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Just a reminder that you are receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Avon Chamber of Commerce. Please consider sharing this email with fellow colleagues as well as other area businesses that you feel might benefit from what the Avon Chamber has to offer. Thank you!

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October 1, 2013



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Women in Business Group Forming!!

**On Tuesday, October 15,
8:30-9:30 a.m., at COSI**

We will be holding the inaugural meeting of an **Avon Chamber Women in Business Group** we hope to form. The name of the group, where/when the group meets, what format those meetings will follow -- will be up to those that attend this first meeting. If you are interested in being part of this

UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER
EVENTS [CLICK HERE](#)

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



NEW!
Avon
Chamber of
Commerce
LOCAL FIRST

is coming soon! This is a unique and exciting program that is intended to encourage area residents to shop and use the services of Avon Chamber members by providing them with an easy way to find your place of business AND your website. Participation for Members is FREE! Please [CLICK ON THE LOCAL FIRST LOGO](#) and fill out the **LOCAL FIRST Form** so as to insure we have your correct web address.

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

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

GOT AN EVENT OR SPECIAL
FOR

new member-driven group that will focus on the needs of the Chamber's female entrepreneurs, then please plan on joining us on

**Tuesday, October 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at
COSI, 385 West Main Street, Avon**

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 . . .***

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

First -- Our **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, Miller Foods, 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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO
AvonChamber@sbcglobal.net



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

BK DESIGNWORKS

From now through Friday, November 15, **BK Designworks** will give you a **BK Buck** each time you bring in a non-perishable food or paper item. Items dropped off will be donated to local food banks and to fellow **Avon Chamber member Gifts of Love** to help them restock for the holidays. BK Bucks may be used to save on future BK printing, copy, and promotional orders. Check out their Blog for details and updates - visit <http://bkdesignworks.com/blog2/> **BK Designworks** is located at **200 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER

On Tuesday, October 22, at 2 PM and again at 6:30 PM, **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** is hosting a free **Estate Planning Seminar**. In the seminar you will learn about the benefits of making funeral plans in advance, as well as discussions pertaining to wills and trusts, Medicaid issues, and protecting your future with proper estate planning. Everyone that attends will receive a free Planning Guide as their gift to you. **RSVP by calling 860.673.8610**

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

This Saturday, October 5, from 10 AM-2PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is hosting **Connecticut Authors Meet & Greet Day**. This is a great opportunity to meet dozens of authors as well as visit Center artists in their studios. Featured Speaker is Margaret Greenberg, executive coach and co-author of *Profit from the Positive* at 1:15 p.m. Also featured is Center artist and author Melissa Croghan at 10 AM. In addition, hear stories from the Avon authors of *Just Ordinary Moms*

virtual plaque back to the page where your business listing appears in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory.

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Avon Chamber of Commerce AND My Hometown Map

Click on the Map to View it Online As Well
As Links to All Our Participating Member
Advertisers that
Put Their Businesses on the Map

- Allstate Insurance - Jennifer Johnson
- Andrighetti & Sons
- Autumn Light Studio & Gallery
- Auto Club of Hartford-AAA
- Avon Education Foundation
- Avon Kempo & Aikido Academy
- Avon Old Farms Hotel
- Avon Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center

throughout the day in Studio 5A. **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITORS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 17 and 24 and Friday, October 18 and 25, from 4-9 PM, Saturday, October 19 and 26, from 11 AM-9 PM and Sunday October 20 and 27, from 11 AM-8PM, at Farmington Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Parlor, **Farmington Valley Visitors Association** is holding its **6th Annual Haunted Miniature Golf** featuring a door prize, refreshments and surprises. Tickets are \$10/person. For more information call **860.676.8878**

JOHN R. CARUSO, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

On Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 PM., at Avon Free Public Library, **John R. Caruso, Attorney-at-Law** will be speaking at a special educational workshop entitled **The Truth About Estate/Retirement Planning** Topics include: Estate Tax Planning & Living Trusts-Are They Now Essential, Avoiding Unnecessary Probate Delays and Expenses, Preserving Your Money for Your Children and Charitable Causes Under the New Federal Tax Law. All attendees will be given a copy of *25 Documents You Need Before You Die* **RSVP by calling 860.673.9712**

