



LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES? DO LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATES HAVE YOU DOWN?

With significantly LOWER unemployment rates, we've heard from our members saying how difficult it is to find new talent...and that's why the chamber is partnering with the Workforce Alliance, the AmericanJobsCenter and the Making Meriden Downtown Business Center to host a Career and Employment Fair on June 15, 2018 at the raw first floor commercial space 24 Colony St. in downtown Meriden. This event will be well advertized and attract Job Seekers throughout central Connecticut. Additional services for job seekers will be on site as well. Employers should know that the Workforce Alliance Business Services staff will also be on site to assist you with your questions. There may be training grant opportunities that you will want to hear about. Employers get a 10' x 8' booth which includes a table, two chairs, 3' tall pipe and drape and signage for only \$300. The package also includes your listing on our Job Fair website to promote your business and job openings in advance of the event. Many job seekers can use this link to pre-select the companies that they want to visit at the Job fair. Employer space is limited and we hope to fill the building. Feel free to call the office or visit <https://www.midstatechamber.com/Content/JobFair2018.asp> Sponsorship opportunities are also available for more visibility for your business in advance of the event and at the fair.



ANNUAL DINNER THANKS

It is our pleasure to thank all of the sponsors, supporters, award winners and the 300 attendees who came out for the 122nd Annual Meeting of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce at the Aqua Turf Club in April 2018. A very special and well deserved "Thank You" goes out to the 2018 Annual Dinner Committee, who did an outstanding job on the planning and execution of many of the elements of the evening:

Eileen Bongiovanni, Bongiovanni Insurance & Financial, LLC
Carlton Smith - Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis
Richard J. Pendred - A & A Office Systems, Inc.
Zaida R. Molina - American Eagle Financial Credit Union

Nathaniel Bottone - Salon Nathaniel, LLC
Ralph Mesite, Sonic of CT
Amisha Tailor - TD Bank



More thanks go to *Jennifer Maring of MaringVisuals*. Jen worked professionally and quietly in the background all evening taking a few hundred candid shots as well as posed photos of our guests and award winners. She made us all look marvelous.

If you missed it, *details of award winners* can be found at https://www.midstatechamber.com/Content/2018_Annual_Meeting.asp. In my opinion, the Program Book from the Annual Dinner told it all. It demonstrated that our members show up in mass, that our committees are active, that our education awards are supporting deserving area students, that our members promote themselves via ads, that we have amazing award winners, that we have a long legacy of dedicated Chamber leadership and more. If you missed it, you can *download your own copy of the Annual Dinner program* by clicking here! <https://www.midstatechamber.com/images/customer-files//AnnualDinnerPROGRAM2018finalForWeb.pdf>. And feel free to share it with a friend.

At the 121st Annual Meeting, we introduced a "Member get a Member and get \$35 back" program. It's a way of saying "Thank You" to our members who help to grow our Chamber by inviting their business neighbors and colleagues to join the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. We will give each current Chamber Member Referrer a \$35 credit to the Chamber or to another Chamber member. We all want to grow our chamber back from our current 550 members to the pre-recession number of 650! And we can do it with your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Chamber staff...and a copy of the New Chamber Member Application is on the inside back cover of the Annual Dinner Program book that you can upload above.

WE MOVED!

**Please Update
Your Records**

**546 South Broad St., 2C
Meriden, CT 06450**

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We Call Your Attention to the Flyers Inside:

**BAH: Banana
Brazil: 5/16**

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**Job Fair: 6/13**

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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>
RESOURCES: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources> DIRECTORY: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Directory>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Séan W. Moore

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES SAVE THESE DATES

Lots of events are upcoming in the next couple of months so you might want to get these dates into your calendars so you can set your schedule to include these activities:

Wednesday, May 9 - Girls Inc. Strong Smart & Bold Dinner honoring Yvonne deAngeli-Fontanez of the Four Points by Sheraton

Wednesday, May 16 - Banana Brazil Business After Hours

Saturday, May 12 - Meriden Markham Airport (MMK) Fly In event – Exhibit tables for businesses are available

Sunday, May 13 is Mother's Day

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 11:00AM - Sun, May 20, 2018, 7:00PM Hubbard Park Food Truck Festival

Sunday, May 20 is the 2nd Annual Walk the Walk for Recovery hosted by TriCircle, Inc. at the Wallingford PNA Park (No Plains Industrial Rd)

Monday, May 28, 2018 is Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 6 is the 31st Annual Midstate Chamber Golf Tournament. Committee Chairwoman Linda Krampitz of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare of and her team are busy working on this, one of the Chamber's biggest fundraisers

Friday, June 15 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM is the Downtown Meriden Job Fair - Hiring Event and Career Fair with the Workforce Alliance / American Job Center in downtown Meriden. All employers looking to hire are welcomed. We anticipate a good showing of talent for you to consider.

