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Events and Information

December 9, 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

[December 14 - Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive](#)

[December 22 - Avon Chamber Day at The Salvation Army Holiday Store at Avon Old Farms Hotel](#)

Shifts are now OPEN for those members that would like to volunteer

[January 4 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

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October Storm Resources

Were you or your business impacted by the October snowstorm? If so, help is available. The state [Department of Insurance Winter Storm page](#) has a number of resources available including Company Claim Phone Numbers and Tips for Making Storm Claims.

Need some business claim tips? [Click Here](#) to access a very informative article.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!!

Show the world that you are a proud Avon Chamber of Commerce member by displaying our new, FREE **AVON CHAMBER VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE**. The Chamber will send you your plaque in jpg format that you may then use on your business cards, business letterhead and website. If using it on your website, the Chamber will also provide you with HTML code to link your plaque



For a complete listing of all
**UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER
EVENTS** [CLICK HERE](#)

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

JOIN A CHAMBER COMMITTEE

Did you know that by volunteering as little as an hour a month you can directly impact the future of your Avon Chamber? Other benefits of getting involved with a Chamber committee include:

- *Increased visibility within the organization
- *Greater opportunity for professional networking
- *Learning new concepts
- *Leadership skill development
- *Resume building

Join the committee that interests you the most -- **Education**, **Marketing**, or **Membership** -- and reap the benefits! To learn more about the Chamber's committees or to volunteer -- call Lisa at the Chamber office.

To see **ALL THE BENEFITS** your Avon Chamber has to offer [CLICK HERE](#)

**GOT AN EVENT OR SPECIAL FOR
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE
MEMBERS**
EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO
AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET



**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
WITH THE
MEMBERS**

back to the page in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory where your business listing appears. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.

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Join Us For Our December 2011
**Business After Hours/
Annual Holiday Event and
Salvation Army Holiday
Store Toy Drive**
NEXT WEDNESDAY!!

Our Chamber's Holiday Event is a great annual tradition. Have fun following the trail that leads you to our event hosts; each offering something special. You will also enjoy dance performances by the students of **A Dancer's Palette** and the sonorous sounds of new member, violinist Linda Beers of **Linda Beers Violin Studio**. Also, this year we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for our fellow Chamber member **The Salvation Army** in preparation for the Chamber's day at their annual Holiday Store open again this year at fellow Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel**.

Please consider bringing a drawing item to this event. Contact Ann Boychuk at River Ridge to let her know that you will be bringing a drawing item so that she can post your business name and announce your participation
aboychuk@benchmarkquality.com

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FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

Tomorrow, Saturday, December 10, 10 AM-4 PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** will be holding **Chocol' Art**, a family-friendly, free event featuring complimentary chocolate goodies to savor as you explore the twenty studios and two galleries and shop for locally handcrafted gifts. In addition, from Noon-2 PM you can paint glass hostess plates with artist Carolann Dvorak-Brewer. You will complete two glass tableware pieces to showcase your own chocolate treats and holiday baked goods. Class fee is \$25/person at the door or \$20/person if you pre-register by calling 860-678-1867 by Friday, December 9. There is also a \$10 materials fee for two plates. **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

HARTFORD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Now through next Saturday, December 17, **Hartford Federal Credit Union** is offering **Letters To Santa**. Children of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa in a special mailbox located at HFCU's West Simsbury office. All letters will be sent directly to the North Pole where Santa will reply with a personalized letter to each child. **Hartford Federal Credit Union** is located at **29 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, West Simsbury**. **Letters To Santa** may also be mailed to **Hartford Federal Credit Union, c/o Letters To Santa, 29 Albany Turnpike, West Simsbury, CT 06092**

THE SHOPPES AT FARMINGTON VALLEY

On Saturdays, December 10 and December 17, from 8:30 AM-4 PM, and Sundays, December 11 and December 18, from 10 AM-6 PM, **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley**

December 2011 Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive

hosted by: **River Ridge at Avon**
A Dancer's Palette
Conquest Consulting
Creature Comforts
H & R Block

at **River Ridge at Avon**
101 Bickford Extension, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us For
Avon Chamber Day
at The Salvation Army
Holiday Store at Avon Old Farms Hotel

It's that time of year . . . **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** annually serves to collect non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and monetary donations on behalf of those in need. Fellow Avon Chamber members **The Salvation Army** and **Avon Old Farms Hotel** have collaborated on this very special undertaking since the Store's return to Avon in 2006. And for the past five years the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** and its members have supported their efforts by generously volunteering one day to act as greeters for those donating and sorters of the items donated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 1-3 PM AND 3-5 PM SHIFTS The minimum number of volunteers needed per shift is 2, but all are welcome. Please email Lisa at the Chamber or click on the link below if you would like to volunteer.

We hope that you will stop by on Thursday, December 22, anytime from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and support your fellow Avon Chamber members.

[Avon Chamber Day at The Salvation Army Holiday Store](#)

will be presenting **Victorian Carolers** Enjoy the sounds of the season while you experience The Shoppes' fifty specialty stores and unique dining destinations. **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley** is located at **110 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

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PET INSURANCE



at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**
Route 44, Avon
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:00 AM to 6:00 PM



Join Us For Our January 2012 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.



Another Great Reason to Attend -- 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

January's Presenter is:

Morton N. Katz, Esq. of
Law Offices of Morton N. Katz



We are also collecting non-perishable food every month at this event to be given to the Avon Food Bank

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!

January 2012 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

Information on **New Chamber Insurance Programs**

Aetna Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

We are pleased to announce Aetna is now offering Chamber members **SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**. These plans include several consumer-directed, HSA-compatible options.



With any of the plans available, Chamber members will receive access to Aetna's industry-leading online tools, as well as other Aetna resources specifically designed for small businesses, including: the **Small Business Tax Credit Calculator** that quickly helps you determine if your company is eligible for a tax credit through the Affordable Care Act, along with the **Aetna Resource Connection** that gives participants access to discounts on a variety of services.

Also, this insurance may be integrated with Aetna's new **Chamber Hospital Indemnity Plan**, an exclusive opportunity for Chamber members that provides a flat-dollar payment for a hospital stay plus a per diem payment for each day in the hospital.

To learn about these new health insurance options

click on the Aetna Logo above

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Affordable Dental Benefits for Chamber Members

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](#)

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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: **Avon Executive Offices * One Darling Drive * Avon Park South * Avon, CT 06001 * 860.677.8300 * avonexecutiveoffices@comcast.net * www.AvonExecutiveOffices.com**



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