



WHAT'S NEW IN DOWNTOWN?

- Séan W. Moore

By the time you read this, the NEW Meriden Train station should be substantially COMPLETED. CT DOT really did a great job with minimal traffic interruptions which was greatly appreciated by the business community. The NEW station looks fabulous next to the Meriden Green and the Silver City Bridge.



The Meriden Green Wellness Walks are starting on July 11. Think of it as a healthy morning networking program. See the Chamber calendar for details.

And the Twilight Music Summer Concert series has begun. Plan to spend your Friday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 at the amphitheater at the Meriden Green. Bring some snacks or stop by the eateries on Pratt, West Main or Colony Streets and have your dinner in the park.

The 11 Crown Street (formerly known as the Record-Journal Building as the RJ has moved to 500 South Broad Street) demo is going well. We have a great view of the project from the Chamber offices. The Michaels Organization will be building 81 residential units on the site.

24 Colony Street is now LEASING the commercial space. (Yes, both the market rate and the affordable residential units are all leased up!) If you are interested in getting in FIRST, this is your opportunity to be directly across from the NEW train station. Visit www.24colony.com for details.

Stop on down for a special VIP Ribbon Cutting & BAH at Silver City Ballroom at 16 Church/Colony Street. This is a special chance for you to preview the totally remodeled all inclusive event space that is physically, sonically, visually and emotionally transformative for any special event - weddings, corporate functions, private parties, any occasion small or large! **Please RSVP to the Chamber.**

So tell your family, friends and colleagues that things are happening in downtown Meriden!

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ARC Eatery & BL Companies

Reserve: InSight Magazine Ad

**Silver City BALLROOM
Grand Opening**

THANKS FOR A GREAT 2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Many "Thanks" are in order for our 30th Chamber Annual Golf Tournament, the Ray Parmentier Classic, which was held on June 7th at Hunter's Golf Course. Dedicated Golf Committee leadership was provided by Linda Krampitz of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare. Linda runs a great meeting and kept the entire committee focused. Thank you Linda! And PROSHRED SECURITY was back as our Presenting Sponsor and ImageFIRST Healthcare Laundry Specialists sponsored the special gifts for all of the golfers. We are thankful for their sponsorships. And a special thank you goes out to Chip Geriak! Chip has been with the tournament for years and has served as the Ambassador of Course and Restaurant Relations.

Thanks Mr. G.



LOTS OF WHAT WE DO FOR MEMBERS IS LINKING YOU ... to resources, services, support, and fellow members. Here are some EASY LINKS to the Midstate Chamber to "always keep you in the loop":

NEWS: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/News> CALENDAR: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>
RESOURCES: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources> DIRECTORY: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Directory>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Séan W. Moore

THANKS TO THE HEALTH & WELLNESS COUNCIL

Thanks to the Midstate Chamber Health and Wellness Council for the June Breakfast! A great Health and Wellness Council program was recently hosted at **Gaylord Specialty Healthcare!** We learned a great deal about exercise, concussions and audiology from the specialists at Gaylord and we received important nutrition advice from Dr. David DeRosa of Precision Chiropractic and Nutrition Center. Thank you all for presenting.

We are grateful that this program was made possible through generous sponsorships of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, Genesis - Meriden Center and Alternative Therapy, LLC - a Professional Counseling Service.

All programming was created by the Health and Wellness Committee which is chaired by Susan Manganello of Protein Sciences Corporation. Special recognition also is deserved for members of the sub-committee that helped put this program together: Jason Zagorski (Gaylord) Kirby Shields (Higher Movement), Maureen Devine (Precision Chiropractic) and GERALYN LAUT (Meriden Health & Human Services).

Beyond the breakfast, we are already looking forward to the next BIG Health and Wellness event. All are welcomed to participate in the **2017 Health & Wellness Expo at Westfield Meriden on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9th.** With teachers and students being off from school for the holiday, we anticipate VERY NICE crowds lured by the Columbus Day sales and a nice compliment of exhibitors.

Details will be forthcoming and please note that all Chamber members are invited to join and welcomed at the Midstate Chamber Health and Wellness Council and to all of our other committees. You can check the website at midstatechamber.com/calendar for specific meeting locations, dates and times.

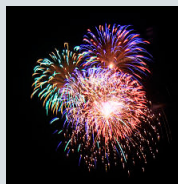
CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



Rich Pendred
A&A Office Systems, Inc.
Chairman of the Board
Midstate Chamber of
Commerce

What is a Chamber of Commerce??

