

## CONGRATS TO THE HARTFORD LINE \*AND\* THE HARTFORD LINE AMBASSADORS



On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that the CTrail Hartford Line attracted a total of 21,850 riders over the course of its two-day opening weekend of service, during which travel was free to celebrate the launch. Sunday attracted a phenomenal response of 11,550 riders, surpassing the 10,300 who rode the train on its opening day of service, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

*"There's undoubtedly a sense of excitement about this long-overdue train service," Governor Malloy said. "We also recognize that a new rail line like this takes time to grow and become part of the everyday lives of the residents of Central Connecticut. This weekend showed that the potential is there. What we must remember is that this is not just about transit – it's about building vibrant communities and continuing to make Connecticut a more attractive place to live, visit, and do business."*

During the weekend, the Hartford Line Ambassadors, in their red shorts and white hats, did an absolutely amazing job directing the crowds of passengers at each station. They all appeared calm, cool and collected while they answered the barrage of questions and seemingly effortlessly progressed through "Plan A", "Plan B" and onto "Plan C" and beyond! Thank you all for your service on this historic day!

In the following week Governor Dannel P. Malloy and the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) announced that ridership on the new CTrail Hartford Line passenger rail service exceeded 10,719 customers during its first full week of regular operations from Monday, June 18 through Sunday, June 24, during which full-fare tickets were required.

"We know that it will take some time for this new rail service to grow to full maturity and become part of the everyday lives of Connecticut residents, but there is definitely an excitement about this long-overdue train service," Governor Malloy said. "At the end of the day, this transit service is about building vibrant communities that attract businesses, grow jobs, and make our state a more attractive place to live, visit, and do business."

"I've spoken with scores of riders who have begun to use the Hartford Line and who are saying their commute has become much easier and less stressful," CTDOT Commissioner James P. Redeker said. "With easy access and connections with our CTtransit buses, we are opening up all kinds of options for getting around Connecticut – whether you're going to work, to school, or simply playing the role of tourist."

## BEST OF LUCK DARLENE ON YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS

**After nearly 11 ½ years, Darlene Belanger is leaving the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and the entire membership, I would like to personally thank her for the dedication and commitment to the Midstate Chamber and the central Connecticut community. You will be certainly missed.**

*Darlene is pictured here with her husband Bruce - this was taken at the June 27th Business After Hours hosted by Apple Rehab Cocomo, co-sponsored by Liberty Bank.*



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Rob Nevins: 7/25  
Lunch w/ Senator  
Blumenthal**

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**...and LOTS More**

## 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>  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### HAPPY SUMMERTIME! IT'S JULY ALREADY

Séan W. Moore

We know that your sales quotas don't disappear in the summer so we don't slow down during the summer either. Connecting remains more important than ever in this competitive world and we have created LOTS of summer time opportunities.

**We are co-sponsoring a Speed Networking event on July 18 at Elim Park in Cheshire with our colleagues from the Cheshire and Hamden Chambers of Commerce.** It's a great way to collect leads and to promote your business in a most expedient fashion...and it's fun too. Details are in the enclosed flyer.

In addition, **Senator Blumenthal** returns in July as our "LUNCH with a LEADER" series speaker. There is a lot happening and impacting the business community in D.C. and this is your opportunity to pose your questions and to set your agenda. Please RSVP early for this **July 27th** event!

**Please check the Chamber Calendar regularly to see where we will be - you'll see information in the calendar and inside in special event flyers on July ribbon cuttings and other programs with your Midstate Chamber of Commerce!**

### JOB FAIR THANKS!

I'd like to thank the partnership of the **Workforce Alliance, RJ Media Group, Meriden Housing Authority, the Making Meriden Business Center and Westmount Properties** for hosting an amazing Job Fair / Hiring Event on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 24 Colony Street in downtown Meriden. More than 300 job seekers were either registered or signed up on-site at the event and the employers all expressed how pleased they were with the quality of the prospective employees.

We were excited to host 30 Exhibitors employers and job seeker resources from 13 communities in central Connecticut. It demonstrates the huge size of the mid-state labor shed. And with the rail service starting on the weekend, transportation options are greatly improved and expanded. (We even have members working out job pool options to get employees from the train stations to the places of work!)

