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## Events and Information

March 1, 2013



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS**

EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO [AvonChamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:AvonChamber@sbcglobal.net)

**Is Your Business Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2015?** If so, please contact Lisa at the Chamber

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[March 1 - DEADLINE to Sign Up to be a Mentor for Career Exploration Day](#)

[March 5 - Morning Business Network Connection - ONE TIME DATE CHANGE!](#)

[March 6 - Connecticut](#)

### MEMBER BENEFIT

Get Your Membership Plaque(s) Today!!



*Studies have shown that consumers are 63% more likely to buy goods and services from a business that is a member of a chamber of commerce . . .*

## [Business Day 2013](#)

[March 13 - Business After Hours](#)

[April 3 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[April 10 - Business After Hours/9th Annual BRING-A-NON-MEMBER BUSINESS Event](#)

[April 18 - Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center AND Avon Chamber of Commerce BLOOD DRIVE](#)

[SAVE THE DATE - May 22 - 48TH ANNUAL MEETING and AWARDS LUNCHEON](#)

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

## FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



**CHET  
Advisor  
529 Plan**

The **Avon Chamber of Commerce** has established a relationship with the **CHET Advisor 529 Plan**. Members and their employees are eligible to participate in this program at no cost - the up-front sales charge of up to 5.5% is waived for Chamber members. In addition, saving for your child's education in this CHET Advisor 529 Plan can reduce your state income tax burden, as the CHET Advisor 529 Plan includes a state income tax deduction for individual filers contributing up to \$5,000 and for those filing jointly contributing up

Now there are TWO great ways for you to show the community that you are a proud member of the Avon Chamber.

First -- Our **NEW MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES** have arrived and are ready for you to display at your place of business, trade shows, special events, etc. . . You can hang them on a wall or stand them on a counter. Please make sure to pick yours up today and display it prominently.

Second -- Join with fellow Chamber members **Ace Marketing and Sales, Avon Education Foundation, Digital Design Chick, E.N.E. Realty Associates, Keller Williams Realty-The Zambellos, Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)** and the numerous others that are displaying our **VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE** on their websites.

Just like our membership plaque can be displayed at your place of business, the Virtual Membership Plaque is designed to be displayed on your website, facebook page, etc

### **Here's How to Get Your Plaques**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES** Will be available at every Chamber event or you may contact the Chamber office and make arrangements to pick yours up.

**VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES** Are available in JPG format and can be obtained by contacting the Chamber office. Additionally, the Chamber will provide you with HTML code to link your virtual plaque back to the page where your business listing appears in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory.

*Plaque Artwork generously donated by*  
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Week of April 2013 of the**

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to \$10,000. Start with as little as \$50.

**For more information please contact Chamber member**

**Edward Jones-Peter Vignati** at **860.676.1442**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

### AVON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The **Avon Education Foundation** is seeking donations of goods and services for its upcoming 2013 **No-Show Gala** an eBay auction open to the public, from April 1-7. All funds raised from the auction will go directly toward grants that support innovation and creativity in public education in Avon for learners of ALL ages. For more details please visit [www.AvonEdFoundation.org](http://www.AvonEdFoundation.org)

### ROTARY CLUB OF AVON-CANTON

On Saturday, March 23, from 7-10:30 PM, at Tower Ridge Country Club, Simsbury, **Rotary Club of Avon-Canton** will be holding its **Tastes-of-the-Valley** fundraising event. The event features samples from local restaurants and food businesses, including **Avon Chamber members: Avon Old Farms Hotel-Seasons Restaurant, Max a Mia Ristorante, and The Meat House.** Music will be provided by The Colbys. Proceeds from the event benefit the Rotary Club's Community Fund. Tickets are \$50/person or \$75/person for a VIP level that includes a champagne tasting from 6:30-7:30 PM. For ticket or sponsorship information call **860.673.2225** or email [devralee@comcast.net](mailto:devralee@comcast.net)

Thank You to the Following Chamber Members that Put Their Business On the Map (**RED** is a new advertiser):

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- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center
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- River Ridge at Avon
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## Sorry That Your Business Is Not One of Them?

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**Jerry Saval, Advertising Sales Director, My Hometown Map, 1.800.649.6277 x102 or [jsaval@myhometownmap.com](mailto:jsaval@myhometownmap.com)**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our **Bring-A-Non-Member-Business Event** is coming in April. Please consider bringing a non-member business guest and introducing them to your Chamber
- **Early Bird Registration for our 48th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon** slated for Wednesday, May 22, will be opening soon. Register and pay in full and save \$5/person!!

## THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Wednesday, March 13, from 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** is hosting an **Art Exhibit and Food & Wine Tasting**. The event is free to the public. RSVP by Friday, March 8 at **860.677.8808** or email [ellenw@TheInvestorsCenter.com](mailto:ellenw@TheInvestorsCenter.com). **The Investors Center** is located at **70 East Main Street, Avon**.

### **Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members**

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.

In addition, 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**



## **BENEFITS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS**

Dental **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.

Vision **Blue View Vision** plans cover regular eye exams and include additional savings programs that allow members to save even after their annual benefits are used up. That is a 40% discount on unlimited extra pairs of eyeglasses, 15% on regular contacts, and 20% on many other items including sunglasses.

### Disability and Life

Coverage options include Group Term Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), Dependent Life, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability -- Available on an employer-paid or employee-paid (voluntary) basis.

For more information click on  
[this link:](#)

Chamber Dental, Vision,  
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## 15% Discount for Chamber Members



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: **TCBY \* Avon Marketplace \* 530R Bushy Hill Road \* Simsbury, CT 06070 \* 860.658.4520 \* [tcbyavon@att.net](mailto:tcbyavon@att.net) \* [www.TCBYct.com](http://www.TCBYct.com)**



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