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Events and Information

April 25, 2012



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

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!! Get Your Virtual Membership Plaque

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 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 in the Chamber's Online



[May 31 - 6th Annual Career Exploration Day](#)
Sign Up to be a Mentor Today!

[June 6 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[June 13 - Business After Hours](#)

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 make your business cards and brochures available to the public?**

That's right -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event 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](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

A COOL CHICK PLACE

This Thursday, April 26-Sunday, April 29, 10 AM-8PM (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) and 11 AM-3 PM (Sunday), new Avon Chamber member **A Cool Chick Place** is holding their **Grand Opening**. Enjoy live music, free workshops, discounts on select items, prizes & more. **A Cool Chick Place** is an eclectic boutique with vintage and

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
**BONNER & COMPANY Creative
Communications**

NEW 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 taxpayers contributing up to \$5,000 for individual filers and up to \$10,000 for those filing jointly. Start with as little as \$50.

**For more information please contact
Chamber member
Edward Jones-Peter Vignati at 860.676.1442**

Avon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be partnering with "MyHomeTownMap"

MyHomeTownMap.com and the **Avon Chamber** have teamed up to offer you a new promotional opportunity. **MyHomeTownMap**, 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. They are currently expanding this product into Connecticut and the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** is one of the first chambers in the state to be able to offer its members this targeted marketing opportunity!

MyHomeTownMap will be offering two basic ad sizes Small 4-color ads, about the size of a business card, for \$325, and Larger 4-color ads, approximately double business card size, for \$550. In addition, each advertiser will receive an ad on the **MyHomeTownMap** website that is linked directly to

select resale clothing and accessories that offers a high-energy, uplifting experience to all who visit. Local artists featured in every room. Dynamic workshops held weekly. **A Cool Chick Place** is located at **31 East Main Street, Old Avon Village, Avon 860.919.9040**

A DANCER'S PALETTE

This Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 7 PM, at Avon High School, **A Dancer's Palette** invites you to attend their **Annual Spring Performance -- Dancing Games 2012** Every dance piece in the performance represents an Olympic sport from either the Summer or Winter games or an aspect of the games, like the flag ceremony, torch, etc... Tickets are \$15/General Admission, \$10/Children Ages 5-11. For more information call **860.707.4198**

CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

Christ Church Nursery School is currently enrolling for their **Flexible Five-Day, Multi-Age Preschool Program** This program is available Monday-Friday, 9AM-12PM. Kindergarten Enrichment Programs are also available. Please call **860.675.8957**

COSI

For a limited time **COSI** is offering a **Three-Course Dinner for \$10** Choose your favorite soup, entree and dessert. Offer valid after 4 PM now through Monday, April 30 **COSI** is located at **385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

RF LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION

Rob Hyde of **RF Landscaping and Construction** is helping to organize a **Raffle to Win a Corvette to Benefit Corporal Greg Caron** Tickets are \$100 each and only 750 tickets will be sold. Marine Corporal Caron lost his legs and some fingers last year serving in Afghanistan. To purchase tickets contact **Rob at 860.836.8289 or email**

the advertiser's website at no additional charge.

Once complete, these 4-color maps will be direct mailed to every residence in the town of Avon!

This opportunity is available only to Avon Chamber Members! Ad sales will be starting in just a few weeks!! - Don't be left out - answer the call and Put Your Business On The Map and Have Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in Avon

Avon Chamber of Commerce is Invited to Join with the Member Chambers of the Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance (TVCA)



for

A Combined Business After Hours TODAY!

Network with members from the seven chambers that comprise the Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance (TVCA) while you enjoy the bucolic setting of the 120-acre Auerfarm. Come and see their animal barn filled with chickens, cows, goats, miniature horses, sheep and many other barnyard favorites, along with extensive farmland, gardens, and orchards. Here you will discover just how integral agriculture really is to our daily lives. Don't miss out on this very special opportunity to see a real working farm!!



