

A Message from the President



Michael Nicaastro

the State of Connecticut.

Serving over 1800 members and a population in excess of 140,000, the Chambers represent a talented and entrepreneurial group of professional business leaders focused on the economic vitality and future vision of the region.

It is my sincere pleasure as the new president of the Chamber to first thank retiring president John J. Leone, Jr. for his 18 years of dedication and service to the region. Second, I look forward to working with each of our members as well as municipal and legislative leaders throughout the region to continue John's work and build a vision for the future.

The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce aggregates the community and business reach of the Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plainville, Plymouth and Wolcott Chambers to form the third largest Chamber organization in

I invite you to get to know more about Central Connecticut by reading this edition of Chamber Views and I welcome your input and feedback not only for future editions of this publication but the business community as well.

Please feel free to contact us here at the Chamber if you would like more information.

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A great time was had by all

The Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce's newest member Bill Rizzuto, owner of Rizzuto's Wood-Fired Kitchen and Bar located at 111 Memorial Road Blue Back Square, West Hartford was kind enough to host a holiday event at his restaurant. Rizzuto's Marketing Coordinator Linda Kavanaugh organized the event and was extremely pleased with the number of Chamber members who attended. From the left, Ray Gagnon, Vice President of Membership, Mike Nicaastro, President/CEO Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Bill Rizzuto, Rizzuto owner, Mike Scheidel, President Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Linda Kavanaugh, Rizzuto's Marketing Director, Diana Esposito, Membership Director, John Leone, Past President/CEO of the Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce

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