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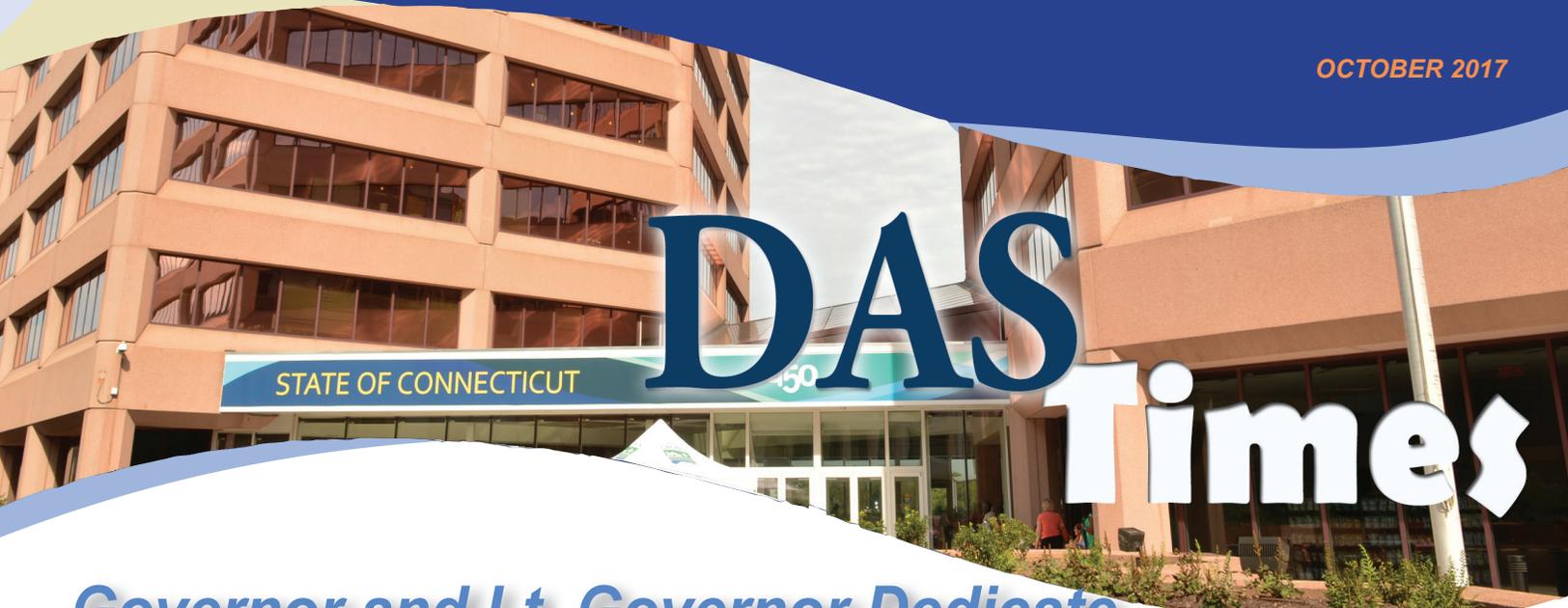


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Governor and Lt. Governor Dedicate 450 Columbus Boulevard Buildings



Governor Malloy speaks to attendees at the Grasso-Fauliso Dedication of 450 Columbus Boulevard

It's official!! Our office complex at 450 Columbus Boulevard has been named! Actually, it has been given TWO names! The Grasso-Fauliso Buildings!

On September 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM, a Dedication Ceremony was held to name the two buildings. The Ceremony was held on the Plaza Level. Commissioner Currey welcomed both Governor Malloy and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman along with another 120 guests for the unveiling of the building plaques and the Official Dedication of the North Tower as the Ella T. Grasso Building and the South Tower as the Lt. Governor Joseph J. Fauliso Building. Their names appear on the walls above the entrance halls to each tower and the Brass Plaques with their names and date of the dedication ceremony will be mounted soon. They currently remain for viewing on a table behind the main Security Desk on the Plaza Level.

Commissioner Currey opened the Ceremony by honoring DAS' Erin Choquette, Doug Moore, Carol O'Shea and Ira Henowitz. She thanked them individually and as a Team for all their hard work in making the move to 450 such a success! They each received a special plaque. "Erin worked tirelessly, Carol got rid of the mountains of paper we all had, Doug was the Project Manager who is also good with a budget and Ira really kept the whole Act together throughout the process!" Commissioner said.

Commissioner Currey then welcomed Governor Dannel P. Malloy. Governor Malloy took note in his remarks, "The move into a building like this 'helps break down some of the silos in State government' since we have over 2,000 employees who have come together in this building to work together in a new more collaborative environment. I am glad that we closed the Sigourney Street building-with all its problems and moved people here. And it used to drive me crazy to drive by that State Office Building and see all those single unit air



conditioners! These buildings now contribute to the rebirth of Hartford. The individuals we honor today faced great challenges but remained very admirable. Governor Grasso moved the State and the Nation forward as our first woman Governor and Lt. Governor Fauliso was known as the Cicero of the Senate!" The Governor then faced Lt. Governor Wyman seated in the crowd and quipped "Lt Governor, if you play your cards right, you too could have a building named after you!!" He then welcomed her to the podium to speak.

