



Commerce Connection

Business Is Good

October 2017



Commerce Connection is the statewide newsletter from the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, reaching nearly 7,500 business people.

This edition is sponsored by:

- Network
- Internet
- Data Center
- Cloud
- Voice

FirstLight.net ▶

Fall Career Fairs



Okemo Mountain Resort

Saturday, October 21, 2017

10:00 - 3:00 pm

Click [here](#) for more information

In This Issue

[Survey on Paid Family Leave](#)

[Short-term Rental](#)

[Attend a Forum on Workforce Solutions](#)

[New & Retiring Board Members Recognized](#)

[Norwich University's Rich Schneider](#)

[Voting open for the 2018 Hospitality Awards](#)

[Top 10 Winter Events Announced](#)

[Welcome New Chamber Members](#)

[Member Spotlight](#)

Attend a Forum on Workforce Solutions

This fall the Vermont Chamber is conducting its annual statewide tour, teaming up with local chambers, business associations and the Vermont Futures Project to build an agenda for growth by focusing on solutions to address the workforce challenge. The Vermont Chamber wants to engage with businesses and communities throughout the state to gain a full understanding of their perspective on the economy and help inform us in building our Business Agenda for the 2018 Legislative session. Be a participant and have an impact on the outcome, using these forums as an opportunity to voice your perspective and learn about the Vermont Futures Project data and legislative issues. We will answer your questions. We want your ideas to foster growth. We will create strategies that work for your organization to effect change. Contact [Ashley Romeo-Boles](#), 802-262.2130 today for the location nearest you.

New & Retiring Board Members Recognized

Every year, new members are added to the Board of Directors and we acknowledge those that have completed their service. This year several long-time board members were recognized by President Betsy Bishop. Bill Sayre of Duncan Hermanson Corporation served more than 26 years, many as our Treasurer, ensuring a strong and sustainable financial position for the organization. Also recognized for many years of service were Kelly Pawlak of Mount Snow (six years), John Boutin of Vermont Business Magazine (12 years) and Dick

Norwich University

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
[Register here](#)

NOW HIRING

Career Opportunity!

Click [here](#) for details about the Event Sales and Administrative Assistant position at The Vermont Chamber.



Survey - Paid Family Leave

Please take the opportunity to complete our one minute paid family leave [survey](#).



3rd Annual Mentor-Protégé Program Conference

Thursday, October 12th -
Friday, October 13th, 2017
Double Tree by Hilton Crystal
City, VA
Learn more [here](#)

2017 Vermont Veterans Small Business Day

Tuesday, October 31, 2017
Burlington, VT

Marron of Town & Country Resort (seven years). Special recognition was also given to Phil Daniels of TD Bank who has served for (eight years), with the last three years as Chair of the Board. He will continue his service as past chair while Janette Bombardier of Green Mountain Power will become the Board Chair. New board members include: Monica Greene of Vermont Precision Tools, Mike Casella of Casella Waste Systems, Dale Miller of GlobalFoundries and Sas Stewart of Stonecutter Spirits. The board strives to attract members who are lead decision makers in their companies, representing every industry across the state. View the [full board list](#) on our website.

Norwich University's Rich Schneider

The Vermont Chamber has selected retired Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard Reserve, and Norwich University President, **Richard W. Schneider** as its 2017 Citizen of the Year. Schneider's contributions to Vermont will be celebrated at an awards dinner on **Thursday, November 16** at the DoubleTree Hotel in South Burlington.

Tickets to the Citizen of the Year Award Dinner are \$85 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, a plated dinner, and an opportunity to toast Richard W. Schneider, RADM (USCGR) RET. for his many contributions to, and accomplishments in, the state of Vermont. Tables of 10 are also available.

Tickets to this prestigious event are limited; please purchase your tickets or table now by visiting the [event registration page](#).



Voting open for the 2018 Hospitality Awards



[NOW](#)

Outstanding achievers in the hospitality industry, cast your vote today!

Each year, four individuals are recognized as trendsetters in the tourism industry by the Vermont Chamber at the Hospitality Award Ceremony at The Vermont Tourism Summit in April 2018.

Register [here](#)

Grounds for Discussion

The Vermont Chamber is continuing *Grounds for Discussion*, where participating businesses throughout the year invite their legislators for a tour and discussion to create a stronger foundation for decision-making on laws to help businesses grow. Contact [Ashley Romeo-Boles](#) at 802.262.2130 to learn more and sign up to participate. For the full article please click [here](#).

