

# Member News & Notes



Dear Brenda,

Welcome to winter! Whether on the slopes, shoveling your driveway or watching winter through the window, you must admit that winter has been generous to us this year! I hope you're finding ways to enjoy it while it's here.

I know you'll enjoy any - or all - of the Chamber's upcoming events! The jam-packed season starts with two events in February: the Mixer at the Times-Argus on the 24th where you can get an inside look at making news. You are invited to attend "Employers Day" under the dome on February 17th as part of a state-wide initiative, or you can get the scoop on top issues at the March legislative breakfast. Raffle ticket holders have a chance to win \$4,000 at the annual dinner in April. In May you can get the cobwebs off your clubs at the golf tournament.

Whew! Let the games begin!

## Chamber Mixer at the Times Argus

Join us for an inside look at making news Thurs. Feb 24, 5 - 7 pm



The Central Vermont Chamber invites you to join us for a mixer at The Times Argus office in Barre on Thursday,

February 24 from 5 - 7 pm. Meet the newspapers leadership, get a close up view of a paper in the making, and learn what's new an upcoming in the industry. Of course there will be door prizes, refreshments and time to mix and mingle with other local business leaders. [More information.](#)



## Chamber Leadership Challenges Businesses

Commit to have one person from your business involved in 2011.

New directors were elected at the Annual Meeting in January, and have already begun setting plans in motion to have an impact in 2011. Playing off the parting words of Past President Neal Meier, they're saying - "figure out what is really important to your business, then find a way to get involved to make it happen".



There's a great deal to do, enough for everyone. If you think it's important to ensure the best possible business climate in Central Vermont, get involved. Whether talking with the membership to increase awareness and garner feedback on issues, or meeting with legislators to help shape policy decisions, or helping with business to business marketing, there's something for everyone.

President Steve Gilman expanded on past presidents statements and said "If just one person from each member business got involved with the Chamber, the impact on Central Vermont would be undeniable."

Take the challenge. Call or email the Chamber and commit to make a difference in 2011 by volunteering. Don't personally have time? Enlist a staff person who's looking for some personal growth. You won't be sorry. Call 229-5711 or email [cchamber@aol.com](mailto:cchamber@aol.com) and let us know where your interests lie.

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and watch for details!

**February 17th Employers Day** - State House, Montpelier. Vermont Employer Day is an important opportunity for employers to come together and discuss issues of concern to the business community directly with legislators and the Governor and Lt. Governor.

8:00 am Optional Free Reception in the State House Cafeteria  
10:00 am Meeting with the House Speaker, Senate President Pro Tempore, and Minority Leaders in Room 11, State House

11:00 am Joint Hearing and Discussion with Key Economic Committees  
Room 11, State House.  
Please RSVP to the Chamber at 229-5711 or [cvchamber@aol.com](mailto:cvchamber@aol.com)

**February 24 Times Argus Mixer** - By popular demand, the Chamber will hold an off-site mixer at The Times Argus in Barre on Thursday, February 24 from 5 - 7 pm. We hope you'll join us for a great evening! RSVP to the Chamber office at 229-5711 or [cvchamber@aol.com](mailto:cvchamber@aol.com). [More information.](#)

**March 22 Legislative Breakfast** - Sponsored by National Life we'll be looking for insight from and make our points to the representatives over breakfast at the Capitol Plaza. 7:30 - 9:00 aM. Watch for details.

**April 7 Second Annual Central VT Career & Job Fair** - Montpelier Elk's Club 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Career Exploration for grades 8th-12th  
12:30 PM -5:00 PM Open to Public for Job Seekers. Table space is first come first serve and registration and information available at <http://www.centralvtjobfair.com> or call Jen Surat at 802-223-4654 or e-mail [cvedc@sover.net](mailto:cvedc@sover.net)

**April 20 Chamber Raffle** - Sponsored by Fairpoint Communications, the family style meal will complement the evenings fun. One winner will walk away with \$4,000. Another \$2,100 in prizes will also be awarded. Held at the Canadian Club beginning at 6:00 PM. Watch for details.

**May 6 Golf Tournament** - Dust the cobwebs off your clubs, put away the skis and snowboards and prepare to hit the greens. The Chamber Challenge golf tournament is a fun way to get loosened up for the season. Friday May 6, registration at 11AM. Watch for details.

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## Office Space Available

Chamber makes individual offices available



Need a convenient office location with parking? Know a friend who whose office is ready to move out of the house? Need a hassle-free base of operations in Central Vermont for a sales rep? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, consider an office in the Chamber Business Center, Berlin. Individual offices from 100 to 250 square feet are available for \$400 to \$625 per month including utilities. Tenants also enjoy the most favorable rate on conference

rentals and can access the internet via wireless connection at no additional charge. Stop in and check them out. [Details...](#)

Hope to see you at the events!  
Thanks,

*Brenda Comstock*

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