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YOUR BUSINESS CONNECTION - Now In Its 46th Year



Join the Group -- the Avon Chamber Group on



Upcoming Events

[January 5 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[January 11 - Business After Hours ****Note the Special Day/Time****](#)

[February 2 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[February 9 - Business After Hours](#)

For a listing of all
UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS
[CLICK HERE](#)

Featured Member Benefit

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

Did you know that by simply recruiting one new Avon Chamber member you can substantially reduce your own dues for a period of one year?

It's easy - simply **sponsor a New Avon Chamber Member**. Once their application is complete and their dues are paid in full, the next time you are billed you will see your own dues reduced by the amount of the new member's dues for the ensuing year.

Win Two (2) Free Passes

**** ONE Week To Go!****

As of this e-blast just one member - Ellen Cazetta - has qualified. It's not too late - There is still time left for you to recruit a new member!

Between now and next Tuesday, January 11 - the date of our January **Business After Hours** - the member that brings in the most new Avon Chamber members will have a chance to win **Two (2) Free Year-Long Passes to the Connecticut Science Center!!** (passes expire 12/31/11 -- In the event of a tie the winner will be selected via business card drawing)

REMEMBER...

There is an added benefit to participating in this contest and sponsoring a new Chamber member (besides the passes) in that you also qualify for the Chamber's

Recruit A New Member Program!!

(For more information see the **Featured Member Benefit** box in this e-blast)

Morning Business Network Connection



Join us for our JANUARY 2011!!

Morning Business Network Connection

Come On Over Tomorrow Morning!!

This group provides an excellent opportunity to

To learn more about this great new benefit click on the link [Avon Chamber Recruit A New Member Program](#)
Questions? call Lisa at the Chamber office.

To see **ALL THE BENEFITS** your Avon Chamber has to offer [CLICK HERE](#)



What's Happening with the Members

AVON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Saturday, January 15, 6 p.m., at The Farmington Club, the **Avon Volunteer Fire Department** will be hosting a **Retirement Party** for Chief Jamie DiPace. Cost is \$45/person or \$450/table of 10. For further information call 860.677.2644 or visit www.AvonVFD.org

THE CHAMBER NOW OFFERS...

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Have employees or retirees who are eligible for Medicare?

Call Chamber Insurance Trust to learn about Medicare Advantage plans offered by UnitedHealthcare.®

1-800-953-4467, TTY 1-203-795-9756
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. local time, Monday – Friday



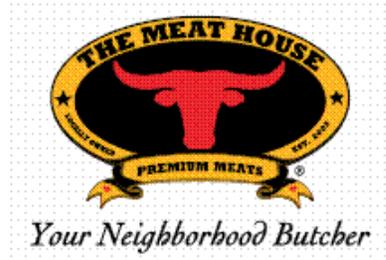
Call 1-800-953-4467 to find out more

PET INSURANCE

network with other Chamber members and guests in a more intimate setting. All attendees have the chance to briefly introduce themselves and their business. So stop by, promote your business, and exchange ideas and referrals. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards!

NEW! At the conclusion of the networking portion of this event, a different Avon Chamber member is featured and has the opportunity to offer a **3 Minute Presentation**. A new member is drawn each month (*you must be present in order to be considered!*)

January's Presenter is **MATT CORMIER** of:



ALSO...



We are collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** each month at this event that subsequently will be given to the **Avon Food Bank**. *Please consider bringing a donation*

January 2011 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by **Cosi**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
8:30AM-9:30AM

Members - FREE, First-Time Guests - FREE

**Business After Hours/
Happy New Year**



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Join us for our JANUARY 2011
Business After Hours/Happy New Year



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Sign-Up Deadline Tomorrow, January 6!

