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Events and Information

March 23, 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

[March 24 - CBIA 2011 Compensation and Benefits Conference](#)

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[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!](#)

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 2011

For a listing of all



6th Annual Job Shadow Day -- We Need YOU to Sign Up to be a Mentor

Thank you to the following Chamber members who have committed to being a Mentor this year:

- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center
- Huntington Learning Center
- Marriott Residence Inn - Avon
- Robert Hensley & Associates
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- The Shoppes at Farmington Valley
- Union Savings Bank

This is a great start -- but we still need more Mentors in order to make our annual **Job Shadow Day** a success.

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

**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**

On Sunday, April 3, 2 PM, at Avon

Join Us For This **SPECIAL
PROGRAM** -- CBIA 2011
Compensation and Benefits
Conference *Employee Benefits,
Pensions & Total Rewards in the
Post-Healthcare Reform Era*
TOMORROW!!!!

Avon Chamber is a proud
Presenting Chamber Sponsor

In the wake of the recent economic downturn are you facing

- Employee dissatisfaction regarding pay freezes or small merit increases?
- Low employee morale or performance problems?
- Continually rising healthcare costs that cause confusion about how healthcare legislation affects your business?
- Challenges in complying with government regulations concerning retirement plans?
- Difficulty helping your employees prepare for retirement amidst economic uncertainty?
- Confusion or concern about the politics surrounding employer-based medical plans?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this year's conference is for you.

For more information or To Register
[CLICK HERE](#)

Registration for this event WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE AVON CHAMBER WEB SITE -- To attend you must USE THE LINK PROVIDED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLICK-THROUGH SHOWN ABOVE

[CBIA 2011 Compensation and Benefits Conference](#)

at The Crowne Plaza
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Join Us For Our April
2011 -- Business After Hours/7th

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

NUTMEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Friday, March 25, 7:30 PM, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington, **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** will present **Musical Journeys ... amidst Baroque Splendor** featuring the music of Heinrich Biber - *Battaglia*, Johann Bach - *Piano Concerto No. 1 in d minor*, Heinrich Biber - *Missa Christi Resurgentis* Tickets are \$22/Adults, \$10 Students. For more information visit www.NutmegSymphony.org

RF LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION

On 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

On Friday, April 1, 5-8 PM, new Avon Chamber member **Valley**

Annual Bring A Non-Member-Business Event

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 start inviting businesses that are not yet members 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 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!!

Sports Center will be holding their **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** Come tour the facility. See the first *Rally at the Valley* featuring the Avon, Canton, Farmington and Simsbury police departments in a celebration basketball tournament. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended. RSVP by Tuesday, March 29 to Vicki@valleysportscenter.com Located at **310 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

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!!**

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS



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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



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

April 2011 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

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



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by THURSDAY, APRIL 7

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

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

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
- 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.

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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