We'd like to thank **Dunkin' Donuts** for providing America's favorite coffee in the Vendor lounge. In addition, all exhibitors and sponsors appreciated the fine catered food provided by **V. Czapiga's and Son**. It was greatly appreciated by all of the vendors and staff.

And finally, thanks also to the gentlemen at the **Silver City Ballroom** for opening up their beautiful facility for the event. Together, it was a resounding success. We are already planning the next hiring event! Check with the Chamber for details.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Things were heating up last month at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. The month of June had us networking at many different businesses, especially a ribbon cutting and grand opening at Harte Volkswagen, a celebration of 100 years of business with V. Czapiga and Sons, and 131 golfers at this year's 31st Annual Golf tournament. I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that made the golf tournament a huge success. Two other events that were a huge success were the Meriden Job Fair and the inaugural run of the Hartford Line. We had many vendors and lines out the door full of eager job seekers at the job fair and if you haven't taken advantage of riding the train to Hartford or New Haven, I encourage you to do so.



Nate Bottone

If that wasn't enough we concluded our sizzling month with an amazing BHA at Apple Rehab Cocomo co-sponsored by Liberty Bank. This event was very special to our Chamber because we had the opportunity to meet and present awards to our 2018 Student Education Award Winners.

As things continue to heat-up, I want to challenge each and everyone of you. At the annual dinner I mentioned that it wasn't selling the membership, but telling your chamber story. Our goal for the month of July is 10 New members. For every new member that you sign up, you will receive a prize valued at \$20. The prize is a surprise, but trust me when I say **YOU WANT THIS!!** Much appreciation, Nate

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

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For all of your needs visit our members at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)

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Thanks to Our Sponsors:



## Senator Richard Blumenthal

### Friday, July 27, 2018

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at

**Four Points by Sheraton**

275 Research Parkway, Meriden

The Midstate Chamber of Commerce invites you, your team members, colleagues and business associates to enjoy lunch and a presentation with Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Originally sworn in on January 5, 2011, Richard Blumenthal is serving his second term as a United States Senator from the State of Connecticut.

**Program Outline:** 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Arrival, Registration, Networking, & Lunch  
12:15—12:30 p.m. Chamber Announcements and Recognition  
12:30-1:00 p.m. Presentation by Senator Blumenthal with Q&A

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chamber Members:\$25 in advance; \_\_\_\_\_ check enclosed Chamber Members:\$35 at the door (without a reservation) Members to be \$40. \*Registration changes must be made 2 days prior to event to avoid charge\*

Credit Card #(AX, Disc, VI, MC) \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor package details are on the reverse - options for every business and any budget are a GREAT way to promote your business!



**Please RSVP by  
July 25, 2018**



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# “Lunch with a Leader” Program Sponsorships



## Sponsorship Options For Every Business, Any Budget!

Business Name listed on table tent cards at event

1 Admission

Shared Display Table (2 per table max)

Business Name Listing on event Web Page

Recognition from podium

Business Logo listed on table tent cards at event (.5" h x 2" w)

3 Admissions

Shared Display Table (2 per table max)

Business Name Listing on event Web Page

Recognition from podium

Business Logo listed on table tent cards at event (1" h x 2.5" w)

Reserved table with 6 Admissions

Exclusive Display Table

Business Name Listing on event Web Page

Recognition from podium

LOGO on pre-event promotional materials

WEB AD on Chamber web site for 1 month

Business Logo listed on table tent cards at event (2" h x 4" w)

Reserved table of 10

Exclusive Display Table

10 Admissions including 1 Seat at the Head Table

Business Name Listing on event Web Page

Recognition from podium

LOGO on pre-event promotional materials

Banner displayed at event (sponsor provides banner)

WEB AD on Chamber web site for 1 month Prime Placement



*These rates are PER event. Any Business Interested in Sponsoring more than one – or as a series – may contact the Chamber so that we may create a special package that suits your needs and budget!*



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# Ribbon Cuttings! Celebrate with Us! Click on the Image to RSVP!



## Ribbon Cutting Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 5-6PM

152 Colony Street, Meriden (next to C-Town)

*ALL are WELCOME to attend the celebration.  
The Ribbon Cutting will take place at approximately 5:15pm.*

For more information or RSVP, please call the Chamber at 203-235-7901  
or email us at [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com).



