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Events and Information

October 3, 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 - Education
Seminar/Networking--It's More
Than Just Showing Up
TOMORROW!!

October 5 - Morning Business
Network Connection

October 12 - Business After Hours

October 20 - Education
Seminar/Websites 101--What
You Should Know About Your
Website But Don't

November 2 - Morning
Business Network Connection

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

November 10 - Education
Seminar/Websites 200--Search
Engine Optimization
Demystified

For a complete listing of all

If Your Business Was Impacted by Hurricane Irene -- There is help available! Through the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) the state of Connecticut is offering affected businesses assistance, including bridge financing and loans covering uninsured losses. For more information on the programs and funding available please go to www.DECD.org or call 860.270.8215.



Education Seminar
Networking -- It's
More Than Just
Showing Up
TOMORROW!!

Meeting people face-to-face is an essential part of any business' marketing plan. Networking events give you that opportunity. But

networking is much more than just a fun way to meet people; it is a powerful tool SendOutCards Thanging Lives... One Card at a Time

that can help you grow your business. This

UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS CLICK HERE

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

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



DUNSTAN JEWELERS, LTD.

Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd. is holding an End of Summer Sale Their entire inventory of Bentelli is 50% off.
Select vintage and estate pieces are 40-60% off, along with sales on their ekDesign inventory and select Sterling Silver jewelry. Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd. is located at 290

seminar will help you get the most out of the Chamber's networking events by showing you effective means to build relationships in order to build your business.

Education Seminar/Networking -- It's More Than Just Showing Up

presented by: SendOutCards-Chip Janiszewski hosted by: COCC

135 Darling Drive, Avon Park South, Avon **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4** 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by TOMORROW 10:30 A.M.

FREE to Avon Chamber Members



Morning Business Network
Connection

THIS WEDNESDAY!!

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

October's Presenter is:

Jean Foisie of TRAVELVISION



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

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!

West Main Street/Route 44, Avon. 860.678.9073

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Friday, October 7, 5-7 PM, the Farmington Valley Arts Center invites you to the opening of Interpretations and Inspirations in the Fisher Gallery. This juried show features innovative, imaginative works by painters, sculpters, photographers, printmakers, illustrators and collage artists from Connecticut and beyond. 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

ROYAL PROCLAMATIONS

Royal Proclamations is now accepting Registrations for the 2nd Annual Total Woman Conference (TWC) for Girls and Young Women The TWC experience will celebrate, applaud, refresh & equip girls and young women with insight and inspiration for success in all spheres of their lives. The conference is slated for Saturday, October 22, 9 AM-5 PM, at Capital Community College, Centinell Hall. To register visit www.RoyalProclamations.com or call 860.967.1094

TALCOTT MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER

On Monday, October 10, starting at 10:30 AM, at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, **Talcott Mountain Science Center** will be holding the **Moe Brunoli Memorial Golf Tournament** to benefit the Talcott Mountain Academy/Talcott Mountain Science Center Scholarship Fund. The tournament includes lunch, dinner, and a raffle. Cost is \$150/Individuals or \$550/Foursome.

October 2011 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by: COSI

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

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us For Our October 2011 Business After Hours

UPDATE: ONLY 70 RESERVATIONS REMAIN

Miller Foods is known for its high quality turkey -- but they offer so much more than just turkey. This event will provide you with a delicious

overview of the wide variety of foods Miller's has on-hand, ready to cook for tonight's dinner or to help you prepare for those special holiday gatherings. Miller Foods has a subsidiary -- Oma's



Pride -- to satisfy the needs of your special pets as well. From raw food to the convenience of yummy freeze-dried treats, Oma's Pride has it all. Don't miss your chance to see everything Miller Foods and Oma's Pride has to offer you and your family!

Please note: Because the venue for this event is

the home of the Miller-Stevens family, attendance is limited to 100! So sign up early and

MA'S PRIDE

be one of the lucky ones to taste the hospitality of Miller Foods and Oma's Pride.

October 2011 Business After Hours

hosted by: Miller Foods
Oma's Pride

308 Arch Road, Avon **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12** 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by MONDAY,
OCTOBER 10

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Sponsorships are also available. For more information or to register please call **860.677.8571**

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Wednesday, October 5, 6-8 PM, at fellow Avon Chamber member Hop Meadow Country Club, The Investors Center will present their Fantastic Fall Foliage Festival featuring Philip G. Condon, head of DWS Municipal Bond Portfolio Management. Light food, beverages and scenic locale will be served. For reservations or further information please email

Kathi@TheInvestorsCenter.com or call 860.677.8808

THE MEAT HOUSE

On Monday, October 10, from 1-4 PM, The Meat House will be holding their 2nd Annual Oktoberfest
Celebration Enjoy live music, a chili contest, and samples from local vendors. Raffle prizes include children's bikes and an iPod.
Proceeds to benefit the Connecticut National Guard. For more information please call 860.676.4444

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About Your Website But Don't

You have a website . . . but do you really know what to do with it, or what it can do for your business? Come to this seminar and learn the basics of making your website work for you.



<u>Know About Your Website But Don't</u>

presented by: Conquest Consulting

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135 Darling Drive, Avon Park South, Avon THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by <u>TUESDAY</u>, OCTOBER 18

FREE to Avon Chamber Members

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 Anthem.



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

\$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 **B**usiness **D**iscounts) **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 * avonexecutive offices@comcast.net * www.AvonExecutiveOffices.com





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