I find most people think it's a networking organization and place to connect with our membership. That is true but that is only one small aspect of a Chamber of Commerce. Over the next three months my Chairman's corner will be on the **four pillars of the Midstate Chamber.** Our first Pillar is **Leadership.** Did you realize that the Midstate Chamber is not political organization we are not affiliated with either party? We take pride in our ability to work with both political parties to get things done. Our leadership pillar includes talking with local and state officials about policy and legislation that impact the businesses in our community. We offer many opportunities throughout the year to talk with the governor, state reps and local officials at a Pizza, Pasta and Politics or a Legislative breakfast. Often you will find a state or local official at our events. We want you have the opportunity to have your industry heard. Our Chamber Board has the 2017 Regional Legislative Action Agenda which can be found on our website.



Our Leadership extends to many different programs in the community. The Chamber is always working with our City and towns to make our community a better place for all. Communities grow through Leadership. We have the Government & Business Development Committee that monitors local, state (in coordination with CBIA) and federal (in coordination with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce) legislative issues impacting business and considers programs to add value for our Chamber members. This committee is open to all our members. If you have interest contact the Chamber office. Do you have some staff that can use some Leadership experience? The Midstate Chamber has many committees and activities that require leadership. What a great way to get your staff the experience of leading a team. There are many opportunities to get up and speak before a crowd and lead a committee. The best leadership training is leading a voluntary team. Then there is always the opportunity to get more involved with our board of directors. Our Nominating Committee is always looking for leaders in our membership looking to move into a leadership role. Leadership is important part of our 4 pillars and vital to our organization. I hope you found this informative and I look forward to sharing another Pillar next month. Thank you for being a member of the Midstate Chamber. John C Maxwell says "If you think you're leading and no one is following you, then you're only taking a walk."

See you at the next event! - Rich Pendred

Questions? Here's How to Reach Us...

This issue of Chamber News is a member service of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc. with offices located at 3 Colony St., Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451. You can also visit us on line at www.midstatechamber.com. Ph: 203.235.7901 Fx: 203.686.0172 info@midstatechamber.com. We welcome Chamber member and community news, events and other articles of interest from our diverse membership base. The Midstate Chamber of Commerce serves its member businesses in Meriden, Wallingford, Southington, Berlin, Cheshire and Middletown, Connecticut. We invite all businesses to join with us and become members of our chamber.



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YES! I LOVE the LOOK of the MAGAZINE and WANT TO RESERVE an AD NOW for the 2017-18 edition! IF YOU ARE DOING BUSINESS IN THIS REGION...YOU MUST BE IN THE MAGAZINE – YOU WILL STAND OUT WITH AN AD – and we've created pricing for every budget.

- Ads will be based on 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 sized panels of ad space – in virtually any configuration on a page of 12 panels. (3 across and 4 down) The **first panel is only \$290 (early bird)** which is a lower entry price point than previous books.
- BE CREATIVE! SPLIT your ad space – purchase 1/2 page – 6 panels and have 1/4 page in TWO areas! Do the same with an ADVERTORIAL: 3 panel ad with 3 panel info / tip from your business!

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| | Popular Sizes | Panels | | | |
| | Single Panel | 1 | \$ | 300 | Affordable entry ad rate for EVERY business! |
| | Double H or V | 2 | | 535 | |
| | Quarter Page H | 3 | | 770 | |
| | Third Page H or V | 4 | | 1,005 | |
| | Half Page | 6 | | 1,475 | |
| | Two Thirds | 8 | | 1,945 | |
| | Inside Full Pages | 12 | | 2,885 | This allows a full 7.5" x 10" of messaging! Only 3 prime opportunities – and they INCLUDE a top banner ad on the chamber's web site! |
| | Full Page I/O Covers | 12 | | 3,095 | |

Here are some examples of ad layouts based on panel sizes...AND EARLY BIRD RATES!

