

# Stamford Chamber of Commerce

## Newsletter: May 2016



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### Welcome to the May Newsletter for the Stamford Chamber of Commerce

In this latest edition, you will find information about our Upcoming Events, April in Review, Member Happenings as well as a Welcome to our Newest Members. *To sign up for an upcoming event: please click on the Event Title or photo, which takes you to the registration site.*

The Stamford Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the civic and economic vitality of Stamford, Connecticut. The Chamber's primary mission is "to represent, strengthen and unify Stamford business community efforts to provide the best environment in which to work and live".

*Did you know? We are now LIVE on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.  
Come join us!*



## Upcoming Events

### **May 5: *Spring Golf Tournament for Members and Guests***

Hosted by Sterling Farms Golf Course

# Spring Golf Tournament For Members & Guests

## Tournament Includes:

Lunch, Beer, Soda  
Greens Fees & Carts  
Range Balls  
4-Person Scramble  
Challenge Holes  
Dinner with Open Bar

## Sterling Farms Golf Course

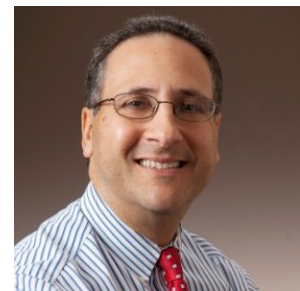
1349 Newfield Avenue  
\$225 per person  
\$900 per 4-some  
*Don't play? Volunteer!*

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lunch/Registration: 12:30pm  
Shotgun Start: 1:45 pm



## May 10: *Brown Bag Lunch with Bill Gottlin*

*Freelancer vs. Employee: What Businesses Need to Know*  
People's United Bank, 350 Bedford Street  
11:30am - 1:00pm  
\$10 per person



Employers everywhere have embraced "freelancer revolution," benefiting from flexible staffing and reduced payroll costs. Misclassifying employees as freelancers may cost you a lot in the end. *Bill Gottlin* of *Aspire HR Consulting LLC* will explain what you need to know, using real-life examples. Topics are:

- Why companies hire independent contractors
- Risks involved in misclassifying independent contractors
- How is an employee defined?
- How is an independent contractor defined?
- What is the current Department of Labor definition?
- Action plan for sorting out your employee/independent contractor tangle

## May 18: *Soup N Sales Luncheon*

Hosted by Sign of the Whale, 6 Harbor Point Road  
11:30am - 1:00pm



\$20.00 Members Pre-Registered  
\$25.00 Members at the Door  
\$30.00 Non-Members

Do business and network over lunch. Display your sales materials and bring plenty of business cards to hand out.

## May 26: *Business After Hours*

Hosted by Stamford Museum & Nature Center, 39 Scofieldtown Road  
5:00pm - 7:30pm  
\$15.00 Members Pre-Registered  
\$20.00 Members at the Door  
\$25.00 Non-Members

Price Includes:  
Hors d'oeuvres & 2 complimentary beverages.  
Cash bar for additional beverages



Stamford **Museum**  
& **Nature Center**

## HOST AN EVENT!

Hosting a networking event is a benefit of Chamber membership open to all members and a great way to introduce potential partners and clients to your organization.

We are currently scheduling for July, September and October. Contact **Antoinette Leal**, Director of Events, to learn more about hosting.

## April In Review

### State of the City Address

*Stamford Mayor David Martin's April 7th State of the City address to the local business community boasts of Stamford's desirability*

Mayor Martin's address to the local business community was marked by numerous positive indicators of the city's growth with only sparse mention of the challenges facing the state's second-largest, and fastest-growing city.

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*Pictured: Fanny Ferreira, SVP & Marketing Manager People's United Bank; Mayor David Martin, City of Stamford; Jack Condlin, President & CEO Stamford Chamber of Commerce*



Photo credit: Reece Alvarez

### Women's Leadership Council Seminar

April's Business After Hours Event hosted guest speaker Dr. Patty Ann Tublin, CEO and Founder of Relationship Toolbox LLC on the topic "Money Can Buy You Happiness: Secrets You Need to Know to Maximize Your Worth".

Thank you to our host Crowne Plaza as well as United Bank for sponsoring and providing copies of Dr. Tublin's book to all attendees.

*Pictured: Maureen Bellitto, United Bank and Dr. Patty Ann Tublin*



### Business Networking Breakfast

Thanks to all who attended the April 20th Business Networking Breakfast at the Ferguson Library. Amazing tour of MakerSpace!



## Member Happenings

### Member News...



Learn who's growing, changing, moving and more! Stay on top of what's new with your fellow Chamber Members. We share news and announcements from your peers in the Stamford area.

Does your organization have an upcoming event? Has your business received a special award? Involved in community service? **LET US KNOW!**



***Congratulations*** to Chamber Board Member and Past Chairman Chet Valiante on his recent retirement as Publisher & COO of The Stamford Times and Norwalk Hour.

Chet has been an active Chamber Member for 14 years, serving as Chairman of the Board from 2012 through 2014. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

### GET INVOLVED!

The best way to take full advantage of your Chamber membership is to get involved in a committee. You can impact your business by building relationships within the Chamber and promote your talents by demonstrating them through committee service. The Chamber's committees serve to expand the vision of the Chamber as a whole, as well as to reach out to the Chamber membership and the entire community.

The Stamford Chamber of Commerce has a variety of ways for members to remain engaged. **Contact the Chamber** to join one of our committees that focuses on:

**Ambassadors   Women's Leadership   Young Professionals**

*Welcome* **NEW MEMBERS!**

Avis Rent A Car  
 AXA Equitable  
 Clothes to Kids Fairfield County  
 Connecticut Dermatology Group  
 HBA Kitchen & Bath Design  
 Hy's Limousine

M. Geake Insurance Agency LLC  
 Stamford Youth Tennis Academy  
 TEK Systems  
 TGM Anchor Point  
 Vivacity Life Center  
 West COG

## Upcoming Member Sponsored Events

**May 5: Super Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Fundraiser**

Member: Stamford Dollars for Scholars

Location: Italian Center, 1620 Newfield Avenue

More info: [Click here!](#)

**May 11: Roundtable: Is It Necessary & Possible to Collaborate w/China?**

Member: World Affairs Forum

Location: Stamford Yacht Club, 97 Ocean Drive West

More info: [Click here!](#)

**May 15: Car/Motorcycle Show and Fundraiser**

Member: J.M. Wright Technical High School

Location: J.M. Wright Technical High School, 120 Bridge Street

More info: [Click here!](#)

**May 18: "Toast to Success" Fashion Show & Wine Tasting**

Member: The WorkPlace

Location: Westport Inn, 1595 Post Road East, Westport

More info: [Click here!](#)

**June 6: SMNC 80th Anniversary Food & Wine Celebration**

Member: Stamford Museum and Nature Center

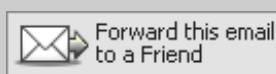
Location: SMNC, 39 Scofieldtown Road

More info: [Click here!](#)

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