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Events and Information

April 1, 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

[April 5 - Business After Hours/7th Annual BRING-A-NON-MEMBER Business Event](#)

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[April 13 - A Combined Business After Hours with Avon, Bloomfield - **Just Added!**, Newington, Simsbury and West Hartford Chambers of Commerce](#)

[April 28 - 5th Annual JOB SHADOW DAY *** the 2011 Mentor Sign-Up Form is NOW AVAILABLE - Click on the event link above and fill yours out TODAY!](#)

[May 4 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 2011

For a listing of all



6th Annual Job Shadow Day

Day -- We Need YOU to Sign Up to be a Mentor

Thank you to the following Chamber members who have signed-up since last week to be a Mentor this year:

- Avon Senior Center - **NEW**
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center
- Huntington Learning Center
- Klein & Babbitt Attorneys at Law - **NEW**
- Marriott Residence Inn - Avon
- MW Financial Group - **NEW**
- Robert Hensley & Associates
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- The Shoppes at Farmington Valley
- The Yankee Flyer - **NEW**
- Union Savings Bank

We are doing great -- but we still need more Mentors -- **particularly those in the health care/medical fields** -- in order to make our annual **Job Shadow Day** a success.

Please consider being a Mentor -- Just 2-1/2 hours

**UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER
EVENTS [CLICK HERE](#)**

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER PROGRAM - Reduce Your Dues!

Our **7th Annual Bring-A-Non-Member Business Event** is coming up on April 5. This means it is not only your opportunity to participate in a great networking event, but also to take advantage of this very special Member Benefit.

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.

There's no better time to look to recruit a new Avon Chamber member than in preparation for our annual **Bring-A-Non-Member Business Event**.

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 DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

This Sunday, April 3, 2 PM, at Avon

of your time sharing what you and others that you work with do can make a real difference in a student's life as they prepare to become contributing members of our future workforce.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Sign Up to be a Mentor



Join Us For Our April
2011 -- Business After Hours/7th
Annual Bring A Non-Member-
Business Event -- **Registrations
MUST BE RECEIVED by the End
of the Day Today, Friday, April 1**
(no foolin')

Our April **Business After Hours** is also our annual **BRING A NON-MEMBER BUSINESS** Event.

That means -- if you have not already done so -- it is time to invite a business not yet a member of the Avon Chamber to be your guest at this very well attended networking event.



First off we are at a great new venue this year -- **Farmington Woods Golf Club**. Ed and the club staff have a fantastic event planned. In addition to the gorgeous setting and scrumptuous food, you will enjoy tours of the clubhouse and, weather permitting, the golf course. Also, they will be providing attendees with some information that you won't want to miss!!

But what makes this event really special is the way in which we thank you for helping make your Avon Chamber a vibrant and growing place for business. By bringing a non-member guest:

- You and your business are introduced. You, in turn, have the opportunity to introduce your guests
- You may enter the drawing for our PRIZE PACKAGE -- currently valued in excess of \$500 -- ([CLICK HERE](#) to **See What's in the PRIZE PACKAGE**) You are allowed as many business card entries as the number of guests you introduce. *Only those that bring a guest may enter -- no other drawings will*

High School Gymnasium, **Avon Dollars for Scholars** will host the **Harlem Ambassadors' Benefit Basketball Show** The Ambassadors will take on the 'Avon Scholars' - a team of local residents including coaches, sports leaders, Avon High alumni, and former UCONN basketball player Justin Srb. Discounted tickets at \$8/Adults, \$5/Students, Seniors can be purchased in advance at fellow Avon Chamber member **The Meat House** Admission at the door is \$10/Adults, \$7/Students, Seniors. Sponsorships at the \$100, \$250 and \$500 levels are also available by contacting **Steve Hahn** at **860.690.7352** or email hahnstp@comcast.net

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 2, 10 AM-4 PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** will be holding its **Spring Open House** Meet the artists as they open the doors to their studios; see demonstrations at 11 AM, Noon, and 1 PM; enjoy the Fisher Gallery faculty and student exhibit reception from 2-4 PM. Located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

