

Member News & Notes



Your partner in business

Dear Brenda,

With the coming of spring, so comes legislation - the good, the bad, and the ugly. We hope you will join us for a breakfast discussion with Governor Shumlin and share your opinions. And, just to make running your business a little more difficult, legislators are seeking to rewrite your policy manual.....details below.

Join Us for the Chamber's Legislative Breakfast



Sponsored by National Life, the breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7:30 to 9 AM at the Capitol Plaza in the Governor's Ballroom. Guest Speaker is Governor Shumlin who we've asked for his update and outlook on the session, and how he can navigate to a balanced budget that doesn't increase taxes?



Members \$18 or non-members \$23. **RSVP BY FRIDAY** to the Chamber at 229-5711 or email to cvchamber@aol.com.



Bring your issues and questions for the Governor as we will provide a question and answer period.

[Details...](#)



House rewriting your policy manual... House members vote today on an amended version of H.41, empowering employees to sue employers for ignoring expanded "break rights." On a 5-3 vote the General and Military Affairs Committee recommended that employers be required to provide 30 minutes break time during each six hours of work, be barred from retaliation against an employee demanding the statutory allotment, and authorizing civil action against any employer denying such time. Text on Page 5 of: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/calendar/hc110315.pdf>

Daily news, delivered to your door, monitor or phone



More than 50 members and friends of the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce enjoyed tours of the Times Argus production facilities at the February mixer. In addition to watching the huge, two-story web press turn out a traditional edition of the newspaper, they were also given a tour of the features of the e-Edition.

General Manager Catherine Nelson explained that the Times Argus now delivers news

in more ways than ever before. Online, a photograph can become a collection of photos or a video. The type on-screen can change size or language. It can be read on a monitor or cell phone.

Publisher R. John Mitchell welcomed Chamber members and emphasized that technology simply provides more vehicles for the newspaper to use in doing what it has always done, gather news and deliver it to the public.

The local presses print both the Times Argus and the Rutland Herald. With computerized monitoring and adjustments, the press can print both papers in less time it once took to print either.

Everyone who attended received a copy of the highly acclaimed book *A Vermont Century*. Additional door prizes were provided by the Time Argus, Endless Summer, The Alchemist Pub & Brewery, and R & L Archery.



Publisher R. John Mitchell welcomes Carol Ellison of Town & Country Associates to the Chamber's mixer.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and 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

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. FairPoint Communications is our meal sponsor, and UVest Financial Services is our gift sponsor. Watch for more details.

Hope to see you at the events!
Thanks,

Brenda Comstock