Lt Governor Nancy Wyman knew both Governor Grasso and Lt Governor Fauliso during her years of service at the state capitol. The Lt. Governor was on staff at the Capitol when Ella Grasso was the Governor and she said "In that Capitol building she was a tough lady, but to the rest of the world she was a sweet Italian Grandmother!! Lt. Governor Fauliso was so very smart! He was called the Cicero of the Senate and a joy to work with!"

Next to speak was U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, "These were two extraordinary individuals that led by example. They loved this State. I had the chance to work with Governor Grasso when I was the U.S. Attorney for Connecticut."

Commissioner Currey then introduced Susan Grasso, Governor Grasso's daughter to say a few words. However, before Susan took the podium Commissioner Currey shared her own story of knowing Governor Grasso with a personal story of her own about how she first met the Governor. Commissioner said when she and her husband first moved to Connecticut from New York, "I heard there was going to be a big tag sale at the governor's house. I could not believe that coming from New York with Governor Rockefeller. I could not believe the Governor of Connecticut would be having an open tag sale, so I went. I was so impressed by how down to earth she was and how she reached out to the people of Connecticut!"

Susan Grasso then came to the podium with the same confident strong voice her mother had as the leader of the State and said, "on behalf of my brother and family, I want to thank Senator Blumenthal and Governor Malloy for their courageous stand on immigration! It is immigrants who make this country great!" She then shared a story about the state employees being the fourth branch of government and closed with this thought. "My mom and her dear friend Joe (Fauliso) are sitting here side by side in death looking over the state employees of Connecticut."

Mrs. Ann Marie Fauliso spoke next and came to the podium to reflect on his calm demeanor and humble beginnings and spoke of the phrase "Do Good" a phrase he lived by! "He always kept an open door to anyone that needed help. He was particularly fond of working class families."

With the conclusion of the remarks, the three plaques were unveiled. The plaques will be mounted at the front entrance of the building and to the entrances to both buildings respectively.

Governor Grasso served from January of 1975 through December of 1980. She died on February 5, 1981 at age 61. Lt. Governor Joseph J. Fauliso was Lt. Governor under Governor William A. O'Neill from December of 1980 until January 1991. He passed away in 2014 at the age of 98.



Top: Commissioner Currey honors Ira Henowitz, Carol O'Shea, Doug Moore and Erin Choquette
 2nd: Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman
 3rd: Susan Grasso
 4th: Ann Marie Fauliso

Gov. Malloy Releases Cybersecurity Strategy for Connecticut

reprint of the Press Release from the Office of the Governor

Offers Tips for Residents to Protect Themselves Against Cyber Attacks

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced the release of the Connecticut Cybersecurity Strategy – a document outlining seven key principles that can be applied to every person, organization, government agency, and business in Connecticut on strengthening efforts to protect the state’s cybersecurity defenses.

The strategy was produced through the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by the state’s Chief Cybersecurity Risk Officer Arthur House and Chief Information Officer Mark Raymond at the request of Governor Malloy. The Governor created the position of Chief Cybersecurity Risk Officer last year and charged House with creating this strategy as his first priority.

“We receive daily reminders that we are living in a time of cyber insecurity, and we need to be proactive in this effort,” Governor Malloy said. “The federal government, our national intelligence, and homeland security officials are doing their part, but states have a vital role to play. Connecticut is leading the way in taking action that will allow us to be prepared for any contingency and safeguard our residents from cybersecurity threats to critical infrastructure. I am grateful to Arthur House, DAS Commissioner Melody Currey, and CIO Mark Raymond for their work in this effort, and also to those in government, business and education who helped them produce this important first step toward a safer Connecticut.”

To download the Connecticut Cybersecurity Strategy, visit www.ct.gov/ctcyberlibrary.

The seven principles discussed in the strategy – leadership, literacy, preparation, response, recovery, communication and verification – can be applied to every person, organization, government agency and business in Connecticut.

The strategy will next be followed by an action plan that will contain concrete steps to address the issues raised in the report. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection – through the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Intelligence Center, and the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – will also have a significant role in the plan’s implementation.

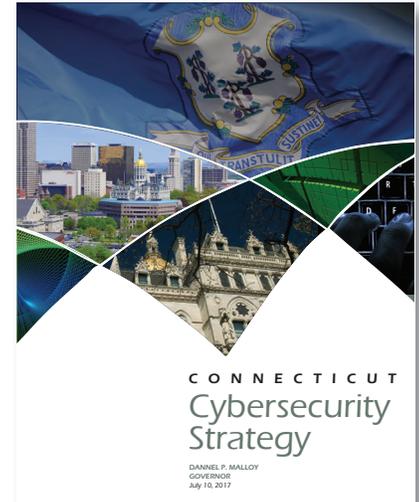
“We have a plan, but we also have a lot of work to do,” Arthur House said. “Cybersecurity is a process, not an end state. We must continue to take threats seriously and defend the people of Connecticut. Having a strategy is an important step – allowing Connecticut to be organized in fending off attacks by powerful and skilled cyber criminals. Everyone should join in a common effort to create a culture of cybersecurity awareness.”

