



September Chamber Corner by Marji Graf

Fall foliage is upon us. The Governor promises one of the best fall foliage seasons on record. I'll hold him to it!

The Chamber has put together several videos that are on facebook, linkedin, twitter, Yankee.com. Aired on television stations lpctv, Outside tv, Connecticut marketplace and the Big E in Springfield, that promotes we're open for business, our leaves are turning, our roads are accessible and to come live, work and play with us in the Okemo Valley.

We're helping businesses and residents alike by providing hands on assistance through FEMA, SBA, VtSBDC, Veda. Thanks to FEMA/SBA for opening an office in the Okemo Marketplace in Ludlow.

Our 2012 "Women of Okemo Valley Calendar" reveal party was a great success! All calendar 'girls' were 'revealed' and on hand to sign their month. Ron Utterman from Mount Holly led an auction of selected items worn from each calendar shoot. Calendars can be purchased for \$20 at participating businesses and will be available online on the chambers website www.yourplaceinvermont.com. Portion of proceeds to benefit VT/NH Susan G Komen Race for the Cure for breast cancer.

We moved our Chamber Golf Tournament to October 6 because of the rain last week. We hope to attract more participants since this is now a charity event to help our local communities. Contact Mary Knight of Knight Tubs to participate 228-2260.

Our next mixer is October 12 at Berkshire Bank in Ludlow from 5:30-7:30pm.

Our next Coffee with the Chamber is scheduled for October 24 at the Brant House in Weston at 8am. This is free and open to the public. The Chamber wants to share with each community what we're doing and find out what resources we can bring to each community that we serve. Please join us.

Be sure to check our extensive calendar of events on our website. October promises to be an extremely busy month in all our communities!