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Community Page

December 2009

Upcoming Events

Next Monthly Meeting: Tues. Jan. 5, 6-8 p.m.
Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Avenue - Rt. 16
Program: First Selectman Gregg Schuster
State of Colchester & Future Plans
Caterer: Tar River BBQ
Sponsor: Colchester Dental Group
Cost: \$15 per person *Guests Welcome!*
RSVP: **537-0340** by Jan. 1



CBA Member Spotlight ...

C.A.S.T.L.E.



Joan O'Donnell
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C.A.S.T.L.E. is a non-profit before and after school program that offers a total learning environment. Founded in the summer of 1991, it was originally located at Jack Jackter Elementary School and began with four students. Over the years the program has grown to 112

children and 34 staff members. It is now located at 396 Halls Hill Road across the street from the elementary and intermediate schools.

The program is in such demand that it now has a very long wait list. Their current location, purchased several years ago, is filled to capacity. Executive Director Joan O'Donnell, her staff, and the non-profit board is looking to expand the facility to meet the needs of the local families. They are in the process of fundraising, seeking grants, and working with the community to fulfill growth requirements.

Children that attend C.A.S.T.L.E. are between preschool though grade 8. They enjoy the facility's open floor plan, homework assistance, crafts, cooking projects, basketball hoops, playscape, reading materials/books, quiet space, and computers. Those that are in the after school program are able to take the school bus from school to C.A.S.T.L.E. Program hours are 6:30 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, all year long. For the convenience of attending children and their families, C.A.S.T.L.E. is also open during school vacation.

The family focused organization is NAEYC and NAA accredited. They are a partner in the Colchester Collaborative For Children. Call for rates and fees.

For a Before & After School Program that is in High Demand - Call Joan!



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Get to Know the CBA Board



Greg Barden has been a CBA member for 24 years, and served as president for eight years. He has been very active in the association: chairing the Tag Sale on the Green; creating partnerships with local papers; and helping to publish the town

guides. Currently his position on the board is as past president/advisor. He is also working closely with the Marketing and Membership committees to re-brand the CBA and boost member benefits.

As a Sales Manager for the ReminderNews, based in Vernon, he helps oversee 40 employees. Barden helped to start the paper's Colchester edition eight years ago. He serves on the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Colchester Lions. Married to his wife Debby for 25 years, they reside in Colchester.

Business Briefs

• **Fred Brown**, longtime CBA member and of **Northeast Family Federal Credit Union**, recently *donated a kidney to a stranger!* Brown worked with Hartford Hospital to do so. He met the recipient after surgery. He said it feels great to help save a life. (860) 646-8870 x 121

• **Michelle Boislard** an **AVON** Independent Sales Representative is offering *fund-raising services!* People/groups can set up virtual events on her web site that will allow for them to receive a percent of the sales upon completion of the fund-raising period. (860) 267-4323

• Congratulations **Colchester Barber Shop** for celebrating *11 years* in business at the 486 Old Hartford road location! They previously served 15 years as the Hair Barn. **Cindy Prescott** thanks her customers for *26 years* of business and is looking forward to many more. (860) 537-4547

• **Bill and Jen Lemay** from **Colchester Coin Laundry** recently acquired a 2nd laundry mat called **Clothespin Laundry**, located at 67 Lebanon Avenue. They offer coin operated machines, dry cleaning, alterations, leather and rug cleaning services. (860) 537-1370

• Congratulations **Family Physical Therapy** on your one year anniversary! They provide one-on-one quality treatments focused on orthopedics and sports medicine. (860) 531-3222

Business Briefs

• Good job, **Skyview Realty** at 35 Hayward Avenue, for *collecting donations* for the Colchester Food & Fuel drive, the Lion's Club, and for the Grad Night Committee, at your second annual Holiday Open House. Jack Faski would like to *thank all those that attended and generously donated!* 1-866-537-9210 toll free

• **Three Rivers Community College** is partnering with the National Association of Home Builder's University of Housing and the Builders Association of Eastern Connecticut to offer the *Certified Green Professional Designation* as a way building professionals can become educated in and involved with green building. Courses are offered beginning in Jan. To register call (860)859-3518.

• Bravo **Kelly Whipple** from **Copies Plus... More**, for being awarded the *2009 Industry Appreciation Award* from the Builders Association of Eastern CT! Her local print shop tells customers "if you can think it, we can ink it!" (860) 537-0082

• Congratulations **State Farm of Colchester** for *ranking #1 on 4 out of 5 production categories* relating to the peer State Farm office for the month of November! This was achieved by serving their policy holder needs well. They are *giving holiday gifts to all current customers*; stop by for your gift. (860) 537-3338

• **S&S Worldwide's** annual Basket Raffle netted *over \$1000 for the Colchester Food Bank!* Winners of the "tea cup" raffle were selected at random. The company is a national distributor of arts and crafts and sporting goods for recreation, health care and education professionals. (860) 537-3451

• Beginning in 2010, **The Sanctuary Center For Healing** will offer *Reiki Certification* at their location and at various hospitals, including Middlesex in Middletown. They are a healing retreat center that provides counseling, healing and spiritual services. (860) 316-7530

CBA Members Save Money!

Currently 187 locally based businesses are CBA members. Many of these companies offer discounts to CBA members that show their Member-to-Member Discount Cards. If your business is not a CBA Member - then call (860) 537-0340 or visit www.cba.bz to begin saving money by taking advantage of membership discounts.