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| Double 5 x 2.5 2 panels \$ 475 | Quarter Page 7.5 x 2.5 \$ 660 3 panels | Third Page 2.5 x 10 \$ 845 4 panels | Two Thirds 5 x 10 \$ 1,585 8 Panels |
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| Single 2.5 x 2.5 1 panel \$ 290 | | | |

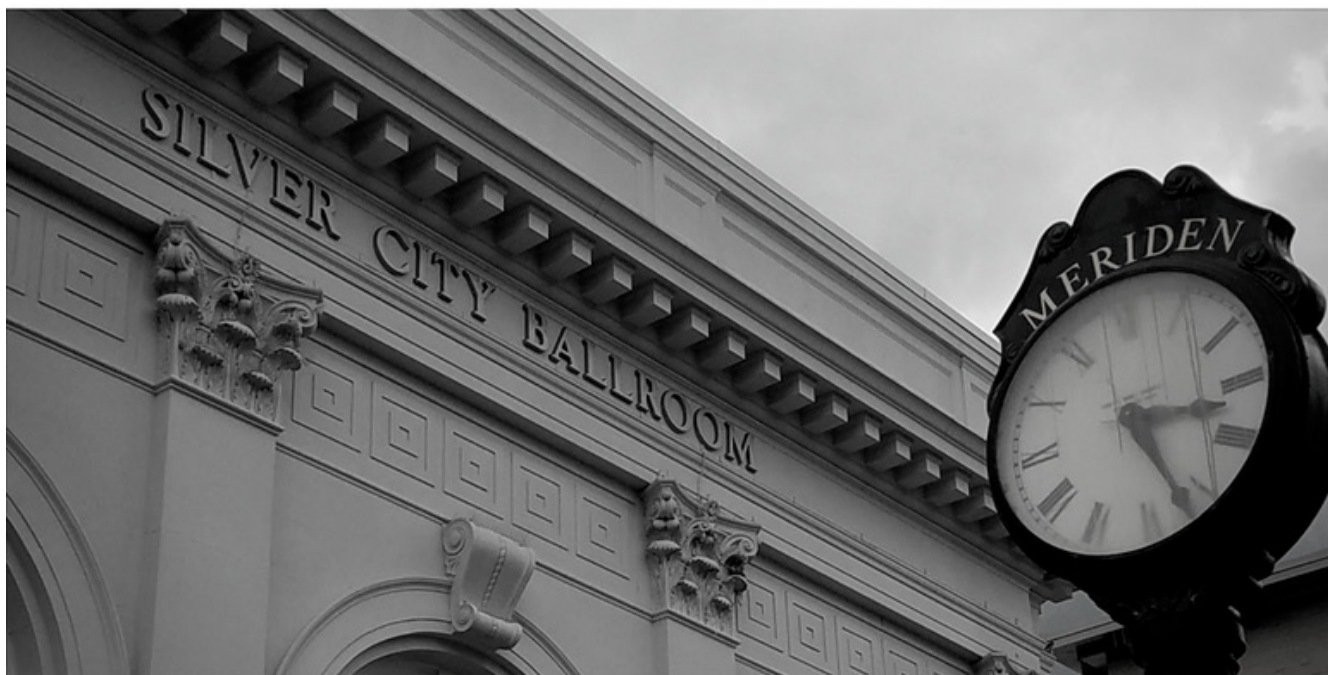
THIS MAGAZINE IS THE GO-TO RESOURCE viewed by thousands of people: It is a Chamber Membership Directory, Communities Guide and MORE. This full color Resource Guide is the go-to guide for businesses and residents! A minimum of 5,000 copies (print & digital) are distributed to the Chamber Membership, at Member locations, at special events & in relocation packets. YOUR AD promotes your business / organization AND illustrates your PRIDE in being connected with our central CT region.

EARLY BIRD AD RESERVATION FORM: Make your selections in above grid (✓)
Company: _____ Contact: _____

___ Bill Me
___ Check Enclosed or Credit Card - Card # _____
Exp. Date: _____ Ver. Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Submit to: **Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**, 3 Colony St., Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451
Ph: 203-235-7901 / Fax: 203-686-0172 / info@midstatechamber.com **www.midstatechamber.com**





Thursday, July 6: 4:30-7:00p

4:45p Ribbon Cutting *with Mayor Scarpati*
VIP Sneak Preview of the newly
remodeled venue, an all-inclusive event
space that is physically, sonically, visually
& emotionally transformative
for any client's needs.

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Business After Hours Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting



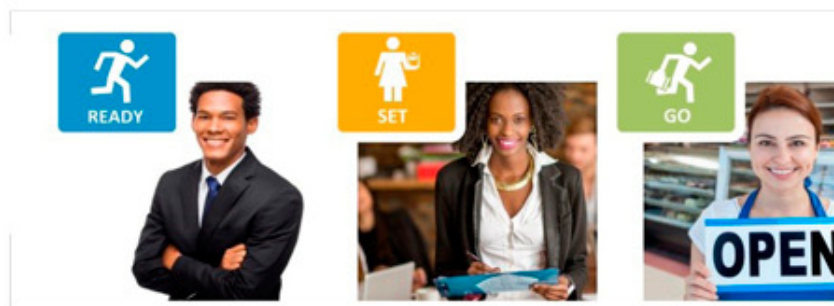


ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN 3 EASY STEPS: READY, SET, GO!

