

## **OCTOBER**

- Tues. 21 Annual Awards Dinner, Clinton Country Club, 5:30 p.m.  
Fri. 31 Coast Guard Band Concert, Morgan High School, 7:30 p.m.

## **NOVEMBER**

- Thurs. 13 BOD Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber office  
Tues. 18 Business After Hours at Peregrine's Landing, 5:30 p.m.

## **DECEMBER**

- Sun. 7 Annual Christmas in Clinton  
Thurs. 11 BOD Meeting Noon at Chamber office  
Wed. 17 Business After Hours at Grand Apizza, 5:30 p.m.

- MARCH** Annual Expo. 9 to 3. Town Hall  
Sat. 28 Some special things are  
Being planned!!!

## **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT RAY'S SEAFOOD & GRILLE**

The Chamber of Commerce recently held Business After Hours at Ray's Seafood. Many thanks to sponsors Peter Sipples, attorney with Farrell, Guarino & Boccalatte, P.C. and Technique Printers. Door prizes were donated by Essex Printing, Harbor News, Odyssey Historic Construction, Clinton Insurance Center and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

## **WHAT'S NEW...**

### **NEW OWNER AND MANAGEMENT**

Mauricio Salgar recently purchased Ray's Seafood. The restaurant, located at 110 Boston Post Road, is now Harbour Seal. John Cornwall is manager. Mauricio also is the owner of Black Seal in Essex and Gabriel's. Harbour Seal is open 7 days, serving breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. til close. Phone 669-1269 for more information.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clinton resident AJ Miller has expanded his business, Odyssey Historic Construction, and opened an office at 104 East Main Street in Clinton (formerly home to Napa). Odyssey Historic Construction specializes in historic residential restorations and also does additions, remodeling, decks, and renovations. Jim Powers manages project logistics. OHC can be reached at 664-4414 or buildodyssey.com

### **NEW NAME...NEW OWNERS**

Jeff Fulcher is the owner of Hammonasset RV and Camp Center (formerly Hammonasset Camping). Jeff rents and sells on consignment a full line of tent campers and camping equipment. There is a second location in Westbrook. The store also offers welding and fabrication services. Please stop in at 103 West Main Street or phone 860/664-1865.

### **HOLIDAY GIFT**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is selling gift-boxed, six-inch square ceramic trivets. The trivet is made of durable high-fired porcelain and the artwork is blue. All glazes are

lead-free. The artwork is reproduced from a photograph of the Indian River taken by chamber Vice Chair Bruce Langevin. The product is produced by Seneca Ceramics and is available at the chamber office, 50 East Main Street, Clinton.

### **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT PEREGRINE'S LANDING**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours on Tuesday November 18 at Peregrine's Landing At The Shoreline (formerly Family Lodge), 91 East Main Street, Clinton.

This networking event is hosted and sponsored by Peregrine's Landing At The Shoreline. The event includes hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments and will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Business After Hours is a regularly scheduled chamber networking function open to all local businesspeople and their staff members, whether or not they are chamber members. The get-together is intended to assist local businesspeople in making new contacts and working relationships. Admission for Business After Hours is \$5 prepaid and \$8 at the door. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or directions call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889.

### **CLINTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS DINNER**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards ceremony will be held Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the Clinton Country Club. The Award of Distinction for Public Service is presented this year to Deb Drouin. Deb has more than a 10-year history with the Bluefish Festival, and currently is serving as treasurer. Her volunteer efforts through the Clinton Rotary, where she also serves as treasurer, are widespread. She (and husband Jack Eagan) are dedicated to the Amber Alert program and the Cancer Walk. Deb is also a past president of Rotary.

Best Foot Forward is awarded to a business for making significant improvements/beautification to property. This year the award is presented to Mario, Angelo and Louise Lupone, co-owners of the recently renovated property at 113 West Main Street, both in the front of the building as well as the back parking area.