Tips for Residents to Protect Against Cyber Attacks

As cyber-related attacks around the world continue to grow, officials from the State of Connecticut encourage all residents to learn about the risks and take steps to ensure their devices are secured.

Some of the action steps residents can take include:

- Patch devices regularly: Make sure computers, mobile device apps, and anything else connected to the internet are running the most up-to-date software/firmware security patches.
- Use updated antivirus software: Installing antivirus software on devices is simply not enough. Ensure that the software regularly scans the devices and receives periodic updates for ongoing protection.
- Backup important data: Cyberattacks like ransomware may even infect up-to-date systems, so it is essential to back up data on a regular basis into a separate device (or to the cloud) to ensure continued access to critical data.
- Stay alert and informed: The most common method for malware dissemination is through phishing, which involves criminals emailing people with the intent of tricking them to either open an infected attachment or click on a link to a malicious website. If a suspicious email is received, delete it. Visit reputable cybersecurity websites to remain current on trends and alerts.
- Notify IT provider: If any abnormal computer behavior is noticed, if a device becomes infected with ransomware, or if an individual calls offering to provide unsolicited technical assistance, call a local law enforcement agency. Be sure to dial the non-emergency number for the local police department and provide them with as many details as possible regarding the incident.



Procurement Training 2017

Success Through Synergy

by John McKay

For the fourth year, DAS Procurement hosted another successful conference. The “Success through Synergy” theme resonated with attendees.

Goodwin College in East Hartford was the site for DAS Procurement’s fourth annual procurement training conference.

The handouts reflected a “Back to School” theme with an old school composition book with the “Success through Synergy” logo letting attendees know they were going back to school to learn about the state’s procurement process and much more.

Inside, a yearbook theme of current and old photos and fun facts about DAS Procurement staff, guest speakers and the event’s keynote speaker Scott Deming were displayed. Deming, a motivational speaker who kicked off the event shared interesting stories on how people can form emotional attachments to the workplace and how to better develop relationships with customers and co-workers alike. He focused on purpose and synergies.

“He changed my perspective on a few things,” one attendee was overheard saying.

DAS Procurement Director Carol Wilson shared information on Procurement’s recent strategic business planning process, their vision, mission, values, goals and future objectives to better service the customers, including, new advisory groups, an annual customer satisfaction survey, technology improvements and more. Wilson said, “I just want to thank everyone who made this event possible, including our staff, Commissioner Currey and especially the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). Without their financial support, we would not be able to host this event.”

“We felt our ‘Success through Synergy’ theme really emphasized that we can’t accomplish our goals alone. Synergy means, the interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements, contributions.

We need each other in work and in life so we can partner together and achieve more than we would if we did the work alone,” added Wilson.

NASPO’s CEO Douglas Richins gave a quick talk on NASPO ValuePoint contracts which involved multi-state cooperative purchasing – increasing the buying power of one state by combining it with other states procurement



Top: Carol Wilson and Devin Marquez
Above: The Procurement Team



offices. Richens also highlighted that DAS' own Devin Marquez is the Connecticut leader for NASPO ValuePoint.

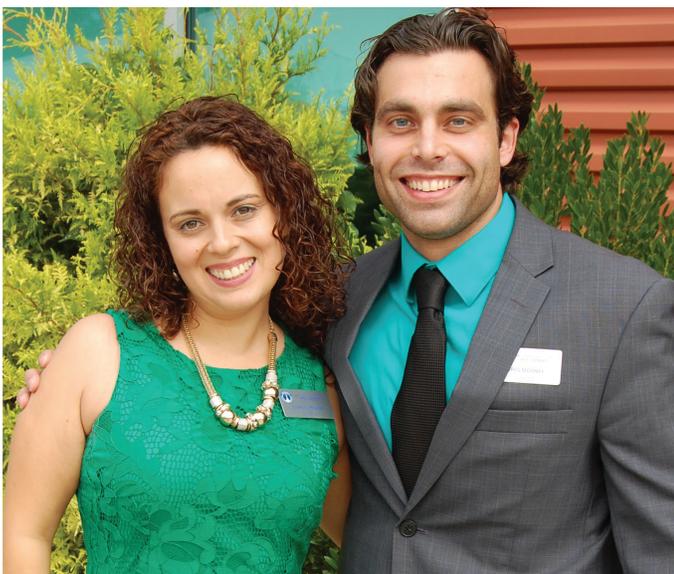
The event hosted a number of training classes including: Procurement 101 – Basic Procurement, What's New in Technology?, Cooperative contracts, and Resolving Conflicts Between Contract Users and Contractors as well as a showcase of procurement programs, Correctional Enterprises, LEAN display, NASPO ValuePoint, and the state's electronic recycling supplier, Take2.