## Ribbon Cutting - Flavorite Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 5-6PM

39 West Main Street, Meriden  
(enter via patio)

*ALL are WELCOME to attend the celebration. You'll find PLENTY of free parking on street or in garage (enter garage via Grove St.) The Ribbon Cutting will take place at approximately 5:15pm. Flavorite is downtown Meriden's newest business offering fabulous smoothies, boosted flavored teas, & salads!*

For more information or RSVP, please call the Chamber at 203-235-7901  
or email us at [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com).

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# **SPEED NETWORKING** **Elim Park**



**Wednesday, July 18th**

*Sponsored & Hosted By:*

**Elim Park**

**150 Cook Hill Road, Cheshire**

**SPEED NETWORKING!** Make three times the connections as the Hamden, Cheshire & Midstate Chambers come together to bring you a great networking opportunity to introduce you to future clients beyond your local area.

**Event Schedule:**

8:00—Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30—Speed Networking

Cost is \$15 per person which includes Speed Networking and morning reception. Continental Breakfast provided.

*Kindly RSVP for the summer morning networking spectacular as space is limited.*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (Amer. Exp, VISA, M/C, Discover) | Checks Payable to Midstate Chamber of Commerce

203-235-7901, e-mailing: info@midstatechamber.com, or visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)

If you can't attend, please call us. Cancellations will be honored up to 24 hours prior to the event.

No shows will be billed.

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**ROB NEVINS**

**Wednesday, July 25th at 6:00 pm  
MidState Chamber of Commerce  
Board Room**

**546 S. Broad St., Meriden**

**RSVP: 203-294-9346**

**[www.myslimnation.com](http://www.myslimnation.com)**

Rob Nevins is known as "The Fat Loss Guru" and his methodology for weight loss success is delivered through a "LIVE IT, NOT DIET." approach.

Rob's innovative approach does not leave you hungry, there are no special pills or meals and you can simply eat the foods you love with his guidance and structured plan.



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**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

Where:

Putter's Paradise at  
Berlin Batting Cages  
1801 Berlin Turnpike  
Berlin, CT 06037

Registration:

Call or email today to  
reserve your spot!

Phone: 203.235.7901  
Email: [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**\$30 per player or \$100 per foursome**

**Proceeds to benefit the YBLCT Dan M. Hunter Community Service Education  
Award and Boys & Girls Club of Meriden**

**Light fare and beverages served during the program after golf**

**Please support the Young Business Leaders and Boys & Girls Clubs of Meriden  
by signing up today!**



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**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

5:30PM Registration

6:00PM Shotgun Start



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**Young Business Leaders of CT and Boys & Girls Club of Meriden 9<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Miniature Golf Tournament Sponsorship Levels**

**Gold Sponsor - \$300**

- Company banner prominently displayed on the course
- Company name and logo on the Midstate Chamber website
- Hole sponsorship
- Foursome included in sponsorship

**Silver Sponsor - \$200**

- Company name and logo on the Midstate Chamber website
- Hole in 1 sponsor with displayed signage
- Two golfers included in sponsorship

**Bronze Sponsor - \$100**

- Company name and logo on the Midstate Chamber website
- Hole sponsorship

**Golfer Registration Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

GOLFER'S NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK IS ENCLOSED FOR: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHARGE (AX, VI, MC, DISC)

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## NEW MEMBERS!

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!

**Castle Heating & Air Conditioning:** 280 Hanover St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.238.1759 and the fax number is 203.440.3250. Craig Kurker, Jr. is the primary contact. Castle Heating & Air Conditioning is a local heating & air conditioning contractor that has been serving the Quinnipiac area for over 25 years.

**Express Employment Professionals:** 1501 E. Main St., Suite 102, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.235.5628 and the fax number is 203.235.5628. Jay Diaz is the primary contact. Express Employment Professionals serves local businesses with both full-time and temporary staffing and job placement in addition to providing human resource services and consulting.

**Flavorite:** 39 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.440.4055. Yvette Black is the primary contact for the new downtown business that offers smoothies, boosted flavored teas, and nutritious salads. Come out to welcome them at their ribbon cutting on July 18 – see flyer in the newsletter.

