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# Events and Information

**November 7, 2011** 



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 9 - Business After Hours/Get Ready for the Holidays

November 10 - Education
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<u>December 7 - Morning</u> 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

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

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

#### **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** Upon request the Chamber will send you the 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 in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory where your business listing appears. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.

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Join Us For Our November 2011

Business After Hours/ Get Ready for the Holidays

WEDNESDAY!!!

## 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

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



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST 3272, AVON

Veterans Day is this week - please keep our service men and women who protect our country each and every day in your thoughts. And please give a special thank you to your fellow Chamber members, the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3272, Avon

## FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Friday, November 18, 6-9 PM,

The power is coming back on, the snow has almost melted, and the weather is supposed to be crisp and clear Wednesday -- so get out for a little while and come and meet the member businesses that call Riverdale Farms Shopping home. Start the evening by checking-in and checking out **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**. From there your journey will take you throughout Riverdale Farms Shopping until you reach our final gathering spot, the new showroom at Avon **Plumbing & Heating.** Experience the hospitality of our many and varied host businesses as you stroll throughout the shopping center, all while sampling various goodies and enjoying the music of the season, compliments of The Salvation **Army Brass**. So get a jump start on the holidays - make your reservation today!

#### Please note:

Check-In (starting 5 p.m. sharp) is at Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon End of Event Gathering (6:30 p.m. sharp) is at Avon Plumbing & Heating

November 2011 Business After Hours/Get Ready for the Holidays

hosted by: Avon Plumbing & Heating
Avon Wine & Spirits
Educational Playcare
Koster Family Chiropractic
My New Wardrobe
Research Services
Retirement Resources
Riverdale Farms Shopping
Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
The Hair Loft of Avon
And other Chamber Member Businesses at
Riverdale Farms Shopping

Riverdale Farms Shopping, Simsbury Road/Route10, Avon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10 AM

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Education Seminar
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Farmington Valley Arts Center will be holding their 35th Candlelight Opening Farmington Valley Arts Center is located at 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon

#### **GOLF CLUB OF AVON**

The Golf Club of Avon is running a Membership Campaign for a short time only! All new Golf Members will receive a significant discount on the posted Golf Membership Initiation Fees. Call Gina today to find out more. 860.673.3216

## IFFS ELDERCARE CONSULTANTS

On Wednesday, November 9, 7-8:30 PM, at Henry James Middle School in Simsbury, Vic Bible of IFFS Eldercare Consultants will be presenting Factors in Eldercare Planning in conjunction with Simsbury's Department of Continuing Education. Cost for the class is \$15/person. For more information or to register call 860.217.1246

#### VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

On Saturday, November 12, from 12-4:30 PM, Valley Sports Center will be holding a 3 v 3 Boys

Basketball Tournament This tournament is for boys in grades 9-12. Teams are guaranteed four games. Cost is \$40/player; \$30 for Valley Sports Center members. To register call 860.693.2378 or visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com

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#### THURSDAY!!

Come to this seminar and understand the secrets of optimizing your business' website to achieve top search engine rankings and increase your sales.



Education Seminar/Websites 200 -- Search Engine
Optimization Demystified

presented by: Conquest Consulting hosted by: COCC

135 Darling Drive, Avon Park South, Avon
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by <u>TUESDAY</u>, NOVEMBER 8

FREE to Avon Chamber Members



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 Bonner & Company



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



#### MORE CHAMBER INSURANCE PROGRAMS

click on the images below for more information

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



## PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!

December 2011 Morning Business Network

<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

# 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 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.

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

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield 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; <u>CLASSIC Dental Plans</u> 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:

<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.

Offered by: Avon Executive Offices \* One Darling Drive \* Avon Park South \* Avon, CT 06001 \* 860.677.8300 \* avonexecutiveoffices@comcast.net \* www.AvonExecutiveOffices.com

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