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CHAMBER HELD ITS 26TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 26th Annual East Hartford Chamber Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 6th under cloudy skies. The chairperson was Karen Chadderton, Administrator of Riverside Health Center. Karen and our Golf Committee; Mary Sullivan (First New England FCU), John Kelleher (Pinnacle Group, Inc.), Guy LaBella (Goodwin College), Jay Margnelli (Coca Cola Bottling), Timothy Birtles (Scholastic Mortgage), Danny Larson (Goodwin College) and Yolanda Quercia, Mary Beth Reid & Benille St. Jean of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce. The committee worked for over 3 months to plan the tournament. A very special **thank you** goes out to all our major sponsors and those who took tee signs and/or donated raffle prizes.

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Closest to the Pin - Hole #11 Andreo
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19th Hole Beverage Tent - bkm Total Office &
Office Furniture Rental Alliance

Jet Blue Challenge - Coca Cola Bottling

The winners of the tournament are:

1st Gross – Peter Bartolotta, Rick Tasak, John
Scheiblich and Lee Whitford

2nd Gross – Dan Larson, Bill Mudano, Ray Ramsey
and Rob Rovito

3rd Gross – Dan Rys, Bryan Palmer, Carol Krantz
and Greg Cate

1st Net – Tim Birtles, Dave Leclair, Ed Woodhead
and Bryan Goh

2nd Net – Kevin Evans, Tim Evans, Mike Piergallini
and Shamus Doyle

3rd Net – Allison Harle, Roger Moss, Bryan Muway
and Bill Tagliatella

Jet Blue Challenge Winner – Dan Larson

Longest Drive – Women – Mary Sullivan

Longest Drive – Men – Tim Evans

Closest to the Line – Brent Hershberger

Closest to the Pin – Tom Harris

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ANNUAL MEETING

On June 26th we held our 93rd Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel.

Mayor Melody Currey welcomed everyone and spoke about the many new businesses that are moving to East Hartford

The keynote address was given by Mark Scheinberg president of Goodwin College who discussed the development of the "Riverfront Campus" and the Science and Math Magnet School. A power point presentation was given of the project and his vision for the future of East Hartford and the state of Connecticut.

During the event we also honored three local business owners with the "Outstanding Achievement Awards" presented to an East Hartford Chamber Business that has endured many years in a multi-generation family owned business. The three winners were Hoffman Auto Group founded in 1921; Horst Engineering established in 1912 and Olde Burnside Brewing Co. founded in 1911. Karen Chadderton administrator of Riverside Health Care received the "Volunteer of the Year" award for her many years of serving as chairman of our Golf Tournament. The meeting closed with many members attesting to the great things happening in the town of East Hartford.

YEAR IN REVIEW

The East Hartford Chamber has a Lead's Group that meets on a monthly basis to help our members network. Call 289-0239 for more information.

The Chamber partners with the town's Economic Development Commission to promote businesses and to work together to increase development in East Hartford.

The East Hartford Chamber of Commerce has a tourism division chaired by past President Frank Collins. This committee helps promote local and regional events. It serves as a resource for our hotels and restaurants along with the Park Dept.

Mayor Currey and Mary Beth Reid have walked Main Street and other areas of the town making business visits. They were well received.

Beautification Committee Holiday Fest Kick-Off party hosted by the Chamber and held at Holiday Inn.

Connecticut Business Day in Hartford is an opportunity for business people to meet with their legislators and be addressed by the governor and the

leadership of the Senate and House.

Legislative breakfast meeting held at United Steel to discuss negative legislation that would incur higher business costs.

The Chamber co-sponsored with the Town Development Department a traffic calming meeting for Main Street. The session was held in the lobby of Goodwin College.

The Chamber participated in the East Hartford Middle School Career Day in May.

Along with the Mayor and the Development Dept. the Chamber participated in over 37 ribbon cuttings this year.

MAGIC MOMENT AUCTION

East Hartford Chamber of Commerce Applauds Decision that Benefits Connecticut Businesses and Workers

The East Hartford Chamber of Commerce held its "Magic Moment" Auction and Wine Tasting on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Marco Polo Restaurant 1250 Burnside Ave. East Hartford.

The event begun with registration, terrific selection of Wine & Ten Penny Ale, Hors D'oeuvres/ Pasta Station and musical accompaniment by Eugene Bartley. The Chamber president, Dan Rys, welcomed everyone and announced the commencement of the Silent Auction. The guests enjoyed a carving station and other classic fare.

Great fun was had by all with the help of the Auction Chairman, Guy LaBella of Goodwin College and the charmingly entertaining Dan Larson, of Goodwin College, who was the Live Auctioneer. The "Magic Moment" Wine Tasting Auction would not have been possible without the generosity of the following businesses: AT&T; ConnectiCare; Marco Polo Ristorante and NewAlliance Bank. There were 28 silent Auction items and 37 Live Auction Items. The chamber would like to thank the Marco Polo Ristorante for the use of their facilities and their generosity; Brescia's Printing for their donation of the Auction Invitations. Special thanks to all who donated the auction items and the attendees for making this fund raising event such a success.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jonathan Daube retired from his post as president of the **Manchester Community College** in May 2008. Born and educated in Great Britain, Jonathan M. Daube came to the United States in 1963. He has been an English teacher; a school superintendent; a graduate school director; and a community college president in Western Massachusetts and, since 1987, in Central Connecticut. His doctorate is from Harvard University and he spent 1968-1970 teaching at the University of Malawi in Central Africa. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, has served as a visiting member of the

editorial board of the Hartford Courant and, in the fall of 2002, spent ten weeks on sabbatical at the University of London. During the summer of 2005, he visited Israel for a week. He was recently elected President of the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) Development Trust USA. **Dr. Jonathan M. Daube** was honored with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Honor Society at the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Philadelphia. The newly developed Great Path Academy of Manchester Connecticut: new magnet high school building will be named in honor of **Dr. Jonathan M. Daube**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following companies made an important decision in their businesses by joining the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce. Please support them when you have a need for products or services.

