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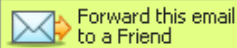
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## Events and Information December 16, 2010 Edition

**YOUR BUSINESS CONNECTION - Now In Its 46th Year**



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### Upcoming Events

[December 21 - Avon Chamber Day at The  
Salvation Army Holiday Store](#)

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

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

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.

To learn more about this great new benefit

## Win Two (2) Free Passes

**\*\* 4 Weeks To Go!\*\***

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

Between now and Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - 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)

## Avon Chamber Day at



The Salvation Army Holiday Store collects non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and monetary donations on behalf of those in need. The Store is located once again this year in the gorgeous lobby of **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

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](http://www.AvonVFD.org)

#### CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER

This Saturday, December 18, from 9-11:30 a.m., **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** will be sponsoring the last in a series of free, hands-on expressive grief workshops that offer creative outlets for people coping with loss. Entitled **Grief in the Sandtray**, it will be held at **New Day Counseling Center, 412 West Avon Road, Avon**. This workshop is limited to 6 participants. Advanced registration is required. For more information call 860.269.0510 or email [dknox@NewDayCounselingCenter.com](mailto:dknox@NewDayCounselingCenter.com)

#### TALCOTT MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER & ACADEMY

From now through December 30, Noon-8 p.m., **Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy** is hosting their **Thomas Kinkade Christmas Village Exhibit**. Over 80 collectibles are on display. The exhibit is located at fellow Avon Chamber member **Old Avon Village, 45 East Main Street, Avon**. For more information call 860.677.8571 or email [blacharite@tmssc.org](mailto:blacharite@tmssc.org)

#### THE CHAMBER NOW OFFERS...

#### MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Since the Store's return to Avon in 2006, fellow Chamber members **The Salvation Army** and **Avon Old Farms Hotel** have collaborated on this very special undertaking. And each year the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** and its members have generously volunteered one day of their time to act as greeters for those donating and sorters of the items donated.

#### ALL TIME SLOTS ARE NOW FILLED Thank You to the Following Chamber Members for So Generously Volunteering Their Time

7-9 a.m. Michelle Voegtle - **Huntington Learning Center**, David Bourgard - **Petro**

9-11 a.m. Robin DiNicola - **Simsbury Bank**, John Farley - **Stifel, Nicolaus and Company**, Bert LaCharite - **Talcott Mountain Science Center**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. **William R. Peck, CPA**, Mark Campbell - **Prime Engineering**, Laura Ward - **WardComm Public Relations**

1-3 p.m. John Carmon - **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**, Dr. Michael Koster - **Koster Family Chiropractic**, Kim Murphy - **Northwest Community Bank**

3-5 p.m. John Carmon - **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**, Wade Horsey - **Horsey & Company**, Nancy Bourgard - **Petro**

#### NOT ABLE TO VOLUNTEER BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO HELP?

Consider dropping off a new, unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item at Chamber member **Cosi, 385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon** prior to Tuesday, December 21 and your donation will be delivered to **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** on **Avon Chamber Day** OR Please feel free to drop off a donation at **Avon Old Farms Hotel** anytime between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21

#### Avon Chamber Day The Salvation Army Holiday Store

at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

Route 44, Avon

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00AM-5:00PM

### Morning Business Network Connection



Join us for our JANUARY 2011!!

**Morning Business**

## 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



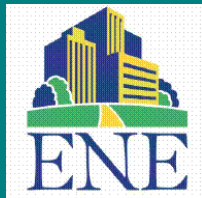
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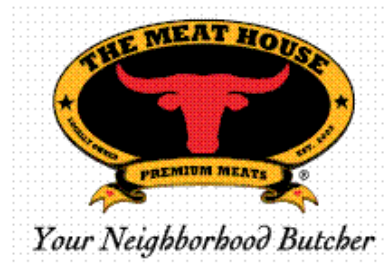


# Così Network Connection

This group provides an excellent opportunity to 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 will be featured and have the opportunity to offer a 3 Minute Presentation. A new member will be 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 **Così**

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**



**BERTUCCI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

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

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 AFFORDABLE DENTAL BENEFITS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS**

In partnership with our fellow Chamber member, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is now offering Chamber members affordable **DENTAL BENEFITS**. **Walmart, The Macaluso Group and the Chamber** are pleased to offer our Members, their Employees and their Families. Available January 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 Create and Print your own Discount Card and take it, coverage for basic services such as cleanings, along with your prescription at Walmart or Sam's Club Pharmacy. Simply present our card to the pharmacist and the pharmacist will then enter the appropriate information from you. Please 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. 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.

**A FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD** 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** 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.

**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. **3. Fill out your information and print your card**

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](http://www.ConnectiCareHealthReform.com)

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Free!**



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**COSI**

To take advantage of this offer please contact:  
**Cosi, 385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon, CT  
06001 860.678.8989  
[xcb00094@getcosi.com](mailto: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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