**February 3, 2015** 

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The First -- Involves a person contacting a business, claiming to be representing the Chamber, and seeking to 'verify your information' including location and the name of the person in charge. This person has no association with the Avon Chamber. Please remember that anything promoted by the Avon Chamber will be posted on the Home Page of our website - www.avonchamber.com - as well as promoted via our eBlast that is produced with Constant Contact and is clearly identified as having come from the Avon Chamber of Commerce/avonchamber@sbcglobal.net

The Second -- Involves a person contacting a business, claiming to be from your electric supplier, and threatening disconnection of service if you do not make a same-day payment, often instructing that the payment be made by Green Dot VISA card. Electric suppliers typically do not ask you to purchase pre-paid cards for payment, and if you are scheduled for disconnection due to non-payment you will typically receive a written notice that includes actions you can take to maintain service.

If you have a question regarding an unsolicited communication, contact the company directly to verify its legitimacy, and report any incidents of suspected fraud to the

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## Avon Chamber Valpak Mailers

Valpak and the Avon Chamber are offering members yet another opportunity to be part of an Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer. Slated to be mailed both in April AND October 2015, this is a great chance for your business to be featured in a first-of-its-kind Valpak promotion that focuses on local businesses that are members of the Avon Chamber. For just \$250 to participate (That's 40% Off Valpak's Regular Open Advertising Rate!!!) your business will appear in the mailbox of 10,000 households in the towns of Avon, Canton, and Simsbury!!

**THE VALUE GETS EVEN BETTER** -- In addition to being mailed, your business will receive a profile listing on **Valpak.com** -- AND the Avon Chamber will be placing a link to your ads on the Home Page of its website as well!!

For further information or to advertise, please contact

Marlene at 860.559.1243 or email

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# Seeking Nominations Large and Small Business of the Year Awards 2015

It is time once again for us to seek nominations for the recipients of the Chamber's Large Business of the Year (50-plus employees) and Small Business of the Year (under 50 employees). These honors are bestowed at our **Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon** to be held on May 20 at the **Golf Club of Avon**. If you know of a Chamber member business that you would like to nominate for one of these special awards, please email **Lisa** at the Chamber and include the following:

- ---Your Name,
- ---the Name of Your Business,
- --- the Name of the Business You Are Nominating, and
- ---Using the <u>Award Criteria</u> a Brief Summary of Why Your Nominee Is Ideal for one of these Awards

**Deadline for Nominations is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20** 

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## **Upcoming Events**



## **Morning Business Network Connection**

Tomorrow -- Wednesday, February 4

at: COSI | 8:30-9:30 AM 385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

With an average of 35 members and guests attending every month, this event is just the right size for more in-depth conversation and networking. No need to sign-up -- If you are a member you can attend every month or whenever your schedule allows. And, if you are a business that is interested in the Avon Chamber and has not yet attended one of our networking events, then come as our one-time guest and get a feel for all that our organization has to offer.

Every attendee has the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and their business <u>AND</u> at the conclusion of the event <u>one lucky Avon Chamber member is chosen to give a 3-minute presentation</u> on a business-related topic at the next month's <u>Morning Business Network Connection</u>

February's Presenter is:

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



This month we are collecting
BOXED MAC & CHEESE
to be given to the Avon Food Bank

Members - FREE; Non-Members - Free One-Time Only



## 50th Anniversary Committee Monday, February 9

at: Avon Old Farms Hotel | 9-10 AM

2015 marks the Chamber's 50th Anniversary! Preparations are already underway for a celebratory event scheduled for November 19 of this year. The **50th Anniversary**Committee meets for an hour on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** 

of the month, and is actively seeking new members. If you would like to be a part of this fun committee and work with fellow members on planning our exciting anniversary event, then please plan on joining us this coming Monday.



## **Business After Hours** Wednesday, February 11

at: Seasons Restaurant/Avon Old Farms Hotel | 5:00-7:00 PM Route 44, Avon

It's three days before the Feast of Saint Valentine, more commonly known as Valentine's Day, and we will be networking at a very appropriate business that deals with feasts both large and small -- the **Tap Room** and **Seasons Restaurant** at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**. The award-winning **Seasons Restaurant** and **Tap Room** provide breathtaking views of Talcott Mountain along with an unforgettable dining experience that incorporates the freshest ingredients available. For Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, or Sunday Brunch, you will 'love' all that **Seasons Restaurant** and the **Tap Room** have to offer.

\*\*\*We have an exciting offer just for this event\*\*\*
Wear something RED and be entered into a drawing for
Brunch for Two at Seasons Restaurant

Thank You to the following Chamber members that have **Donated An Item** for the Drawing:

We Care Computers

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## M.V.P.

## Men's Venture Program Thursday, February 12

at: **COSI** | 9:00-10:00 AM 385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

The Men's Venture Program (M.V.P.) offers the men of our Chamber an opportunity to engage with one another and discuss issues that are unique and of particular interest to them. (Women that are members of the Chamber and would like to attend are welcome also)

Everyone in attendance has a chance to briefly introduce themselves and their business, followed by the exploration of an issue or question posed by a member of the group that is of importance in the lives of our professional men.

If you are interested in being part of this new member-driven networking group focused on the needs of the Chamber's male entrepreneurs, then please plan on joining us.

#### **MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM**

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