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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14 - Business After **Hours/GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

December 5 - Morning **Business Network Connection**

December 12 - Business After Hours/ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Events and Information **November 9, 2012**





Click on the link to check out our current **Featured Member River Ridge at Avon**

Is Your Business Celebrating its 50th **Anniversary in 2015?** If so, please contact Lisa at the Chamber

MEMBER BENEFIT **Get Your Virtual Membership Plague**

Studies have shown that consumers are 63% more likely to buy goods and services in the future from a business that is a member of a chamber of commerce . . .

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

EVENT/SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

<u>January 2 - Morning Business</u> <u>Network Connection</u>

<u>January 9 - Business After</u> Hours/HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

DISPLAY YOUR BUSINESS CARDS AND BROCHURES

Did you know that the Chamber has a display available where you can showcase your business cards or brochures?

People are always dropping by looking for information on our member businesses -- make sure they see you!

Marketing your business has never been this easy -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event **20** of your business cards or brochures and take advantage of this great member benefit!

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



CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER send you your 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 where your listing appears in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.

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MEMBER BENEFIT!!

A CHET Advisor 529 Plan Just For You



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

Ad Sales Are Now OPEN!!

Put Your Business On The Map and Have Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in Avon

Avon Chamber of CommerceAND

My Hometown Map

On Tuesday, November 13, 6:30-8 PM, Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center is offering a program entitled Coping with Grief and Loss During the Holidays All are invited to attend, but advance reservations are requested. For reservations call 860.673.8610. Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center is located at 301 Country Club Road, Avon

DUNSTAN JEWELERS LTD.

From Today through Saturday,
November 17, Monday-Friday, 10
AM-8PM and Saturday, 10 AM-5
PM, Dunstan Jewelers Ltd. is
holding its Biggest Sale of the
Year Enjoy 30% off All Jewelry
(excluding remount, beads, charms
and Debbie Brooks). Free
Pampered You Gift Bag with every
\$100 purchase. Exclusive new
jewelry designs available. Dunstan
Jewelers Ltd. is located at 290
West Main Street/Route 44,
Avon

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Friday, November 16, 6-9 PM, Farmington Valley Arts Center is hosting their annual Candlelight Opening Enjoy this festive kickoff to the holiday season. Visit 20 artists in their inspiring and inviting studios, enjoy complimentary refreshments, live music, and help create a community installation of candles Farmington Valley Arts Center is located at 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon

FAVARH - THE ARC OF THE FARMINGTON VALLEY

On Friday, November 16, 7
PM-Midnight, at The Riverview, 10
Winslow Place, Simsbury,
FAVARH-The Arc of the
Farmington Valley is holding their
Beach Party 2012 fundraiser,
featuring the nationally recognized
band Surf City Allstars performing
the greatest hits of the Beach Boys.

My Hometown Map and the Avon Chamber have teamed up to offer you a great New Chamber-Themed promotional opportunity. My Hometown Map, located in Marstons Mills, MA, has worked extensively with chambers of commerce throughout Massachusetts to create print and complimentary online versions of town maps available free of charge. Now, the Avon Chamber of Commerce is one of the first chambers in Connecticut to offer its members this marketing opportunity!

- 4-Color Print Map mailed direct to EVERY RESIDENCE in Avon
- Online version of the map compatible with mobile devices -- including a link to your business website at no additional charge!
- Limited number of preferred advertising opportunities available
- Published and produced by Avon Chamber member MyHomeTownMap.com

Best of all -- your business does not need to be located in Avon in order for you to take part in our map Your ad will not only appear in the map that is mailed to every home in Avon, but directions to your business, whether located in Avon or not, will appear as part of the Chamber's online map too!

These members have made the commitment to be part of the Avon Chamber map (**RED** is a new advertiser):

- **-Avon Old Farms Hotel**
- -Avon Veterans of Foreign Wars
- -Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center
- -Law Office of Brian S. Karpe
- -Miller Foods
- -Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- -Talcott Mountain Academy
- -TravelVision
- -Waste Material Trucking
- -William Raveis Real Estate Lori Macgowan

Need more information?
Visit www.MyHomeTownMap.com and take a peek at what the map and online ads look like

This opportunity is available ONLY to AVON CHAMBER MEMBERS -- Space is Limited!

As of this email 25 ad spaces remain

If you are interested in joining with the

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, dinner, dancing, and a live performance by the Polynesian Dancers of Kahana Hula. Casual attire - beachwear welcome! Tickets are \$125/person For tickets contact Ronelle Cipolla, 860.693.6662 ext. 116 or rcipolla@favarh.org

MILLER FOODS

On Wednesday, November 14,

Miller Foods will be participating in
the Annual Jack Bannon Turkey
Trot Each year turkeys are
collected during this event and are
given to Food Share, which then
distributes them to needy area
families. Mike Stacy of Lite 100.5
WRCH will be broadcasting from
Miller Foods that morning. Please
consider stopping by and
purchasing a turkey or one of their
'fixin' baskets' to donate.

