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Your Business Connection - Now in its 46th Year



Events and Information

April 27, 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 - Morning Business
Network Connection

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 25, 2011 reservations beginning soon!

<u>June 1 - Morning Business</u> <u>Network Connection</u>

June 8 - Business After Hours

June 16 - Network/Golf with the Chamber

June 18 - Third Annual Swing Into Summer Free Concert Sponsor Form Now Available

June 28 - Avon Chamber
Education Panel Discussion Ways to Grow Your Business

For a listing of all UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS CLICK HERE

FEATURED MEMBER



Join Us For Our May 2011

-- 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.

NEW -- 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

May's Presenter is: Jesse Skirvin of

BENEFIT

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER PROGRAM - Reduce Your Dues!

Did you know that by simply recruiting one new Avon Chamber member you can substantially reduce your own dues for a period of one year?

It's easy - simply sponsor a New Avon Chamber Member. Once their application is complete and their dues are paid in full, the next time you are billed you will see your own dues reduced by the amount of the new member's dues for the ensuing year.

To learn more about this great new benefit click on the link <u>Avon</u> <u>Chamber Recruit A New Member</u> <u>Program</u>

Questions? call Lisa at the Chamber office.

To see ALL THE BENEFITS your Avon Chamber has to offer CLICK HERE



A NEW YOU ON-SITE CHAIR MASSAGE

From Today through Monday, May 30, new Chamber member A New You On-Site Chair Massage is offering 30% Off All Services (First visits only) (regular price \$1/minute) For more information contact A New You On-Site Chair Massage, 6 Jay Court, Avon, 860-808.6025, a-new-you11@comcast.net

GIFTS OF LOVE

This Saturday, April 30, 10 AM-4 PM, join **Gifts of Love** for **Gifts of Love Awareness Day** as they help Ed Jarrett of **Farmington Woods Golf Club Build The World's Largest Sandcastle - Jarrett's Castle** at Winding Trails, 50 Winding Trails Drive, Farmington.



We are also collecting non-perishable food every month at this event to be given to the Avon Food Bank -- PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A DONATION

May 2011 Morning Business Network Connection hosted by: COSI

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

46th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Registration Opening Soon! * \$25/person Wednesday, May 25

The Chamber's Annual Meeting attracts 100+ members and guests and is one of our largest networking events of the year.



Join us as we honor our 2011 Small Business of the Year - Dunstan Jewelers Ltd and Large Business of the Year - Avon Old Farms Hotel. In addition, the much anticipated Loren Bristol Spirit Award and New Member Advocate of the Year will be presented.

Learn about and meet your Chamber committees. New Officers and Board of Directors will be introduced. Enjoy a special 2010/2011 retrospective.

Watch for your invitation - Appearing Here Soon!

46th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
hosted by: Golf Club of Avon

160 Country Club Road, Avon **WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

For more information contact **Adria Giordano** at **860.676.2323** or **agiordano@giftsoflovect.org** or **www.jarrettscastle.com**

HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER

This Friday, April 29, 3-7 PM **Huntington Learning Center will** be holding A Free Academic Assessment and Open House to **Support Connecticut Childrens Medical Center's Brighter Hope** Campaign Suggested donation is \$20. 100% of the proceeds goes to the Campaign. Test your child for one of four assessments: 5-7 year olds phonics/pre-reading (20 minutes), 8-10 year olds reading or math (20 minutes), 11-13 year olds readiing or math (20 minutes), 14-15 year olds PSAT - 1 section of reading or math (20-25 minutes). Reservations are required. RSVP 860.408.1686. Huntington **Learning Center** is located at **530 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury** Commons, Simsbury.

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THE CHAMBER NOW OFFERS

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Advance Reservation Required by WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION NO WALK-INS PLEASE

\$25/Person



3rd Annual Free Concert Featuring EIGHT TO THE BAR

The Avon Chamber is hosting its third annual free summer concert, scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., on the grounds of Blue Fox Run Golf, and featuring the popular Connecticut band EIGHT TO THE BAR



The Chamber hopes to attract 300-500 people to this fun community event that will showcase our Chamber and its members.

Sponsors are needed to help underwrite the event and other fixed costs, and are the key to making the concert FREE to the community. Publicity for Sponsors include: Posters, Press Release, Recognition on the Chamber Website and in Chamber E-blasts, Signage at the Event.

For more information or to sign-up as a Sponsor CLICK HERE

3rd Annual Swing Into Summer Concert hosted by: Blue Fox Run Golf

65 Nod Road, Avon **SATURDAY, JUNE 18** 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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The Chamber is **SEEKING BIDS** for the following:

The Chamber is preparing to upgrade its computers and needs your help. We are seeking **Avon Chamber Member Businesses** knowledgeable in this area to help make our operations more mobile. We are seeking to:

- Purchase two (2) Laptops with appropriate memory and software
- Purchase a Portable Printer
- Obtain Appropriate Items to Maintain and Update one (1) Desktop Computer currently in the office

If you think you can help us, please give Lisa at the Chamber a call to find out more.

Information on New Chamber Insurance Programs

Free Pharmacy Discount Card for Chamber Members

In partnership with our fellow Chamber member **Walmart**, the Macaluso Group and the **Avon Chamber** are pleased to offer our Members, their Employees and Families

A FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD

Create and Print your own Discount Card and take it, along with your prescription, to any Walmart or Sam's Club Pharmacy. Simply present our card to the pharmacist and they will obtain the appropriate information from you. Please note that if you use more than one pharmacy you will need to present the card at each location the first time you use it.

In addition to the Wamart retail locations, you are also entitled to take advantage of special rates available through Walmart Pharmacy Mail Services. If you are taking any type of maintenance medication you can purcahse a 90-day supply of these medications at less than customary retail prices and have the medication mailed directly to your home at no additional cost.

Sign Up for your FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD in 3 EASY STEPS

- 1. Go to www.chamber-rx.com
- 2. Click **ADD EMPLOYEE** button, then select your **AVON CHAMBER**
- 3. Fill out your information and print your card

Affordable Dental Benefits for Chamber Members

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is now offering Chamber members affordable **DENTAL BENEFITS** Available January 1, 2011, **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 <u>Plans</u> 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

10% Discount with Jobs Exceeding \$160

(minimum job is \$80 to qualify)

PLUS Free Bottle of Citruspotter

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: Citrusolution of Greater Hartford - Bob Belden * 101 Laurel Lane * Simsbury, CT 06070 * 860.217.0258 * citrusbob@gmail.com * www.citrusolutionofgreaterhartford.com





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