And starting Friday, June 15, 2018, The CTRail Hartford Line GRAND Opening weekend – FREE train rides on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th.

And Friday, June 15 starts the weekly summer Twilight Concert Series at the Amphitheater on the Meriden Green

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

This month your President has the privilege of penning the contents of the Chairman's Corner. First I would like to **thank Mr. Richard J. Pendred of A & A Office Systems** for his three years of outstanding service as Chairman of the Midstate Chamber Board of Directors. Rich stepped up and stepped in on many of the active Chamber Committees and provided the required leadership and guidance. We are all excited that Rich will remain on the Board as "Immediate Past Chairman and in that capacity will ensure a smooth transition. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and the entire membership, thank you Mr. P. And a special thank you goes to Valerie of Clean Homes by Valerie for lending Rich to us.

Also having just been elected by the membership on April 12, 2018 at our Annual Meeting, I'd like to welcome our **NEW Chairman Nathaniel Bottone of Salon Nathaniel**. Nate runs a great business on the east side of the Meriden and brings a fresh customer service perspective to the Chamber. Nate's past experience as the Meriden Rotary Club President also helped hone in his great leadership and facilitation skills. As he expressed at the Annual Dinner, Nate's goals as Chairman are to better involve and engage the 18 – 39 year old chamber members and also to grow the Chamber membership. Nate has already brought in a couple of New Chamber members himself so he exemplifies leadership in action. Join me in welcoming our newest Chairman Nathaniel Bottone of Salon Nathaniel.



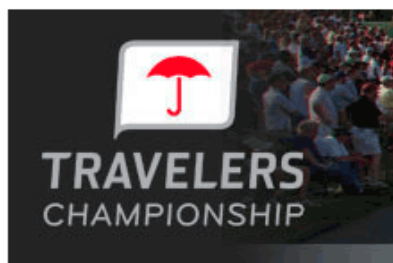
Questions? Here's How to Reach Us...

This issue of Chamber News is a member service of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc. with offices located at 546 South Broad St., 2C, Meriden, CT 06450. 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.



For all of your needs visit our members at www.midstatechamber.com

DEADLINE TO VOLUNTEER WITH TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP AT HOLE #12 WITH MIDSTATE CHAMBER IS MAY 10



**June 18 – 24
TPC
River Highlands
Cromwell, CT**



**PAY \$50 & GET \$400+:
VOLUNTEER
WITH THE MIDSTATE
CHAMBER ON:
THU., JUNE 21 and/or
SUN., June 24**

THE HEART OF THE EVENT - Every year more than 4,200 people donate their time and effort to volunteer for the Travelers Championship. By volunteering, you not only get the chance to go behind the scenes at Connecticut's largest sporting event, but you can also feel good about investing your time as the Travelers Championship donates 100% of its net proceeds to more than 100 charities throughout New England. Corporations, community groups, families and individuals are all encouraged to become a part of the 2017 Travelers Championship. Anyone age 16 and older can VOLUNTEER WITH US!

TO REGISTER: VISIT – www.travelerschampionship.com – click on Volunteers – Register – Create Your Account – follow instructions and use code [midstate2018](#) to volunteer with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce!

**Be a part of the 2018 Travelers Championship:
Volunteer at Hole# 12**

“IT IS A GREAT WAY TO GAIN EXPOSURE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS INDUSTRY!” AND....For your volunteerism you will receive \$400 worth of goods for \$55 registration commitment:

**2018 Volunteer Package: Value: \$400; Volunteer Package Cost: \$55 / person
REFUNDS NOT AVAILABLE**

The 2018 Travelers Championship Volunteer Package includes:

- ☐ Official Travelers Championship Golf Shirt – Under Armour
 - ☐ Official Travelers Championship Hat or Visor
- ☐ One Weekly Volunteer Grounds Admission Badge – use any and every day if you wish & at concerts!
 - ☐ One Weekly Guest Grounds Admission Badge - use any and every day if you wish
 - ☐ Lot B Parking Pass, Valid for Each Day of Volunteering
 - ☐ Complimentary Meal for Shift(s) Worked
- ☐ Invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Party and other special events
 - ☐ Hartford HealthCare Water Bottle, and Other Great Items!