RF LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION

TODAY, Friday, April 1, 7 PM -Midnight, at The Riverview in Simsbury, **RF Landscaping and Construction** will be hosting **Operation Support Our Marines and Sailors in Afghanistan 2011**, a charity dinner and auction to benefit *America 4R Marines*. The event features Marine Corps Color Guard, sit-down dinner, open bar, dance floor, DJ, live and silent auction with ESPN's Kenny Mayne as auctioneer. Tickets are \$80/person. For more information contact **Rob Hyde** at **860.836.8289**

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 2, 6-9 PM, new Avon Chamber member **Valley Sports Center** will be holding a **Family Night Open**

take place

- The name of your business is posted on the homepage of the Chamber website following the event and in the Event Recap e-blast for having participated
- If your non-member guest joins the Chamber the night of the event -- your dues will be reduced by the amount of your new member's dues for the ensuing year.

In addition, any non-member business that joins the Chamber that night can enter into the drawing for an identical PRIZE PACKAGE

So don't miss out -- sign up yourself and your guests TODAY!!

April 2011 Business After Hours/7th Annual Bring A Non-Member-Business Event

hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

Farmington Woods -- West Avon Road Entrance
43 Heritage Drive, Avon
TUESDAY, APRIL 5
****NOTE THE SPECIAL DAY****
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Members - Free, Non-Members - **FREE!!**



Join Us For Our April 2011 -- Morning Business 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.



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 chosen each month -- YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO BE CONSIDERED

April's Presenter is: **Steve Essex** of

House Tour the facility, take a swing in the batting cage, shoot some hoops, test your strength with Velocity Sports Performance, rally on the volleyball court. Enjoy free refreshments, music, balloons, goodie bags, bounce house, and more. Located at **310 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton** 860.693.2378 (p)



We are also collecting non-perishable food every month at this event to be given to the Avon Food Bank -- PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A DONATION

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PET INSURANCE

April 2011 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



JUST ADDED!!



Cordially Invite You to Join Them for -- A Combined Business After Hours

Combined Business After Hours happen only a couple of times each year. Don't miss this opportunity to network with members of other area chambers of commerce!!

Combined Business After Hours

at **The Hartford Club**
46 Prospect Street, Hartford

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM



Click on the Image Above to find out more

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by THURSDAY, APRIL 7

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Calling All Chamber Member Computer Systems and Services-Related Businesses ...

Maybe we were not clear last week -- we are not asking for you to volunteer your time/talents -- the Chamber is **SEEKING BIDS** for the following:

The Chamber is preparing to upgrade its computers and needs your help. We are seeking **Avon Chamber Member Businesses** knowledgeable in this area to help make our operations more mobile. We are seeking to:

- Purchase two (2) Laptops with appropriate memory and software
- Purchase a Portable Printer
- Obtain Appropriate Items to Maintain and Update one (1) Desktop Computer currently in the office

If you think you can help us, please give Lisa at the Chamber a call to find out more.

Heroes4Hire Career Fair

Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, along with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA), the state departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs, the Connecticut Military department, CBS Radio, Travelers, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring the seventh annual **Heroes4Hire Career Fair**

The April 19 event, to be held from 11 AM-3 PM at the Rentschler Field Ballroom in East Hartford, is an opportunity for employers to meet with upwards of 1,000 returning veterans seeking to re-enter the workforce.

If you have job openings and would like to participate you may register by visiting the Connecticut Department of Labor's web site at www.ctjobfairs.com or by contacting Terry Brennan at terence.brennan@ct.gov or Bob Lyons at robert.lyons@ct.gov

Information on New Chamber Insurance Programs

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 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 they will obtain the appropriate information from you. Please note that if you use more than one pharmacy you will need to present the card at each location the first time you use it.

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](#)

10% Discount with Jobs Exceeding \$160

(minimum job is \$80 to qualify)

PLUS Free Bottle of Citruspotter



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

Offered by: **Citrusolution of Greater Hartford - Bob Belden * 101 Laurel Lane * Simsbury, CT 06070 * 860.217.0258 * citrusbob@gmail.com * www.citrusolutionofgreaterhartford.com**



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