Attention Avon Chamber

members Miller Foods is in need of some volunteers for this event. If you can volunteer an hour of your time that day to help out please call Cal at 860.673.3256.

Miller Foods is located at 308 Arch Road, Avon

MILLER FOODS

From Saturday, November 17-Wednesday, November 21, Miller Foods famous

Thanksgiving Tent will be open for business. The tent features everything you need for your holiday table, and also the opportunity to 'taste test' some of their many offerings! Tent hours are Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18 - 9 AM-4PM, Monday, November 19 - 9 AM-6 PM, Tuesday, November 20 - 8 AM-7 PM, Wednesday, November 21 - 8 AM- 2 PM Miller Foods is located at 308 Arch Road, Avon

P'ZAZZ

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 10, 9 AM-4 PM, P'Zazz is holding an

members that have already taken advantage of this great advertising opportunity please contact:

Jerry Saval, Advertising Sales Director, My Hometown Map, 1.800.649.6277 x102 or jsaval@myhometownmap.com



For the past four years we have enjoyed some great pre-holiday shopping experiences thanks to previous November Business After Hours hosts. This year's event is no exception.

Dunstan Jewelers Ltd. is celebrating its 26th

Anniversary. In honor of this occasion, Dunstan's **Biggest Sale of the Year!** will be taking place during our Chamber event. You will be able to enjoy 30% off All Jewelry (excluding remount, beads, charms and Debbie Brooks). To get you started -- you will



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be tantalized by custom-designed gold and sterling silver pieces with precious and semi-precious stones by Jennifer exclusively for **Dunstan**Jewelers. In addition, with every \$100 purchase you will receive a Free *Pamper You* Gift Bag including: a bottle of Champagne, a diamond 'Dazzle Stick', a \$15 gift certificate from fellow Avon Chamber member Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon, and a scented candle handcrafted by a local artisan.

This is always a fun networking event. Sign up today and get a jump on your holiday shopping!

November 2012 Business After Hours/GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

hosted by: Dunstan Jewelers Ltd.

290 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14** 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Open House This year they are offering 30-day, interest-free financing on all orders. To RSVP call **860.677.0487**

RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

In celebration of their 35th Anniversary, Riverdale Farms **Shopping** is giving you a chance to Win A \$350 Spending Spree Entry forms for the spending spree drawings are available at different shops, restaurants and service providers located at Riverdale Farms. Winners of the spending spree drawings can use their gift certificates at any of the Riverdale Farms business locations. In addition, participating businesses are offering special discounts. This week, entry forms are available at Avon Chamber member Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon Next week, entry forms are available at Avon Chamber member Avon Wines & Spirits Riverdale Farms Shopping is located at 124 Simsbury Road/Route 10, Avon

SIMSBURY BANK

From now through Wednesday, November 21, Simsbury Bank is holding a Food Drive for fellow Avon Chamber member Gifts of Love Simsbury Bank is located at 27 Dale Road, Avon

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is in need of businesses to be Angel Tree

Hosts Each business supplies a tree to hang the Angel Tree tags. Tags provide information as to the gender, wish and age of the child. The business determines how many 'angels' they feel they can sponsor. Gifts are then returned unwrapped with the Angel Tag attached. If your business is interested in being an Angel Tree Host contact Ruth Rosado at 860.543.8413 ext. 100

RESERVATION REQUIRED by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us For Our December 2012 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: **Ketil Osland** of





December 2012 Morning Business Network

Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

Now through Friday, November 30, Valley Sports Center is accepting registrations for High School Winter Recreational Basketball League To register please visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com



Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

Aetna is now offering Chamber members **SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE** These plans include several consumerdirected, 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

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Partcipate in



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 24

You know how your Avon Chamber is always urging you to **Shop Local First** . . . Well here is the perfect opportunity for you to show your support for local businesses just like you. Saturday, November 24 is the **3rd Annual Small Business Saturday** - a day dedicated to supporting local, small businesses. As you are keenly aware, small business is the life blood of our economy. On Saturday, November 24, we encourage you, our members, your family and friends to get out and support your fellow small business Avon Chamber members and remember to **Shop Local First!**

Remember to

Shop Local First

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; 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

MORE CHAMBER INSURANCE PROGRAMS

click on the images below for more information

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



10% Discount for Chamber Members

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: TCBY * Avon Marketplace * 530R Bushy Hill Road * Simsbury, CT 06070 * 860.658.4520 * tcbyavon@att.net * www.TCBYct.com

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