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Thursday, November 19
Avon Chamber 50th Anniversary Celebration
Avon Old Farms Hotel
starting at 5:00 PM
Tickets $50/person
Look for your invitation later this Summer

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June 12, 2015

Announcements

Local First

Please be aware of customers looking for your business through our Local First program. You can Enhance Your Business’ Visibility by Offering a Local First Discount -- Email Lisa at the Chamber with the details.

If you would like either a Virtual Local First Logo or Virtual Local First Key Card for use on your website or social media to show your support for and/or participation in our program -- Email Lisa at the Chamber with your request.

Avon Chamber of Commerce 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, November 19
at: Avon Old Farms Hotel | starting at 5 PM

As part of the preparations leading up to the celebration, we are searching for information on the whereabouts of our Past Presidents and Board members, along with old Chamber Newspaper Articles, Ads, Pictures, etc... We are particularly in need of information from 1965 to 1997. If you can help us -- Please Email Lisa at the Chamber.
Event Details Thus Far:

*Our Cocktail Hour will feature **A Sampling of Signature Appetizers** generously provided by a number of our food-related member businesses, including: **Avon Old Farms Hotel**, **Bertucci's Italian Restaurant**, **COSI**, **E+D Pizza Company**, **Farmington Woods Golf Club**, **Max A Mia**, **Miller Foods**, **Moe's Southwest Grill**, **Shop Rite**, and **The New England Pasta Company**. There is still time -- If you are a member caterer/restaurant and would like to participate -- Please Email Lisa at the Chamber by no later than Friday, July 10 for more information.

*Our Cocktail Hour will also feature a **DVD** -- production donated by member **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**, a **Photo Booth** - compliments of member **Studio Pura**, along with **Photos** during the event courtesy of **Seshu Photography**. If you are a member and have a suggested donation that you would like the committee to consider for inclusion in the event -- Please Email Lisa at the Chamber.

* Dinner will feature a lovely **Plated Meal** provided by member **Avon Old Farms Hotel**, and include **Wine** donated by members **Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group** and **Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors**, along with an array of **Scrumptious Desserts** provided by members **Avon Old Farms Hotel**, **Edible Arrangements**, **Somethin' Sweet**, **Taste by Spellbound**, and **TCBY**.

And that is just some of the special things we have planned for you! Limited Sponsorship Opportunities to support this event will be available. Look for more information Coming Soon.

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**Thank You to the 50th Anniversary Committee**

John Caruso, **John R. Caruso Attorney at Law** (chair) | Seshu Badrinath, **Seshu Photography** | Gail Belliveau, **Avon Old Farms Hotel** | Kevin Colvin, **Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group** | Sylvia Colvin, **Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group** | Robin DiNicola, **Simsbury Bank** | Leslie Gordon, **Be.Yoga** | Susan Lederman, **P'zazz** | Nanette Levin, **Commercial Property Advisors** | Jolly Lux, **Guiding Light Orphanage** | Bonnie Sayward, **WildTree** | Elena Shichman, **Promotions by Design** | Barbara Thomas, **BT Communications**

**Upcoming Events**

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A.W.E -- Avon Women Entrepreneurs
Tuesday, June 16
at: Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon | 8:15-9:30 AM
152 Simsbury Road, Riverdale Farms Shopping, Avon

This networking group offers the women of our Chamber (men are welcome too) an opportunity to engage with one another and discuss the issues that are unique and of particular interest to them. Each month the group meets for approximately an hour at a different participant's place of business. Everyone has a chance to Introduce themselves and their business, followed by a 10-minute Presentation by our host. We then open the meeting up to explore topics of importance in the lives of our professional women. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

8:15 a.m.
Arrive/Informal Networking

8:30-8:40 a.m.
Meeting Starts: Introductions -- utilizing our perfected 30-second introductions

8:40-8:50 a.m.
Introduction of the Host

8:50-9:00 a.m.
Previous Month Review/Complete Unfinished Business/Selection of Next Meeting Location

9:00-9:20 a.m.
Presentation: Weekend Food Backpack Program Update presented by Diana Goode of Gifts of Love

9:20-9:30 a.m.
Leads Generation

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM
Registration Required by Friday, June 12

Click Here to Register

Network/Golf with the Chamber
Wednesday, June 24
at: Farmington Woods Golf Club
43 Heritage Drive, Avon | 5:30-7:30 PM

The popular Network/Golf with the Chamber is back again for the 2015 season! This unique networking event offers
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If you use your bank’s Bill Pay system, why not consider adding the Avon Chamber as a Pay To Account?

It’s easy to do -- just enter the amount of your annual dues and set the system to automatically pay the Chamber on a once-a-year basis.

No -- interest or finance charges, searching for your invoice, or losing access to your valuable member benefits due to a lapse in payment.