Top: Arlene Watson-Paulin

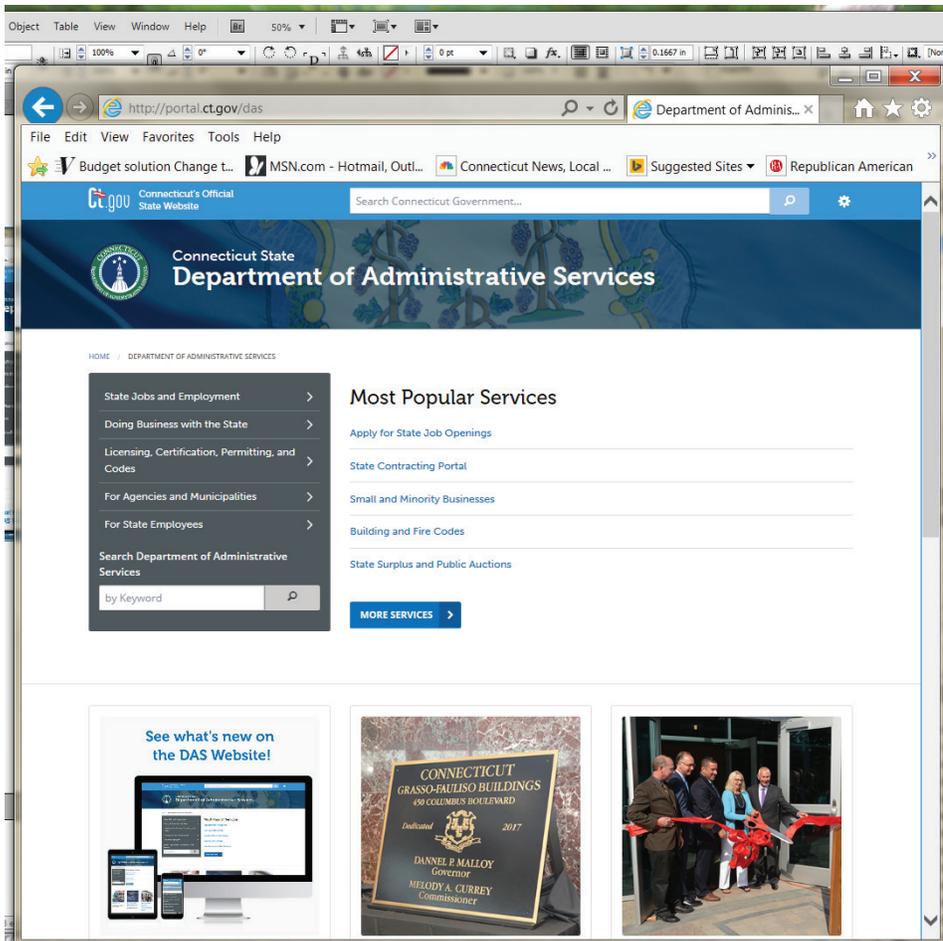
Left: George Bernocco and Jean Del Greco

Lower left: Marisol Rivera and Greg Mooney



DAS Launches the New Website and Celebrates

by John McKay



The new DAS web page with its simpler cleaner format.

We were excited to announce the launch of our new agency website on Monday, August 28, 2017. Users will now be able to find us through CT.Gov at portal.ct.gov/das.

Our new website provides easier access to information regarding the many programs, resources and services our agency provides. The design of the web pages and the structure of information have been changed to improve usability while simplifying the navigation to improve our user's experience.

DAS is a pilot agency for this process and has worked closely with our partners at Connecticut Interactive, LLC to organize and execute this project. The goal is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about DAS' services and solutions and also to allow the visitor to browse information based on their own choice.

Our new and improved "Search Box" offers a powerful yet simple search feature, resulting in faster access to information on the site by using specific keywords.

The site follows a similar look and feel to the CT.Gov website and our DAS information is integrated into CT.Gov so there is a seamless transition in presenting a unified state website.

We hope users find our new website fresh and modern. DAS staff has worked hard to make sure it contains the information needed by our fellow state agencies and outside customers.

Ribbon Cutting at Asnuntuck Community College

by John McKay



Asnuntuck Community College (ACC) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) unveiled its new Tower Lobby and Student Center on Wednesday, September 13 with a 3 p.m. ribbon cutting.

The new area features Arnie's Cafe, student organization offices, an employee lounge, student lounges and comfortable spaces for students and the public to congregate, study, and grab a bite to eat. ACC's Follett Bookstore has been relocated to the lobby area, and the grand Tower Lobby and Student Center will be available to the students and community. Additionally a new conference center is currently under construction.



Tours of the new Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center were given and guests also saw the college's state-of-the-art machinery in the new 27,000 square foot building – another DAS project.

DAS' Division of Construction Services coordinated the construction of the facility which entails a complete new roof replacement of the Asnuntuck Community College Building consisting of approximately 170,000 gross square feet.

