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Click on the link to check out our current **Featured Member River Ridge at Avon**

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

Introduction

[October 25 - Combined Business After Hours with Avon and West Hartford Chambers of Commerce](#)

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

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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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

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

Ad Sales Are Now OPEN!!

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

Avon Chamber of Commerce
AND

My Hometown Map

AUTUMN LIGHT STUDIO & GALLERY

From now through Friday, October 12, **Autumn Light Studio & Gallery** will be hosting its **1st Annual Juried Show**. This is a great opportunity to meet the artists, view their amazing work and purchase art for a good cause; with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of works during the exhibition going to Hartford's Camp Courant. **Autumn Light Studio & Gallery** specializes in custom design, restoration and repair of stained glass. **Autumn Light Studio & Gallery** is located at **304 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Friday, October 19, 7-11 PM, at fellow **Avon Chamber** member **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms, Farmington Valley Arts Center** is hosting their fundraiser **Swing for the Arts**. Enjoy dancing with *the Street Vipers*, dinner, open bar and fabulous auction items. Tickets are \$100/person. All proceeds go to benefit the **Farmington Valley Arts Center**. Tickets are available by calling **860.678.1867**

GIFTS OF LOVE

On Saturday, November 3, 7-11 PM, at The Ethel Walker School, Simsbury, **Gifts of Love** will host its annual gala **Fire & Ice** featuring entertainment, live and silent auctions, a photo booth, celebrity chef stations including fellow **Avon Chamber** member **The Meat House**, complimentary champagne, fellow **Avon Chamber** member **Avon Wine & Spirits** wine tasting, a microbrew tasting, a cash bar with signature cocktails, dancing to the live music of local band *Poor Gordon*, along with a drawing for a \$500 shopping spree at fellow **Avon Chamber** member **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley**. All proceeds

My Hometown Map and the **Avon Chamber** have 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 a part of the Avon Chamber map:

- Avon Old Farms Hotel**
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**
- Talcott Mountain Academy**

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!

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

will benefit **Gifts of Love** food and nutrition programs. Tickets are \$75/person, VIP tables for six are \$450, and may be purchased at **Gifts of Love** located at **35 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon Village Marketplace, Avon**, by calling **860.676.2323**, online at www.GiftsofLovect.org

KEVIN EDWARD JEWELERS

This Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30, **Kevin Edward Jewelers** will be holding an exclusive **Restyling Event**. Meet the jeweler and view many outstanding diamonds and beautiful mountings. Complimentary ring cleaning, inspection and rhodium while you wait. Refreshments will be served. In addition, during this special two-day event Kevin Edward Jewelers will pay the sales tax (see them for more details)! **Kevin Edward Jewelers** is located at **395 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

MILLER FOODS HOME OF OMA'S PRIDE

Every Saturday through Saturday, October 27, 10 AM-1 PM, **Miller Foods home of Oma's Pride** will be conducting **Miller Marketplace**. Each Saturday the community is invited to support and celebrate local farmers and artisans. Free vendor spaces are available for those that either grow or make products in Connecticut. Space is limited. For more information call **860.673.3256**. **Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

VALLEY FINANCIAL GROUP

On Thursday, October 18, 7-8:30 PM, **Valley Financial Group** will be holding a free workshop **Gain Emotional and Financial Control of Your Divorce**. The workshop, presented by Susan Levine, MA, LPC, Women Reshaping Lives, LLC and Diane Bell, Certified Divorce

Hometown Map, 1.800.649.6277 x102 or jsaval@myhometownmap.com



Join Us For Our October 2012 Morning Business Network Connection MEMBER ORIENTATION This Coming Wednesday!

For this month only Morning Networking takes on a brand new look as members of the Chamber's Membership Committee walk you through the myriad of marketing, learning and networking opportunities available to members of the Avon Chamber!



Whether you are a new member in need of guidance or a returning member wanting to get more involved -- this event is for you

And, to show our appreciation for your participation, at the conclusion of this special event there will be a drawing for some fabulous items donated by members of the Membership Committee (By the way -- marketing your company by donating a drawing item for a Chamber networking event is just one of the Chamber's many benefits) including:

- Overnight Stay - **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**
- Basket of Goodies - **Miller Foods/ Oma's Pride**
- Matted Piece of Artwork - **The Decor Advantage**
- Sleeve of Golf Balls and Giant Golf Umbrella - **Union Savings Bank**

October 2012 Morning Business Network Connection/MEMBER ORIENTATION

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

Financial Analyst, is aimed at women who are thinking about getting divorced, going through a divorce, or are recently divorced. RSVP by Monday, October 15 to Susan Levine at slevin@womenreshapinglives.com or call 860.810.3915

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

From now through Friday, November 30, 10-10:50 AM, **Valley Sports Center** is running **Boot Camp Fitness for Women**. This is a 10-week fun and energizing Boot Camp style class designed to get you motivated and look and feel your best. This class will have you rotating through a series of cardio and strength exercises to sculpt your body and burn fat. As a special offer for moms with young kids, this class is scheduled at the same time as the Center's Lil' Kickers Hoppers class. Cost is \$150/10 weeks plus a \$25 one-time annual registration fee. Register by Friday, September 14. For more information visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com or call 860.693.2378



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



Join Us For Our October 2012 Business After Hours

This is an annual Fall tradition for our Chamber that typically draws 100-plus members and guests.

