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Celebrating 50 Years as Your Business Connection Events and Information

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March 11, 2015

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, April 8
11th Annual Bring-A-Non-Member-Business Event
Farmington Woods Golf Club
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 20
50th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
Golf Club of Avon
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Thursday, November 19
Avon Chamber 50th Anniversary Celebration
Avon Old Farms Hotel
starting at 5:00 PM

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Avon Chamber Valpak Mailers

Valpak and the **Avon Chamber** are offering members yet another opportunity to be part of an **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**. Slated to be mailed both in April **AND** October 2015, this is a great chance for your business to be featured in a first-of-its-kind **Valpak** promotion that focuses on local businesses that are members of the Avon Chamber. For just \$250 to participate (That's 40% Off Valpak's Regular Open Advertising Rate!!!) your business will appear in the mailbox of 10,000 households in the towns of Avon, Canton, and Simsbury!!

THE VALUE GETS EVEN BETTER -- In addition to being mailed, your business will receive a profile listing on **Valpak.com** -- AND the Avon Chamber will be placing a link to your ads on the Home Page of its website as well!!

DEADLINE is TUESDAY, MARCH 24

-- For the **April 2015 Mailer** --

For further information or to advertise, please contact

Marlene at 860.559.1243 or email

Valmail720@yahoo.com

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Membership Plaques

Plaques are available at all Chamber events | **Virtual Plaques** may be obtained by [Emailing the Chamber](#)



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Click on the Map to view the Mobile Friendly version online along with links to our participating Member advertisers

Help Us Find Past Chamber Presidents, Chamber News Stories

As part of the preparations leading up to the celebration of the Chamber's 50th Anniversary, we are searching for information on and the whereabouts of our Past Presidents and Board members. We are particularly in need of information on those that served our Chamber from 1965 to 1997. In addition, we are searching for old newspaper articles, ads, etc. . . from those same years referencing the Chamber. Please email [Lisa](#) at the Chamber with any information you may have that might be helpful.



What Should You Do if Bad Weather Threatens to Interfere with a Chamber Meeting/Event/Activity?

- Check the Homepage of the Chamber's website. We post cancellation notices as soon as possible; appearing directly below the QR Code. For calendar events the notice is also posted on the page for that event.
- Watch WFSB-Channel 3, WVIT-Channel 30, and/or listen to WTIC NewsTalk 1080; all cancellation notices are posted to these stations.
- Business After Hours scheduled January-March have built-in snow dates that are listed on the page for that event.
- In the case of other meetings/activities, please check with the Chamber and/or committee chair to find out if the meeting/activity has been rescheduled.

Upcoming Events



Business After Hours
TODAY, Wednesday, March 11

at: **Arden Courts of Avon**
100 Fisher Drive, Avon | 5:00-7:00 PM

Cruise to the Caribbean -- the calendar may still say Winter, but you will never know it as you enjoy the wafting sounds of calypso music and festive island decor, all while sampling delicious authentic Jamaican food and sipping





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Join the **Avon Chamber**
in supporting



**AVON OLD FARMS
SCHOOL**
500 Old Farms Road,
Avon

On Saturday, April 25, Avon Old Farms School's Parents Association is hosting its Annual Blue Blazer Ball. The Ball raises funds that go to support student programs. The

an island drink made especially for this event. Don't be in 'limbo' -- Make your reservation to join us at **Arden Courts of Avon**

*****We have an exciting offer just for this event*****
Wear an **ISLAND-THEMED ARTICLE OF CLOTHING** to this event and be entered into a drawing for a Gift Basket for Dinner and a Movie for Two Plus Other Goodies

Thank You to the following Chamber members that have **Donated An Item** for the Drawing:
Boucher Building & Renovations | We Care Computers

Members - FREE; **Non-Members** - \$20
Registration Required by Monday, March 9

[Click Here to Register](#)



M.V.P.
Men's Venture Program
TOMORROW Thursday, March 12
at: **COSI** | 9:00-10:00 AM
385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

The **Men's Venture Program (M.V.P.)** offers the men of our Chamber an opportunity to engage with one another and discuss issues that are unique and of particular interest to them. (Women that are members of the Chamber and would like to attend are welcome also)

Everyone in attendance has a chance to briefly introduce themselves and their business, followed by the exploration of an issue or question posed by a member of the group that is of importance in the lives of our professional men.