**Pennrose:** 50 Milk St., 16th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. The phone number is 857.415.4650. Charles Adams is the primary contact for the company who is the developer for the Silver City Commons in downtown Meriden next to the Meriden Green – celebrating their grand opening at the end of July!

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APPLY BY AUGUST 31, 2018

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**S.W.E.E.T. Potato Society:** P.O. Box 924, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.715.1758. Floresia Allen is the primary contact. S.W.E.E.T. Potato Society is a women's organization that is working & striving to help our community of women to succeed in all levels of achievements and S.W.E.E.T. is an acronym for Sisters Working, Education, Evolving Together.

**Wheeler Clinic Foster Care Programs:** 88 East St., Plainville, CT 06062. The phone number is 860.793.7277 and the fax number is 860.793.4468. Michelle Martins is the primary contact. Wheeler Clinic Foster Care Programs serves children ages 6 to 17 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and may be experiencing symptoms related to trauma, loss, and other behavioral health concerns.

**SHARE the Membership Application with a friend in business. It's on the last page of this newsletter. To THANK YOU, we'll give you a \$35 credit you can use toward your renewal or a chamber event, ad, etc.!**



## 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](http://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](http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar)**

**HELP us \*GROW IN 2018\* INVite Your Biz Neighbors to JOIN the Midstate Chamber! Earn Chamber BUCKS for you & your biz. 203.235.7901**

### 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 your knowledge, the connections you will make and more!



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

- C** Tue, Jul 3, 4:00 pm: Meriden's Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks held at Hubbard Park – Bandshell
- C** Fri, Jul 6, 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green: "Wastin' Bullets"
- C** Sat, Jul 7, 8:30 am: Meriden Farmers Market held at Downtown Meriden Green \*HELD EVERY SATURDAY\*
- C** Sat, Jul 7, 1:00 pm: Senator Murphy Walk Across CT Town Hall Meeting Meriden at Max E. Muravnick Meriden Senior Center
- M** Wed, Jul 11, 12:30 pm: **Young Business Leaders of CT Meeting** (for ages 21-39) held at Midstate Chamber of Commerce
- M** Wed, Jul 11, 5:00 pm: **Ribbon Cutting: Hair & Nail Art Studio, LLC** held at Hair & Nail Art Studio, LLC - details inside.
- M** Thu, Jul 12, 9:00 am: **SCORE - Counseling Sessions for Businesses** held at Chamber of Commerce
- C** Fri, Jul 13, 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green: "Inner Groove"
- M** Wed, Jul 18, 7:45 am: **Midstate, Hamden and Cheshire Chambers present a Speed Networking Morning** held at Elim Park Health Care Center - see flyer
- M** Wed, Jul 18, 5:00 pm: Ribbon Cutting: at Flavorite - details inside!
- M** Thu, Jul 19, 12:00 pm: Open House at MxCC - Middlesex Community College held at MxCC - Middlesex Community College, Middletown Campus
- C** Sat, Jul 21, 4:00 pm: Twilight Music Series, with Pop Up Tent and Food Vendors held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green & Joby Rogers' Michael Jackson Experience
- M** Wed, Jul 25, 6:00 pm: **Special Presentation by Rob Nevins: America's Dr. Recommended Fat Loss GURU** held at Midstate Chamber of Commerce
- M** Thu, Jul 26, Wayne D'Amico Memorial Golf Outing held at Timberlin Country Club
- C** Fri, Jul 27-Aug 11, "Company" Musical held at Castle Craig Playhouse runs through <http://www.castlecraig.org/>
- M** Fri, Jul 27, 11:30 am: **Lunch with a Leader featuring Senator Richard Blumenthal** held at Four Points by Sheraton
- C** Fri, Jul 27, 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green: "North Cove Rogues"

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## MEMBER UPDATES

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<http://www.midstatechamber.com/News>

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There is **SO MUCH GOOD NEWS TO SHARE**, and we recognize how valuable your time is ... so we are introducing an abbreviated news section with catchy headlines and you can click for more details on the items ... and/or click this link for all of the current news submitted from Midstate Chamber members:  
<https://www.midstatechamber.com/News/newsbydate.asp>