MICHAELS JEWELERS

From this Thursday, October 3-Saturday, October 6, **Michaels Jewelers** is holding a **Special Exclusive Estate Sale** Enjoy amazing values on their million dollar jewelry inventory, vintage and estate treasures, new deco-inspired collection, along with one-of-a-kind pieces from Cartier, Tiffany and the top design houses. **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 5-8 PM, SPECIAL PREVIEW** Join them for refreshments during the debut of their most ambitious collection of estate treasures and special vintage designs. **RSVP by calling 860.677.2188** **Michaels Jewelers** is located at **380 West Main Street, Avon Marketplace, Avon**

MILLER FOODS

From now through Friday, November 1,

- Edward Jones-Peter Vignati
- E.N.E Realty Associates
- Farmington Valley Academy Montessori
- Farmington Woods Golf Club
- Huntington Learning Center
- Jolie Boutique Consignment
- Jung & Associates
- Keller Williams Realty - Sylvia Colvin
- Law Office of Brian S. Karpe
- Miller Foods/Oma's Pride
- Patient Advocate For You
- River Ridge at Avon
- Sayward Companies
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- Simsbury Bank
- Spargo Construction
- Talcott Mountain Academy
- The Zoo Health Club
- TravelVision
- Waste Material Trucking
- William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan



MEMBER BENEFIT Avon Chamber of Commerce

and



Avon Chamber and **Valpak** are teaming up to bring you a first-ever **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer** Watch for our **Blue Envelope in mailboxes in the towns of Avon, Canton, and part of Simsbury in mid-October**

Thank you to the following Chamber members that will be part of the first **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**:

- **Avon Executive Offices**
- **Benefits Plus**
- **Dunstan Jewelers Ltd.**
- **Fitness On The Run**
- **Healthtrax Fitness**
- **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**
- **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride**
- **Premier Energy**
- **River Ridge at Avon**
- **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**
- **The Salvation Army**
- **TravelVision**
- **Visionary Private Wealth Management Group**

place orders for **Holiday Gift-Boxed Miller Foods Turkease** an all-natural, hand-carved, semi-boneless Miller turkey with drumsticks and wings attached. This holiday gift for your employees or clients includes a 7-9 lb. Turkease, a Lucky Break Wishbone, recipes and cooking instructions. Price is \$49/gift box; shipping available at an additional cost. **If ordered by Tuesday, October 15, receive a 10% discount to \$44.95** For more information call **860.673.3256** or go to www.MillerFoodsOnline.com

PAYHUB

PayHub has **Two Tickets to the Saturday, October 12, UConn vs. University of South Florida** 12-Noon game at Rentschler Field. To enter go to www.PayHub.com Search the website, Find and Click on the Husky, When you click the Husky an email will come up-State Your Name, Company, and Contact Info. *Hint* Your chances *may* increase if you also LIKE THEM on Facebook

THE GRIST MILL RESTAURANT

On Tuesday, October 8, 5:30-7:30 PM, **The Grist Mill Restaurant** in conjunction with fellow **Avon Chamber member Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors** is holding a **Feel The Pink - Ladies Night Cocktail Hour & Wine Tasting** Help them support October Cancer Awareness Month. Enjoy sexy appetizers, drinks and wines. 10% of sales will be donated to the Susan G. Koman Foundation. In addition, all who wear their Pink support will receive ten percent off their dinner bill after happy hour. Tickets are \$23/person. For reservations call **860.676.8855** **The Grist Mill Restaurant** is located at **51 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

THE SALVATION ARMY

From now through October, **The Salvation Army** is seeking companies to **Adopt An Angel Tree** Businesses can participate in the program by agreeing to place Angel Tags - which include a child's first name, age, gender, clothing sizes, shoe size, gift requests, and a code number - on a tree at their workplace. After the angels' gifts have been purchased, they are returned to The Salvation Army where they are sorted by their code numbers and distributed to the families. If you would like to host an Angel Tree call **Mary Ann Rosa** at

- **Waste Material Trucking**
- **William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan**



Join Us for our October 2013 Morning Business Network Connection/ MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION TOMORROW!

For our October **Morning Business Network Connection** it is all about the Benefits -- Your Chamber Benefits that is. This is your chance to hear all about the myriad of marketing, learning and networking opportunities available to you as a member of the Avon Chamber. Members of the Chamber's Membership Committee will be on-hand to answer all of your questions as well.



Calling All Prospective, New and Renewing Members . . .

This is Your Opportunity to Learn About the Benefits of Being a Member of the **Avon Chamber** and Find Out How Your Business Can Best Utilize Them



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!!!

October 2013 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us for our October 2013 Business After Hours

This is an annual Fall tradition for our Chamber.