In addition this project includes construction of a new two story building entry of approximately 14,000 gross square feet to the existing building.

Connecticut companies Enfield Builders, Inc., Tecton Architects, Inc., BVH Integrated Services, Inc, and The Morganti Group were all attached to the project.

Division of Construction Services' Lisa Humble was the project manager.



Torrington Courthouse Opens....Finally

by Nina Ritson



Over twenty years in the making the new Torrington Courthouse opened for business in September in a staggered move of offices from the Litchfield Court house, Bantam Court house, Juvenile Court and Family Court. They now all reside in one building located at 50 Field Street in Torrington.

The new building will replace four facilities including the 1889 Litchfield Courthouse, Bantam Superior Court, Juvenile Court in Torrington and a family services office. The state now leases all those buildings, except the 19th century courthouse.



On Thursday, August 17, Current and former elected officials, judges, construction officials and Judicial and DAS staff gathered to tour the courthouse before opening day.

As visitors enter the new courthouse they will immediately pass a metal detector then move into an expansive stone lobby area with muted hues and large windows framing views of the Berkshire foothills.

The first floor houses the former Bantam GA court and the previous Litchfield JD resides on the second floor which also has a pro-se area for help with questions. The third floor will house

Juvenile Court, Family Services, and Support Enforcement keeping people attending these courts out of the general population, encouraging confidentiality. The fourth floor features the Jury Assembly, Case Library and Resident chambers, with a dedicated staff library. There are two levels of parking and staff will be in a secured area behind the building. A special feature of the building is the holding area in the lowest basement area with 24 individual cells (separating men and women) and two gang cells to hold prisoners before they appear in court. Each has running water and toilets and a sitting area. They will use a dedicated entrance and elevator to reach their courtroom so they do not integrate with the general population as they did in Litchfield. Each courtroom has a monitor outside listing what cases are being seen – a vast improvement from the single one page typed announcement taped to the wall.



The State's Attorney also has an office in this new courthouse.

And what will become of the old stone courthouse? The old Litchfield County Courthouse stood over the picturesque town green through two world wars, the Great Depression and the Great Recession. The interior had become outdated and inefficient, and there is no elevator in the building. The five cells or lockups in the basement did not have running water or toilets.

The six Revolutionary War-era Litchfield men who originally leased the land to the county had stipulated that the property go to their heirs should it cease to support a courthouse. Because of a provision in the original 1803 land lease, the property is slated to revert to a former Litchfield resident, George Beckwith, now 79 of Missouri, as well as the estates of his two sisters.



Ribbon Cutting at the New Joyner Health Science Center by Nina Ritson



On Tuesday, September 12 the ribbon was cut, on time for the 2017 fall semester, for the new Joyner Health Science Center at Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC).

President Michael Rooke opened the ceremony by saying, “This is important to the Economic Development and the region of Winsted.” Mark Ojakian, President of CSCU, followed with “I am very connected to this community and friends kept asking me when is this going to happen? I would like to give a shout out to Roberta Willis for her long term support for this project. It shows the governor’s commitment and my commitment to this institution and this region. I would like to thank Bud Salemi, and I remind him of his 5 minute speech limit,” Ojakian joked.

Chair Matt Fleury, Board of Regents praised NCCC by saying, “This institute is the Yale of our community – what MIT is to Boston!” Many representatives came to the podium to speak. Jay Case (R) Winchester thanked Commissioner Currey for working with Roberta and him on this project – “seven years later we cut the ribbon!”

Then State Representative Roberta Willis (retired) spoke, “I am an alum, my children and parents went here too! This building provides an expanded opportunity for higher education in one of the most rural areas of the state. This is about job opportunities and it is drop dead gorgeous.”



Top, from left to right; President Michael Rooke, Chair Matt Fleury, Representative Jay Case, Retired Representative Roberta Willis and Mark Ojakian, President, CSCU

Below: Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi

The 24,400 square foot brick and terra cotta building sits strategically off the exit ramp off Route 8 north maximizing the majestic views of the northwest foothills. The State Bond Commission authorized \$24.7 million towards the project in July 2015, part of \$28.7 million in total state investment. Construction began on December 2, 2016.

The college's veterinarian technician program is housed on the first floor and the Medical Assistant and Allied Health programs will be housed on the second floor.

"I want to thank Larry Brunoli for keeping the promise he made to us all at the groundbreaking by finishing construction in time for this semester! Because of this new facility, Northwestern Connecticut Community College has added a tremendous resource to the college. Having this new building for the education of Veterinary Technicians and Healthcare students, opens up more learning and career opportunities for them," praised Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi. "I want to thank Construction Services Project Manager, Barbara Cosgrove and John Cavacas, Assistant Director of Project Management for their efforts at making this happen along with Northeast Collaborative Architects, Lawrence Brunoli, Inc., our Contractor, Downes Construction Company, our Construction Administrator and the Office of the State Building Inspector. This was a team that faced a significant challenge and succeeded. Thank you all!"

