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**AVON CHAMBER MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN “CONNECTICUT BUSINESS DAY”
AT THE CAPITOL**



State Representatives Timothy LeGeyt (left) and Brian Becker (right) with Avon Chamber members at the State Capitol on “Connecticut Business Day.”

HARTFORD – Fourteen members of the Avon Chamber of Commerce attended Connecticut Business Day 2016 on March 9th at the Legislative Office Building to voice their support for legislative initiatives that will help improve the state's business climate. The annual event is sponsored by the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) and the Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (CACCE) and offers business leaders the opportunity to express themselves and their concerns directly to their elected officials.

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Members were welcomed to the session by JoAnn Ryan, President and CEO of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and Joe Brennan President & CEO of CBIA. Governor Dannel P. Malloy was next. He discussed the “critical state” of the Connecticut economy and the need for all parties to work together to fix the deficit that faces the State.

Jeffrey Hoess-Brooks, General Manager of Avon Old Farms Hotel and The Farmington Inn & Suites said, “It was interesting to listen to our representatives explain how they think the state legislature will be able to solve the current financial problems and close the gap between income and spending . . . without raising taxes.”

Robin DiNicola, Vice President – Senior Marketing Manager of Simsbury Bank, and a Past President of the Avon Chamber of Commerce, was happy to express her concerns to the legislators and said, “This is a great opportunity to observe how these State leaders determine policy that will affect us all. I hope that they listened to our concerns and will take it under advisement.”

Companies represented and the members that attended were: Alternity Healthcare - Dr. Desmond Ebanks, Avon Old Farms Hotel - Jeffrey Hoess-Brooks, Carmon Community Funeral Homes - John Carmon, FOCUS Center for Autism - Lauren & Yvonne Gardner, Happiness and Success GPS - Chip Janiszewski, Howard L. Page & Co. - Peg Mayer, Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group - Kevin Colvin, One Trust Home Loans - Ketil Osland, People's United Bank - Jerri Bonnell, P'zazz - Susan Lederman, Simsbury Bank - Robin DiNicola, The Salvation Army - Jim Gordon and the Executive Director of the Avon Chamber Lisa Bohman.

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Left to right: Representative Timothy LeGeyt, Lauren Gardner, Dr. Desmond Ebanks, Yvonne Gardner, Chip Janiszewski, Robin DiNicola, Ketil Osland, Susan Lederman, Kevin Colvin, Peg Mayer, Jim Gordon, Jerri Bonnell, Jeffrey Hoess-Brooks, and Representative Brian Becker.