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Business Center

Need help for your business? Visit the Chamber! **SCORE, a free, confidential organization supported by the Small Business Administration**, is available at the Chamber office every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Dime Bank in Norwich every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call the Chamber for an appointment.

Insurance Resource Center representatives are available every day.

An advisor from the **Small Business Development Center** will be available the first and third Thursday of each month to provide free one-on-one counseling at the Chamber offices by appointment only. For more information, call the Chamber at 860-701-9113.

Special Thanks to Our Regional Benefactors



November 2011

LIVE | WORK | PLAY

It's All About You; Supporting Our Members



Grand Opening of LaZboy Furniture in Groton.



Ribbon Cutting for Ivy's Simply Homemade in Waterford.

At the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut our sole purpose is quite simple: to promote our members. We work daily to create a supportive atmosphere to allow you to succeed as a business. The Chamber is your voice in the region.

Do you want the region to be aware of your business? If so, we have the tools to help you.

As a Chamber, our duty is to build a positive business climate to meet current and future needs of our members, to support balanced economic development and growth, and to actively work to strengthen our region.

Our region is only as strong as the businesses that support it. Being a part of the Chamber isn't just a membership, it's an investment in the region; an investment in your future.

We offer a number of different ways to allow our members to create a positive business climate, in particular with all the events and programs we organize throughout the year.

In 2010 alone, we hosted over 150 events, and that number has grown to over 200 in 2011. From networking events and business breakfasts, to educational seminars and ribbon cuttings, the Chamber works hard to provide you the opportunity to get your name out there and generate more business.

The Chamber not only promotes and supports you, our members, it is also a great resource for information. Over 90% of our members are small business owners, so we know what is important to you.

We not only support our members locally, we are your voice in

Hartford when it is necessary to support or oppose legislation being proposed there. In addition, we monitor national business news and related government activities and act as a communication vehicle for news and information that could directly affect your business.

Whether it is economic development resources, regional statistics, legislative bill tracking, or searching for a business on our online business directory, we pride ourselves in offering the most pertinent information possible to help you make the right decisions relating to your business.

Our website, www.ChamberECT.com, should be your go to resource for anything business-related in eastern Connecticut.

We recently sent out a request to our over five thousand weekly e-news subscribers asking our members to submit a brief (25-50 word) description of their business or organization.

We did this to better promote our members. We received several responses within hours, and new ones continue to flow in. If you would like to submit a description of your business, please e-mail it to communications@chamberect.com. The more we know about you the more we can help you.

We would like to thank you, our valued members, for entrusting us to help the region support a successful business community.

Feel free to let us know if there is anything we can do to help your business. Call us, e-mail us, or stop by the office. We are, after all, here for you.

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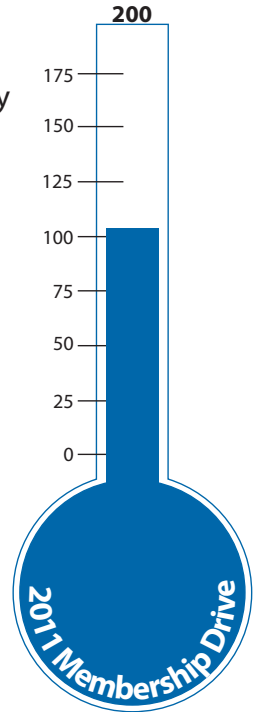
A Special Thank You



Through their commitment to the Chamber, these companies have demonstrated support for the many smaller businesses we serve.

New Members

- Charter Oak Insurance and Financial Services Company
- Panera Bread- Groton
- Panera Bread - Lisbon
- Dynamic Alliance, LLC
- Goldy's Restaurant
- Hilton Mystic
- KML Architects LLC
- The Maine Oxy Group
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Clare Sheridan
- USA Mobile Drug Testing of Southeastern CT
- W.B. Mason Co., Inc.
- Yuhas Performance Training



We're halfway there!

Recently we received our 100th new member during our 2011 Membership Drive, and are now over half way to our goal of 200! Help us reach our goal this year by referring new members to join by e-mailing scote@chamberECT.com, or calling 860-701-9113. You will be entered to win some great prizes. Have a smartphone? **Scan this QR code and download an application directly to your phone.**



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The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation Presents

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Friday, December 9, 2011

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Harp & Dragon and MJ Sullivan Automotive Corner Honored with Military Community Support Award at 2nd Annual Military Appreciation Breakfast



Scott Capano of Harp & Dragon



Bill Sullivan of MJ Sullivan Automotive Corner

Two businesses in the region with a long history of positive community involvement were honored at our recent Military Appreciation Breakfast.

MJ Sullivan Automotive Corner of New London, and the Harp & Dragon of Norwich received the Military Community Support Award for their generosity and support of the military in our region.

MJ Sullivan was honored for its participation in the Vets-Cars program, the only one in the area to be selected for the national program that "proudly serves those who have served."

Harp & Dragon was selected for its "Hometown Heroes" program that extends a 50 percent discount to military members, first-responders and teachers. Each year the program donates about \$40,000 in discounts.

The community support award is given each year to a Chamber member who has made significant contributions to the military community and has worked to promote and improve the quality of life for the military family community in eastern Connecticut.

