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ATTORNEY GENERAL GEORGE JEPSSEN

FREE CONSUMER UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP THURSDAY

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HARTFORD -- Attorney General George Jepsen said state residents are invited to participate in a free, four-part lecture series called "Consumer University," which will offer useful information about how to avoid becoming a victim of scam artists and financial fraud.

People's United Bank and the Retired Volunteer Services Program (RSVP) are sponsoring the program with the Office of the Attorney General. The first session is Thursday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Resource and Education Center of the Hospital for Special Care, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain. The remaining sessions are planned in other parts of the state.

The workshop is free and lunch will be provided to attendees who reserve a space before Thursday. No walk-ins will be permitted. To register, please call RSVP of Central CT Inc. at 860-224-7117 or 203-634-6070.

"My office and the state Department of Consumer Protection work every day to protect consumers. We identify risks, go after violators and provide consumers with information to protect themselves. Consumer University is part of that education effort," Jepsen said.

Scheduled to participate are: Jepsen, Michael Casparino, president, People's United Bank, Northern Connecticut Region; William M. Rubenstein, commissioner, state Department of Consumer Protection; Angela Deleon, manager, People's United Masters Program; Stephen Hennessey, Office of the Attorney General; Salvatore Cannata, principal financial examiner, state Department of Banking and representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Britain Police Department.

"People's United is pleased to help sponsor the Consumer University," Casparino said. "Through our bank's Masters Program, People's United helps warn consumers about the many types of financial fraud."

"RSVP is both proud and honored to be hosting this event," said Diane Briggs, director of RSVP of Central CT Inc. "Our goal at RSVP is to keep seniors active, safe and healthy. This program is one giant step in that direction."

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