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Your Business Connection - Now in its 47th Year



Events and Information

November 22, 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 - Morning Business Network Connection

December 14 - Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive

There are still openings for co-hosts of this event. If you are interested please contact Lisa at the Chamber

December 15 OR 16 - Avon Chamber Day at The Salvation Army Holiday Store. More information available soon.

<u>January 4 - Morning Business</u> Network Connection

<u>January 11 - Business After</u> <u>Hours</u>

For a complete listing of all UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS CLICK HERE

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

October Storm Resources/Report Your Storm Losses

Were you or your business impacted by the October snowstorm? If so, help is available. The state **Department of Insurance Winter Storm page** has a number of resources available including Company Claim Phone Numbers and Tips for Making Storm Claims.

In addition, United Way 2-1-1 is gathering information from residents that suffered losses or damage due to the power outages associated with the October snowstorm for the **C L & P Reimbursement Survey**. To access the survey directly please **click here**

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!!

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 send you your plaque in jpg format that you may then use on your business cards.

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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 plague

back to the page in the Chamber's Online

JOIN A CHAMBER COMMITTEE

Did you know that by volunteering as little as an hour a month you can directly impact the future of your Avon Chamber? Other benefits of getting involved with a Chamber committee include:

- *Increased visibility within the organization
- *Greater opportunity for professional networking
- *Learning new concepts
- *Leadership skill development
- *Resume building

Join the committee that interests you the most -- *Education*, *Marketing*, or *Membership* -- and reap the benefits! To learn more about the Chamber's committees or to volunteer -- call Lisa at the Chamber office.

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

GOT AN EVENT OR SPECIAL FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET



CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

On Friday, December 2, 2-7:30 PM, Christ Church Nursery School will be hosting a Barnes & Noble Book Fair in celebration of literacy. When you shop during these hours, please mention Christ Church Nursery School at checkout and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Nursery School. For more information please call 860.675.8957

Membership Directory where your business listing appears. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.

Plaque Artwork generously donated by
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Partcipate in SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY - THIS SATURDAY!

You know how your Chamber is always saying to "shop local". . . Well here is a program to help you do just that. This

Saturday, November 26 is the <u>2nd Annual</u> Small Business

Saturday - a day dedicated to supporting small businesses. We are encouraging all of our small business members to visit the Shop Small Website (click on the link



above) that offers a bevvy of tools to help you make the most of your participation in **Small Business Saturday**. Small business is the life blood of our economy. On Saturday, November 26, we are asking all of our members, their families and friends to get out and support your fellow Small Business owners and "Shop Local".



Join Us For Our December 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.

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:

Don Bonner of

MILLER FOODS/OMA'S PRIDE

Today, Tuesday, November 22, 8
AM-7PM and Tomorrow, Wednesday,
November 23, 8 AM-2 PM, Miller
Foods/Oma's Pride Annual
Thanksgiving Tent is open and
ready to help you. Stop by and pick
up something delicious for your
holiday table. Miller Foods is located
at 308 Arch Road, Corner of West
Avon Road, Avon

RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

On Friday, December 2, starting at 6:30 PM, Riverdale Farms **Shopping** will host its **30th Annual** Holiday Festivities The evening will include lighting of the Christmas tree and the flame on the 8-foot Kids for Kids Candle of Hope in support of the UConn Children's Cancer Fund, an old fashioned Carol Sing, a visit by Santa & Mrs. Claus, hayrides and holiday goodies. Free Parking and Free Admission. Riverdale Farms Shopping is located at 124 Simsbury Road, Avon. For more information call 860.677.6437 or visit www.RiverdaleFarmsShopping.com

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Tuesday, December 6, 6-8 PM, The Investors Center hosts an Art Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting ifeaturing the paintings of Sharon Farber, and wine tasting by CT Wine. The event is free to the public. Reserve your spot by Friday, December 2 by calling Kathi Boratko at 860.677.8808 or emailing kathib@ThelnvestorsCenter.com

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

This Friday, November 25, from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (morning or afternoon half day options available) Valley Sports Center will be holding a School's Out Day Camp for children in all area towns. Price is \$60/child full day and \$35/child half day. In addition there is a one-time \$20 annual registration fee. To register call 860.693.2378 or visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com

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We are also collecting nonperishable food every month at this event to be given to the Avon Food Bank

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!

<u>December 2011 Morning Business Network</u> <u>Connection</u>

hosted by: COSI

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us For Our December 2011

Business After Hours/

Annual Holiday Event and

Salvation Army Holiday

Store Toy Drive

Our Chamber's Holiday Event is a great annual tradition. Have fun following the trail that leads you to our event hosts; each offering something special. You will also enjoy dance performances by the students of **A Dancer's Palette** and the sonorous sounds of new member, violinist Linda Beers of **Linda Beers Violin Studio** Also, this year we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for our fellow Chamber member **The Salvation Army** in preparation for the Chamber's day at their annual Holiday Store open again this year at fellow Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

<u>December 2011 Business After Hours/Annual</u> <u>Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store</u> Toy Drive

hosted by: River Ridge at Avon
A Dancer's Palette
Conquest Consulting
H & R Block

STILL SEEKING ADDITIONAL CO-HOSTS
FOR THIS EVENT!!!

at River Ridge at Avon 101 Bickford Extension, Avon WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY**,



Information on New Chamber **Insurance Programs**

Aetna Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

We are pleased to announce 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 industryleading 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

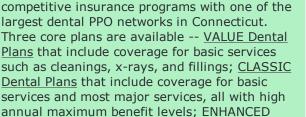
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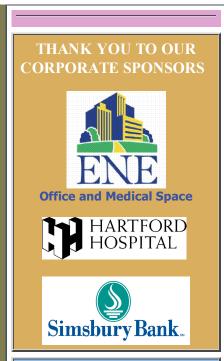
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Affordable Dental Benefits for **Chamber Members**

Plans that offer the greatest level of coverage

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MORE CHAMBER **INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

click on the images below for more information

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



and include even higher annual maximum benefit levels and lower co-insurance amounts. In addition, <u>VOLUNTARY Dental Plans</u> are available that allow employers to offer dental coverage to their employees at no additional cost. For more information click on this link:

<u>Chamber Dental Prime and Chamber Dental</u> <u>Complete</u>

\$100 Off First Month's Rent

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.

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