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## Events and Information February 25, 2010 Edition

*As a courtesy to your fellow members, if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, we ask that you not attend Chamber events until you are well. Our first priority is the health of our members and of the business community. Thank You*

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### Upcoming Events

**March 1 - DEADLINE to RETURN YOUR FORM to participate in the ACBD (Avon Chamber Business Discount) Program 2010**

**March 3 - Morning Business Network Connection**

**March 9 - DEADLINE to RETURN YOUR MENTOR FORM to participate in Avon Chamber of Commerce and Avon High School JOB SHADOW DAY 2010**

**March 10 - Business After Hours**

**SAVE THE DATE  
AVON CHAMBER ANNUAL  
MEETING**



**Carmon Funeral Home  
& Family Center**



**Avon Chamber of Commerce**

## BLOOD DRIVE

**We Have 50 NAMES!!!  
Thank you!**

The first annual **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** and **Avon Chamber** blood drive is moving right along. We have turned the list of names over to the Red Cross and are now just awaiting confirmation of a date.

It is our goal to make this one of the largest blood drives in the Farmington Valley and, therefore, to help as many people as possible. The Carmon Family has generously agreed to donate **\$15 for each first-time donor** AND **\$5 for each returning donor** to an Avon-based charity OR Avon Chamber member charity of the donor's choice!

In addition, there will be a special no-cost marketing opportunity for Chamber members available as part of the blood drive.

**Watch this space for additional  
details and updates!**



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For a listing of all Upcoming Avon Chamber of Commerce Events  
CLICK HERE: [Avon Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events](#)

### Featured Member Benefit

**SIGN-UP NOW!**

**Just A FEW DAYS REMAIN**  
to either **RENEW YOUR PARTICIPATION**  
or **SIGN UP AS A NEW PARTICIPANT in the Avon Chamber**



**Program**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you are currently participating in this program and would like to continue either with your current offer or a new discount then you MUST RETURN YOUR FORM BY MARCH 1*

Introduce your business to thousands of potential customers - FREE - when you participate in the Chamber's **ACBD Program!**

It's easy to get started - simply click on this link [ACBD PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM](#) Fill out the form and return it to the Chamber by **Monday, March 1**

Whether you are a returning participant or a new business looking for a great marketing opportunity - remember to submit your form before the deadline!

Questions? call Lisa at the



## 5th Annual Job Shadow Day

### Sign Up To Be a Mentor TODAY

Invite an Avon High School student to spend just a few hours on Thursday, April 29 learning about you, your job and your business. Become one of the many Chamber members who have changed the lives of these students by sharing with them your career experiences through this annual collaboration.

In addition to giving back to your community, your business can benefit from this experience in other ways such as --- Building greater awareness of your business, Finding your next summer intern or employee.

Thank you to the the following Chamber members who have already signed up:

[Edward Jones](#)  
[Huntington Learning Center](#)  
[Koster Family Chiropractic](#)  
[Marriott Residence Inn-Avon](#)  
[Robert Hensley & Associates](#)  
[The First National Bank of Litchfield](#)  
[We Care Computers](#)

If you are interested in joining these members and participating in this exciting and rewarding program, **the deadline to return the mentor form is TUESDAY, MARCH 9.**

For more information or to download a Mentor Form  
**CLICK HERE:**  
[JOB SHADOW DAY 2010 MENTOR FORM](#)

## Morning Business Network Connection



Join us for our MARCH 2010  
**Morning Business Network Connection**  
*This Coming Wednesday!*

**Don't Forget to Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item to Donate**

This group provides an excellent opportunity to network with other Chamber members and guests in a more intimate setting. So stop by, promote your business, and exchange ideas and referrals. Be sure to bring plenty of

Chamber office.

To see all the benefits your Avon Chamber has to offer **CLICK HERE: [Avon Chamber of Commerce Membership Benefits](#)**



### What's Happening with the Members

#### **Cosi**

On Friday, February 26, 3-9 p.m., **Cosi** is hosting a **Benefit Night** for fellow Chamber member **Farmington Valley Visitors Association**. 10% of all sales during this time will be donated to the organization. Cosi is located at **385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**.

#### **Country Curtains**

On Sunday, March 7, 12-3 p.m. **Country Curtains** will host a **Home Renovation Show**. The show will feature local experts and industry leaders in the field of home renovation. See products and gather information. Bring swatches, paint samples, pictures, or any other ideas for your dream makeover. For more information contact Macil Stang at **860-490-3256** or email to **[macilstang@yahoo.com](mailto:macilstang@yahoo.com)**

#### **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra**

On Sunday, March 7, 3 p.m., at Christ Episcopal Church, 35

business cards!



For the next several months we will have a box available at this event for donations of **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** that subsequently will be given to the Avon Food Bank. **UPDATE - In January and February you donated 11 Food Items to the Avon Food Bank - Thank You!**

For further information **CLICK HERE:**

#### **March 2010 Morning Business Network Connection**

*hosted by Cosi*

385 West Main Street (Route 44), Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**  
8:30AM-9:30AM

Members - FREE, First-Time Guests - FREE

### Business After Hours



### Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center

#### Please join us for our March 2010 **Business After Hours**

Take advantage of this exciting monthly networking opportunity, that draws on average 90+ area business people who attend with the expectation of meeting *you* and finding out how *your* business can help them be successful.

For further information or to register **CLICK HERE:**

#### **March 2010 Business After Hours**

*Hosted by:*

**Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**

301 Country Club Road  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**  
5:00PM-7:00PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED by Monday, March 8**

Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20

Harris Road, Avon, **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** will present *Celebrate Avon* featuring Avon residents pianist Luiz de Moura Castro and composer Larry Alan Smith. The concert features *Schubert's Symphony #3*, *Smith's Symphony #2* and *Beethoven's Concerto #3 for Piano and Orchestra*. Tickets are \$22/Adults, \$10/Students. For more information visit [www.nutmegsymphony.org](http://www.nutmegsymphony.org)

### ***The Investors Center***

On Wednesday, March 10, 6-8 p.m., **The Investors Center** will host an *Art Exhibit and Wine and Food Tasting*. Admission to the event is free. RSVP by Friday, March 5 to Kathi Boratko at **860-677-8808** or email [kathib@theinvestorscenter.com](mailto:kathib@theinvestorscenter.com)

### **The Chamber now offers Pet Insurance!**



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## **This Week's Legislative Update**



### **Bills Affecting Business**

Now through the end of the 2010 legislative session in May we are posting the **Monday Morning Group Minutes** from CBIA on your Chamber's web site under the **Government Affairs and Economic Development** page, which can be found by clicking on *COMMITTEES* on the left navigation bar.

Now it is easier than ever to keep abreast of what is happening at the state capitol to bills that may affect your business. The Minutes give you a brief summary of business-related proposals and who you can contact to make your voice heard.

For further information **CLICK HERE:**  
[Monday Morning Group Minutes 2010](#)



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**Old Avon Village, 1-45 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon, CT 06001**  
**860-678-0469**  
**[ann@oldavonvillage.com](mailto:ann@oldavonvillage.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 will be available at all Chamber events or you may contact the Chamber office.

**PLEASE NOTE - ACBD Offers currently on the Chamber's web site for which we have not received a renewal form for 2010 WILL BE REMOVED after March 1 You must send in a renewal form - even if your offer will remain the same - in order to be included in this program!**

To see all the other offers available **CLICK HERE: [Avon Chamber ACBD Program](#)**

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