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Join Us! Chamber/REDC Legislative Bus Trip & Luncheon in Montpelier!



The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce & Rutland Economic Development Corp. will hold their Annual Legislative Bus Trip to the State House and Legislative Luncheon at Capitol Plaza in

Montpelier, sponsored by Omya, Inc on Friday, February 20th. This is a great opportunity to meet with the Rutland County Delegation, Governor, Lt. Governor and other state leaders or watch the activities in the House and Senate Chambers.

The Premier Coach will depart the Chamber office at 7:30am sharp, coffee, donuts and pastries will be served in the Chamber's Conference Room at 7am.

There will be a luncheon with state leaders in the Governor's Ballroom at the Capitol Plaza at noon.



The cost of the day is only \$20 per person inclusive, RSVP and reserve your seat online by [clicking here](#) or call the Chamber at 802-773-2747.

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invites you to the
**February
Chamber Mixer**

**Tuesday, February 10th
5-7pm**

Location: 1901 US Route 4 in
Mendon

Great hors d'oeuvres
Catered by East Creek
Catering

Great networking



Thank you to everyone who came out for the Legislative Luncheon with Gov. Peter Shumlin sponsored by TD Bank on January 19th at Southside Steakhouse.

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Join Us at Lt. Governor Phil Scott's "Economic Pitch"



On Monday, February 9th **Lt. Governor Phil Scott** will be holding an "**Economy Pitch**" session at the Heritage Credit Union, Maple Room of the Ron Hance Operations Center on Allen Street in Rutland from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Members of the business community were invited to present ideas to legislators on how to move Vermont forward and grow the economy. Presentations will

be limited to 5 minutes per person.

Due to limited seating, please respond to the REDC office if you would like to attend.

To reserve a seat contact Terri Carrington at Rutland Economic Development Corporation at (802)773-9147, or by e-mail to

tcarrington@rutlandeconomy.com.

This event hosted by the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and Rutland Economic Development Corporation.



50/50 Cash Raffle

Great door prizes including

an Overnight Stay for Two at Best Western Inn & Suites

Peter Huntoon Watercolor Print

a gift from Park Place Florist

a gift certificate from Greenfields Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn

Paramount Theater Tickets

and more!

Testimonial

"The Chamber is very supportive of local businesses as you can see from the turnout last night, especially all the people in the Chamber office who are always advocating to support all our businesses. They are great people!! Many thanks for all you do."

-Michelle C Folger; Regional Manager, Vermont Adult Learning

Chamber Unveils New Front Door to the Rutland Region -

RutlandVermont.com



The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present Rutland's new "Front Door to the Region", RutlandVermont.com.

The Chamber's website has been completely re-designed by Green Mountain Marketing & Advertising. This leading edge website has integrated new features including a responsive web design that formats to fit most internet ready devices. The new website has integrated social media plug-ins and is fully optimized for maximum search engine performance to give businesses exposure on Google, Yahoo and Bing.

The site offers Chamber member businesses better visibility and the public an easier way to find the services they need. The new secure design offers the ability to pay for memberships, RSVP for events and other opportunities.



There is also a new Destination Wedding Services page. The popular Regional Calendar of Events is now searchable and gives members and the public alike the ability to post their own events to the calendar including a picture or logo and even includes a google map to the venue. Other important sections of interest include Discover the Region, Community Resources and even local weather and the Killington Ski Report.

The new web site also offers Chamber Members the opportunity to upgrade their listings and advertise on the site. For information on advertising opportunities [click here](#) or call Joan Hill, 802-773-2747.



If you haven't had chance to visit the new RutlandVermont.com we encourage you to take a

look.

Chamber Meetings

2/10 Chamber Mixer @ Allen Pools & Spas, 1901 US Route 4 in Mendon. 5-7pm

2/20 Legislative Bus Trip to the State House and Legislative Luncheon at Capitol Plaza. Departs 7:30am returns by 5pm. \$20 per person. RSVP Required by [clicking here](#) or call 802-773-2747

2/25 Chamber Board of Directors, 12:15pm

Web Visitors Top 10 Pages Last Month



www.rutlandvermont.com

Visitors: 8,071

Pageviews: 17,939

Top 10 Visited Pages:

Calendar: 1,710

Perk Card: 1,170

Dining/Restaurants: 564

Jobs: 550

Things To Do: 446

Lodging: 427

Retail: 408

Attractions: 337

Reserve Your Space Now! Limited Space Available at the Chamber Business Show

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce is excited to present the Chamber Business Show 2015 sponsored by Rutland Regional Medical Center! The show will be held on March 10, 2015, 4pm-7:30pm at the Holiday Inn.