**Connex Credit Union** - Do you feel uncertain about your financial future? Are you wondering where to start or where to go from here? Julie Harkins, Regional Manager for Allianz Life, presents this workshop focused on the financial needs of women. Attend this workshop to:



1. Learn why you need a financial strategy; 2. Determine which of five distinct financial personalities you identify with; 3. Take the first steps to become more financially secure. Hosted by Connex Investment & Retirement Services\* Representative William DeBille. Date: *Tuesday, July 10, 2018 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM* at Connex North Haven Branch, 412 Washington Avenue. You can attend this free workshop in person or via webinar. Registration in advance is required. You can register at [www.connexcu.org](http://www.connexcu.org) or call 1-800-CR-UNION.

### Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care

- Are you looking for a mission-based position in home health care? Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a licensed home health care agency serving central Connecticut, seeks full-time RN to work in its home health care program. Join our team of home health care professionals. RN License. Computer skills required. Call Marie Laffin, RN, at 203 238-1441.



Did You See Chairman of the Board Nate Bottone's CHALLENGE on page 2? Be sure to check it out ... and you'll find an application on the last page of this newsletter!

### State of Connecticut Department of Transportation - SAFETY IS THE MESSAGE:

Rail traffic between New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield will increase significantly even before the launch of the Hartford Line on June 16th. The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) recently announced that it will place electronic signs which will display rail safety messages to drivers at street-level rail crossings along the Hartford Line corridor.



HARTFORD LINE  
CT rail



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There will be a steady increase in rail traffic on the Hartford Line corridor throughout the month of June as the number of daily test trains will surge in preparation for the new Hartford Line service. The electronic signs will display messages that alert drivers to the increase in daily trains and remind them to obey traffic laws when navigating street-level rail crossings.

"With the increase in rail traffic, the Connecticut Department of Transportation wants to remind the public to obey the law at rail crossings. People may not always remember that trains cannot stop quickly. In fact, it can take a mile for a train to come to a complete stop. Drivers should never attempt to drive under or around a closing or closed gate at a street-level rail crossing," stated CTDOT Commissioner James Redeker.

This initiative is part of CTDOT's commitment to Operation Lifesaver - a national educational and awareness campaign around safety at railroad crossings.

Visit [www.nhhsrail.com](http://www.nhhsrail.com) for more information about the NHHS Rail Program and to learn more about the new CTrail Hartford Line passenger rail service, <http://www.hartfordline.com/>.

**Ion Bank** recently announced promotions and welcomed new staff! **Laura Gallinoto** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Regional Branch Manager. Ms. Gallinoto is an IRS certified tax preparer for the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and serves as a Site Coordinator. Laura is a past member of the Town of Manchester Tax Credit Committee, Manchester High School Career Development Committee and the Marc. Inc. Committee. She is a West Hartford native and currently resides in South Windsor.



Laura

Ion Bank welcomes **Matthew Terrible** as the AVP, Branch Manager of the Prospect branch. In this role Mr. Terrible will support and develop the staff to ensure customer service excellence, community involvement and personal growth, as well as deepen existing customer relationships and grow new business. Matthew was previously employed at Liberty Bank in North Haven as Branch Manager and Nutmeg State Federal Credit Union in Rocky Hill as Branch Manager. Mr. Terrible earned a BA Degree from the University of New Haven.



Matthew

Ion Bank welcomes **Mohammed Hassan** as the Branch Manager of the Waterbury, 910 Wolcott Street branch. In this role Mr. Hassan will support and develop the staff to ensure customer service excellence and operational efficiency, community involvement and personal growth, as well as deepen existing customer relationships and grow new business. Mr. Hassan previously worked at T-Mobile USA in Meriden, CT as the Retail Sales Manager and JP Morgan Chase Bank in Orange, CT as a Manager. Mohammed earned a Bachelor Degree from the University of Bridgeport. He is a current member of CT Quest for Peace. Mohammed resides in Seymour.



Mohammed

Ion Bank welcomes **Christina Stone** as AVP, Branch Manager of the Southbury branch. In this role Ms. Stone will support and develop the staff to ensure customer service excellence, community involvement and personal growth, as well as deepen existing customer relationships and grow new business. "Christina's extensive experience in Retail Banking will enable her to lead the staff team to provide customers with the level of personalized service necessary to achieve their financial goals," said Laura Gallinoto, Senior Vice President, Retail Banking Manager.