- Thursday, June 21 and/or June 24



Banana Brasil Buffet & Grill Restaurant



124 Hanover St., Meriden

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Banana Brasil restaurant has a diversified menu while using simple ingredients. From the moment you walk in, you will experience a truly captivating aroma of Brazilian barbecue and freshly cooked dishes. Our barbecue is made from charcoal imported from Brazil. We use freshly grilled, fresh meats to preserve the flavor of the typical Brazilian barbecue which gives our dishes a deliciously unique flavor.

***Enjoy Refreshments, Networking, Door Prizes,
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.





Application for the
2018 Job, Employment and Career Fair
on Friday, June 15, 2018 at
24 Colony Street, Meriden, CT 06451

Exhibiting Company Information: Please print clearly

Name of Presenting Company			Contact Person
Mailing Address			
City	St	Zip	E-mail Address
Phone	Fax	Exact Wording for Booth Signage	
1. Please read and complete this application and returned to the Midstate Chamber of Commerce with your payment to reserve your space. 2. Your Vendor Packet with specific on-site and day-of details will be sent prior to the event.			

Choose your option

☐ Employer Program Sponsor
Includes logo on website and all signage

☐ Employer Exhibitor

RATES

\$500

\$300

- Employer / Exhibitor Arrival and Setup starts at 10:30 a.m.
- Registration includes 2 Lunch vouchers per Exhibitor (Additional at \$15)
- Job Fair hours of operation from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.
- Vendor Reception Follows at 5:00 p.m.
- And plan to stay for the Meriden Summer Concert Series on "The Meriden Green" starting at 6:30 pm

All booths will be 8' (Deep) x 8' (Wide) with: 3' High Flameproof Draped Side Rails, 6' Skirted Display Table, 3' flameproof Back, 2 chairs, Exhibitor ID Signage. Additional items may be contracted through the pipe and drape vendor. Additional tables will be provided on site for Job Seekers to complete your applications and paperwork.

Please note that the location is a new and unfinished building with VERY Limited Electricity available on site.

Please select the Employment Sector(s) that best represents your Company or Jobs you will be filling:

- ☐ Healthcare,
☐ Manufacturing, Engineering and Research,
☐ Information Technology & Communications
☐ Banking, Finance & Insurance
☐ Trades, Transportation & Logistics
☐ Service Professionals: Retail, Hospitality, Food & Amusement
☐ Education & Social Services

Please provide the specific web page for the employment section of your company website:

Please return this reservation form with your payment to: The Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
546 So. Broad St., Unit 2C, Meriden, CT 06450 info@midstatechamber.com 203-235-7901 / fax 203-686-0172 www.midstatechamber.com

ACCEPTANCE: I agree to abide by all guidelines, specification, rules and regulations governing the Midstate Chamber of Commerce and to the terms and conditions of payment. All cancellations must be in writing by June 1, 2018. All initial deposits are non-refundable. Please sign below.

Signature:	Title	Date
Printed Name of Signer	Company Name	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill us <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (AX, Disc., VISA, MC) # _____		
Exp. Date: _____ Zip Code of Card _____ Card Verification # _____		

Visit www.midstatechamber.com or www.midstatechamber.com/Content/JobFair2018.asp for more details



19th Annual Strong, Smart, and Bold Benefit Celebration



2018 Strong, Smart, and Bold Recipient

In her spare time she is very involved with the Meriden Rotary Club, chairs the Nites in the City Brewfest, former Chairperson for the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, a member of the MEDCO board and was President of the Maloney Props and Paints Parent Organization to name a few of her accomplishments.

Yvonne deAngeli-Fontanez

General Manager

Four Points by Sheraton Meriden

Please Join us to Celebrate Girls Inc. and our Award Recipient!
Where we inspire all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold.

