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**Connecticut Transportation Updates**



right: Attendees at Annual Meeting  
left: Sponsors Paul Hubbard, Shepard Bros., and Paul Poziemski, NAFI Altro Transflor with new CACT Chairman Joe Comerford

**CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon**

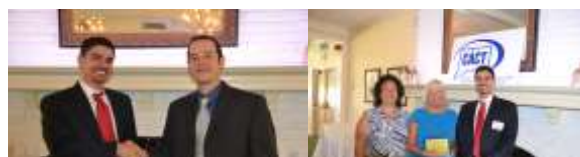
The Annual Meeting was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed a served luncheon beginning with a lovely salad, selected entrée, dessert and beverages. New and old members had the opportunity to network and it's clear everyone was having a great time.

CACT Chairman Jonathan Rubell gave some opening remarks, including thanking the board for their work and support during his tenure. He then introduced Barbara Kalosky who presented an overview of the proposed changes to the CACT bylaws. Following her presentation a vote was called, and the bylaws were officially amended. Doug Holcomb presented the slate of officers and executive board members for 2014/2016 which was unanimously approved. Jonathan thanked "our generous sponsors for today's Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon: Shepard Brothers, Inc., NAFI/ALTRO, Ecolane, and AccuCOMP.

Newly elected CACT Chairman Joe Comerford introduced this years "**Friend of Public Transportation**" awardees Amanda Kennedy (nominated by Karen Burnaska) from RPA and Carol Belforti (nominated by Barbara Kalosky) from JobLinks. Each was presented with a plaque in honor of their dedication and outstanding leadership to the enhancement of public transportation.

The "**Excellence in Transportation**" Awards were presented to Mary Ann Wood, Estuary Transit District nominated by Joe Comerford; Angela Pellegrini, CTTransit, Hartford Division, nominated by Nicole Rohan; Frank Madonna, CTTRANSIT, New Haven Division, nominated by Scott Willis; James Reilly, CTTRANSIT, Stamford, nominated by Gary Moses; Jack Warren, Milford Transit District, nominated by Henry Jadach; Robert F. Dillman, Middletown Area Transit, nominated by Andy Chiaravallo; George Kowalski, North East Transportation Co, nominated by Barbara Kalosky; Carlotta Santos, Norwalk Transit District, nominated by Pegi Brandt; Yvonne DeMatteo, Greater New Haven Transit District, nominated by Al Naudus; Manny Ford, Greater New Haven Transit District, nominated by AL Naudus; James Gantt, Greater Bridgeport Transit, nominated by Doug Holcomb; Rita Voskanova, First Transit, nominated by Shedrick Robinson; and Miguel Lefebre, First Transit, nominated- Shedrick Robinson. The Award is given to persons who excel at their jobs in transportation at member organizations.

Joe Comerford thanked everyone for attending and noted he "was honored to be elected as the new chairman and looked forward to working with the board and members during the upcoming years."



r: New CACT Chairman Joe Comerford and Past Chairman Jonathan Rubell

l: Barbara Kalosky, Carolann Belforti and Joe Comerford

### CACT Member Highlight



**Kimberly A. Dunham (Kim)**, Deputy Director, Greater New Haven Transit District

Kimberly A. Dunham has been appointed Deputy Director of the Greater New Haven Transit District. The GNHTD provides over 187,000 a year to senior citizens over 60 years of age and people with disabilities. The agency has 68 vehicles on the road 365 days a year and travels throughout the Greater New Haven area.

Dunham has been in the public transportation sector for many years. She was with the Greater Hartford Transit District for the past 20 years as their Chief Financial Officer and also served as the Coordinator of the Connecticut Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium.

“The Greater New Haven Transit District welcomes Kimberly Dunham with open arms. We are delighted that she chose to join our organization and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship”, stated Donna Carter, Executive Director. She continues, “GNHTD is a very special organization that proudly serves its riders. Every level of the GNHTD is committed to providing service excellence, since for many riders we are one of their few links to the outside world. Kimberly is an asset that we are very pleased to have on board and she brings with her an infectious enthusiasm and vast knowledge for our mission.”

As Greater New Haven Transit District Deputy Director, Dunham is responsible for managerial oversight of finance, operations, vehicle and facility maintenance and safety and training departments.

The Greater New Haven Transit District provides 187,000 to seniors over 60 and people with disabilities each year and has 68 vehicles on the road 365 days a year. For more info, go to [www.gnhtd.org](http://www.gnhtd.org).