Christina

**Meriden Center Genesis Health Care** is pleased to announce their **Nurse Executive, Donna Jones, has recently received her Doctorate in Nursing Practice** from Quinnipiac University. Ms. Jones joined the Meriden Center Team in the Spring of 2018. She is an experienced clinician and holds a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration from DeVry University and her RN degree from Iona College. Her wealth of knowledge in skilled nursing care ranging from Infection Prevention and wide variety of clinical skills including but not limited to Medical-Surgical, Neurology, Subacute Care Recovery and Psychiatric experiences play a key role in developing and educating for positive outcomes and patient centered care at Meriden Center. Congratulations Donna!



Donna

**Meriden Public Library** will have Summer Hours from July 2 to September 1 as follows: - Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:30 pm; - Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; - Saturday, Closed; - Sunday, Closed. The library is located at 105 Miller St., Meriden. They can be reached at 203.630.6349.

### Meriden Rotary

celebrated another fantastic year under the leadership of President Eric Park. There were many awards given and memories shared.



Rotarian of the year was awarded to Dona Ditrio, our new Meriden Rotary President Kristilee La Haye was sworn in, volunteers Cindy Vessichio and Liz Rosado earned their awards as the Community Corps members of the Year. Keith French, a volunteer from Beat the Street Community Center was award the Howard Houston Award. Two Educational awards were given to deserving high school students Shakhodat Khanbabaeva, who received the Dan M. Hunter Award and Kim Vu, who was awarded the Joseph Barker Award. And the non-profit organization, Veterans4 was awarded the Service Above Self Award for their on-going efforts to distribute clean drinking water to disaster areas such as Puerto Rico. We plan to support that organization more in the future.

**THT Health Coaching** - It's time to jump into your mid-year movement goals! Watch the video below for a special invitation to join me in a FREE movement challenge I will be leading and then follow the steps below. I can't wait to MOVE with you this July!



**Step 1:** Watch this video - log into your facebook account first ("<https://www.facebook.com/patrick.muli.35/videos/10215042459206777/>") **Step 2:** Sign up to receive your challenge materials at [www.healthcoachinstitute.com/jumpintojuly](http://www.healthcoachinstitute.com/jumpintojuly) **Step 3:** Make sure to like THT Health Coaching on Facebook and turn your notifications ON so you can be updated with all challenge happenings. **Step 4:** Join Jump Into July FB Group through my Business Page. **Step 5:** Follow me on instagram@pmlifit4life to see my posts/videos of how I'm showing up for the challenge. **Step 6:** Write a post or record a video introducing yourself and what your favorite forms of movement are or what you'd like to do more of or try: • Why you said YES to Jump Into July; • What your goal is for the month and what is most important about this for you; • Where you request accountability, support or guidance from me and the community so you can be as successful as possible. Please Message me with any questions or if you're having issues - or - 203-676-9265 - or - [patrick@ththealthcoach.com](mailto:patrick@ththealthcoach.com).



**Click Here for details on this GREAT EVENT.**



**Click Here for Details & Tickets!**

**DANCING WITH THE STARS**  
OF MERIDEN DANCE COMPETITION



FRIDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6PM  
SILVER CITY BALLROOM | 16 COLONY STREET, MERIDEN, CT 06451



**Dancing with the Stars of Meriden Dance Competition Sponsorship Packages**

| Elite Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Primary Sponsor                                                                                                                                                             | Secondary Sponsor                                                                                                                       |
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| \$629                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$329                                                                                                                                                                       | \$194                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 Reserved Tickets</li> <li>15 Sheets of Raffle Tickets</li> <li>Full Page Ad in Program</li> <li>Recognition in Press Releases</li> <li>Recognition on all Marketing / Promotional Materials</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Reserved Tickets</li> <li>8 Sheets of Raffle Tickets</li> <li>Half Page Ad in Program</li> <li>Recognition as a Sponsor</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Reserved Tickets</li> <li>Half Page Ad in Program</li> <li>Recognition as a Sponsor</li> </ul> |

Program Ads

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| Quarter Page - \$25 |
| Half Page - \$50    |
| Full Page Ad - \$75 |

Individual Tickets - \$35

All proceeds to benefit Seniors Have Dreams Too, Inc.!