If you are interested in being part of this new member-driven networking group focused on the needs of the Chamber's male entrepreneurs, then please plan on joining us.

3/12 Discussion Topic: Marketing & Business Development
MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

[Click Here to Register](#)



Work

Life

Association is currently
**Seeking Sponsors for
the Blue Blazer Ball**

Sponsors are listed in
the event program and
on the website, and
celebrated at the event.
[Sponsorship Form](#) For
further information [Click
Here](#)

**[BELLE TERRACE AT
AVON OLD FARMS](#)**
1 Nod Road, Avon
860.404.5051

On Sunday, April 5, at 11
AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM,
and 2:30 PM, Belle
Terrace at Avon Old
Farms will be hosting
Easter Brunch The
brunch features:
make-your-own omelets,
a waffle bar, seasonal
salads, a chef attended
carving station, entrees,
gourmet dessert station,
coffee, tea, juices, soft
drinks, milk and
mimosas. Mixed drinks,
beer and wine available
from a cash bar. Cost is
\$42/Adults, \$29/Seniors,
\$18/Children 4-13,
Children under 3
complimentary.
Reservations Required.

COMCAST

Comcast Business is
seeking innovative
Startup Companies (in
business less than two
years) and
Entrepreneurs (in
business more than two
years) to compete in
their **2nd Annual
Innovations 4
Entrepreneurs
Competition** Contest
applicants must submit a
250-word essay. Entries

**A.W.E -- Avon Women
Entrepreneurs**

Next Tuesday, March 17

at: **Whole Health Associates** | 8:15-9:30 AM
Hartford Hospital Wellness Center, 100 Simsbury
Road, Suite 208, Avon

This networking group offers the women of our Chamber
(men are welcome too) an opportunity to engage with one
another and discuss the issues that are unique and of
particular interest to them. Each month the group meets for
approximately an hour at a different participant's place of
business. Everyone has a chance to Introduce themselves
and their business, followed by a 10-minute Presentation by
our host. We then open the meeting up to explore topics of
importance in the lives of our professional women. The
Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

8:15 a.m.

Arrive/Informal Networking

8:30-8:40 a.m.

Meeting Starts: Introductions -- utilizing our perfected
30-second introductions

8:40-8:50 a.m.

Introduction of the Host/Presentation on: **Women's Health**

8:50-9:00 a.m.

Previous Month Review/Complete Unfinished
Business/Selection of Next Meeting Location

9:00-9:20 a.m.

Group Discussion: **Proposed Fall 2015 Seminar for Area
Women Interested in the Aspects of Starting and/or
Running a Business Hosted by A.W.E. Networking
Group/Might Be Developed into an Ongoing Mentoring
Program for Women in Business**

9:20-9:30 a.m.

Leads Generation

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

Registration Required by Friday, March 13

[Click Here to Register](#)



50th Anniversary Committee

Monday, March 23

at: **Avon Old Farms Hotel** | 9:00-10:00 AM

2015 marks the Chamber's 50th Anniversary! Preparations
are underway for a celebratory event scheduled for

are due by March 15.
[Click Here](#) for application and details.

**CONNECTICUT
KITCHEN & BATH
STUDIO**

**3 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.470.7987**

On Sunday, March 22, from 10 AM-Noon, Connecticut Kitchen & Bath Studio hosts an **Easter Brunch with Chef Celeste Borelli**. Beautiful and simple Easter brunch recipes, simple decorating ideas, and menus for a scrumptious Spring brunch will be presented. Class size limited. Cost \$40/person. [Registration Required](#).