January marks the start of a new year and, with it, our first **Business After Hours** of 2011. Start off the new year right by networking with members and guests at one of our newest member restaurants. Experience all the great food and fun **Bertucci's** has to offer

January 2011 Business After Hours/Happy New Year

hosted by **Bertucci's Italian Restaurant**

380 West Main Street/Route 44
Avon Marketplace, Avon
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
4:00PM-6:00PM

****PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL DAY AND TIME****

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20

NEW

Chamber Insurance Trust (CIT) Information



FREE PHARMACY DISCOUNT CARD FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS

In partnership with our fellow Chamber member **Walmart**, The Macaluso Group and the **Avon Chamber** are pleased to offer our Members, their Employees and their Families

A FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD

Create and Print your own Discount Card and take it, along with your prescription, to any Walmart or Sam's Club Pharmacy. Simply present our card to the pharmacist and the pharmacy staff will then obtain the appropriate information from you. Please note that if you use more than one pharmacy location you will need to present the card at each location the first time you use the card.

In addition to the Walmart retail locations, you are also entitled to take advantage of special rates available through Walmart Pharmacy Mail Services. If you are taking any type of maintenance medication, you can purchase a 90-day supply of these medications at less than customary retail prices and have the medication mailed directly to your home at no additional cost.

Sign up for your **FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD** in **3 EASY STEPS**:

1. Go to www.chamber-rx.com
2. Click **ADD EMPLOYEE** button, then select your **AVON CHAMBER**
3. Fill out your information and print your card

AFFORDABLE DENTAL BENEFITS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is now offering Chamber members affordable **DENTAL BENEFITS** Available January 1, 2011, **Chamber Dental Prime** and **Chamber Dental Complete** are competitive insurance programs with one of the largest dental PPO networks in Connecticut. Three core plans are available - VALUE Dental Plans that include coverage for basic services such as cleanings, x-rays and fillings; CLASSIC Dental Plans that include coverage for basic services and most major services, all with high annual maximum benefit levels; ENHANCED Plans that offer the greatest level of coverage and include even higher annual maximum benefit levels and lower co-insurance amounts. In addition, VOLUNTARY Dental Plans are available that allow employers to offer dental coverage to their employees at no additional cost. For more information click on this link

[Chamber Dental Prime and Chamber Dental Complete](#)

COINSURANCE PLANS TO REDUCE PREMIUMS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS



ConnectiCare offers **NEW COINSURANCE PLANS** to reduce premiums. Available October 1, 2010, these unique plans include upfront deductibles, coinsurance (50/50 shared costs after the deductible is reached), and, before the deductible is met, a \$30 copayment for Primary Care Physician visits and \$0 cost sharing for some preventive services like annual physicals and immunizations. These plans also include prescription drug coverage and annual out-of-pocket maximums that limit the amount your employees may have to spend for out-of-pocket health care services. For more information call toll free **1-800-LOCAL-CC (562-2522)**

HOW WILL NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM AFFECT YOU AND YOUR SMALL BUSINESS



and the **Avon Chamber** are reaching out to help our small business members understand how Health Care Reform works and how it can benefit your business. Here are some of the important changes that may affect your business in the upcoming months:

- New Small Business Tax Credits for providing health insurance to employees are available starting in 2010. Even if you have not been able to afford health benefits in the past, the

- new tax credits may make that possible.
- Certain preventive services will be provided without cost-sharing for new plans started on or after September 23, 2010.
 - Dependents under age 26 may be insured under their parent's plan on or after September 23, 2010. Notices will be sent to eligible dependents.

To utilize their tax credit calculator or for further information visit

www.ConnectiCareHealthReform.com

If You Received a \$10 Bonus Card for Purchasing \$50 on a New CosiCard (or adding value to an existing card) During the Holidays - The Redemption Period Is NOW Through FEBRUARY 6!



Program

*(To view all offers
CLICK ON THE ACBD ICON)*

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To take advantage of this offer please contact:

**Cosi, 385 West Main Street/Route 44,
Avon, CT 06001 860.678.8989
xcb00094@getcosi.com**

This and many other offers are available to Avon Chamber members and their employees as part of our **ACBD (Avon Chamber Business Discounts) Program**. In order to take advantage of this or any of the other discounts available **YOU MUST HAVE AN ACBD Card!** Cards are available at all Chamber events or you may contact the Chamber office.

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