The Business to Community Partnership award is given to a business owner in recognition of hands-on, in-kind and support of the community and is presented this year to Dick Pryor, owner of Signs of Our Times. He provides hands-on assistance as well as signage for a large church tag sale. He represents the Marines and participates at military funerals with the Color Guard. He has provided signage and banners for numerous nonprofit and civic organizations, including the Clinton and Old Saybrook Fire Departments, Lions Club, Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Education Foundation, Vista Vocational Life Skills Center, and the Henry Carter Hull Library, and Families Helping Families.

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony will also include recognition of the Board of Education's Business Person of the Year, Sue Mugavero, owner of Malone's Coffee Shop.

The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Clinton Country Club, Route 145 in Clinton. Hors d'oeuvres are sponsored by Clinton Insurance Center and Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets. All area business people are welcome to attend the dinner, as are

friends and family of award recipients. Cost is \$35 per person. Pre-paid registration is required and arrangements can be made by phoning the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at 860/669-3889.

### **COAST GUARD BAND**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce presents the United States Coast Guard Band on Friday October 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in The Morgan School's William Gagnon Auditorium, Route 81, Clinton. For free, required tickets, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 50 East Main Street, P.O. Box 334, Clinton, CT 06413. Funding has been provided by Shore TV and Appliance. Only requests including self-addressed stamped envelopes will be honored. Maximum 4 tickets per request. Doors for non-ticket holders open at 7:20 p.m. Call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889 for information. Families Helping Families, a Clinton nonprofit organization providing food and assistance to area residents, will be conducting a food drive. Attendees are welcome to bring healthy nonperishable food items for the collection bin that will be located in the lobby that evening.

### **TURKEY GIVE-AWAY AND CO-OP AD PROJECT**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee's annual turkey give-away begins November 1. Clients and new customers are encouraged to sign up to win a turkey, compliments of the participating merchants and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. Winners will be selected shortly before Thanksgiving, and (frozen) turkeys will be ready for pick-up at Saldamarco's Deli on Route One in Clinton. All local retail businesses as well as professional offices are welcome to join us.

### **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT GRAND APIZZA**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours on Wednesday December 17, 2008 at Grand Apizza, 9 East Main Street, Clinton.

Owner Mike Nuzzo will welcome guests to celebrate the holidays. The event includes hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar and will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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### **SAVE THE DATE..... THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2009**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will be sharing the networking with area chambers of commerce on Thursday March 5 at chamber member Water's Edge Resort on Route One in Westbrook. This wide area networking opportunity will also be hosted by Old Saybrook, Madison, Branford, and Guilford. Business people from all area chambers will be welcome. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30. Mark your calendars now!

### **GROVE GARDEN CENTER HOSTS PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

Grove Gardens will hold their annual pumpkin decorating contest and proceeds will benefit the Robert DiBona Scholarship Fund. Pumpkins can be dropped off with a suggested donation of \$4 for the scholarship fund at Grove Garden Center October 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> (no later than 3 p.m. on October 29<sup>th</sup>). One grand prize winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Clinton Sport Shop, located in the Clinton Parkade across from Chips'. The winner will be announced at 5 p.m. on October 29, chosen from three age groups: 5 to 9, 10 to 15 and 16 to adult. Three runner up prizes will be awarded to one winner from each age group. Please phone Rob Jacobson at Grove Gardens with questions: 860/669-6757.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CARIBBEAN CRUISE**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Sal Chiamonte and Cruise Brothers travel, is offering a nine-day cruise to the Caribbean beginning May 14 through May 23, 2009 aboard Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. Itinerary includes stops in Bermuda, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico and St. Maarten. Fares include port charges, government taxes, fuel surcharges, and round trip bus transportation from the point of departure (New Jersey).

Cost varies from approximately \$1500 to \$2000, based on cabin choice and double occupancy. Some cabins are also available to be shared by three. The Royal Caribbean Explorer has an ice skating rink, mountain rock wall climbing, spas, pools, casino, mini golf and shops, restaurants and many other amenities. The trip is open to the public. Call the chamber office at 669-3889 if interested in learning more.