When: Wednesday, May 9th 2018

Where: Zandri's Stillwood Inn
1074 S Colony Rd., Wallingford CT

Time: 5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Presentation

Cost: \$60 per person

Meal Choice: Chicken Francaise, Prime Rib, or Vegetarian

Contact/Business Name: _____

Name(s) Attending:

Meal Choice:

Address/Phone: _____


*Payment must be made to reserve your spot for the benefit celebration. Payment can be remitted to
Girls Inc 130 Lincoln Street Meriden CT 06450. Call 203-235-7146 or email MAB_girlsinc@snet.net*



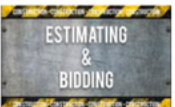


Small businesses are the engine of job growth, the drivers of innovation, and the backbone of communities throughout Connecticut. To ensure that more minority-owned small businesses can capitalize on the many resources to help them grow and thrive, the state of Connecticut and its Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) have established the Minority Business Initiative (MBI). Through the (MBI), the Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund (MBRLF) was established to allow minority business owners access to capital to grow their business through the DECD.

The Black Business Alliance presents 2 Workshops:
QuickBooks and Estimating and Bidding
Wednesday, May 16th, at 6:00 PM



QuickBooks. Understand importance of managing your company's finances and how this software organizes your back office.



Estimating and Bidding. Learn how to effectively estimate and bid on contract work throughout the state and with the federal government.

**The 3 Strategic Partners
leading the MBRLF Program:**




WORKSHOP Meriden City Hall, Council Chambers
LOCATION: 142 E. Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450

Doors Open at 5:30 PM
 Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP at: <https://www.bbusinessalliance.org/events/upcoming-events/wednesday-may-16th-at-meriden>

For more information about this workshop or to learn more about the MBRLF program:
 Visit the Black Business Alliance (BBA) website: <https://www.bbusinessalliance.org/>
 Email us: admin@bbusinessalliance.org | Visit the CTmbi.com for more information.

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Connecticut
 Minority Business Initiative

Kiwanis Club of Meriden Presents

Kiwanis Komedy Night

Friday, May 11, 2018 - 8:00 PM

\$30 per person

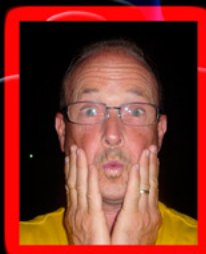
Doors open at 7:00 PM,

North Italian Club, 43 Thorpe Avenue, Meriden

Cash Bar, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Tickets: meridenkiwanis@gmail.com or from any Kiwanian

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Mark Brennan



Linda Belt



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of Commerce! [Click HERE](#) for all of the details**

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MAY 12, 2018 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

RAIN DATE MAY 19, 2018

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MeridenMarkham.com**

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AMBER ALERT ID PROGRAM
R.C. PLANE & DRONE DEMOS**

**BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER
EAGLE I & LIFE STAR HELICOPTERS
MEGA TRUCKS - JEEPS
STEVE OAKES 1994 JEEP CHEROKEE
(AS SEEN ON TV)
AVIATION SEMINARS
MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS
INTERACTIVE ROBOTICS
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES
SPIDERMAN**

**Free Shuttle
9:00-2:00**

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City of Meriden**



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 listing of members in good standing!

A & A Office Systems, Inc.
Alliance All Trades
Cable Management LLC
City Roofing & Siding, Inc.
Double Play Café
Eversource
Form-All Plastics Corporation
Fresenius Kidney Care
Gallery 53
GRB Tree Cutters
GUS Robotic Team 228, Inc.
Hartford Hospital Rehabilitation Network
Joseph Barker Enterprises
Lupacchino Financial & Associates
Masonicare
Meriden Puerto Rican Festival Committee
Miller Memorial Community
Muniz & Associates
Polish National Alliance - Lodge #513
Rotary Club of Meriden
Rushford
Sans-Souci Restaurant
Sonic of CT
T.F.F. Range
The Law Office of Ramiro Alcazar
Village at Kensington Place
Westfield Property Group

Members Use Members!

**AND, BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE
A FELLOW MEMBER!**



**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!

Coast 2 Coast Companies: 849 Spindle Hill Rd., Wolcott, CT 06716. The phone number is 203.509.0249 and the fax number is 866.544.1606. Bill Barrieau is the primary contact. Coast 2 Coast Companies is an independently owned and operated sales and marketing organization providing outsourced marketing services in the business sectors of: telecommunications, solar, renewable energy, retail energy and wireless.

J.F. Canning Insurance: P.O. Box 2323, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.631.7334 and the fax number is 203.886.2200. James Canning is the primary contact. J.F. Canning Insurance has 52 years of experience in all forms of insurance and financial services.

The Roadway of Hope CT, Inc.: 5401 Meeting-house Village, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.886.5130. Sue Willette is the primary contact for the grassroots organization established in July of 2016 with a simple idea of hosting a rally to bring attention to the current epidemic of Substance Use Disorder in Connecticut. There is a stigma with this disease although it does not discriminate by race, age, gender or economic class. Their hope is that no family, friend, or person in active addiction feels alone.