*“74% of public funding for public transit is spent creating and supporting hundreds of thousands of private sector jobs.”*

APTA website

### CACT Member Highlights

If you or a staff member would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your bio and a jpeg photo to Mary Tomolonius at [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

### Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be submitted prior to the last week of the month to [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

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## ADA

This is the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The American's with Disabilities Act's.

## CTRTPAP Scholarship Available

The CTRTAP Scholarship form is available on the CTRTAP website: [www.ctrtap.com](http://www.ctrtap.com). "Funds can be requested to reimburse registration fees, travel costs, lodging and meals up to \$1,000." 5311 Transit Operators and 5310 Recipients are eligible to apply. For further information contact Michele Brooks at 860-348-8879.



## CTfastrak

Construction continues and CTfastrak is scheduled to open early 2015. I recently took a bus tour of the bus rapid transit system where Mike Sanders and other DOT staff gave an update and overview of the project with stops along the way. This is an exciting and innovative project, "combining the fast, traffic-free advantage of a train with the frequent, direct and flexible benefit of a bus." For updates and further information go to <http://ctfastrak.com>.

## Calendar

**Friday, Aug. 1.** Scholarship applications became available at [www.nepta.org](http://www.nepta.org)

**Sunday, Aug. 3- Tuesday, Aug. 5.** "Sustainability & Public Transportation Workshop", Omni Parker Hotel, Boston. [kbella@apta.com](mailto:kbella@apta.com)

**Friday, Aug. 15, *Last day to sign up for discounted rate*** for the CACT Annual Golf Tournament, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon. \$125/golfer on or before August 15

**Thursday, Aug. 21, 9 am.** CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit Meeting Room.

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 9 am.** CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit Meeting Room.

**Tuesday, Sept. 23, 8 am.** CACT Annual Golf Tournament, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon. \$125/golfer on or before August 15; @140/golfer after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, Oct. 16, 9 am.** CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit Meeting Room.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22, 12 noon-4 pm.** The CACT "Toolbox for Transit Operator Fatigue: Putting the Report into Action" Workshop at Greater New Haven Transit District. To register, email [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

**Thursday, Dec. 4.** NEPTA Annual Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker, Dr. Beverly A. Scott. FTA will host an Update Panel, followed by a reception and the NEPTA Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting. [www.nepta.org](http://www.nepta.org)

**Thursday, Nov. 20, 9 am.** CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit Meeting Room.

## CACT Golf Tournament

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CACT Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 23, at Blue Fox Run Golf Course in Avon, CT. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the Shotgun Scramble starts at 9:00 am. Registration is \$125 *before* August 15 and \$140 after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year many CACT members volunteered to help, making the day a success. We need your help. Please contact Mary Tomolonius ([mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com)) if you can help or contribute in any of the areas below.

(Golf registration form on page 4 or on our website: [www.cact.info](http://www.cact.info))

## Transportation Bonding

On Friday, July 25, the state Bond Commission borrowed a total of \$725 million Friday. Funding for transportation projects made up \$475 million as the largest item on a lengthy agenda. "There is a lot of transportation dollars in this budget," Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said after the meeting. "In fact, if you broke down the budget it's largely transportation and housing, are the two largest expenditure items, two things that I am very much personally invested in."

## Highway Trust Fund

Senators Bob Corker and Chris Murphy have proposed a 6 cent per gallon increase in federal fuel taxes in each of the next two years, indexing the tax to inflation.



# CACT Golf Tournament 2014 Sponsorships Tues. Sept. 23, 2014 Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon, CT

## **\$500 Gold Lunch Sponsor**

A full page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), sign on the green, signage at the luncheon (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

## **\$350 Silver Breakfast Sponsor**

½ page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), Tee sign (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

## **\$250 Bronze Drink Sponsor**

¼ page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), Tee sign (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

## **\$150 Par 3 Sponsors**

A sign on the green (sponsor provides a jpeg logo)

## **\$125 Tee Sponsors**

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*Some or all of the proceeds will assist CACT in their ongoing effort to raise awareness of Public Transportation needs and offer Training Opportunities.*

**NOTE:** contributions to the organization are not deductible for federal income tax purposes as charitable contributions.

**Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon, CT**

8:00 am Registration, Putting Contest

9:00 am Shotgun Scramble

# CACT Golf Tournament 2014 REGISTRATION

**\$125 BEFORE Aug. 15, 2014 (\$140 after Aug. 15, 2014)**  
golf, cart, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch & salad, 1½ hour open bar

Player #1 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Player #3 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

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Player #4 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$125 per golfer before Aug. 15; \$140 per golfer after Aug. 15)**

**TOTAL Amount Enclosed:**\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*\* Payments are non-refundable, except that registered golfers may cancel in writing until September*

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