



# GGCC NEWSLETTER 2016

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## Officers & Directors

### Officers :

**Suzanne Becker - President**

### Blooms

**Catherine Burkly Esq. - Co-Vice President**

**Matt Ryan / Individual - Co-Vice**

### President

**Lisa Gillis - Treasurer**

**Vincent Cristaldi Accounting Service**

**Kathy Nichols-Tomkins - Secretary**

### Directors :

**Mary Barnhart - Victory View Vineyard**

**Suzanne Becker - Blooms**

**Bill Blake - Battenkill Branch YMCA**

**Catherine Burkly Esquire**

**Mark Flory - Battenkill Community Services**

**Lisa Gillis - Cristaldi Accounting Services**

**Christine Grogan - Union Village**

**Barbara Hamel - Helping Hands Physical Therapy**

**Andrew Kelly - Kelly & Sellar Ryan, PLLC**

**Katie Jo Mohamed Ali—Trustco—Manager**

**Matt Ryan - Individual Member**

## 2016 Presidents Letter

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is a very busy place and it is only the second month of the new year 2016! Our current membership is over 200 professionals strong. We represent a wide variety of businesses from Agriculture to Transportation.

When speaking about the chamber I like to emphasize “We are the **Greater** Greenwich Chamber of Commerce” Yes we have a membership base in Greenwich but we also include Cambridge, Salem, Argyle, Saratoga, Glens Falls, Valley Falls, Schuylerville, Latham, Grandville, Shushan, Glenville Troy, Mechanicville, Glenville, and Albany. We are so much greater than just where our office is located.

I read once that “Chambers are like gym memberships you only get out of them what you put into them.” I thought that was a wonderful way to look at the idea of membership and volunteering. We are lucky to have a strong group of individuals from our own Board of Directors along with chamber members and community volunteers who have already logged hundreds of hours in 2016 working to create some of the wonderful events and opportunities that strengthen our business community throughout the year.

We currently have active committees working on the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Whipple City Festival, the 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, Communications, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chili Chow Down, Networking Events throughout the year.

We are always welcoming any new people that would like to volunteer with us. You could choose to become more active by sitting on a committee that is planning an event or just volunteer a few hours at a specific event, doing something like manning the cake wheel during The Whipple City Festival or helping at the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade. Please contact the chamber office and “**put in some time**” I guarantee that you will enjoy the involvement and benefit from it personally. Furthermore, it is a great way to promote your own business.

Sincerely,

**Suzanne Becker  
Blooms**

**Greater Greenwich Chamber of  
Commerce President**

## 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

WCF Meeting February 10 at 6:00 pm  
at the Chamber office

BOD Meeting - February 17 - 6:30  
at the GGCC office

## Welcome to these new Members...

**Zusin Dental**  
92 Broad St.  
Schuylerville, NY 12871  
Boris Zusin, DDS, MS  
518 695-9015  
[zusinsental@gmail.com](mailto:zusinsental@gmail.com)  
[www.zusindental.com](http://www.zusindental.com)  
General, Cosmetic & Restorative

**Easton Mountain Retreat**  
391 Herrington Hill Rd.  
Greenwich, NY 12834  
518 692-8023  
Wil Fisher - Executive Director  
[wil@eastonmountain.org](mailto:wil@eastonmountain.org)  
[www.eastonmountain.org](http://www.eastonmountain.org)  
A non-profit retreat center offering programming for the LGBT Community & full service rentals for all.

**Greater Greenwich  
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**  
**6 Academy St.**  
**Greenwich, NY 12834**  
**Phone/Fax 518 - 692-7979**  
**Email: [info@greenwichchamber.org](mailto:info@greenwichchamber.org)**

***For Your Information:***

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**Some big changes are coming your way this year...**

**Chili Chow Down Challenge - Wednesday March 30, 2016** at the Middle Falls Fire House in partnership with the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Dept. & the Middle Falls Fire Dept.

**Tour of the Battenkill - Saturday May 21, 2016** at the Washington County Fair grounds

**Whipple City Festival - June 10 & 11th, 2016** (it is a week earlier this year)

**Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade - Saturday November 19, 2016** ( Changed to Saturday)

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**IMPORTANT - We need your information :**

As spring approaches we will need your updated business brochures, flyers, event notices, business cards and any other promotional materials that you have to restock the Information Building on Academy St.

Please drop them off to the office or feel free to make space on the racks in the building. It is open 24/7 for the convenience of the general public.

We are also updating your information to be placed in the upcoming Greenwich – Easton Guide published by Manchester Newspapers each spring. Please review the information we have for you online in the Membership Directory at [www.greenwichchamber.org](http://www.greenwichchamber.org). **PLEASE Let us know if anything should be updated.**

Also .....if you do not get email blasts from us it is likely because we don't have an up todate address for you or none at all. It is critical for you to give us an email address for us to communicate with you as we move forward on sending minutes and other information to you via email on a **monthly basis**.

We will be sending a printed newsletter **only** on a quarterly basis.

**PLEASE send updates to [info@greenwichchamber.org](mailto:info@greenwichchamber.org)**

**Thank you**

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**We Really Need to Hear from You: A little bit of time can go a long way.**

Every year you hear from us that we have needs for people to help with committees...Well it really is true and it can make the difference in the quality and the quantity of what we do.

**We really need these Sub-Committees on the Whipple City Festival Committee to be filled soon.**

**\*\* Someone to work on the Parade, the Entertainment, the Fundraising and help with the Food Vendors.**

**We also will have a few vacancies on the Board of Directors at the end of March and we really need a few new directors on the Board. What does it involve?**

**Attendance at monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30**

**Working on a committee - take a look at the list of committees on the front page.**

**Having an understanding of the Financial Policy of the GGCC**

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**Benefits of your membership -** CDPHP Health Insurance 3 plans to choose from, Delta Dental, Bay Optical Vision Plans , 42/7 business listings on the GGCC website [www.greenwichchamber.org](http://www.greenwichchamber.org), regional advertising, organizer of quality community events, provider of referrals to inquirers, a presence with Greenwich municipalities and with Washington County government, provider of Certificates of Origin, Area Information Building and newsletters with your business inserts, all free to you. And so much more....

**Please help us by renewing your membership when it arrives in the mail.**

*Thank you*