

**GREATER DANBURY IS COMPRISED OF A THRIVING 10-TOWN REGION IN WESTERN CONNECTICUT: DANBURY, BETHEL, BRIDGEWATER, BROOKFIELD, NEW FAIRFIELD, NEW MILFORD, NEWTOWN, REDDING, RIDGEFIELD AND SHERMAN.**

## CHAMBER STAFF

**Maura Ruby**, President and CEO  
**Jessica Goncalves**, Events Coordinator  
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**Jennifer Murphy-Pitcher**, Project Manager  
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## Annual Report Summary 2024-2025

### Board Appointments & Leadership

New Board Members (one-year term, exp. Oct 2026): Sharon Adams, Liam Clancy, Scott Crane, Anthony Gobbi, Laura Hawley Mascolo

### Key Performance Metrics & Growth

- Membership growth: +18.8% year-over-year
- Website activity: 41,000 new active users (+83%), 272,000 total actions (+64%)
- Social media engagement: +35% year-over-year
- Events & Programming: 12 major signature events, numerous mixers, ribbon cuttings, and open houses attracting thousands of business-to-business opportunities
- Member feedback: 80%+ of survey respondents find Chamber membership valuable; top strengths include networking, advocacy, and business visibility

### A Landmark Year for the GDCC

- Legislative Advocacy: Partnering with lobbyist Mike Rell, we continue championing the business needs of Western Connecticut in Hartford.
- Women's Business Council: Monthly meetings and bi-monthly Business After Business events strengthened women-owned business connections, highlighted by a successful Annual Conversations for Women.
- Young Professionals Council: Active programming fosters leadership, peer connections, and fresh business relationships.

### Other Highlights:

- Chamber Scholarship Program: Launched, awarding the first scholarships to WCSU students.
- Leadership Greater Danbury: Celebrated 27 graduates; applications for 2026 are now open.
- Small Business Support: CTSBDC collaboration continues, providing hands-on guidance to entrepreneurs.

The Chamber remains committed to supporting members, strengthening networks, and fostering regional growth. Activate your membership connect, engage, and grow with us!



## High Five - Membership Drive Summary

**A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Membership Drive Teams — Over 60 Volunteers Took to the Phones!** Thanks to the dedication, contacts, and credibility of our member volunteers, the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce significantly expanded its network and collective net worth this November—welcoming new members to our community!

A huge shout-out to our incredible volunteers and key connectors, including our top sales teams and ambassadors who powered this effort. Your outreach, energy, and genuine belief in the Chamber's mission made all the difference.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Scott and Michelle of **Charter Oak Brewery** in Danbury, CT, our key sponsor and business partner for this year's campaign. Their brewery provided a fun and welcoming setting for the event, and our post-drive celebration was the perfect way to wrap up the day—complete with Connecticut's #1-ranked brew!

Member relationships and volunteer engagement continue to play a vital role in the connectivity and momentum of our organization. Through the collective voice of our members, we were able to reach and re-engage businesses across our region, highlighting the value of Chamber membership and building excitement throughout the one-day drive.

We are especially grateful to our new neighbor, **i95 Radio / Townsquare Media**, for extending a comprehensive complimentary media package to all new Chamber members who joined during the campaign window (9/15–11/15). Thank you, Shannon K., for your partnership—we look forward to hearing the radio spots showcasing our member services!

Below are photos from the campaign, featuring our volunteers in action and welcoming our newest members.