### **CHRISTMAS IN CLINTON....NEW TIME.....**

#### **REFRESHED AND NEW ACTIVITIES**

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with several civic organizations, will host the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas in Clinton on Sunday December 7. Most activities run from 2 to 6 p.m. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 4:30 p.m. for caroling and the lighting of the Christmas tree at Andrews Memorial Town Hall, Route One.

A wide array of activities is being planned. New this year is the Farm on Wheels, a family petting zoo. Christopher Damon, UBS Financial Services and Mike Cuoco, Clinton Insurance Center are co-sponsoring the event. The gentle animals will be enclosed in a fenced area in front of the Pierson School and are scheduled to appear from 2 until 3:30. (The activity is of course weather dependent, putting safety of the animals and guests at the top of the list.) A mini horse, mini donkey, ducks, calf, pig, sheep and bunnies are set to appear. In keeping with the spirit of the annual event, and thanks to the generosity of the sponsors, there will be no charge.

Also new this year will be a performance by the Sailing Masters of 1812 Colonial Fife and Drum Corps. The corps is celebrating 45 years in the music arena. The Fife and Drum group includes three Clinton residents: Clyde Auger, Mark Chiamonte and Sal Chiamonte, the only still active charter member. This group will perform at about 2 p.m. in front of Andrews Memorial Town Hall.

Several area churches will be participating. First Church of Christ Congregational (Route One) will host a community living nativity on its front lawn from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Church of the Holy Advent on Main Street will be open serving refreshments and fellowship. St Mary's Church on Grove Street Christmas Concert begins at 3.

The Lions Club, with assistance from the Boy Scouts, will light the luminaries along Main Street and will serve refreshments at the Vece Gazebo. The Clinton Historical Society (Old Brick) will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. Docents in period costumes will be on hand to greet visitors. There will be a large model train display outside, compliments of Ray Bovich. The antique tool shed will be open.

Shoreline Community Women's annual bazaar begins at 2 p.m. at the Andrews Memorial Town Hall on Route One. Crafts, gifts, cookies, coffee and light refreshments will be available. Malone's Coffee House, 10 West Main Street, will be open offering refreshments and pictures with Santa.

Available for viewing will be the Arbor Garden Club Christmas Tree and Wreath Festival in the entry of Town Hall. Designated trees and wreaths will be sold through a silent auction. Any business or organization wishing to contribute a tree or wreath for sale or viewing should contact the club president at (860) 669-5121. Trees will be decorated the week prior to December 7.

Toys for Tots (new and unwrapped) can be dropped off at the Clinton Police Department through December 15th. While strolling along Main Street guests are welcome to tour the Clinton Firehouse and have refreshments. Technique Printers is hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mitten Tree. New mittens, gloves or hats can be dropped at the shop, located at 227 East Main Street, through December 21.

Several other projects are in stages of development, including a storefront decorating contest being organized by the Bluefish Festival Committee. Plans for a community wide, open to the public dinner are also being considered.

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is the umbrella organization for this event. The office will be open and serving refreshments. Clubs, businesses and religious organizations interested in participating should call the chamber office at (860) 669-3889 or email [chamber@clintonct.com](mailto:chamber@clintonct.com)

#### **ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT AT BILL MILLER'S-Restaurants Welcome**

The Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford and Clinton chambers of commerce will host Annual Holiday Business After Hours at Bill Miller's Castle to network and share holiday cheer. The event is set for Tuesday December 9. Clinton restaurants and caterers are welcome to present a sampling of their cuisine to the group. Three hundred guests are anticipated, but food providers need only to offer bite-size samples for a portion of attendees.

Participating Clinton caterers and restaurants will receive:

- Recognition in promotional literature
- Opportunity to promote “specials” that you may be offering at your restaurant for the holiday season
- Signage at your table promoting your restaurant
- Opportunity to distribute menus or other promotional material from your table.

This year's event will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, or have any questions, please contact Diane at the Branford chamber at (203) 488-5500 or [diane@branfordct.com](mailto:diane@branfordct.com) . Or contact the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at [chamber@clintonct.com](mailto:chamber@clintonct.com)