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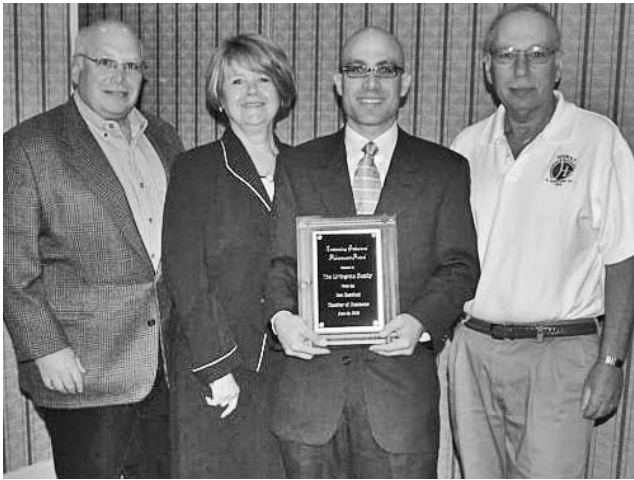
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www.fscl.zoomshare.com

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ANNUAL MEETING



Horst Engineering – Steven Livingston, Mary Beth Reid, Scott Livingston, Stanely Livingston



Guy LaBella, Martin D'Eramo, Tracy Liner & Mary Sullivan.



Jeffrey Hoffman & Mary Beth Reid

GOLF



Tim Larson, Gregg Sapere, Dan Rys, Bob DeCresenzo and friends

HOLIDAY FEST



Mayor Currey, Senator & Joanne LeBeau enjoying the tree lighting



Dan Rys, Martin D'Eramo & Mary Beth Reid

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



Legislators



Chamber members at breakfast

BUSINESS SHOWCASE



President Dan Rys & Executive Director Mary Beth Reid



Mary Beth Reid & Benille St. Jean

WINE AUCTION



Guy LaBella, Chairman; Dan Larson, Auctioneer & Mary Beth Reid



The Mark Scheinberg family & friends

BUSINESS SHOWCASE

The Tolland County Chamber, in conjunction with the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce, hosted the Business to Business Showcase on Tuesday, April 15th from 4pm – 7pm at Maneeley’s Banquet facility in South Windsor. The event was sponsored in part by AT&T, C.I.T., ConnectiCare, Fox Hill Center, Peoples United Bank, Reminder News & Reminder Gold Pages, and Rockville Bank. A record number of exhibitors, 68, were at the sold-out event to show off their products and services. We surpassed last year’s attendance record of more than 500 visitors, “Networking is vital, stated a vendor. It allows you to meet people, to get to know them and do business with each other”.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW DIRECTORY

The latest business directory of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce is about ready to hit the streets. Featuring the complete roster of EHCOC members, the directory is a virtual “who’s who” of area businesses. This handy comprehensive guide to East Hartford’s business members is also widely distributed in public places in town. The Chamber business directory is also mailed out by the town as part of East Hartford’s “new comers” packages and the directory has always been a key publication for those seeking to discover more about the advantage of doing business in and around East Hartford. Included in the directory are addresses, key contacts, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. The directories are available at the chamber office (1137 Main Street).

RECOMMEND A NEW CHAMBER MEMBER

As EHCOC president, Dan Rys mentioned at our Annual Meeting; the best source for new Chamber members is referrals from our existing chamber members. Recommend the chamber to the businesses you work with, or other businesses that you know in the East Hartford Community. Please call the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce at (860) 289-0239 to recommend a prospective new member. The growth and continuing success of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce depends on your assistance in promoting the Chamber.

New Benefits for Chamber Members: HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

The chamber has developed a new program for individual health insurance with Aetna called Chamber One. Chamber One is now available to all chamber members. Chamber members now can apply for Chamber One by calling the Chamber of Insurance Trust at 1-800-953-4467 for a free quote, or get a free quote and enroll online at www.ChamberOne.Norvax.com.

“We are pleased to offer chamber members the opportunity to consider Aetna’s wide range of affordable health insurance plans for individuals and families,” said Gary Thomas, Aetna Northeast General Manager.

All Aetna Advantage Plans include broad coverage for peace of mind and optional dental coverage. Members can visit nearly any doctor or hospital they choose, although out-of-pocket costs will be lower when members select a provider from Aetna’s wide national network of participating physicians, hospitals and dentists.

Additional features include no referrals required to see a specialist, no waiting period for preventive care and 100 percent coverage for childhood immunizations up to age 18.

Gary Thomas noted that each Aetna Advantage Plan also is available on a child-only basis, so that parents can obtain health coverage for their children, even if no other family members enroll in the plan.

The plans offer locked-in rates that are guaranteed not to increase for 12 months from the plan’s effective date. Also, members can choose a Health Savings Account (HSA)*-compatible plan that pairs a high-deductible plan with a special account that lets members pay for qualified medical expenses with tax-advantaged funds.

Optional dental plans are available in most states and include 100 percent coverage for diagnostic and preventive services, such as cleanings, x-rays and oral exams.

All plans include special programs for guidance, answers, and discounts including Aetna Navigator™, the total online source for health information and tools and a Personal Health Record that helps members view their medical history and add other information that’s important to them from one secure online location.

Aetna is one of the nation’s leading diversified health care benefits companies, serving approximately 36.7 million people** with information and resources to help them make better informed decisions about their health care.

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