office area with light industrial/assembly/storage. Convenient to I-84, I-91 and the Mass Pike.

**Workers' Federal Credit Union** offers current and new credit union members a unique opportunity to get a terrific discount on a new vehicle from GM or Chrysler. Depending on which vehicle you choose, you could save up to thousands of dollars. When you finance your new vehicle through your credit union, you save even more with a low loan rate. Credit Union members drive away with two great deals, a terrific discount on most new GM or Chrysler vehicles and a low rate from your credit union. So drive on over to either the Stafford Springs or Tolland office today and become a member.

### **Fashion Tip from Zahners Clothiers**

*by Scott Zahner*

*The best way to lengthen the life of a shoe.....*  
Wear a wool sock. Wool has the best absorbency of any natural fiber and the ability on or off the animal to help the body self-regulate its temperature. With an inherent wicking property it will help to remove moisture from ones foot and help keep the shoe dry. Rest a shoe for two days between wearing, add a cedar shoe tree, and enjoy the benefits for a lifetime. Experience the benefits of a great shoe from USA manufacturer Allen Edmonds and protect the most eco-friendly means of transportation.

### **Did you Know?? - Cell Phone Numbers Go Public Next Month!**

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales call. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.** To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone:

888-382-1222. It is the national “do not call” list. It blocks your number for five years. You must call from the cell phone the number you want to have blocked.

## New Members!

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

**Stevan Scott Insurance Agency – 979-0291**  
Stevan Scott  
435E Hartford Turnpike  
Vernon, CT 06066  
(Financial & Insurance)

**Howland & Sargent Insurance – 763-4077**  
Christine Pagani  
8 South Road  
Somers, CT 06071  
(Insurance – Personal & Business)

**Benjamin Franklin Plumbing – 742-6187**  
Andrew Minicucci  
580 Lake Road  
Andover, CT 06232  
(Plumbing/Pumps/Bath Remodeling)

**Earthlight Technologies – 871-9700**  
Sam Schneider  
92 West Road  
Ellington, CT 06029  
(Energy Conservation)

**Merrill Lynch – 728-3543**  
Dan Dionne  
(Financial Advisor)

**Tolland Communications, LLC – 870-0100**  
Rich Denesna  
200 Merrow Road  
Tolland, CT 06084  
(Cellular & PCS Equipment)

**Geissler's Supermarket – 623-0176**  
Jim Nilsson  
95 South Road  
Somers, CT 06071  
(Retail Grocery)

## Upcoming Events

### **Business Showcase**

Preschool of the Arts  
20 Church Street  
Ellington, CT 06029

Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **Business Before Hours**

Vernon Holiday Inn Express  
346 Kelly Road  
Vernon, CT 06066

Tuesday, October 29, 2009  
7:30 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** (one available) \$2500: Includes your company logo on all advertising – company logo in program- table of 8 for your guests.

**Champagne & Hors'douevres Sponsor** (one available) \$1200: Includes company name listed on all advertising-company listing in program – 4 tickets for your guest

**Entertainment Sponsor** (2 available) \$750:

Includes company listing in program – 2 tickets  
**Company Table Sponsor** \$400: Reserve a Table of 8 with your name prominently displayed.

**Patron Sponsor:** \$100 listing in program

**Ticket Price:** \$55/per person.

Call the chamber office for additional information at 872-0587.