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Events and Information

November 16, 2012



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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

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Is Your Business Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2015? If so, please contact

Lisa at the Chamber

UPCOMING EVENTS

[December 5 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[December 12 - Business After Hours/ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT/SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE](#)

[December 14- Avon Chamber](#)

MEMBER BENEFIT

Get Your Virtual Membership Plaque

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

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

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

[January 2 - Morning Business
Network Connection](#)

[January 9 - Business After
Hours/HAPPY NEW YEAR](#)

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

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

DISPLAY YOUR BUSINESS CARDS AND BROCHURES

Did you know that the Chamber has a **display available where you can showcase your business cards or brochures?**

People are always dropping by looking for information on our member businesses -- make sure they see you!

Marketing your business has never been this easy -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event **20** of your business cards or brochures and take advantage of this great member benefit!

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



**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
WITH THE
MEMBERS**

**BELLE TERRACE AT AVON
OLD FARMS**

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



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MEMBER BENEFIT!!

A CHET Advisor 529 Plan Just For You



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

**For more information please contact
Chamber member
Edward Jones-Peter Vignati at
860.676.1442**

**Put Your Business On The Map and Have
Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in
Avon!**

**Avon Chamber of Commerce
AND**

My Hometown Map

My Hometown Map and the **Avon Chamber** have

On Saturday, December 8, 6:30-11:30 PM, **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is holding a **Big/Little Holiday Party** Bring your family, friends, or the whole office - All size groups welcome. Enjoy a cocktail hour with passed hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner stations including: brown sugar glazed pork loin, chimichurri marinated sirloin tip steak, seared scallops, lemon scented grilled asparagus and cheese tortellini, and end with a dessert station featuring assorted individual locally made pies. There will also be entertainment. Cost is \$49/guest, tax and service charge additional. Reservations required. For more information or to reserve your spot please call **860.404.5051**

DUNSTAN JEWELERS LTD.

Now through Tomorrow, Saturday, November 17, Friday, 10 AM-8PM and Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM, **Dunstan Jewelers Ltd.** is holding its **Biggest Sale of the Year** Enjoy 30% off All Jewelry (excluding remount, beads, charms and Debbie Brooks). Free *Pampered You* Gift Bag with every \$100 purchase. Exclusive new jewelry designs available. **Dunstan Jewelers Ltd.** is located at **290 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

Today, Friday, November 16, 6-9 PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is hosting their annual **Candlelight Opening** Enjoy this festive kickoff to the holiday season. Visit 20 artists in their inspiring and inviting studios, enjoy complimentary refreshments, live music, and help create a community installation of candles **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

FAVARH - THE ARC OF THE FARMINGTON VALLEY

Today, Friday, November 16, 7

teamed up to offer you a great **New Chamber-Themed** promotional opportunity. **My Hometown Map**, located in Marstons Mills, MA, has worked extensively with chambers of commerce throughout Massachusetts to create print and complimentary online versions of town maps available free of charge. Now, the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** is one of the first chambers in Connecticut to offer its members this marketing opportunity!

- **4-Color Print Map mailed direct to EVERY RESIDENCE in Avon**
- **Online version of the map compatible with mobile devices -- including a link to your business website at no additional charge!**
- **Limited number of preferred advertising opportunities available**
- **Published and produced by Avon Chamber member MyHomeTownMap.com**

Best of all -- your business does not need to be located in Avon in order for you to take part in our map Your ad will not only appear in the map that is mailed to every home in Avon, but directions to your business, whether located in Avon or not, will appear as part of the Chamber's online map too!

These members have made the commitment to be part of the Avon Chamber map (**RED** is a new advertiser):

- A Dancer's Palette**
- Avon Old Farms Hotel**
- Avon Veterans of Foreign Wars**
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**
- Law Office of Brian S. Karpe**
- Miller Foods**
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**
- Simsbury Bank**
- Talcott Mountain Academy**
- TravelVision**
- Waste Material Trucking**
- William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan**

Need more information?
Visit **www.MyHomeTownMap.com** and take a peek at what the map and online ads look like

This opportunity is available ONLY to AVON CHAMBER MEMBERS -- Space is Limited!