You may know **Miller Foods** as a purveyor of quality turkey -- but they offer so much more than just turkey. This event will provide you with a delicious overview of the wide variety of foods on-hand at **Miller Foods** all year long, ready for tonight's dinner or your upcoming special gatherings.



Your dog or cat is part of the family and deserves yummy food too, right? Well **Oma's Pride** has thought of that and has a wide array of products available to satisfy their needs as well. From raw food to the convenience of freeze-dried treats, **Oma's Pride** has it all.



OMA'S PRIDE

Please Note: Attendance is Limited to 100!

As of this email -- **only 65 spaces remain!**

October 2012 Business After Hour

hosted by: **Miller Foods**
Oma's Pride

308 Arch Road, Avon
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us For Yappee After Hours

IT'S BACK -- The networking event for Chamber members and their canine companions!

Come to this Chamber event specifically designed for those members that either own a dog or just enjoy being around them. This event offers a great opportunity for you and your dog to spend



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 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](#)

some social time with other Chamber members and business guests that share your love of all things canine while also doing something good for your business -- meeting other businesses.

Please note: All Dogs Attending MUST Be:

- **Appropriately socialized, registered, and current on all their shots,**
- **On a leash and under their owner's control at all times --** *while the area where we are holding the event is partially enclosed and will be separated from the driveway of the Marketplace by dog gates and marked with cones, it is not completely escape-proof*
- **Housebroken -- Owner is responsible for cleaning up after their dog**

Yappee After Hours

hosted by: **Petals & Paws**

15 East Main Street/Route 44
Avon Village Marketplace, Avon
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



EDUCATION CLASS LinkedIn An Introduction

Do you feel like a 'missing link' when it comes to using LinkedIn? Well don't despair -- we have just the class to 'evolve' your knowledge of this popular social networking site for business. In this class **Wendy Healey** of **Elyse Harney Real Estate** will:

- Describe LinkedIn
- Provide a Basic Tour of its Features and Navigation
- Show You How to Build a Profile
- Show You Various Ways to Add Contacts, including: Networking, Groups and Messages
- Discuss Job and Candidate Search Functions
- Discuss LinkedIn News
- Review LinkedIn Apps, and SO MUCH MORE

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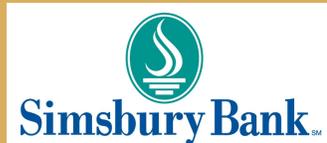


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Office and Medical Space



This is a **HANDS-ON CLASS** that you will be able to take part in **either from your business or home computer** and will be conducted through **GoToMeeting.com** -- **after you register you will receive an access code for the class along with instructions on how to log in**

Class Size Limited to 15 students

EDUCATION CLASS - LinkedIn An Introduction
presented by: **Wendy Healey** of **Elyse Harney Real Estate**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Members - Free

**Join Us For A
Combined Business After Hours**



Hoffman Auto Group was founded 90 years ago. Today, Hoffman is a leader in the Connecticut automotive industry, as well as a recognized community partner through the many contributions of the Hoffman Family Foundation. Come and see the beautiful new showroom of **Hoffman Nissan** and learn what makes Hoffman Auto Group so special.

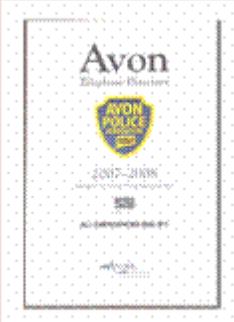
Combined Business After Hours
hosted by: **Hoffman Nissan**

46 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, West Simsbury
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Event

Last Chance to Purchase an Ad in the 2012/2013 Directory!



Click on the **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY** to the **LEFT** for your **AD ORDER FORM**

Avon Chamber of Commerce and the **Avon Police Association** have collaborated for the past seven years in producing the Association's **Annual Telephone Directory**. Ad sales help support the Association's primary fundraising campaign, proceeds from which are donated to numerous deserving area organizations.

Avon Chamber members have the unique marketing opportunity to **PURCHASE AN AD** in the Directory at a **specialty discounted rate offered only to members of the Avon Chamber of Commerce!**

Not interested in an ad? -- Then consider listing your business as a **PATRON** for as little as \$20.

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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