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UPCOMING MAY 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



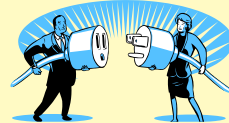
This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our business and community calendars.

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 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

- M** Fri, May 4 - 5:00 pm
- C** Sat, May 5 - 9:00 am
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- M** Wed, May 9 - 5:00 pm
- M** Thu, May 10 - 9:00 am
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- M** Fri, May 11 - 8:00 pm
- C** Sat, May 12 - 9:00 am
- M** Wed, May 16 - 5:00 pm
- M** Wed, May 16 - 6:00 pm
- C** Sun, May 20 - 10:00 am
- C** Tue, May 22 -
- C** Mon, May 28 - 10:00 am

Ribbon Cutting at Aura Salon & Curiosities Shop LLC, 514 W. Main St., Meriden.

Mayor's Community Cleanup Day begins at City Hall, 142 E. Main St.

114th Annual May Breakfast held at First Congregational Church

May Artisan Fair held at Gallery 53: 203.235.5347.

A Spring Tea Party Fundraiser at the Andrews Homestead

19th Annual Strong, Smart, and Bold Benefit Celebration at Zandri's Stillwood Inn.

SCORE – FREE Counseling Sessions for Businesses at Chamber - call 203.235.7901 to reserve!

Outrageous Family Fun with Triple Espresso held at Nelson Hall at Elm Park

Laugh For A Cause at Zandri's Stillwood Inn to benefit the **Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club**.

Meriden-New Britain-Berlin YMCA's Community Needs Survey Presentation at Augusta Curtis Cultural Center

Kiwanis Komedly Night at North Italian Club.

Meriden-Markham Airport Fly In & Public Safety Festival. See enclosed flyer with special pricing for Chamber members!

Business After Hours Showcasing Banana Brazil Buffet & Grill Restaurant. See enclosed flyer.

Quickbooks and Bid Estimating Class for Small and Minority Business owners held at Meriden City Hall City Council Chambers: register for the FREE training: <https://www.bbusinessalliance.org/events/upcoming-events>.

2nd Annual Walk the Walk for Recovery at PNA Park

30th Annual Rushford Golf Classic at Lyman Orchards Golf Club

Meriden Memorial Day Parade held at Curtis St. to New Meriden Green

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Find business resources at: www.midstatechamber.com

MEMBER UPDATES

This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our member news section of the website where you can view FULL news articles by submission date OR by member. Just SCAN and CLICK!



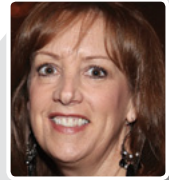
Find ALL of our members' news online:

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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>

Barillaro Collision, LLC - The team at Barillaro Collision is pleased to announce that they recently launched their new website: Visit www.Barillaro.com where you can view their work, contact them and even schedule appointments right from the site! [Learn more...](#)



Connex Credit Union - New members who open an Unbank Checking Account earn up to 1.25% APY* and get \$100.* With Unbank Checking, you get: free on-line and mobile banking, free bill pay, free eStatements, free Advocates to help you reach your financial goals, and free* mobile check deposit. No minimum balance requirement! *Open by May 31, 2018.* Call 1-800-CR-UNION for details or visit the local Meriden branch in Townline Square, 533 South Broad St., Meriden. Visit www.connexcu.org for all our products and services.



Meriden Historical Society - In May, the MHS exhibit will be in conjunction with the Spring Tea Party being held on Sat. May 5. The following day, May 6 will be the start of the Sunday exhibits that will feature a selection of items made by Meriden companies, related to the serving of tea. Best of all, we have been going through our inventory and have discovered some impressive items that have been stored away for much too long. We're really excited about showing off our restocked and reorganized displays for this exhibit. *The May exhibit will take place every Sunday in May from 11:00am to 3:00 pm at the Andrews Homestead, 424 W. Main St. Meriden CT, sharing a parking lot with the Benjamin Franklin School.* If you are a new member this year, please mention that when you come to the exhibit. We have a special gift for you. Come and enjoy.