Mayor Elinor Carbone of nearby Torrington introduced Scout, the guest of honor, the staff veterinarian's dog.

The original Joyner Hall was constructed in 1957, and served as a grocery store and then the college library during its existence. Attendees of the ribbon-cutting ceremony were invited to a reception following and to tour the building.

Top, from left to right; Jeff Bianco (NCA Architects), Ray Giolitto (NCA Architects), John Cavacas (DCS), Mike Irwin (BVH Engineers), Larry Brunoli (LBI), Bud Salemi (DCS), Barbara Cosgrove (DCS), Tom Sheard (Downes), Andrea Baranyk (NCA Architects), Sean Donadio (NCA Architects), Chris Speeg (NCA Architects), unidentified person, Scott Phelps (OSBI/DCS), unidentified person.

Middle: View from the sitting area

Bottom: Perpetually willing patient



Managers Day 2017 by Nina Ritson



Top: Comptroller Kevin Lembo greets managers



Above: Channel 3 Meteorologist Scot Haney reminisces about his early career

On Friday, September 22 state managers gathered at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville for a day filled with inspirational speakers, a tasty lunch and to honor three managers chosen for their exemplary performance in the state.

After a continental breakfast the first speaker, New Haven Police Chief Campbell, shared his story of being paralyzed by an assailant in the line of duty and being told by his doctors that he should accept his disability and leave the police force. He said, "I refused to let the bad guys win. My mom was only 16 years older than me but she always said 'you have to work hard in life and even so, bad things will happen to you'." And that he did, as he returned to the force part-time after two years in extensive rehabilitation and then was promoted several times until he became Chief of Police.

The next speaker, Attorney Lisa Bantoski Mehta of Shipman and Goodwin shared interesting, hard to believe and comical legal cases that were true! Some of the cases appeared to have obvious conclusions, but she very clearly outlined why a ruling went the way it did and how nothing is "obvious." She touched on issues in the workplace like sexual harassment, religion, protected class for veterans, pregnancy on the job, and enforcing workplace dress codes.

The next speaker was a little fishy. Wendy Chambers of Pepperidge Farms and Campbell foods shared the story of the founder of Pepperidge Farms and "Mother of Goldfish" crackers, Margaret Rudkin who never baked a thing in her life until she tried experimenting with recipes of pure food to help her son who had severe asthma. She created a recipe for whole wheat bread that had to be kneaded just the right way. So much that when she later sold her bread in stores she only hired women bakers with the right sized hands. When all other bakers were charging 10 cents per loaf in the markets she commanded and got 25 cents per loaf. And where does the name Pepperidge come from? Her home in Fairfield was loaded with pepperidge (or sorgum) trees so

they named it Pepperidge Farms. Perhaps Sorgum Farms would have had a negative dental connotation. "We hire quality people so we can have a quality product," said Wendy, "Good is in the details." Wendy Campbell donated her entire speaking fee to the Channel 3 Kids Camp!

After a brief presentation from the recipient of this year's managers collections for Channel 3 Kids Camp, Comptroller Kevin Lembo stopped by to thank managers and tell them their work truly matters. "This is a difficult budget, with a loss of civility, and an abandonment of values. It is so important to focus on our work," he said.

With that, awards were presented to this year's winners: 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient - Matthew Cartter, M.D., M.P.H., State Epidemiologist, Director of Infectious Diseases, Department of Public Health; Maria Cheney, Director of Residential Programs and Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Cheryl Malerba, Director of Administration, DOT.

Following the presentations, managers were treated to an hour of Channel 3's 'meteorologist' and resident comedian, Scot Haney and his funny tales. His quick wit, humble connections and personal stories had everyone in the room in tears laughing.

Congratulations to the managers and to the MAC team for putting together another successful day!



Play Ball!

by John McKay



It was a great day for baseball and the DAS Summer Picnic! Beautiful skies and warm temperatures greeted everyone who attended the Hartford Yard Goats vs. the Trenton Thunder on Wednesday, August 9.

142 tickets were sold and employees enjoyed the day hanging out with co-workers and checking out the new stadium.

Many had not been to the new Dunkin' Donuts stadium and enjoyed touring the facility, checking out the food and drink options and cheering on the Yard Goats. "This is really nice," said one employee, "I'm so glad I came."

"Commissioner Currey thought this was a perfect place to have our first DAS picnic after moving to 450 Columbus Boulevard," said event organizer Mark Carroza. "She wanted our employees to get a feel for what Hartford had to offer just a few blocks from our new building. And the stadium didn't disappoint."