The show will feature over 90 area businesses representing a diverse group of members exhibiting everything from home services and products, automobiles, health care, retailers and much much more. There will be great food, prizes and lots of fun!



There is still vendor space available. To be a part of this exciting show, [click here](#) to register or call Penny at 802-773-2747.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. The event is open to the public. There will be a \$3 admission fee. Parking and shuttle service are free.



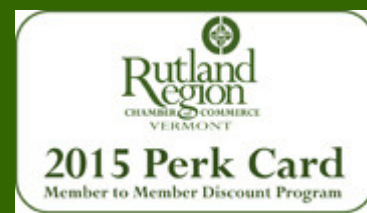
For more information call 802-773-2747 or email: chamber@rutlandvermont.com or go to our website RutlandVermont.com

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Need Transportation?

February Chamber Mixer at Allen Pools & Spa's

The Chamber's February Mixer will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, 5-7pm at Allen Pools & Spa's, 1901 US Route 4 in Mendon.



There will be great hors d'oeuvres

catered by East Creek Catering, great networking and great door prizes including an overnight stay for two at Best Western Plus Inn & Suites, Peter Huntoon Watercolor Print, Paramount Theatre Tickets, a gift certificate from Greenfields Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn and a gift from Park Place Florist.



A great crowd was on hand for the January Chamber Mixer held at The Local Night Club & Grill.

Workers Comp Corner

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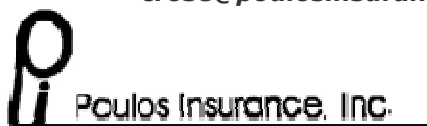
To verify a job classification code, please call the National Council of Compensation Insurance (NCCI) at (800)-622-4123.

NCCI is the advisory service organization for Vermont's Workers' Compensation system.

Select the classification, inspection and test audit services choice on the voicemail menu and you will be connected to a specialist who will be able to talk to you about your classification.

If you have a concern about the classifications assigned to your business, contact DFR.

Workers Comp Corner is sponsored by Poulos Insurance. For more information or rates on Worker's Compensation or any other business insurance call Chuck Rose at Poulos Insurance, 802-775-4443 or email crose@poulosinsurance.com



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Membership Directors Update - Joan Hill



Hi Everyone,
Thank you to The Local Night Club & Grill for hosting the January mixer. Kudos to owner Chip Greeno for giving \$20,000 in community donations over the past 4 years which was raised through cover charges.
Thanks to TD Bank for

sponsoring the Legislative Luncheon with Governor Peter Shumlin at Southside Steakhouse.

Thanks also to Omya, Inc. for sponsoring the Legislative Bus Trip to the State House & Luncheon at Capital Plaza on Friday, February 20th from 7am – 5pm. The cost is only \$20.00 per person which includes a luncheon at the Capital Plaza. Please call the Chamber office (802-773-2747) to reserve your seat.

New Perk Card Additions: Best Western Inn & Suites is offering a 15% discount off room rates (cannot be combined with any other discount), **Liberty Mutual Insurance** is offering a 10% discount on auto and recreational vehicles and 5% discount on home insurance and **The Country House Restaurant** is offering a 10% discount on their prime rib special which is served Friday and Saturday night.

Reserve your advertising space in our 2015-2016 Chamber Area Profile and Membership Directory. All our members receive a free listing in both the alphabetical membership directory and the member listing by category. However, to receive your highest potential of reaching area businesses and individuals it is essential to advertise in this directory that is seen by thousands of prospective clients throughout the year. Please call me at 773-2747 for details.

Join a committee, offer Perk Card discounts and get involved to receive the most benefits from your Chamber. I look forward to seeing you all at the next mixer sponsored by Allen Pools & Spas on February 10th.