Meriden Markham Airport | City of Meriden -

This JUST IN: a Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopter will be flying in for the **MAY 12th** Fly In & Public Safety Festival! AMBER ALERT Child Identification program will be offered; 50 bicycle helmets will be given to the first 50 children! Also, 3 MEGA Trucks; free tethered HotAir Balloon rides; Helicopter rides (for a fee); and much more! AND: if any business would like to display their own banner AND would like to display their information/literature, the event volunteers are happy to do so for only \$75. Please call or email Cathy Battista to register for this option - Chamber members also receive a special rate for a display table - see enclosed flyer! Catherine R. Battista, City Councilor, Area 4, Deputy Majority Leader, Chair Parks & Recreation and Public Works. 203-213-0312 - cbattista@meridenct.gov. Visit <https://www.meridenct.gov/community-events/2018/05/12/2018-meriden-markham-fly-in-public-safety-festival/> for ALL details and updates including vendor forms!



Rotary Club of Meriden - Have Lunch with Rotary Club of Meriden! The service club is always looking for new members. If you think you might be interested, please contact any club member for more info or to attend one of their lunch meetings. Click here: <https://www.meridenrotary.org/MemberDirectory/default.asp> to see who our current members are and reach out to any of them for more information!



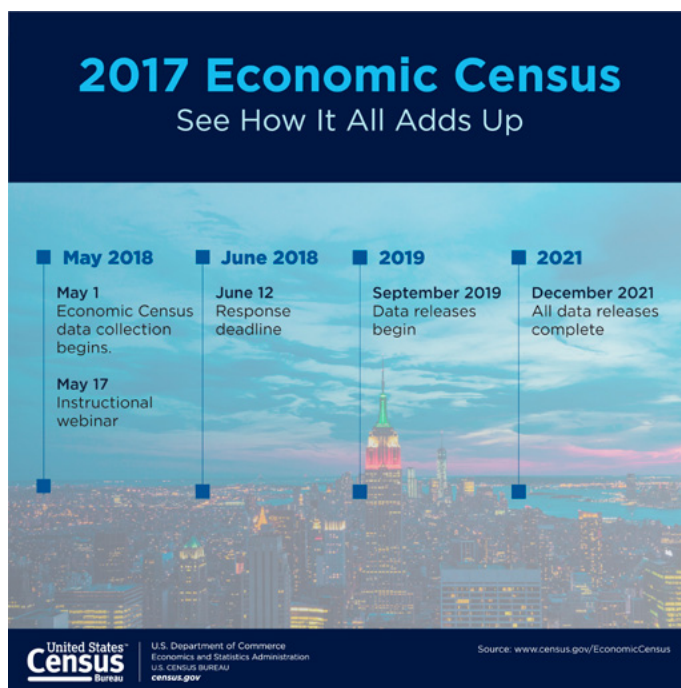
Find community resources at: www.midstatechamber.com

State of Connecticut Department of Transportation recently announced it will launch the Hartford Line rail service with an inaugural event on **Friday, June 15**. *Following the commemorative event, free weekend train service will operate on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17.* Full, expanded weekday service will begin on June 18 with trains running approximately every 45 minutes during the morning and evening peak periods. A total of 17 trains a day will operate between New Haven and Hartford and 12 trains will operate daily between Hartford and Springfield, Massachusetts. The line will provide direct or connecting service to New York City, Boston and Vermont. "This expanded service will transform travel options in the corridor between New Haven and Springfield, Massachusetts, and it will be a catalyst for economic development, and business and recreational travel," said CTDOT Commissioner James P. Redeker. "Getting new service on this line has been a monumental undertaking that has taken years of intense coordination to ensure the successful opening of service. I want to commend the team that has made this a reality. Even before the commencement of service, the State's investment has already attracted new commercial and residential development and has become the latest engine driving Connecticut's economy." CTDOT managed the full reconstruction of the rail line, including all new ballast, track, bridges, culverts, signals and grade-crossings. New train stations and parking have been constructed in Wallingford, Meriden and Berlin. Trains will be able to operate at speeds as high as 110 miles an hour, and a trip from Springfield to New Haven will take 81 minutes. The project was financed by three federal grants and state funds. "The Hartford Line will provide the most frequent train service delivered to date under the Federal Railroad Administration intercity passenger rail grant programs begun in the Obama administration. I commend the team at the DOT for the extraordinary job they have done to make what was once just a dream become a reality," Commissioner Redeker said. "The delivery of this new rail service is a model for the country and Connecticut should take immense pride in this achievement and celebrate not just the completion of the construction, but the beginning of a bright new transportation and economic development future for the state." [Click here for more information about the new train schedules and fares.](http://www.hartfordline.com) Details of the June 15 event will be released in coming weeks.