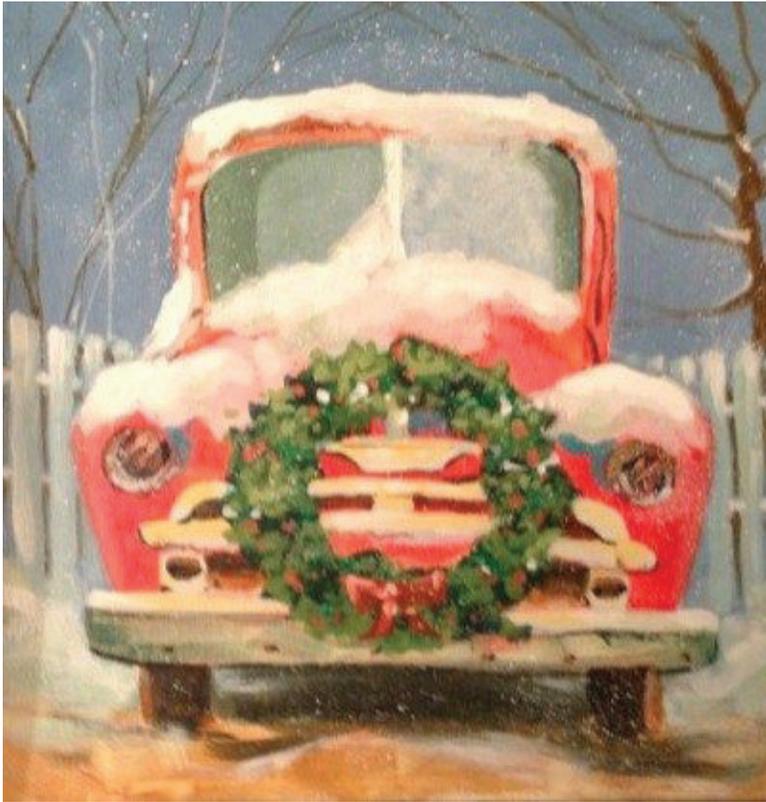
"Along the course of this dance I received invaluable help from Erika Carcano, Bob Ficeto, Robin Havelin, Jeremy Kushin, Tia Miller, Marisol Rivera, Frank Sanzo, Amy Whitehouse, Genie Williams and Lorraine Vittner. Not to mention a critical eleventh-hour assist from Aleshia Hall."

The Yard Goats got off to a slow start falling behind the Thunder early, but then rallied in the seventh and eighth innings to win the game.





Save the Datefor the Holiday Party



AT THE *Vasa Mia* *Hawthorne*

Friday, December 15, 2017
2421 Berlin Turnpike,
Berlin, CT

Appetizers

Italian Antipasto
Eggplant Rollatini

Pasta

Penne ala Vodka
Fettucine Alfredo

Entree

Sliced Beef Tenderloin
Stuffed Filet of Sole
Chicken with Lemon
*Includes salad,
vegetables, rolls and
butter*

Desert

Ice Cream Parfait
Includes coffee or tea



2017 Eclipse *by John McKay*

(August 21, 2017) The excitement of the solar eclipse spread across Connecticut and DAS, as people turned their eyes to the sky Monday afternoon.

A total solar eclipse in the United States is a once-in-a-lifetime event for many. Unfortunately Connecticut only experienced a partial eclipse.

The eclipse began around 1:30 p.m. and lasted until 4:00 p.m., with peak coverage of the sun around 2:45 p.m. Many people went outside to view the eclipse through special sunglasses, or cereal boxes converted to view boxes.

DAS Commissioner Melody Currey's husband "McGyvered" a special viewer with welders glass which gave a very clear view of the eclipse.

Left: Director Jeff Beckham uses the Currey viewer

People are talking..... by Cindy Rusczyk

Susan Roper of Greenwich recently wrote to Commissioner Currey:

"I would like to make you aware of the wonderful performance of one of your employees- **Lori Reposa**:

I started working with Lori in May of 2017 to make sure that the Department of Administrative Services received the remaining funds in my deceased mother's bank accounts to apply to her Title 19 debt.

My previous experience dealing with governmental agencies had been frustrating. The confusing telephone menus (press 1 for this, press 2 for that, etc.) the long hold times, and the consistent lack of returned phone calls... But, this time, I was lucky enough to get a direct line and a name! So, on May 15, I called Lori and left a message asking if the DAS had received a debit card and a check that was made out to my mother. Within 24 hours, Lori returned my phone call.

Lori has been the consummate professional in every one of our subsequent conversations. She always returned my phone calls within a day, was always patient, seemed to care about my issue, and consistently explained the answers to me in ways that made sense and I could understand.

You are very fortunate to have Lori on your team. She represents the Department of Administrative Services very well."

President Jeannette A. Brown from JJ Environmental, LLC sent the following message to Commissioner Currey:

"I am writing this to recognize and compliment the quality of work performed by two of your staff members, **Meg Yetishefsky** and **Stan Kenton**. Both of them have shown a high level of professionalism and willingness to be of service. I was so impressed with both of them. Meg went out of her way to help schedule an on-site visit which was required in order for me to obtain my WBE in Massachusetts. I am certified in CT as a WBE, but have a significant job opportunity in MA which required the WBE. This was very time sensitive and Meg recognized that and made the on-site visit possible. Stan also went out of his way to schedule my visit in a timely manner. He was respectful, put me at ease, and was a very competent interviewer. Both of them respected my need to have this done quickly. I am truly indebted to both

Each issue we publish letters of praise that we have received about DAS employees going above and beyond. If you have received great service or would like to write about a DAS employee going the extra mile, email Cindy.Rusczyk@ct.gov

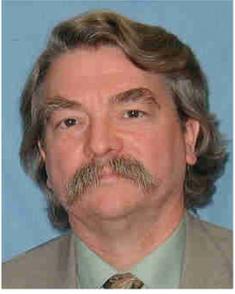
Don't be shy - good work deserves a good word- DAS employees are the best!

of them. . As a resident of Connecticut, I am very proud of their commitment and their level of competence and you should as well be very proud of the way they represent your Department and the State of Connecticut."

