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## 45th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Wednesday, May 26, 2010

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100+ Avon Chamber members and guests enjoyed networking -- which included music by Marshall Brown and Cyndy Martens of the **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** -- prior to the start of the Chamber's *45th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon* held on Wednesday, May 26 at the **Golf Club of Avon**



We were fortunate to have all of the Chamber's Past

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Presidents since 1998 in attendance this year (l-r): David Pena of **Workplace Innovations** (1998-2001), Wendy Healey of **COCC**

(2001-2003), Paul Mikkelson of **Mikkelson Enterprises** (2003-2004), Ronald Evans of **SIMA International** (2004-2007), Richard Leone of **COCC** (2007-2009) and current President F. William O'Connor of the **Law Office of F. William O'Connor**.

**AWARD RECIPIENTS**



**Cosi** recipient of 2010 *Large Business of the Year*

Robin DiNicola of The Simsbury Bank (2nd from left), recipient of the Chamber's 2009 Large Business of the Year Award, and Chamber

President F. William O'Connor (r), present David Ledoux (l) and Kim Haluschak (2nd from right) of **Cosi** with the Chamber's *Large Business of the Year* Award for 2010.

**We Care Computers** recipient of 2010 *Small Business of the Year*



Rick Farina (l) of Howard L. Page & Co., recipient of the Chamber's 2008 Small Business of the Year Award,

along with Chamber President F. William O'Connor (r), present Avi Smith-Rapaport of **We Care Computers** with the Chamber's *Small Business of the Year* Award for 2010.

**New Member Advocates of**



## the Year

Chamber President F. William O'Connor (r) presents the Chamber's *New Member Advocate of the Year Award* to a record-setting 5

recipients (l-r): Lori Macgowan of **Keller Williams Realty**, Chip Janiszewski of **SendOutCards**, Cheryl England of the **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**, Talisa Palmer of **Hartford Federal Credit Union**, and Scott Nardozzi of **Union Savings Bank** -- each recruiting 3 new members to the Chamber between June 2, 2009 and May 25, 2010. The award will be on display at each of their businesses from June 2010 until mid-May 2011; at which time, according to tradition, this year's recipients will bring the award back to next year's Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.

## Cal Miller-Stevens recipient of *Loren Bristol Spirit Award*



First presented in 2007, this award honors the legacy of long-time committee and Board member, Loren Bristol of CL&P, and is

given annually to a Chamber member who embodies those qualities that endeared Loren to so many. Cal Miller-Stevens of **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride** (c) is flanked by previous recipients (l-r): David Pena of Workplace Innovations (2009), Peter Vignati of Edward Jones (2007), and Steve McGuff of Reflexite Corporation (2008), along with the family of Loren Bristol: wife Lynn Bristol and daughter Kelly Stanley.



Major Doug Hart of **The Salvation Army-Southern New England** (l in both) presents Megan McArdle of **Avon Old Farms Hotel** (l) and Chamber President F. William O'Connor (r) with a Plaque of Appreciation in recognition of the Hotel's and Chamber's continuing partnership on the *WTIC NewsTalk 1080 Holiday Store to Benefit The Salvation Army*.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



**2009/2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (l-r): F. William O'Connor of **The Law Office of F. William O'Connor** (President), Robin DiNicola of **The Simsbury Bank** (President-Elect), Megan McArdle of **Avon Old Farms Hotel**, Ron Huston of **State Farm Insurance**, Peter Vignati of **Edward Jones**, Bruce Shein of **Avon Executive Offices** (Treasurer), Richard Leone of **COCC**, Kim Murphy of **Northwest Community Bank**, Cal Miller-Stevens of **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride** (*missing: Anne Bradford of Selborne (Secretary), Jim Lacock of Peter M. Bakker Agency, Robert LeMay of Juice Plus, Flo Stahl of Avon Resume*)

### Retiring Directors

(l-r): Chamber President F. William O'Connor thanks retiring Directors Bruce Shein of **Avon Executive Offices**, Cal Miller-Stevens of **Miller**



**Foods/ Oma's Pride**, and Richard Leone of **COCC**. (*missing: Robert LeMay of Juice Plus*)



### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chamber President F. William O'Connor (2nd



from left)  
thanks  
members (l-r):  
Vic Bible of  
**IFFS Eldercare  
Consultants**,  
Janina

Cummings of **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**, Ketil Osland of **Ward Kilduff Mortgage**, Robin DiNicola of **The Simsbury Bank**; Joanne Beers of **Avon Education Foundation**, Michelle Voegtle of **Huntington Learning Center**; Joe Shiman of **Robert Hensley & Associates** (missing: John Shea (Chair) of **Sullivan, Schoen, Campane & Connon, LLC**; Sharon Alleman of **Morgan Stanley Smith Barney**)



#### MARKETING COMMITTEE

Chamber  
President F.  
William  
O'Connor (l)  
thanks  
members (l-r):  
Kim Ciccarello  
of **Union  
Savings Bank**,  
Peter Vignati  
of **Edward  
Jones**, Lauren

Miller of **Greater Hartford Arts Council**. (missing: Robert Bessel (Chair) of **COCC**, Jean Foisie of **TravelVision**, Kay Green of **Green Graphic Design**, Patrick Greiten of **MainStage Sound**, Elena Shichman of **Promotions by Design**)



#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

(l-r): Cal  
Miller-Stevens  
of **Miller  
Foods/ Oma's  
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Rucci of **The  
Decor  
Advantage**; F.  
William  
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