**DREW & MERSEREAU
P.C.**

**47 West Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.1974**

This Thursday, March 12, 6-8 PM, at Hop Meadow Country Club, Simsbury, Christopher S. Drew, Attorney, will be **Participating in A Panel Discussion: Your Parents-Their Next Chapter**. Attorney Drew will be speaking on *Developing A Plan To Make Sure That Investments Are Managed, Bills Paid and Medical Decisions Made*. The program is free and refreshments will be served. [RSVP required](#) and may be made by calling 860.658.3723

FARMINGTON RIVER

November 19 of this year. The **50th Anniversary Committee** meets for an hour on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of the month**, and is actively seeking new members. If you would like to be a part of this fun committee and work with fellow members on planning our exciting anniversary event, then please plan on joining us on Monday the 23rd.

Committee members: John Caruso, **John R. Caruso Attorney at Law** (chair) | Seshu Badrinath, **Seshu Photography** | Gail Belliveau, **Avon Old Farms Hotel** | Robin DiNicola, **Simsbury Bank** | Leslie Gordon, **Be.Yoga** | Susan Lederman, **P'zazz** | Nanette Levin, **Commercial Property Advisors** | Jolly Lux, **Guiding Light Orphanage** | Barbara Thomas, **BT Communications**



**Education Program
The Busy
Businessperson's Guide
to De-Stressing
Tuesday, March 24**

presented by: Adele Mary Caruso | **Create Your Health Piece by Peace** | 8:30-10:00 AM
at: **Valley Sports Center** | 310 Albany Turnpike/
Route 44, Canton

Our society is extremely fast paced, and at the end of the day we find that we have little or no time for ourselves. Would you like to find more effective techniques of handling the everyday stresses that come with balancing both work and family?

In this program, led by Adele Mary Caruso, a health and transformational coach and owner of **Create Your Health Piece by Peace**, you will learn about:

- Simple and effective ways to relax and de-stress -- some taking less than a minute,
- How to get things done quicker and with more ease,
- How to say 'no' and set boundaries,
- How to schedule more time for the things you enjoy and achieve a greater balance in your life

If you are looking for a program that will provide you with inspired strategies to help you reduce the stress in your life, then come and be a part of this life changing class!

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM
Registration Required by Friday, March 20

WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
749 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury
860.658.4442

On Thursday, March 19, from 6-9 PM, at the Farmington Community Center, 321 New Britain Avenue, Farmington, the Farmington River Watershed Association is hosting a **Fish Art Auction & WineTasting**. Dozens of Fish by local artists will be on display. Bid and Hook your fish in the Silent Auction. Taste wines from seven vendors. Tickets are \$25/person. [Click Here](#) for further information

FARMINGTON WOODS GOLF CLUB
43 Heritage Drive, Avon
860.673.0062

Farmington Woods Golf Club is offering **Indoor Lessons**. Purchase 4 half-hour golf lessons and get the fifth one free. Lessons never expire and can be used indoors this Winter and on the course. Cost \$240/person. [Click Here](#) for more information or to register.

GOOD FEET
70 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.0151

This Saturday, March 14, from 11 AM-4 PM, Good Feet will mark its 1st Anniversary with a **Doctor Day**. Visitors can receive a free 10-minute foot and leg evaluation from podiatrist Dr. Scott Lindsay of Valley Ankle & Foot Care in Farmington.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Connecticut Business Day
Wednesday, March 25

at: **Legislative Office Building**
300 Capitol Avenue | 7:15 AM-12-Noon

While Connecticut has many strengths, our state consistently ranks poorly in national reports when it comes to economic competitiveness. State lawmakers have the opportunity to break this pattern by adopting legislation that will make Connecticut a top state for business.

That is why **You** need to be a part of this event!

We need to let legislators know what must be done to move the state in the right direction to help achieve the goal of a stronger, growing economy. This half-day, morning program will give you the opportunity to hear from legislative leaders and other policymakers, as well as ask questions of, offer solutions to, and insist on accountability from state legislators.

Connecticut Business Day is sponsored by CBIA and the Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (CACCE)

Registration Required by Friday, March 20

[Click Here to Register](#)

Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. Good Feet staff will then fit guests for orthotics, shoes, or other devices the doctor recommends. You only pay for what you choose to take home.