WHEN: **Thursdays, July 13, 20, & 27, 2017** | 5:30-7:30 – workshops are 6-7PM
Doors open at 5:30 with lite refreshments – sessions start promptly at 6

LOCATION: **Meriden Public Library**
105 Miller Street, Cook Room
Meriden, CT 06451

RSVP: jessica.rivera@sba.gov OR r.ford@midstatechamber.com



This workshop series lays the groundwork for helping new and aspiring entrepreneurs launch a business idea and understand the steps to building a business that is credit ready. The information is laid out simply in three modules. Come to all three or attend the one that fits your needs. The three modules focus on:

7/13 - READY: Basics of Business Startup
(Covers what you need to consider and prepare for in the early stages)

7/20 - SET: Essentials of becoming credit-ready (**Presenter from Liberty Bank**)
(Where to get money; five C's of Credit; how to prepare a business loan application)

7/27 - GO: How and where to find additional small business support and educational resources.
(SBA District Office, SCORE, SBDC, Center for Women & Enterprise, Veteran's Centers)

8/3 – TD Bank – Presentation on programs and services for small business

Connecticut SBA District Office | 280 Trumbull Street, 2nd flr, Hartford, CT 06103
Telephone: 860-240-4700 | Fax: 860-240-4659 | Web: www.sba.gov/ct
All SBA programs and services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

MEMBER RENEWALS...

We *recognize and thank* our members who have joined or renewed their investment in the Midstate Chamber within the last month. Visit www.midstatechamber.com for the most up-to-date membership listing!

Alan Barberino Real Estate, LLC
Aqua Turf Club

Boys & Girls Club of Meriden, Inc.
Colonial Flooring America
The Curtis Home

David B. Hyman, D.D.S.
Department of Children & Families Foster
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Four Points by Sheraton Meriden
GUS Robotic Team 228, Inc.

Hancock's Pharmacy & Surgical, Inc.
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
Hunter Golf Club

Lighthouse Financial LLC
Meriden-New Britain-Berlin Y.M.C.A.

Middlesex Community College
Mule Security Systems, Inc.
Protein Sciences Corporation

RFS Cablewave Systems
RSR Properties, LLC
Silver City Furnace Co., Inc.
Southington Country Club

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We are delighted to introduce our new members - the lifeblood of our organization and the reason we exist. Please welcome them by visiting their website, sending them an email or stopping by to introduce yourself. The personal touch will help our chamber continue to grow and thrive as we continue on our goal to reach 650 members in the coming months!

A membership application is enclosed - **SHARE** it with a friend ... don't keep us a secret!

Bongiovanni, Sloan & Paradiso Insurance: 107 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.237.7923 and the fax number is 203.344.7863. Trey Bongiovanni is the primary contact. Bongiovanni, Sloan & Paradiso Insurance is an independent insurance agency specializing in home, auto, and business insurance.

Celebrity Nurses Homecare – Dunkor Associates: 97 E. Main St., Suite 1H, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.440.9744 and the fax number is 203.440.3759. Michael Dunkor is the primary contact. Thank you to Jaime Ulrich from Record-Journal Publishing Company for inviting Michael to join the Chamber!

MedExpress Urgent Care: 1312 Boston Rd., Springfield, MA 01119. The phone number is 413.241.1464 and the fax number is 413-783-0798. Nathan Jamroga is the primary contact.

Don't Keep Us a Secret: Kindly SHARE the enclosed membership application with your friends in business & invite them to join or attend an event with you!

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UPCOMING JULY EVENTS:

Mark your calendars, iPhones, Droids, etc. with these event dates. **M** = Chamber or Business event; **C** = Community event. More details and RSVP information for these events may be found on www.midstatechamber.com! Chamber event RSVP line: 203.235.7901



This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our business and community calendars.

