Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the October Membership meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of October **Monday October 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM Under the Tent at Club Getaway.** Adult beverages and snacks will be served. This will be our last in-person meeting, as we will return to Zoom meetings during the winter months (November through March). Your participation is vital and we hope to see you at the meeting!

September meeting was for Board and staff only, no minutes to report.

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**45 years and still running!**

The 45th Annual Kent Pumpkin Run will be held in person on Sunday Oct. 31, 2021 (Halloween!) Sponsorship spots are available until Sept. 30, 2021. If you are interested, please contact Lyn at info@kentct.com For more information about the race, please visit kentpumpkinrun.com
$10/under 13 includes LUNCH! (Price at the gate is adults $25, under 13 $15) (read more...)  
All proceeds will go to the Kent Chamber of Commerce.

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FREE Money for Business Owners!

Women’s Business Development Council  
Grant Program for Women-Owned Small Businesses in CT accepting applications  
The Women’s Business Development Council’s (WBDC) Equity Match Grant Program for women-owned businesses in Connecticut is now accepting applications. Grants between $2,500 and $10,000 are available for clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth and profitability. Applications will be accepted online at ctwbdc.org through Sept. 28.  

For full details on Equity Match Grant eligibility and requirements as well as information and resources on application preparation, please visit ctwbdc.org/equity-match-grant-program. WBDC business advisors can also be reached with further questions by emailing microgrants@ctwbdc.org.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Have you or your business been economically impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency? We want to hear from you! Please email ARPA@townofkentct.org with a brief narrative about how the COVID-19 public health emergency has economically affected you or your business. This is a first step in a needs assessment process. Kent will receive a total of $821,855 over a two-year period. The first allocation of this funding has been received in the amount of $410,927 and must be distributed by the end of the calendar year 2024. The Federal Government has issued four categories for use of these funds, a broad overview of the uses are as follows (read more....)

Sales Tax Relief for Sellers of Meals  
The Department of Revenue Services (DRS) is making sellers of meals aware that they may be eligible for a benefit that was authorized by legislation that was recently enacted by the Connecticut General Assembly. Under this legislation, certain sellers of meals are allowed to retain the sales tax they collect on sales of meals during a specified period of time. In order to qualify for this benefit, the seller must make sales of meals and be included in Sector 72 of the North American Industrial Classification System, United States Manual, United States Office of Management and Budget, 2017 edition (NAICS). (read more...
RVNAhealth is hosting a Drive-Thru Flu Clinic at the Kent Town Hall on Monday, October 18th from 4-6:00pm. Details on this specific event are here. https://rvnahealth.org/event/drive-thru-flu-pneumonia-vaccine-clinic-kent-town-hall/
And general information on our Flu Vaccines is here https://rvnahealth.org/services/be-well/flu-shots/

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We need to hear from you! If you haven't done so already, please complete the Chamber's survey by clicking here

ACCESS HEALTH CT AWARDED $1.1M GRANT FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
The grant will be used to financially support the implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) helping to make health insurance more affordable for Connecticut residents, along with technology modernization projects that will enhance consumer experiences within the online customer portal. The grant funding was made possible through the ARPA. (read more...)

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