As of this email 23 ad spaces remain

PM-Midnight, at The Riverview, 10 Winslow Place, Simsbury, **FAVARH-The Arc of the Farmington Valley** is holding their **Beach Party 2012** fundraiser, featuring the nationally recognized band *Surf City Allstars* performing the greatest hits of the Beach Boys. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, dinner, dancing, and a live performance by the Polynesian Dancers of Kahana Hula. Casual attire - beachwear welcome! Tickets are \$125/person For tickets contact **Ronelle Cipolla, 860.693.6662 ext. 116 or rcipolla@favarh.org**

MILLER FOODS

From Saturday, November 17-Wednesday, November 21, **Miller Foods** famous **Thanksgiving Tent** will be open for business. The tent features everything you need for your holiday table, and also the opportunity to 'taste test' some of their many offerings! Tent hours are Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18 - 9 AM-4PM, Monday, November 19 - 9 AM-6 PM, Tuesday, November 20 - 8 AM-7 PM, Wednesday, November 21 - 8 AM- 2 PM **Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

In celebration of their 35th Anniversary, **Riverdale Farms Shopping** is giving you a chance to **Win A \$350 Spending Spree** Entry forms for the spending spree drawings are available at different shops, restaurants and service providers located at Riverdale Farms. Winners of the spending spree drawings can use their gift certificates at any of the Riverdale Farms business locations. In addition, participating businesses are offering special discounts. **This week**, entry forms are available at **Avon Chamber member Avon Wines & Spirits**

If you are interested in joining with the members that have already taken advantage of this great advertising opportunity please contact:

Jerry Saval, Advertising Sales Director, My Hometown Map, 1.800.649.6277 x102 or jsaval@myhometownmap.com



Join Us For Our December 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

December's Presenter is:
Ketil Osland of



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!!!

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

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Riverdale Farms Shopping is located at **124 Simsbury Road/Route 10, Avon**

SIMSBURY BANK

Now through Wednesday, November 21, **Simsbury Bank** is holding a **Food Drive** for fellow **Avon Chamber member Gifts of Love Simsbury Bank** is located at **27 Dale Road, Avon**

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Tuesday, December 4, 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** is hosting an **Art Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting** featuring the etchings and collages of Carol A. Taylor, printmaker. The event is free to the public. To attend call or email by Friday, November 30 Ellen Weissberg at **860.677.8808** or ellenw@TheInvestorsCenter.com

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is in need of businesses to be **Angel Tree Hosts** Each business supplies a tree to hang the Angel Tree tags. Tags provide information as to the gender, wish and age of the child. The business determines how many 'angels' they feel they can sponsor. Gifts are then returned unwrapped with the Angel Tag attached. If your business is interested in being an Angel Tree Host contact **Ruth Rosado** at **860.543.8413 ext. 100**

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

Now through Friday, November 30, **Valley Sports Center** is accepting registrations for **High School Winter Recreational Basketball League** To register please visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com

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Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us For Our December 2012 Business After Hours/ Annual Holiday Event/ Savlvation Army Toy Drive

Our Chamber's Holiday Event is a great annual tradition. Have fun following the trail that leads you to our event hosts. Enjoy dance performances by the students of **A Dancer's Palette** and the sonorous sounds of violinist Linda Beers of **Linda Beers Violin Studio** Need some help with your website? Then make a stop at **Conquest Consulting** and talk with Lance. You can get a jump start on your taxes by visiting with the folks from **H & R Block**. Want something sparkly for that someone special? **Michaels Jewelers** may have just what you are looking for. Looking for a unique treat to end your holiday meal? Then check out **TCBY** and all they have to offer. And don't forget to take a peek at what **River Ridge at Avon** has in store!

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for our fellow Chamber member **The Salvation Army** in preparation for **Avon Chamber Day** at their annual Holiday Store open again this year at fellow Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel** Please consider bringing a donation.

If you would like to offer a Drawing Item at this event please contact **Anne 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

December 2012 Business After Hours/ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT/SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

hosted by: **A Dancer's Palette**
Conquest Consulting
H & R Block
Linda Beers Violin Studio
Michaels Jewelers
River Ridge at Avon
TCBY Avon Marketplace

at: **River Ridge at Avon**
101 Bickford Extension, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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.

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



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

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us For Avon Chamber Day

at **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

It's Here! Time for **The Salvation Army Holiday Store**. The Holiday Store collects 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 six 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.

SHIFTS ARE NOW OPEN!! for members that would like to sign-up to be a part of this very special day. Shifts are in two-hour increments and 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.

See you on Friday, December 14!

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

at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

Route 44, Avon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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For more information click on this link:

[Chamber Dental Prime and Chamber Dental Complete](#)

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 24



You know how your Avon Chamber is always urging you to **Shop Local First** . . . Well here is the perfect opportunity for you to show your support for local businesses just like you.

Saturday, November 24 is the **3rd Annual Small Business Saturday** - a day dedicated to supporting local, small businesses. As you are keenly aware, small business is the life blood of our economy. On Saturday, November 24, we encourage you, our members, your family and friends to get out and support your fellow small business Avon Chamber members and remember to **Shop Local First!**

Remember to Shop Local First

10% 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 * www.TCBYct.com**



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