Welcome New Members

New Grass Roots

Benjamin Brown
67 Merchants Row, The Opera House,
City Center, Ste. 2
Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: 802-557-0246

www.newgrassroots.com/

We're an exciting Vermont based "civic start-up", the first ever web application to deliver voice messages from constituents to legislators, and keep statistics. In January 2015 we launch first in Vermont, then will expand into other state legislatures, and soon will deliver voice messages to Congress as well.

The Country House Restaurant

Donald & Donna Pelton
663 US RT 7, Pittsford, VT 05763
Ph: 802-772-7936
<http://thecountryhouserestaurantllc.comcastbiz.net/>
Family oriented country restaurant featuring daily specials including Prime Rib Friday & Saturday Night. Take-out available. Private Parties up to 50 people (Monday-Friday) Up to 30 people (Saturday & Sunday until 5pm). Serving lunch and dinner all week. Breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Free Business Presentation!

The Five KEY Numbers Every Business Owner MUST Know!

February 11, 2015 @ 8:30 am - 10:00 am
[Hannah Abrams/Business Coach](#) Business Presentation



You will learn the Profit Equation which is based on and includes the FIVE most important numbers in your business. When business owners work "ON" their business, it is important that they focus on one of these five areas because these five numbers are all about results.

Actions and strategies to impact each key number will be presented. You will leave with the example worksheet that we will review in the presentation (business case study), and a worksheet that you can complete for your own business. Additionally, you will leave with ideas, and specific actions you can take to impact each number to drive better results in your own business. Registration is required for this FREE event, [click here](#) or call 802-776-8922.



Lang McLaughry Real Estate is Now Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty!



Lang McLaughry Real Estate has merged with Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty. Together, they have acquired Vermont Country Properties Sotheby's International Realty. The combined entities will operate as Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty with a total of 23 offices and over 220 sales associates

across Vermont and New Hampshire. You will continue to enjoy the personal service from the Rutland office, led by Managing Broker Laurie Mecier-Brochu located at 85 North Main St. in Rutland. To learn more about Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty go to www.fourseasonssir.com.

Vermont To Be Represented at Down Under International Games!



Matthew Lorman of Rutland High School has been named to the East Conference Cross Country team, after being named to the 2015 Vermont Cross Country Team, to represent Vermont at the 18th Annual Down Under International Games in Australia. In order to compete in Australia Matthew and his parent (Chamber Members Keith & Jackie Lorman of Shear Heaven Salon & Day Spa) are fundraising. There are a few ways to help Matthew get to the Down Under International Games. You can stop by Shear Heaven Salon & Day Spa and enter to win a "Day of Relaxation" valued at \$200 includes facial, pedicure & manicure). The cost of tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, the drawing will be held on Feb. 13th, a Go

Fund Me Site has been set up , click here to donate or go to <https://www.downundersports.com/make-payment> to sponsor Matthew Lorman and you will be entered to win an all-expense paid trip to Australia or Hawaii. For more information contact Jackie Lorman at 802-773-8880.

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership

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www.barnardfuneralhome.com

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Ph: (802)775-4333
www.clarendonanimalclinic.vetsuite.com