This is a SHORT LIST of some of our KEY events – for MORE business and community events including Chamber Committee meetings - details & updates visit...www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar

**HELP us GROW: Invite Your Biz Neighbors to JOIN!
Earn Chamber BUCKS for you & your biz. 203.235.7901**

- C** Sat, Jul 1: Independence Day Celebration - Wallingford held at Hope Hill Road near Sheehan High School
- C** Mon, Jul 3: 5:00 pm: Independence Day Celebration - Meriden held at Hubbard Park, Food, Great Bands, Fireworks!
- M** Thu, Jul 6, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours AND Ribbon Cutting at the NEW Silver City Ballroom.** See enclosed flyer.
- C** Fri, Jul 7, 7:00 pm: Twilight Summer Music Series Featuring Crossroads held at Meriden Green Amphitheater
- M** Tue, Jul 11, 8:00 am: **Wellness Walk at Meriden Green** w/ Midstate Chamber H&W Council - OPEN to ALL - see / post flyer!
- M** Tue, Jul 11, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours Featuring ARC Eatery & More at ARC of Meriden-Wallingford.** See flyer.
- M** Thu, Jul 13, 9:00 am: **SCORE – FREE Counseling Sessions for Businesses** at Midstate Chamber. 203.235.7901.
- M** Thu, Jul 13, 5:30 pm: **Ready, Set, Go! Free Small Biz / Entrepreneurship Workshop Series** at Meriden Public Library - flyer.
- C** Fri, Jul 14, 7:00 pm: Twilight Summer Music Series Featuring Inner Groove held at Meriden Green Amphitheater
- C** Sat, Jul 15, 8:00 pm: Pat McGee on Deck at Westbrook Lobster, Yalesville: Music & Stories. Reserve: 203-265-5071.
- M** Wed, Jul 19, 8:00 am: **Wellness Walk at Meriden Green** w/ Midstate Chamber H&W Council - OPEN to ALL - see / post flyer!
- M** Thu, Jul 20, 5:30 pm: **Ready, Set, Go! Free Small Biz / Entrepreneurship Workshop Series** at Meriden Public Library - flyer.
- C** Fri, Jul 21, 7:00 pm: Twilight Summer Music Series Featuring Johnny I Band held at Meriden Green Amphitheater
- C** Sat, Jul 22, 10:00 am: Summer Music Series with Car Show on the Meriden Green. Car Show, Food Vendors, and several bands with proceeds to benefit Fisher House. Rain location is Silver City Ballroom, 26 Colony St., Meriden.
- M** Wed, Jul 26, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours at BL Companies.** See flyer & congratulate 2017 Education Award winners!
- M** Thu, Jul 27, 8:00 am: **Wellness Walk at Meriden Green** w/ Midstate Chamber H&W Council - OPEN to ALL - see / post flyer
- M** Thu, Jul 27, 5:30 pm: **Ready, Set, Go! Free Small Biz / Entrepreneurship Workshop Series** at Meriden Public Library - flyer.
- C** Fri, Jul 28, Monty Python's Spamalot held at Castle Craig Playhouse through Aug. 6 - Tickets: www.castlecraig.org/
- C** Fri, Jul 28, 7:00 pm: Twilight Summer Music Series Featuring Train Wreck held at Meriden Green Amphitheater

And, LIKE us on FACEBOOK and FOLLOW us on TWITTER: @MidstateCoC



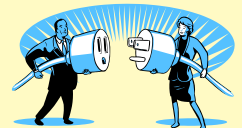
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COMMITTEE CONNECTION

A LOT of work happens at the committee level here at the Midstate Chamber. We do encourage your involvement and that of your employees on any committee! ALL committee meeting dates and times are listed on the Midstate Chamber's website. Come on out and sit in on a meeting to try it - you will like it: the experience, sharing, connections and more!



**Your participation helps YOU, helps YOUR
BUSINESS and helps OUR CHAMBER! Questions? Call us at: 203.235.7901**



BREAKFAST CLUB TV - The Chamber's Breakfast program is NOW AIRING on Cox Public Access #15 - Frontier: #99 on Mondays at 9:00 p.m. Check the chamber website for details and get your popcorn ready!



Find event photos at: www.midstatechamber.com



of Meriden-Wallingford, Inc.

ARC Eatery & ARC of Meriden- Wallingford

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

200 Research Parkway, Meriden

All Midstate Chamber members and their staff are invited to join us to meet the new Management of the ARC Eatery. The Eatery serves Breakfast and Lunch. They also deliver and can host or cater your next business lunch, training, office meeting, etc.

New and Exciting is the Grand Opening of Morra's Youth Center. Staff will be available to give Tours.

Enjoy Refreshments from the ARC Eatery, Door Prizes, Networking, and More!

**Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:
203-235-7901, e-mailing: info@midstatechamber.com, or visit
www.midstatechamber.com**

This Business After Hours event is in association with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce to showcase the sponsoring member and to offer both members and members-to-be the opportunity to network and enjoy a wonderful evening.



Architecture
Engineering
Environmental
Land Surveying



Wednesday, July 26, 2017

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

355 Research Parkway, Meriden

BL Companies invites you to partake in an evening of summer fun at their corporate headquarters! BL Companies is an employee-owned company that provides Architectural, Engineering, Environmental, and Land Surveying services.

Enjoy tasty Hors d'Oeuvres from Spice Catering Group, great Networking, and a chance to win an amazing Door Prize.



Also, we are delighted to honor the students who were selected to receive the 2017 Education Awards from the Midstate Chamber of Commerce!

**Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:
203-235-7901, e-mailing: info@midstatechamber.com, or visit
www.midstatechamber.com**

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WELLNESS WALK

AT THE MERIDEN GREEN

8:00 am

Tue July 11 | Wed July 19 | Thu July 27

Meet at Silver City Bridge - Pratt St. Side

**OPEN TO ALL - chamber members,
not yet members, public...brought to you by the
Midstate Chamber Health & Wellness Council**

**Q?'s: Call 203.235.7901
www.midstatechamber.com**



MEMBER UPDATES

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Alternative Therapy, LLC - A Professional Counseling Service - Raul Avila is a licensed psychotherapist in the state of Connecticut and is also certified by two national boards (NCC and APA) as well as the Wellness Institute in Issaquah, Washington. Raul is also a Doctoral Candidate in Psychology and will be entitled to the full recognition as Doctor of Psychology as of the Fall 2018, once he conclude with my dissertation. He and his team are active in the Midstate Chamber Health & Wellness Council and are eager to serve residents, employees and employers in the central Connecticut region. Their office number is 203-281-0300. Visit www.therapyandprofessionalcounseling.com to learn more about the services they provide.

ALTERNATIVE THERAPY LLC
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Bongiovanni Insurance and Financial, LLC - The Bongiovanni family would like to invite all chamber members and friends to join them on **September 26th for a 30th anniversary celebration and Business After Hours**. Join us and enjoy networking, refreshments, food, and door prizes as we thank those who have helped us along the way. Also, **CONGRATULATIONS TO** Eileen Bongiovanni who was recently honored with the Meriden Rotary Club Howard E. Houston Citizenship Award at the club's Annual Installation Dinnert at the Four Points by Sheraton. The award is given to Meriden citizens for extraordinary service to his or her community. The recipient cannot be a Rotarian, but must share in Rotary's motto - Service Above Self. The award was developed to honor the memory of Howard E. Houston, president of the Meriden Rotary Club in 1943, a three term Mayor of Meriden, Commission of Welfare for the State of Connecticut, first administrator of the Bradley Home, along with various other local civic endeavors. CONGRATS Eileen!



Connex Credit Union - Low Rates and Flexible Repayment Terms: A Better Way to Pay for College: Don't let gaps in federal funding keep you from getting your education. Connex has partnered with CU Student Choice to provide the additional funds you need and features you want, including: low variable interest rates, deferred payments until six months after graduation, convenient line of credit structure, easy online application and approval, and more! Funds can be used for attendance at most four-year public and private schools. For more information and to apply, visit connexcu.org today! Or, visit the Meriden location in Townline Plaza: 533 South Broad St., Meriden. 203-603-5844.



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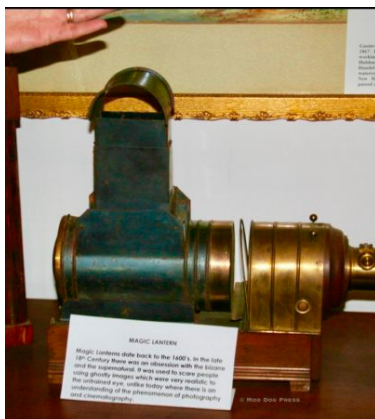
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Find community resources at: www.midstatechamber.com

Meriden Historical Society - On June 10th, the Meriden Historical Society and the Andrews Homestead were featured on MOODOG. <https://www.moodog-press.com/2017/06/time-stop-magic-andrews-homestead-handel-lamp-co-pop-goes-the-weasel/> Andrews Homestead is located at 420 W. Main St., Meriden. Take a step back in time and breathe in some amazing Meriden history!



M.P.C Presents....