**And...Looking ahead into August, save these dates!**  
**Register early at**  
<https://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar/default.asp>



**Midstate Chamber of Commerce**  
**Business After Hours**



ATTORNEY  
**E.B. Quirk**

**WED. AUGUST 1, 2018**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**

**405 Broad Street**  
**Meriden, CT**

All members and guests are invited for the grand opening of Attorney E.B. Quirk's new office - located inside Luby, Olson, PC.!

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Enjoy Refreshments, Networking, Door Prizes, and more!

Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber: 203-235-7901, e-mailing: [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com), or visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://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. Interested in hosting a future BAH? Call us at 203-235-7901 to book a date. Limited dates available in 2018 and booking into 2019 now!



Looking to gain control of your health insurance costs?

**JOIN US** for breakfast to learn how **Medical Insurance Coalition** can be the solution to rising healthcare costs.

**WHEN** 8:00AM AUGUST 15TH, 2018  
**WHERE** FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON  
 275 RESEARCH PARKWAY  
 MERIDEN, CT 06450  
**COST** FREE! EMPLOYERS WITH MORE THAN 20 EMPLOYEES ARE WELCOME

**PROGRAM WILL START AT 8:00AM, FOLLOWED BY Q & A**

RSVP to the Midstate Chamber:  
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**COME CELEBRATE OUR FIRST YEAR @ PLATT!**

**Thursday, August 23**  
 5-7 pm | Platt High School  
 220 Coe Ave., Meriden

*Come take a tour of our classrooms and Media Center Library at Platt High School.*  
*We look forward to seeing you on August 23rd.*

At Middlesex Community College, you will get personal attention from dedicated professors in small class settings; guidance from experienced counselors and advisors; programs in some of today's fastest growing fields; and affordable tuition.

Learn about our many Certificate and Associates Degree Programs, as well as our Continuing Education Programs.

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PROMOTION



LEADERSHIP



EDUCATION



NETWORKING

**NOW is PRIME TIME**  
**to JOIN Midstate Chamber of Commerce.**  
**Kindly SHARE this APPLICATION**  
**with your business associates!**

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1-5 Employees   | \$295.00 |
| 6-10 Employees  | \$315.00 |
| 11-20 Employees | \$440.00 |
| 21-30 Employees | \$560.00 |



The Midstate Chamber supports, promotes and serves our member businesses in Berlin, Cheshire, Meriden, Southington, Wallingford and throughout central Connecticut.  
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 Ph: 203.235.7901 ~ Fx: 203.686.0172 ~ info@midstatechamber.com ~ www.midstatechamber.com

## Membership Application

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Business/Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Owners: \_\_\_\_ # of Employees: \_\_\_\_ Full-Time \_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_ Year Founded: \_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### How Did You Learn About Us?

#### Chamber Activity / Interests:

- Promotion:**  Member Directory Advertising  Web Site Advertising  Chamber Business Expo  Newsletter Advertising  Marketing Committee, etc
- Education:**  Education Committee  Education Awards  Workshops  School-Business Partnerships  Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action (HOLA), etc.
- Networking:**  Business After Hours  Breakfast Club Celebrates  Annual Meeting/Dinner  Annual Golf Tournament  Young Business Leaders of CT  Ambassadors  Membership Committee, etc.
- Leadership:**  Government & Business Development Committee  Pizza, Pasta, & Politics  Health Insurance, etc

**\*\* Please Include Your "Web Words":** Web Words are a 25-30 word description of your business that appears with your Member Directory listing on www.midstatechamber.com: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please E-Mail Your Key Employees Information to info@midstatechamber.com.** Key employees are employees who you wish to receive additional Chamber updates/information and who may be attending events. Key employee information may consist of name, title, direct phone number or extension and e-mail address.

Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Card Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Verification Code \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

• **A one-time \$15 dollar set up fee is due at time of application**  
 Membership dues in this organization may be tax deductible as an ordinary & necessary business expense. Dues paid to this 501c(6) are not a charitable tax deduction. The organization serves as an advocate for and promotes its member businesses.