860.702.0035 or email
MaryAnn.Rosa@use.SalvationArmy.org

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Friday, October 4, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is presenting a **Fall Prevention Seminar**. Learn how to retain your physical independence by preventing injury. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626**. **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Saturday, October 5, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is celebrating **Oktoberfest**. Oom-pah to the music of Quintebrass Quintet and enjoy seasonal German treats and beverages. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626**. **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Sunday, October 6, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is holding a **Chili Cook-Off**. Sample many varieties of chili prepared by the men of Village Gate. Taste them all and vote for your favorite. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626**. **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

Many of you know **Miller Foods** as purveyors of quality turkeys, but that's not all they have to offer. This event is your opportunity to enjoy a delicious sample of the wide variety of foods Miller's has available year round to complement any meal. Make sure to take advantage of their specials that they make available just for this event - like ordering your Thanksgiving turkey before the rush or purchasing a gift basket of food that will be donated to Food Share.



OMA'S PRIDE

Miller Foods has a subsidiary -- **Oma's Pride** -- whose focus is on the needs of your special pet. From raw food to yummy freeze-dried treats, **Oma's Pride** has it all.

And, new to the group this year is **Paws Pride**, an animal welfare fund that assists animal rescue organizations with the expenses associated with veterinary care, food, fostering, adoption, etc. . .

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the location of this event attendance is **Limited To The FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS!**

October 2013 Business After Hours

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

308 Arch Road, Avon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20



NEW

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

Simsbury Bank and the Chamber Insurance Trust have partnered to provide Chamber members with high quality **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (HSAs)**

These are premium interest accounts designed to complement the portfolio of HSA-compatible health insurance plans

CHAMBER GOLF PROGRAMS

Network/Golf with the Chamber

from **aetna**SM

To learn about the **Simsbury Bank** HSAs please call **860.676.2265** or [CLICK HERE](#)

aetnaSM **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](#)

Anthem 

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



(l-r): Chip Janiszewski - **SendOutCards**, Michael Lombardi - **People's United Bank**, Lucien Rucci - **The Decor Advantage**, Dave Distefano - Guest, Kim Murphy - **Northwest Community Bank**, David Paigo - Guest, Tom Mango - **Simsbury Bank**

The Avon Chamber would like to extend a hearty thanks to **Farmington Woods Golf Club** for once again playing host to our annual **Network/Golf with the Chamber**

Summer outings. Each year these events provide our member golfers with the unique opportunity to share a common pastime all while getting to know each others businesses a little better. Look for our **Network/Golf with the Chamber** events to return in the Summer of 2014.



Golf Demystified for Women in Business



(l-r) Sarah Stevenson - **Verizon Wireless**, Margi Jakubowski - **Robert Hensley & Associates**, George DeVita - **Farmington Woods Golf Club**, Sylvia Colvin - **Keller Williams Realty**, Claudia Rucci - **The Decor Advantage**, Jill Brandon - **Robert Hensley & Associates**

On the evening of August



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.

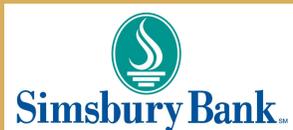
For more information click on this link:

[Chamber Dental, Vision, Disability and Life](#)

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14th **Farmington Woods Golf Club** hosted a first-ever class for women of the Chamber to hone their golf skills, increase confidence in their game, and learn how to incorporate golf as part of their networking strategy.



CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[CLICK HERE](#) To See More of the Program We Offer



Our September **Talk to the Town-Doing Business in Avon** program gave members of the Avon Chamber the opportunity to hear from and speak with key town officials that are the primary contacts for businesses in Avon. Special Thanks to Brandon Robertson - Avon Town Manager, Steve Kushner - Director of Planning and Community Development/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Harry DerAsadourian - Town Assessor.

Look for This Program Again in March 2014



Tuesday, September 17, saw the return of our popular computer training classes. Starting us off for the year was instructor Bruce Shein of **Avon Executive Offices** with **Microsoft Excel**



Remember



2010 for Business-
Creating a Good
Worksheet and Tips for
Beginners to
Intermediate Users

Special thanks to **Farmington Woods Golf Club** for hosting this class.

Look for this program again in June 2014



Free Medication Lists
Made for You, as well as
Review of Medications
and Discussion of
Chronic Disease
Management Options



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: **Patient Advocate For You** * 30 Tower Lane * Avon Park South *
Avon, CT 06001 * 860.703.1575 * sharon@ptadvocate4u.com *
www.PTAdvocate4u.com



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