Frank Rivera would like to extend his "appreciation to the **Accident Lien Team Unit**. Both the Reimbursement Analysts' and Processing Technicians' work tirelessly on filing thousands of liens. A special kudos to **Reyne Maturo** and **Maureen Sadlowski** for stepping up and training our new team members while still working their massive caseloads. Our new team members include **Marcus Campbell, Adrienne Runowicz, Mark Plourd** and **Lilka Valle**, who have all done an incredible

job. With new members come lots of changes and their ability to adapt to change is commendable. A big thank you to **Katie McCabe, Susan Kitchens** and **Jennifer-Reid Williams** as well for their help along the way, part of the reason of why we do what we do, with so little, is a testament to everyone stepping up and working together as a team. Let's not forget our Processing Technicians **Madeline Vargas, Melissa Perez, Chanel Johnson, Jennifer Koske, Miriam Rodriguez, Patricia McNeill-Jackson** and **Cathy Jones**. Their detailed, extensive research allows us to recover the millions we do. I would also like to welcome **Shatia Miller** to our Team, she is highly motivated, hardworking and brings a can do attitude to our group. Thank you all for all your hard work, it does not go unnoticed. Go 'A' Team!"

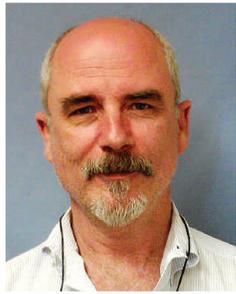
David David, Peter Mason and Patricia Dillon from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) sent a message of praise to Easha Canada regarding "**Dan Sears** and how supportive he has been to us at DDS. No matter how busy he is, he has made time to assist us with any technical issues we have run into within the DDS Contract Portal hosted by BizNet. This has been a continued collaboration between both our agencies since we started working on this project in October 2015 and Dan has been instrumental in making sure DDS' many unique requirements were and have been met so we can continue to assist the providers in supporting individuals throughout the state. Thank you to Dan!"



Donald Jordan



Aaron Barksdale



Kevin Jackson



Mohammed Sheikh



Dean Myshrall



Donna Crossley



Ertan Gunes



Natalina Raimondi



Joseph Higgins



Jeff Bolton



Deb Arrieta

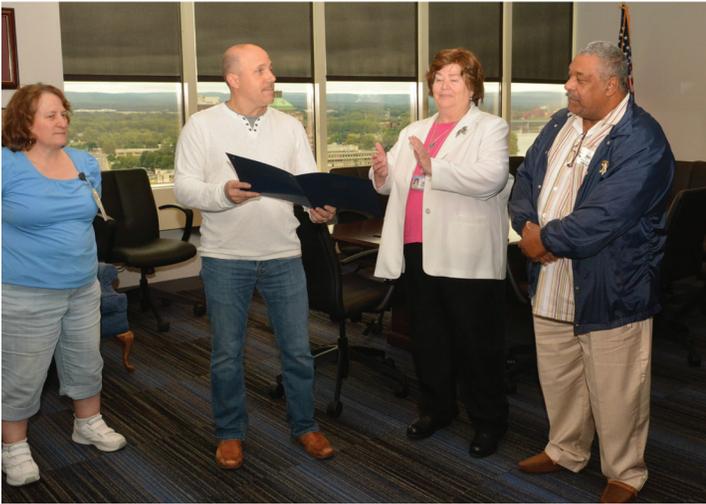
COMINGS and GOINGS

RETIREMENTS

Donald Jordan – Statewide HR – August
 Aaron Barksdale – Central Mail – August
 Kevin Jackson – DCS – October
 Mohammed Sheikh – BEST – October
 Dean Myshrall – BEST – October
 Donna Crossley – Business Office – October
 Ertan Gunes – Properties and Facilities
 Management – October
 Natalina Raimondi – DCS – October

LEFT STATE SERVICE

Joseph Higgins – DCS – July
 Jeff Bolton – DCS – September
 Deb Arrieta - September



Clockwise from the left: Deb Arrieta heads off to Eversource. Look out Eversource she will keep you on your toes! Donna Crossley with Commissioner Currey, and Jerry Lynn; Mohammed Sheikh stands with Mark Raymond, Easha Canada and Dan Sears; Dean Myshrall with Mark Raymond and Aaron Barksdale bids goodbye with Eileen Griffin, Mike Guimond and Commissioner Currey.