Wilcox Technical High School - On April 6, more than 1200 students descended upon Wilcox Technical High School to participate in the 2018 SkillsUSA Connecticut Leadership and Skills Conference. Wilcox students competed against other high schools that have Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in occupational and leadership skills, job demo, promotional bulletin board, and opening and closing of a meeting. *The goal of SkillsUSA is to help prepare students for future careers by providing training in technical and professional skills. Wilcox Technical High School was named "SkillsUSA Chapter of the Year" because of it is a very active chapter that does many community service activities as well as trains students to be well rounded individuals with technical, academic and employability skills.* In addition, to being "Chapter of the Year" MANY students placed with awards. **Find more info here!**

A BIG THANKS TO Wilcox Tech for hosting our Education Committee meeting today. We were treated to mouth watering pastries created by the culinary students. Did you know ... the Silver City Bistro is open daily (M-F) for lunch - 10:45-12:00. Call them at 203.317.5887 for more info. on having lunch there or a meeting ... or for some catering! To be a part of our Education Committee or to be more involved in school to business partnerships (this can mean talking to a class, volunteering at events like financial reality fairs, hosting a job shadow, internship, or hiring high school students) ... call 203.235.7901 or email us: info@midstatechamber.com



Approximately 3.7 million U.S. businesses nationwide, including those in U.S. territories, will receive information by mail with instructions to set up an account to complete their economic census online. The deadline for response is June 12. Every five years, the Census Bureau collects information about businesses that are essential to understanding the American economy. The economic census serves as the most comprehensive source of data related to business activity and serves as the foundation for the measurement of U.S. businesses and their economic impact. For more information, visit: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html>

Golf Player Registration

Team Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Players:

1.) Name: _____

Company: _____

Handicap: _____ Email: _____

2.) Name: _____

Company: _____

Handicap: _____ Email: _____

3.) Name: _____

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This tournament, named after Ray Parmentier (1919-2016), one of the founders of the chamber tournament, benefits Chamber activities including the Sanford S. Shorr Education Awards. To date, over \$117,000 has been awarded to deserving area students!

Tournament Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Registration, Free Range Balls & Putting Contest
10:30 a.m. - Barbecue Lunch until 11:30 a.m.
Noon - Shotgun Start, Scramble Format
5:00 p.m. - Reception includes wine & draft beer, Appetizers, Cash Bar
6:00 p.m. - Full Dinner including Prime Rib, Awards & Prizes

Spectacular Prizes:
Putting Contest Cash Prize
Over \$5,000 in Raffle Prizes!



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** Early Bird Payments Must be
Received by April 30th*
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**Wednesday
June 6, 2018**

Ray Parmentier Memorial
Benefiting Education Awards for Area
High School & College Students



2017 Education Award Winners

Hunter Golf Club
and
Violi's Restaurant
688 Westfield Road, Meriden, CT

Golf Registration Fee Includes:

- TWO flights = more chances to WIN! EIGHT TEAM Prizes are awarded!
- Eighteen holes of golf
- Golf cart
- Registration goody bag
- FREE Range Balls on Driving Range (10 - 11:30am)
- Barbecue lunch, buffet dinner (10:30 - 11:30am)
- Fantastic raffle prizes & awards
- Many opportunities for prizes!

Foursome Only: \$775 / **\$750 Early Bird***
Individual Players: \$195 per player
Dinner Only / Awards Ceremony: \$60

Program Book Print Ads:

Full Page (10" x 7.5" wide): \$175
Half Page (5" x 7.5" wide): \$125
Quarter Page (5" x 3.75" wide): \$75
Business Card Size: \$50
Inside Front & Back Covers: \$250



**A SELL OUT is
Expected *Early
Bird Payments
Must be Received
by April 30**



Sponsorship Opportunities

Take a look at our packages for Title Sponsors and Presenting Sponsors on the insert – these provide tremendous promotional value for your company at the event and through the year.

Diamond Sponsors: \$1,400 / \$1,300 Early Bird*
Foursome, special gift for golfers, tee sign, pin flag, full page ad in the program book & recognition at dinner.
Gold Sponsors: \$1,000 / \$900 Early Bird*
Foursome, tee sign, half page ad in the program book & recognition at dinner. Add a Pin Flag for just \$75.
Silver Sponsors: \$600 / \$525 Early Bird*
Twosome, tee sign, quarter page ad in the program book.

