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Chamber members discuss critical issues with government leaders

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal addressed a special business breakfast, discussing a range of national issues, including economic development and job creation before an audience of more than 150 at the Holiday Inn, Norwich. He took questions on a range of topics after his talk. Senator Blumenthal pictured above with (from left to right): Rodney Butler of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Bruce Bozsum of The Mohegan Tribe, Toni Hoover of Pfizer, Inc., Mayor Marian Galbraith, city of Groton, and Matt Nick, Chair of our Board of Directors.

Senator John McKinney, the minority leader in the state senate, talked about jobs and economic development recently at a forum organized by the Chamber at our offices on Hartford Turnpike, Waterford. The senator, left, is shown with State. Rep. Chris Coutu of Norwich and other participants at the event, one of a series the Fairfield Republican is having around the state.

Half marathon and 5K drew a large number of participants of all ages

The participants ranged in age from pre-teen to 85 and they ran or walked, but all the participants in the Chamber's Niantic Bay Half Marathon & 5K Run and Walk demonstrated a competitive spirit that has come to characterize the annual event at Rocky Neck State Park in East Lyme.

Nearly 900 participants turned out for the Sunday morning event held Sept. 25. Most came from Connecticut, but there were more than a few from throughout New England and New York. One runner listed a Colorado address and another came from Indiana.

"This has become a popular event that brings out a lot of people year after year and the Chamber is pleased to host it," said Tony Sheridan, president and CEO. "We are able to do it because of our sponsors and I want to thank them all."

The presenting sponsor was Mohegan Sun, with Aetna, Dunkin Donuts, Readco, and Smith Insurance also sponsoring

it. Also, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, Sound Runner, Tri Town Foods, Tee's Plus, Town of East Lyme, American Massage Therapy Association.

The first place finisher in the half marathon was Christopher Zablocki of Essex, who ran the course in 1:11:30. Running the 5K in the least amount of time was William Zucconi of Madison. He did it with a net time of 17:39. At the other end of the time spectrum was a Guilford runner, Nola Battipaglia, who ended with a net time of 1:07:20.

There were 509 participants in the half marathon, while 375 took part in the accompanying 5K event.

In addition to the overall standings for both events, the website lists finishing times by age groups for both males and females, starting with those in the 19 and under and ending with 80 and over.

A complete list of race results
available at:
www.nianticbayhalfmarathon.com

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

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The Chamber would like to take a moment and thank Hall Communications for all their support during our 2011 Membership Drive.

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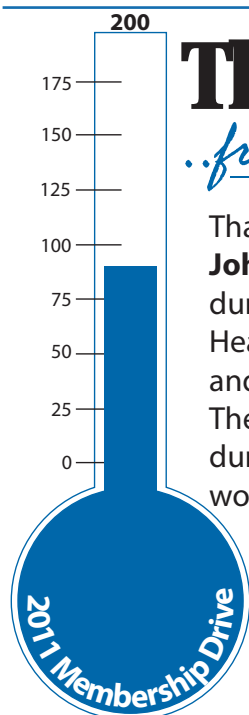
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Thank You to Board Members **Pam Kinder**, and **John Lombardi** for referring new members during our Membership Drive. Pam referred R&W Heating and Montville Education Foundation, and John referred Critical Signs of Waterford. These 3 businesses have joined the Chamber during our Membership Drive thanks to the hard work of our Board Members. Great work!

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