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you the opportunity to play a round of golf with other Chamber members and business guests that share your passion for the game while doing something good for your business. Please plan on joining us for the second of five afternoons of networking and golf at beautiful Farmington Woods Golf Club.

This event is open to any Chamber Member that wants to play a round of golf. Food and beverage will be available for purchase in the clubhouse following your round of golf.

**All Levels Welcome!** | Maximum of **20** Golfers | Proper Golf Attire Please

**Cost:** $25/Golfer -- includes 9 Holes of Golf and Cart

**Registration Required** by **Monday, June 22**

Click Here to Register

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M.V.P. Men’s Venture Program
Thursday, June 25
at: **COSI** | 9:00-10:00 AM
385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

This networking group offers the men of our Chamber an opportunity to engage with one another and discuss issues that are unique and of particular interest to them. (Women that are members of the Chamber and would like to attend are welcome also)

Everyone in attendance has a chance to briefly introduce themselves and their business, followed by the exploration of a topic, whereby members of the group serve as a ‘peer advisory board’ for one another in dealing with issues of import to the professional men of our Chamber.

If being part of a collaborative, male-oriented, professional yet relaxed networking group that is focused on the growth of its members sounds interesting to you -- then please join us.

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Morning Business Network Connection

Wednesday, July 1
at: COSI | 8:30-9:30 AM
385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

With an average of 35 members and guests attending every month, this event is just the right size for more in-depth conversation and networking. No need to sign-up -- if you are a member you can attend every month or whenever your schedule allows. And, if you are a business that is interested in the Avon Chamber and has not yet attended one of our networking events, then come as our one-time guest and get a feel for all that our organization has to offer.

Every attendee has the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and their business AND at the conclusion of the event one lucky Avon Chamber member is chosen to give a 3-minute presentation on a business-related topic at the next month's Morning Business Network Connection.

June's Presenter is:
Janina Cummings
Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon

This month we are collecting CANNED VEGETABLES to be given to the Avon Food Bank.

Members - FREE; Non-Members - Free One-Time Only

Member-Sponsored Activities and Events

ARDEN COURTS OF AVON
100 Fisher Drive, Avon | 860.678.7500
This Saturday, June 13 (rain date Sunday, June 14), 10 AM-2PM, Arden Courts of Avon is hosting Carousing for a Cause, a fundraising event for the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. On-hand will be cool classic cars, touch-a-truck and emergency vehicles, along with 25 crafters and food vendors. Entrance fee is $3/person or $5/family. For more information email Arden Courts or call 860.678.7500

AVON PRIME MEATS
395 West Main Street, Avon | 860.676.4444
This Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, Avon Prime Meats is hosting Safari Weekend
Sample exotic meats you have been curious to try. Frog legs, Alligator, Venison, and other adventurous meats available.

Every Tuesday in June -- 16, 23 and 30 -- Avon Prime Meats is offering $1 Off/Pound on their Marinated Chicken

**CONNECTICUT KITCHEN & BATH STUDIO**
3 East Main Street, Avon | 860.470.7987

On Friday, June 19, from 6:30-8:30 PM, Connecticut Kitchen & Bath Studio hosts **Strawberry Fest for Dinner** What tastes like Summer more than a red and juicy strawberry? In this class Chef Celeste Borelli will show you how to make an entire meal, from savory to sweet, using this classic and healthy Summer delight. Bring your own wine. Class size limited. Cost $60/person. Registration Required by Friday June 12

**FARMINGTON WOODS GOLF CLUB**
43 Heritage Drive, Avon | 860.673.0062

Between now and August, every Tuesday, from 5-6 PM, Farmington Woods Golf Club is offering a **Women's Golf Clinic** Learn all the facets of golf needed to get out on the course. 5 Group Lessons for $99. For more information call 860.673.0062

**HELEN & HARRY GRAY CANCER CENTER**
80 Fisher Drive, Avon | 860.696.1000

On Saturday, July 11, the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center in Avon will once again serve as the Host Site for ERRACE (Everyone Ride/Run Against Cancer Everyday) Between now and Thursday, July 9, ERRACE is Seeking Donations for a Raffle. To Donate an Item contact MaryAnn Bauchiero. For further information or to register for an event of your choice CLICK HERE

**JOLIE BOUTIQUE CONSIGNMENT**
25 East Main Street | Avon Village Marketplace, Avon | 860.678.0808

From now through this Saturday, June 13, Jolie Boutique Consignment is holding a **Haute Handbag Hooray** 10% off all handbags. Tons of new handbags in stock.

**MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN-AVON**
55 Simsbury Road, Avon | 860.678.1666

On Wednesday, June 24, from 5:30-8 PM, Marriott Residence Inn-Avon is hosting **Food Truck Wednesday**, part of their new Residence Inn Mix launched in April across the brand. Featured will be Frankie’s -- voted Best Hot Dog in CT by Connecticut Magazine and Top 10 Hot Dog in America by Forbes -- offering hamburgers, veggie burgers, fried cauliflower, chicken wings, and more. The public is welcome.  