Veteran's Sponsorship: If you are unable to fill your golf slots but want valuable exposure and promotion for your business, consider this: Sponsor a single Veteran or team as listed above, receive that package's perks plus special recognition in the program and during dinner and we find veterans to fill your player slots! A win-win for ALL!



Beer Sponsor: \$500
1/2 page ad in program & signage on course & at dinner
Lunch Sponsor – 3 Available: \$300
Your banner (provided by sponsor) displayed in lunch area & 1/4 page ad in program book.
Cocktail Sponsor: \$350
1/2 page ad in program book & your banner in dinner tent. Recognition at dinner. Several available.
On-Course Experience: \$250
1/2 page ad and sponsors may host a table and/or tent on course with your marketing materials / samples – great opportunity to interact with the golfers.
Pin Flag: \$200
18 flags available with name embroidered on flag. Sponsor keeps flag!
Tee Sign: Full color name/ logo on canvas sign. \$150
Longest Drive: Name or logo on sign \$100
Closest to the Line: Name or logo on sign \$100
Closest to the Pin: \$100
Four holes available with name or logo on a sign.

Golf Sponsor Registration

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

- ☐ Sponsor a Veteran (sponsorship or single player)
- ☐ Program Ad: (Size?) _____
- ☐ Putting Contest: ~~Exclusive~~ _____
- ☐ Beer Sponsor _____
- ☐ Lunch Sponsor _____
- ☐ Cocktail Hour _____
- ☐ On-Course Experience _____
- ☐ Pin Flag _____
- ☐ Tee Sign _____
- ☐ Longest Drive _____
- ☐ Closest to the Line _____
- ☐ Closest to the Pin _____
- ☐ Dinner Only _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

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**31st Annual Midstate Chamber of Commerce
Golf Tournament: Wed., June 6th benefits Education Awards for area students!
There are GREAT Opportunities to support this event for EVERY Budget!**

SPECIAL Sponsorship Opportunities

Title Sponsors: \$5,000

- ☞ Company Logo on:
 - Front of Promotional Brochure (mailed and emailed to thousands)
 - Front Cover of Full Color Program
 - Special Event Web Page
- ☞ Two (2) Foursomes (\$1,550 value)
- ☞ Your Banner Displayed at Registration Area and During Dinner
- ☞ On-Course Display to Distribute Promotional Materials During Event (\$250 value)
- ☞ 1 minute address at dinner (speak to guests on mic)
- ☞ The Golfers in your Foursomes Each Receive a Special Gift
- ☞ Tee Sign (\$150 value)
- ☞ Embroidered Pin Flag (\$200 value)
- ☞ Full Page Ad in Program – Prime Placement (\$250 value)
- ☞ Reserved Seating at Dinner with up to 4 *additional* Dinner Invitations & Recognition at Dinner (\$240 value)
- ☞ Chamber Website Recognition as Tournament Title Sponsor for 1 year (\$925 value)
- ☞ Web Image on www.midstatechamber.com (\$150 value) for 1 year.
- ☞ Top Banner Ad on www.midstatechamber.com (\$500 value) for 1 year
- ☞ E-minder Sponsorships (3 per year)

Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500

- ☞ Company Logo on:
 - Front of Promotional Brochure (mailed and emailed to thousands)
 - Front Cover of Full Color Program
- ☞ One (1) Foursomes (\$750 value)
- ☞ Your Banner Displayed During Dinner
- ☞ The Golfers in your Foursomes Each Receive a Special Gift
- ☞ Tee Sign (\$150 value)
- ☞ Embroidered Pin Flag (\$200 value)
- ☞ Full Page Ad in Program
- ☞ Up to 2 *additional* Dinner Invitations & Recognition at Dinner (\$120 value)
- ☞ Bottom Banner Ad on www.midstatechamber.com (\$200 value) for 1 year
- ☞ E-minder Sponsorships (1 per year)

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AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in Connecticut!

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Connecticut! They plan to film episodes of the hit series **AMERICAN PICKERS throughout the region in June 2018!**

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. **They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.**

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. **AMERICAN PICKERS** is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. **If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to:**

americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

facebook: @GotAPick



AMERICAN PICKERS is produced by Cineflix Productions for History. New episodes air Mondays at 9pm EST on History.



PROMOTION



EDUCATION

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



LEADERSHIP



NETWORKING

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



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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 501(c)(6) are not a charitable tax deduction. The organization serves as an advocate for and promotes its member businesses.