TFTEA & Enforcement Seminar

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
9:00 am - 6:15 pm
Sheraton Burlington Hotel
For more information, contact Karen Pim, karen@conect.org

DHS Blue Campaign

The Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign has a [Hospitality Toolkit](#) that helps educate hospitality employees about human trafficking. Available for download in English and Spanish.

Participate today in the Vermont Outdoor Economy Public Forum

You are invited on behalf of the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative to attend a forum.

They are hosting seven of these [Forums](#)

around the state in September and October. All meetings are open to the public and take place from 6-8 pm. Open house style, so come when you can!

Vote for the Chef, Restaurateur, Innkeeper and Tourism Partner of the year that is doing an outstanding job in the industry.

2017 Recipients: Gary Thulander, Laurie Callahan, Ian Huizenga, Holmes & Beal Jacobs and Megan Brady.



Top 10 Winter Events Announced

Each year, a panel of independent judges choose Vermont's best activities, selected for their diversity, wide appeal and consistency with Vermont's brand.



39th Annual Putney Crafts Tour; Putney area - Nov. 24-26, 2017

Thanksgiving Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum; Woodstock - Nov. 24-26, 2017

25th Annual Vermont International Festival; Essex Jct. - Dec. 1-3, 2017

Coolidge Holiday Open House; Plymouth Notch - Dec. 2, 2017

Country Christmas; Waitsfield/Warren area - Dec. 8-9, 2017

Hotel Vermont Ice Bar; Burlington - Feb. 2-3, 2018



Vermont Manufacturing Day
Friday, October 6, 2017
Click [here](#) to register

#LetsGrowVT

[Colchester appears for second time in Money Magazine's Best Places to Live in America](#)

[Smugglers' Notch receives SKI Magazine accolades](#)

[Fairfield Inn & Suites Waterbury Stowe wins Opening Hotel Of The Year](#)

In Other News

[Jamieson Insurance celebrates 40 years](#)

[Union Mutual donates \\$10,000 to Hurricane Harvey relief](#)

[BioTek donates \\$25,000 to benefit STEM complex at UVM](#)

[Vermont Gas pushes efficiency program for small biz, nonprofits](#)

Short-term Work-group Study



VacationRentals.com
from HomeAway



Sen. Lyons to get the issue of registering short-term rentals back on the legislative agenda this January with full support of the Vermont Chamber.

[Full story and audio](#)

Presidents' Week Winterfest; West Dover - Feb. 16-25, 2018

The Vermont Open; Stratton - Mar. 9-11, 2018 (tentative)

Southern Vermont Wings & Winter Home Brew Festival; Bennington - Mar. 24, 2018

Smugglers' Notch Maple Fest; Jeffersonville - Mar. 17-Apr. 1, 2018

Event details can be viewed [here](#).

Welcome New Chamber Members

Welcome New Members:

ABS Group
Apple Island Resort
Thermetco
The Sparkle Barn
Vermont / New Hampshire Marketing Group
Green Country Corners Perennial Center

Member Spotlight



eDOC Innovations, a credit union service organization (CUSO), is a leading nationwide provider of mobile enterprise digital transaction management solutions (mDTM®). The mDTM's electronic signature, automation and management capabilities are creating a new generation of opportunities for businesses that embrace the mobile revolution.

eDOC Innovations' mDTM is an intuitive, all-inclusive system, deployed on premise or SaaS, that seamlessly integrates with existing applications to deliver mobile conveniences and specialized portals for anytime, anywhere digital transactions by bringing information together from diverse sources and packaging them for timely delivery on any mobile device.

Learn more about eDOC Innovations [here](#). Vermont Chamber member since 2017.

To learn more about how you can be our featured member of the month, contact [Beverly Gittelson](#). It's just one of the numerous benefits of being a member of the [Vermont Chamber of Commerce](#).

This Edition Is Sponsored By:



- Network
- Internet
- Data Center
- Cloud
- Voice

FirstLight.net 

CONTACT US

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce
751 Granger Road - Berlin
Barre, VT 05641
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 37
Montpelier, VT 05601
Phone: 802-223-3443
Fax 802-223-4257
Email: info@vtchamber.com
Website: www.vtchamber.com

ABOUT US

In business since 1912, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit business organization with 1,500 members employing 45,000 people and representing all sectors of the state's economy. Our mission is to create an economic climate conducive to business growth and preservation of the Vermont quality of life.

Copyright © 2017 The Vermont Chamber of Commerce. All Rights Reserved.