Credit Union of Vermont

6 South Main St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-0027
www.cuvermont.com

Engineering Services of Vermont

9 Washington St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)855-8091
www.esvtllc.com

GE Aviation

210 Columbian Ave., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-9121
www.geaviation.com

Godnick's Grand Furniture

259 North Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)775-7000
www.godnicksfurniture.com

Green Mountain Power

2152 Post Rd, Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-2711
www.greenmountainpower.com

Ira Baptist Church

PO Box 690. West Rutland, VT 05777
Ph: (802)235-2239
www.irabaptistchurch.org

Paramount Theatre

30 Center St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)775-0570
www.paramountlive.org

Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport

1002 Airport Rd., N. Clarendon, VT 05759
Ph: 802-786-2579
www.flyrutlandvt.com

Ted's Pizza

91 State St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-6368
www.tedspizzavt.com

The Gymnasium

11 Cottage St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-5333
www.thegymnasium.net

The Rabideau Agency

33 Cottage St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)775-1628

The Vermont Inn

78 Cream Hill Rd., Mendon, VT 05701
Ph: (802)775-0708
www.vermontinn.com

Trees, Incorporated

53 Gleason Rd., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-2300
www.totaltrees.com

Vermont Sports Medicine Center

5 Albert Cree Dr., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)775-1300
www.vsmc.org

Vermont Truffle Company

37 Center St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)772-0274
www.vermonttrufflecompany.com

Victory Auto Sales

417 West St., Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-4326

Wal*Mart #2530

1 Rutland Shopping Plaza, Rutland, VT 05701
Ph: (802)773-0200
www.walmart.com

News From Our Members**President Calvin Coolidge Museum & Education**

Center President's Day Weekend Open House is on February 14, 2015, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the President Calvin Coolidge Museum & Education Center, 3780 Route 100 A, in Plymouth. For more information call 802-672-3389 or go to CoolidgeFoundation.org

RAVNAH will hold Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinic's will take place throughout the month of February. For a complete list of clinics or more information go to ravnah.org or call (802) 775-0568.

Rutland County Humane Society has been invited to join Just for Pets Indoor Yard Sale on Sunday, February 8 from 9am-3pm at Red Dog Solutions, 75A Woodstock Avenue in Rutland. Lesli Hyland, owner of Red Dog Solutions, has offered this at no charge, and all products for sale will be pet related. All proceeds from the sales at our RCHS table will benefit the homeless animals at our shelter. For more information about products we will have available, please call 802-483-9171. For more information about the event, please contact Lesli at 802.558.0512 or blhyland@comcast.net

Rutland Recreation Department presents the 13th Annual Winter Fest. Winter in Vermont can be cold and long, but it can also be beautiful and FUN. Sledding, hiking, skating, hot cocoa, snow forts and snowmen are a few of those wonderful activities associated with the season. Celebrate the winter season with the Rutland community on February 14th and 15th! A second day has been added and will be held in Main Street Park along with all the festivities of Winter Fest at Giorgetti Park. This is a free family event. For more information call 802-773-1822 or go to rutlandrec.com

Rutland Regional Medical Center presents Matters of the Heart – Heart Health Event on February 8, 2015 @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm at the Paramount Theatre, 30 Center Street in Rutland. Matters of the Heart – Heart Health Event A four-part, heart health event featuring physicians from the Rutland Heart Center and keynote speaker/comedian Tracey Conway. Booths with heart healthy activities including appetizers, raffles and door prizes. Event is free and open to the public. For more information call 802.772.2400

Rutland Regional Medical Center is offering a free six-week diabetes self-management workshop at Templewood Court on Tremont Street in Rutland starting on Friday, March 6. The Diabetes Self-Management Workshop, a part of Vermont's free Healthier Living Workshop series, is a free six-week program starting that provides practical ways to handle the challenges of diabetes. Additional classes will be held on March 13, 20 and 27 and April 3 and 10. Classes are held 9:30 am to 12 pm and pre-registration is required. To register for this program or for more information, please visit RRMC.org or call 802.773.9888 ext. 22.

Rutland Regional Medical Center will offer Safe Sitter® Classes. Is your young teen ready to start earning money? Are you ready for your young teen to stay alone after school or start watching younger siblings but you aren't sure if they are ready? Register

your son or daughter for our upcoming Safe Sitter® classes and have peace of mind that they are prepared. Rutland Regional Medical Center offers monthly Safe Sitter® classes with the next session held Saturday, March 14 and Sunday March 15. Additional classes will be held April 11 and 12; May 16 and 17; and June 27 and 28 and throughout the year. Classes are held 9am to 4pm at 254 Stratton Road in Rutland and pre-registration is required. The fee for the class is \$60.00 with scholarships available based on need. To register for this program or for more information, please visit RRM.org or call 802.772.2400.

The Royal Group is offering fellow Chamber Members, their employees and family members six months of FREE monitoring with a new Intrusion Detection System for your Home or Business. This is a \$150 value. To order your no obligation FREE Security Audit of your home or business call or email Gary Lieb at 802-773-3313 or 802-353-7036 or email gary@theroyalgroupinc.com. Offer Valid January, February and March 2015.

United Way of Rutland County's 2015 Campaign Celebration & Annual Meeting will take place on February 5, 2015 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Holiday Inn, 476 Holiday Drive in Rutland. For more information call 802-773-74777.

