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## Newsmaker of the day: Christine 'Chris' Platt

Norwich manager named human resources group's treasurer

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Norwich, Conn. — **In the news:** Christine "Chris" Platt, accounting/human relations manager at Consumers Interstate Corp. in Norwich, has been named treasurer of the Human Resource Leadership Association of Eastern Connecticut. She also joined the group's board in January. Platt's term as treasurer is for two years.

**Family:** Platt, 58, and her husband, Kenneth, have been married for 31 years and live in New London. They have four children and one grandchild. Platt grew up in Norwich and graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1969.

**Company history:** Platt joined Consumers Interstate in 1992 as accounts payable manager. At the time, her mother was Consumer Interstate's officer manager. Platt became accounting/human relations manager in 2000. She describes her job as evolving into what is today a supervisory role in the accounting department while hands-on work in human relations has grown. "I do mostly (accounting) auditing now," she said. "I'm more a people-oriented person. I like where I'm at now."

**Association work:** Platt joined HRLA of Eastern Connecticut in 2006. Her job of treasurer is to prepare quarterly income statements for the 82-person association and make filings to the Internal Revenue Service. She hopes to get the association, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, to diversify its financial holdings better. "There might be too much money sitting in the checking account," Platt said. "But, mostly, my job is to get the reports done in a timely fashion."

**Quotable:** "There are a lot of gray areas (in human resources)," Platt said. "There are always things coming down legislatively. The association is great for networking and you need that in this economy."

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