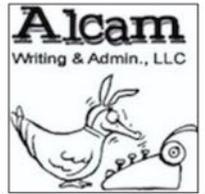


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Remodeling brightens downtown Ansonia business

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - Valley Lighting & Home Decor marked the grand reopening of its renovated showroom last week with a two-day celebration.

The 3 Chestnut St. business has “renewed, reimagined and remodeled” the store. The business, originally called Valley Electric, has operated in downtown Ansonia since 1963.



President Frank Capasso said at Friday’s ribbon cutting ceremony that the remodeling project had taken about a year and a half to complete. “Nothing happens without a great team of people,” Capasso said.

The store covers about 27,000 square feet with a new floor plan. It is now the largest lighting showroom and home decorating center in Connecticut. In addition to selling lighting for every need, the store also carries unique home furnishings and decor of every description.

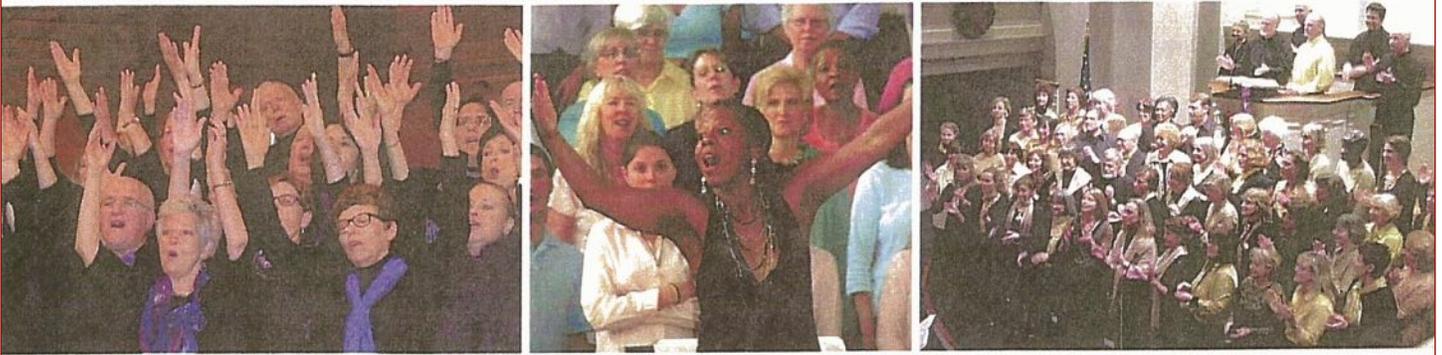
At the ribbon-cutting Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce President Bill Purcell congratulated Capasso and employees of the local business, calling the store a major magnet for the community.

“The city has adopted the tag, ‘Ansonia recharged,’” Purcell said. The initiative is “a credit to the mayor, his team, and the entrepreneurs. The business owners are stepping up and continuing to invest and reinvest in the city,” he said.

Mayor David S. Casseti also offered his congratulations on the store remodeling. He said he has always been a customer of Valley Lighting. “My house is completely illuminated with your fixtures,” Casseti told Capasso.



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