Thursday & Friday

Music Happy Hours

5ish - 7ish @ NINA'S

On the Patio when it's nice
Inside when it rains

Music Happy Hour Appetizer Specials

Upcoming Performers

| June 29th | June 30th | July 6th | July 7th |
|--|--|---|--|
|  Sid Ironson |  Cole Morson |  Leo Boogie |  Robert C. Fullerton |

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39 W Main St ~ Meriden, Connecticut ~ 203.235.0593



2017 Day of Caring: September 12

Day of Caring 2016 was a huge success thanks to all of our volunteers and agencies where more than 200 volunteers from companies in the Meriden and Wallingford area performed over 1300 hours of community

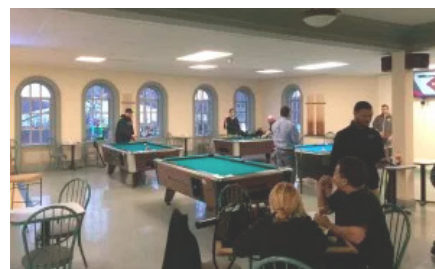


service. Thank you to everyone who participated. Your contributions of time and talent helped us move forward together, strengthening our community.

We would like to invite you to join us in strengthening our community again this year by participating in the 2017 Day of Caring! To register your company and be a part of our event, click here to visit https://www.unit-edwaymw.org/Content/Day_of_Caring.asp.

If you have any additional questions regarding Day of Caring or volunteer opportunities contact The Volunteer Center at thevolunteercenter@unitedwaymw.org, or call Diana: United Way of Meriden and Wallingford, (203) 235-4403, ext. 12.

Nina's Café has Billiards! Located at 39 W. Main St., Meriden, Nina's Café is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Billiard hours are Monday thru Friday from 4:30 pm - 10:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am - 11:00 pm. There is free parking in the garage behind the building after 5:00 pm and on the weekends. Nina's can validate your parking during the week for customers for up to 2 hours. Nina's also provides catering and platters for your next office meeting, office party, small or large lunch party, grand openings, birthday parties, etc. For more information call Wajid at 203.235.0593 or visit www.ninascfe.net. **COMING SOON: Acoustic performers on Thursday and Friday nights!**



Find it all at: www.midstatechamber.com

Masonicare - The thirteenth annual Masonicare at Ashlar Village Residents' Scholarship Fund presentation held recently in the Hartog Activity Center at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Masonicare's Continuing Care Retirement Community on Cheshire Road in Wallingford. Twenty-two young men and women, who are either employees of Masonicare at Ashlar Village or the children of employees, were honored during the presentation. A total amount of \$27,100 in scholarship funds was raised this year and distributed at the special awards ceremony. Mark Garilli, Masonicare's Chief Operating Officer, offered welcoming remarks and scholarship recipients were introduced by David Gessert, Chairman of the Residential Services Board. **The young men and women receiving scholarships this year are Matthew Baum, Mark Baxter, Katie Bernard, Samantha Colberg, Rebecca Day-Reynolds, Carley Fitzgerald, Emily Hatch, Asia Hutchins, Michele Lawrence, Justine McInerney, Daniel Morrison, Julia Palumbo, Emma Randolph, Kevin Rodriguez, Mitchell Roy, Hailee Schmidt, Elizabeth Stefanski, Jonathan Stone, Skylar Ullom, Christina Ward, Sarah White, Daniel Zakrzewski.** The recipients are students at Southern Connecticut State University, Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, The University of New Haven, Sacred Heart University, Middlesex Community College, University of Hartford, University of Connecticut, Assumption College, and Emmanuel College. Masonicare at Ashlar Village residents established the Scholarship Fund in 2004 to provide educational scholarships for young people who either work at Ashlar Village or are children of employees. The funds are raised in a variety of ways, but mainly through the sale of unique, handmade craft and clothing items in the Ashlar Village Specialty shop. The items are made by residents of Ashlar Village, and the Specialty Shop is manned and stocked solely by resident volunteers.



Masonicare is once again sponsoring its free Summer Concert Series on the grounds of Masonicare Health Center, 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford. Every Thursday evening through August from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., area residents are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy wonderful musical performances given by many of the area's most popular bands. In addition to free parking on site, the grounds will be available for picnics starting at 5 p.m. In the event of rain, or if it appears rain is imminent, concerts may be cancelled. In those instances, CALL 203-679-5900 - after 3 p.m. - for the latest information.