**MAX A MIA**
70 East Main Street, Avon | 860.677.6299

On Sunday, June 21, celebrate Father's Day at Max A Mia Treat your dad (or grandad) to a memorable meal at his favorite Max restaurant. In addition to spending time with the people he loves most, he will Receive a Voucher Good for One Free Dinner Entree (up to a $25 value) for use during a future visit. CLICK HERE for reservations.

On Monday, June 22, starting at 6:30 PM, Max A Mia is hosting **A Classic Salumi Wine Pairing Dinner** showcasing the cuisine of Executive Chef David Stickney and featuring the wines of Allegrini Estate, Veneto, Italy. Special guest speaker will be David Turcan of Lux Wines. Cost is $95/person not including tax & gratuity. Seating is limited. For reservations
MICHAELS JEWELERS 
380 West Main Street, Avon | 860.677.2188 
From now through this Sunday, June 14, Michaels Jewelers is holding a **Pandora Leather Bracelet Event** Spend $100 on Pandora jewelry and receive a free leather bracelet (up to $55 US retail value). Limit one per customer. While supplies last. Not valid with any other promotion, offer, or prior purchase. No rainchecks. See store for details.

ROBERT HENSLEY & ASSOCIATES 
10 Avon Meadow Lane, Avon | 860.678.1090 
On Tuesday, June 23, from 8-10:30 AM, at Farmington Marriott, 15 Farm Springs Road, Farmington, Robert Hensley & Associates is hosting a **Health Care Reform Seminar**. Attorney Robert Noonan will lead the discussion and cover topics including: New Developments Under the ACA, Measuring Employee Hours & Large Employer Status, Calculation of Penalties, Reporting Forms and Requirements, New Laws Affecting the Workplace. Please join them at 8 AM for registration, coffee and refreshments. Seminar begins promptly at 8:30 AM. [CLICK HERE](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=18993591-6524-404... for further information or to register.

SENDOUTCARDS/CHIP JANISZEWSKI ENTERPRISES 
115 Forge Drive, Avon | 860.673.4006 
On Tuesday, June 23, from 7:30-9 AM, at Copper Beech Institute, West Hartford, Happiness & Success GPS Chip Janiszewski and Author/Leadership Trainer Rick Forgay continue their interactive Professional Development and Relationships Building Series, The Power NetWORTHING Experience TM with Everything Matters Networking is included. [CLICK HERE](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=18993591-6524-404... for details or to register.

SESHU PHOTOGRAPHY 
108 Scoville Road, Avon | 860.593.0850 
Between now and October 2015, Seshu Photography is offering **Special Mini-Sessions for Kids to Benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation**. Sessions last 20-30 minutes and are available for children 18 years old or younger. You will receive one 5x7 gift print per child photographed. Session fees are for a suggested donation of $100/child and $50/sibling, with all session fees going to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation. A pre-session meeting to get know you and your child(ren) and a post-session design consult are required to view and order any images as wall art or gift prints. Please mention the code COFV when registering. [CLICK HERE](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=18993591-6524-404... for further information or to register.

SUB EDGE FARM 
199 Town Farm Road, Farmington | 860.816.0913 
On Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 PM, Sub Edge Farm is hosting a **Max Chef To Farm Dinner** titled **Heirlooms & Heritage**, featuring the best local meat, seafood & produce. Event includes cocktail reception and multi-course dinner with wine. **Reservation Required** [CLICK HERE](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=18993591-6524-404... to register.

THE RESIDENCE AT BROOKSIDE 
117 Simsbury Road, Avon | 860.284.5000 
On Wednesdays, June 17 and 24, starting at 6 PM, The Residence at Brookside is hosting the **Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Education Series**. The June 17 program deals with Family Dynamics, Keeping the Caregiver Healthy, Community Resources, while the June 24 program focuses on Legal and Financial Issues. Both programs are free of charge. Refreshments will be served. [CLICK HERE](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=18993591-6524-404... to RSVP or call 860.284.5000.
and leave your name with the front desk.

WHOLE HEALTH ASSOCIATES
100 Simsbury Road, Suite 208, Avon | 860.674.0111
On Tuesday, June 16, 5:30-6:30 PM, Whole Health Associates hosts Group Connect with Avon Chamber Member Adele Mary Caruso, health and transformational coach with Create Your Health, Piece by Piece. Learn how to release stress and welcome more fun and joy into your life through positive experiences and nurturing your true self. Cost $10/person, $5 if you bring a friend, Free if you bring two friends. CLICK HERE to RSVP or call 860.674.0111