# Thanks to all of our Member volunteer teams and partners!

## Ability Beyond

Glenna Rains  
Jess Hanson  
John Schiller  
Kate Travis

## Bright Insurance Group

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Michelle James

## Coldwell Banker Commercial Realty.

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Dan Sousa  
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Kevin Coleman  
Raf Torres

## Coldwell Bankers

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## Danbury Public Schools

Michael Seelig

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## Enterprise Fleet Services

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Kyle Bohringer  
Richard Lombardo

## Ethan Allen Hotel

Jessica Tamburini

## Fairfield County Bank

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## Gervino Group

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## Key Contributors

**Cci Voice**

**Charter Oak Brewery**

**NY-CONN, Ross Rizzo**

**ThinkSiSu**

**i95 (Townsquare Media)**



## Join us in Welcoming our new Members 9/15-11/15/2025

- A to Z Property Maintenance
- AB Electronics LLC
- ABC Fuel Oil, LLC
- Aces International Preschool and Childcare Center
- Allstate Ferrari Agency LLC
- Amazing Vending Services LLC
- Ashley Lauren Hair Salon
- Attorney David Bisceglia
- Broken Symmetry
- Brookfield Grill
- ClaimsXP
- Claris Design Build
- ComForCare Home Care
- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)
- Corsa Classics Motor Works LLC
- Crew Leaders for Mary Inc.
- Daniel M Sahl Law Offices
- Dash N' Dine Deli & Catering
- Earth Smart Solar
- Extreme Auto Body
- Fairfield County Bank
- Fazza Motors / Danbury
- Financial Guide Solutions Wealth Management
- G&G Home Solutions
- G&N Landscape
- GLORIOUS HOME ASSISTANT LLC
- Golf Ranch
- Good Directions Inc
- Goosehead Insurance
- H&Y Construction
- Hallas Construction
- Hibu
- Hillside Food Outreach
- Honey Tree Preschools
- Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority
- Kitchenique
- Law Office of Edward J Kelleher LLC
- Live Your Way Thin LLC
- LIVE2SWIM
- Marsha Scotts Hair Loss Clinic For Women
- Mascolo Overhead Doors
- MJL Roofing LLC
- Newtown Medispa
- PC Guys
- Pippa's Sports Café
- Portobello's Italian Restaurant
- Rader & Summa LLC
- Renewal House, Inc.
- Revive, Rejuvenate, Renew LLC
- River Energy Solutions, LLC
- Sao Paulo Brazilian Steakhouse
- SPG Productions, LLC
- SST Auto
- Stars Lab
- Term-A-Pest
- The Tooth Studio
- Tigre Esthetics
- United Overhead Door Corp
- Voda Cleaning & Restoration
- Xpert Roofing Pro.



### **NEW - Monthly B2B Networking Series**

**We are bringing the network to you!**

**Morning Connect; 2nd Tuesday each month** - A relaxed, energizing way to start your day and make great connections.

**Business After Business; 3rd Thursday each month** - Unwind while connecting with peers in a casual after-hours setting.

Member event locations vary. Showcase your business and connect with Chamber members!

Reserve your date today!! Contact Jessica Rizzo at - [jessica@danburychamber.com](mailto:jessica@danburychamber.com)

**Taking Leadership to the next level!**

## **Join the Leadership Greater Danbury Community! Applications Open for 2026!**

The Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that applications for Leadership Greater Danbury 2026 are now being accepted! This premier nine-month program helps emerging leaders build connections, elevate leadership skills, and expand their professional network while gaining behind-the-scenes insight into the region's key institutions. Be part of a community of over 800 accomplished alumni making an impact across business, government, and nonprofit sectors. Apply today and take your leadership to the next level! Orientation starts January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026!

### **Leadership Class 2025 Graduates!**



## **Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!!**

### **DECEMBER 2025**

12<sup>TH</sup> - PREVIDI AWARD & STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

18<sup>TH</sup> GDCC MINGLE & JINGLE NETWORKING

### **FEBRUARY 2026**

4<sup>TH</sup> - SUPERBOWL NETWORKING PARTY

20<sup>TH</sup> - ECONOMIC FORECAST BREAKFAST

### **MARCH 2026**

12<sup>TH</sup> - WBC CONVERSATIONS/HEART OF WOMEN AWARD

26<sup>TH</sup> - ECONOMIC FORECAST BREAKFAST

### **APRIL 2026**

8<sup>TH</sup> - SPRING CAREER FAIR

23<sup>RD</sup> - YPC FRESH CONNECTIONS ON TAP