Concert Schedule: Thursday's 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
 - July 6 - The Big Beat Oldies Band- 50's and 60's music
 - July 20 - Sister Funk
 - August 3 - The Sedgwick Sisters
 - August 17 - Kid's Concert with T-Bone
 - July 13 - The Undercover Band- 50's and 60's music
 - July 27 - The Sin Sisters
 - August 10 - The Larry Ayce Band
 - August 24 - Season Finale: Johnny & The Prom Kings

Meet The Board of Directors



Dave Symonds, Owner of PROSHRED Security Connecticut, is a member of the Midstate Chamber's Board of Directors. Dave has an Associates Degree in Accounting and a Bachelors Degree in Corporate Studies from UCONN. Dave has been a member of the Midstate Chamber since 2007. He joined the Chamber to gain access to local business contacts and has also developed many friendships along the way. Dave is a member of the Chamber's Golf and Membership Committees. He also serves on the Board of Directors for HUBCAP Wallingford. In his spare time, Dave enjoys fishing, skiing, golf, hiking, and boating. Dave resides in Glastonbury with his wife, Patty, their 2 daughters, Katie and Julia, and man's best friend, Buddy.



V. Nanfito Roofing & Siding, Inc., of Meriden, has received the most prestigious contractor award GAF offers: **The GAF President's Club Award**. This highly coveted award recognizes V. Nanfito Roofing & Siding as one of the "elite of the elite" residential roofing contractors in the United States.

GAF is North America's largest roofing manufacturer, and only GAF Master Elite(R) Contractors can compete for its residential President's Club Award. To qualify for this award, a residential roofing contractor must meet specific criteria in at least one out of three different pathways: the Performance pathway, where contractors focus on giving their property owners the best possible service, quality, and protection; the Reliability pathway, where the contractor has a long history of offering their customers the best quality and protection; and the Service pathway, where contractors consistently offer their customers the best protection available in the marketplace. V. Nanfito Roofing & Siding has been a GAF Master Elite(R) Contractor since 2003; the company received the President's Club Award due to its excellent performance in 2016. To become a Master Elite(R) Contractor—a status that less than 2% of roofing contractors nationwide are able to achieve—a candidate must demonstrate proper licensing, maintain insurance (in states that require it), have a proven reputation, and show commitment to ongoing professional training. Providing residential and commercial remodeling and roofing services throughout Connecticut, the company's wide range of services meets the needs of every customer. In addition to roof repair and replacement, V. Nanfito Roofing offers services in window replacement, vinyl siding, gutter installation and repair, and a full spectrum of remodeling services that includes kitchens and bathrooms, basement refinishing, addition, enlargements, and expansions. Other available services include interior and exterior trim, custom decks, dormers, chimney repair, shutters, railings, and awnings. Contact them at (203) 599-4846 or visit <http://www.vnanfito.com/>.



**CONGRATS to ... Meriden
Rotary Club! Rotary District 7980
2017 presented with the Charles W.
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Protein Sciences Corporation announced the publication of clinical trial results comparing Flublok® Quadrivalent – the quadrivalent version of Flublok® influenza vaccine – to a traditional egg-based quadrivalent inactivated vaccine. The data published in the June 22nd issue of the New England Journal of



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Medicine showed that Flublok Quadrivalent provided significantly improved protection against laboratory confirmed influenza illness in older adults. The publication notes that approximately 9,000 people aged 50 and older were enrolled and randomized in an efficacy study designed to compare Flublok Quadrivalent to a traditional quadrivalent vaccine. People who were given Flublok Quadrivalent were over 40% less likely to develop culture-confirmed influenza. This data satisfies both pre-specified criteria for noninferiority and superiority of Flublok over the traditional egg-based quadrivalent inactivated vaccine. Flublok Quadrivalent was approved by the FDA in October 2016 and will be available nationwide in prefilled syringes for the upcoming flu season. *"This study shows that Flublok® Quadrivalent, produced with modern recombinant technology can provide better protection against confirmed influenza-like illness among older adults than standard-dose quadrivalent influenza vaccine produced with traditional technology."* said Lisa Dunkle MD, Chief Medical Officer of Protein Sciences. "We demonstrated statistically significantly better protection by Flublok based on considerably fewer people contracting the flu after vaccination with Flublok Quadrivalent. Today, we announce that these peer-reviewed results have been published in the highly respected New England Journal of Medicine. Furthermore, physicians are eligible for up to 1 hour AMA PRA category 1 CME credit for reading the article. Clearly, Flublok represents a major step forward in combating influenza on a global scale." For the complete technical article visit: <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1608862>

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