



**June Chamber Corner submitted by Marji Graf, Executive Director**

We have been busy as usual in the Okemo Valley. We are up to 7 certified Vermont Ambassadors and encourage everyone to take the online tests. Email [lynda.unwin@state.vt.us](mailto:lynda.unwin@state.vt.us) to ask for your login and password. Test your knowledge of our area and attractions throughout the State. Our goal is for everyone to be an Ambassador for our Region, promoting the area as a vibrant place to live and to visit. It is good for business as well as guests who might want to relocate here.

As a follow up to our Ambassador training, we have held 3 customer service/leadership trainings. I encourage everyone to watch the interview on [www.lpctv.org](http://www.lpctv.org) "Okemo Valley, Your Place in Vermont" with Guy Payne and Mark Verespy of The Killarney. We invite business owners and managers to the next leadership training on 6/22 at The Killarney in Ludlow from 8-10am. Find out how valuable the training was for Mark's business.

We have moved our website to Got2Web in Rutland and we have more options for our members. We have added a special "Package Page", better search option and availability chart.

We had Collette Tours address our last chamber mixer at Bella Luna Ristorete. Christain spoke about our Travel with the Chamber program and details about our upcoming trip to Tuscany on November 4-13. If you would like to travel with the chamber at discounted rates, please let us know asap.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> we are having a panel discussion regarding energy efficiency. This is free to chamber members and \$10 for guests. You will learn from other business owners the steps they took and the savings they realized. Efficiency Vermont will be available to answer any questions you might have. Location: Cornerstone Room at Jackson Gore Inn in Ludlow from 5:30-7:30pm. Panelists include; Chuck Clerici, Key Account Manager, Efficiency Vermont; Steven Spatz, Red Barn Design & Build; Heidi Buxton from Andrew Ladd Builders and 2 sub-contractors (windows and insulation); David Sandelman from the Inn at Weathersfield; and Ted Reeves from Okemo Mountain Resort.

Please check out our website at [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) for our upcoming calendar of events. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Upcoming Chamber programs include:

July 14<sup>th</sup> is Social Media mixer at Good Commons in Plymouth. Bring your laptops and learn how to facebook, twitter and blog. 5:30-7:30pm

August 11 – Mixer at President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center in Plymouth Notch. 5:30-7:30pm.

September 8 mixer at Bryant House in Weston 5:30-7:30pm

September 16 is our Business Showcase at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts in Ludlow. Free and open to the public

October 13 mixer at Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern in Chester

November 10<sup>th</sup> tentative date for Okemo Mountain Resort mixer

December 8<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Meeting at The Fullerton Inn in Chester.

Please feel free to join us. Check out our website [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) for all the latest events.