**HELEN & HARRY
GRAY CANCER
CENTER**

**80 Fisher Drive, Avon
860.696.1000**

On Saturday, July 11, the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center in Avon will once again serve as the **Host Site for ERRACE** (Everyone Ride/Run Against Cancer Everyday) Between now and Thursday, July 9, ERRACE is **Seeking Donations for a Raffle**. To Donate an Item contact **MaryAnn Bauchiero**. For further information or to register for an event of your choice **Click Here**

**LAW OFFICES OF
MORTON N. KATZ**
**P.O. Box 558, Avon
860.677.6771**

Attention Attorneys -- the Law Offices of Morton N. Katz has **Excess Legal Forms Available** Please call the office to find out what forms are available and to make arrangements to pick them up.

**LINDA BEERS VIOLIN
STUDIO**
860.673.9723

On Sunday, March 22,
from 3-4 PM, at Avon

Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road, Avon, Linda Beers of Linda Beers Violin Studio, along with poet Joan Kantor, will be giving a **Performance as Part of the Sundays at Three Music Series** Entitled *Stringing Words Together*, this interactive program allows people to experience the exciting convergence of visual art, poetry and music. No registration required.

MAX A MIA
70 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.6299

On Monday, March 23, at 6:30 PM, Max A Mia will be hosting a **Silver Oak Winery Dinner** featuring the wines of Silver Oak and Twomey Wineries, with special guest Anna Peggjonaj of Silver Oak Winery, and a menu by Chef David Stickney. Cost \$125/person, not including tax or gratuity. Reservation required and may be made by calling 860.677.6299

MICHAELS JEWELERS
380 West Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.2188

From Thursday, March 19-Sunday, March 22, Michaels Jewelers will be holding an **Exclusive Estate Event** featuring amazing values on their million dollar inventory of jewelry including: vintage and estate treasures, estate diamonds in multiple shapes and sizes, old european-cut diamonds, and one-of-a-kind pieces from

Cartier, Tiffany, and top design houses.

**ROTARY CLUB OF
AVON-CANTON**

On Saturday, March 21, from 7-10 PM (VIP Fine Wines Tasting from 6-7:30 PM), at Tower Ridge Country Club, Nod Road, Simsbury, the Rotary Club of Avon-Canton will be hosting their **Annual Tastes of the Valley** Enjoy some of the finest wines, beers & spirits available in the Farmington Valley along with food samplings from some of the area's best restaurants. Event also features an auction and music by the Colbys. Ticket price is \$50/person, VIP Ticket price \$75/person. For tickets call 860.676.1261. For Sponsor information call 860.233.1713 x16 or [Click Here](#)

**THE INVESTORS
CENTER**

**70 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.8808**

Today, Wednesday, March 11, 6-8 PM, The Investors Center is hosting an **Open House Art Show and a Food & Wine Tasting** RSVP 'yes only' to Ellen at 860.677.8808 or by [Clicking Here](#)

**THE RESIDENCE AT
BROOKSIDE**

**Riverdale Farms
Shopping**

**124 Simsbury Road
Building 16, Avon
860.284.5000**

Every Tuesday at 10 AM

and Thursday at 4 PM throughout the month of March, The Residence at Brookside will be conducting **Information Sessions** at their leasing office.

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON
88 Scott Swamp Road,
Farmington
860.676.8626

On Tuesday, March 17, at 12:30 PM, join Village Gate of Farmington as they **Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day**. Get in the Saint Patty's spirit by enjoying a traditional Irish lunch, followed by fiddling and dancing by Village Gate's own musical staff. Entertainment begins at 2 PM. Space is limited. RSVP by calling 860.676.8626

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON
88 Scott Swamp Road,
Farmington
860.676.8626

On Sunday, March 22, at 2 PM, Village Gate of Farmington will be hosting a **Game Show Spectacular**. Have you ever envisioned yourself competing on a Hollywood game show set? Well, now is your chance! Bring a (smart) friend and participate in their trivia-based competition that will challenge your knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. Players of all ages welcome. Space is limited. RSVP by calling

860.676.8626

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