rfhyde1@yahoo.com

THE HAIR LOFT

Through the month of April **The Hair Loft** is offering 20% off on **Lanza Healing Strength Plant Silk Serum**. An alternative to Moroccan oil. Weightless healer that provides instant shine and silky softness. Serum based formula does not leave an oily residue. Heals, seals and protects. Reduces hair breakage and makes hair 6.5x stronger. Full spectrum UVA/UVB/UVC. Healing action pushes water out from inside damaged/porous hair to quicken dry time. Increases shine by 82%. **The Hair Loft** is located at **136 Simsbury Road, Riverdale Farms Shopping, Building 15, Avon**

THE SALVATION ARMY

Tickets are now on sale for **The Salvation Army of Greater Hartford Annual Soup, Soap & Hope Luncheon**. This event raises funds and awareness to support the Army's many programs. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, starting at 11:30AM, at The Bond Ballroom, 338 Asylum Avenue, Hartford. Featured speaker is former Governor and host of WTIC NewsTalk 1080 *State and Church* John G. Rowland. Tickets are \$100/person. Sponsor Levels run from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Program Book Ads are also available starting at \$250. For more information or reservations please contact **Yazmin Cruz at 860.543.8413 or email Yazmin.Cruz@Use.Salvationarmy.org**

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

This Saturday, April 28, 7-10 PM, **Valley Sports Center** will be holding a **Laser Tag Fun Night**. This event is for children ages 8-14 and will offer pizza, sports, contests, prizes, and laser tag. Cost is \$30/child. Space is limited. To register call **860.693.2378**. **Valley Sports Center** is located at **310 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

A Combined Business After Hours with the Member Chambers of the Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance (TVCA)

hosted by: **4-H Education Center at Auerfarm Geissler's Supermarket**

with: **Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
East Granby Chamber of Commerce
East Windsor Chamber of Commerce
Granby Chamber of Commerce
Suffield Chamber of Commerce
Windsor Chamber of Commerce
Windsor Locks Chamber of Commerce**

at: **4-H Education Center at Auerfarm**
158 Auer Farm Road, Bloomfield
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** Event

Join Us For A Combined Business After Hours NEXT TUESDAY!



Come and see the elegant new interior and taste a mere sampling of the creative cuisine parent company Riverhouse Properties has infused into this historical gem of Avon to make it one of the most unique event venues around.



A Combined Business After Hours

hosted by: **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms**
with: **Avon Chamber of Commerce
Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of**



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**



Affordable Dental Benefits for Chamber Members

Commerce

1 Nod Road, Avon
TUESDAY, MAY 1
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by FRIDAY, APRIL 27

**This is a MEMBERS ONLY Event
You must have a confirmed reservation to attend --- No Walk-Ins Please**



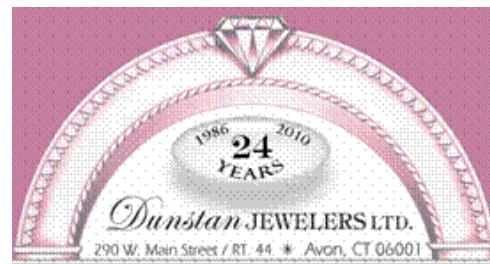
Join Us For Our May 2012 Morning Business Network Connection **NEXT WEDNESDAY!**

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

May's Presenter is:
Len Dunstan of



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

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



THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS

Avon Food Bank
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!

May 2012 Morning Business Network Connection
 hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

47th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Registration is NOW OPEN

Register and Pay BY THE END OF THE DAY TODAY!! (no exceptions) -- \$20/person

Register and Pay April 26-May 16 -- \$25/person

The Chamber's Annual Meeting attracts 100+ members and guests and is one of our premier networking events of the year.

Golf Club of Avon

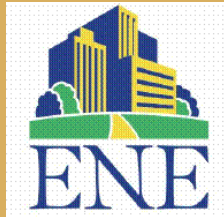


Join us as we honor our 2012 **Small Business of the Year** - **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** and **Large Business of the Year** - **Max A Mia Ristorante**. In addition, the much anticipated **Loren Bristol Spirit Award** and **New Member Advocate of the Year** will be presented.

In addition we will:

- Enjoy a special 2011/2012 retrospective -- see who is featured this year
- Find out what the Chamber's committees have been doing for you
- Learn about Chamber benefits
- Welcome the Chamber's newest Officers and Directors
- Say 'Thank You' to our retiring Directors
- Congratulate all our award winners

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RESERVATION FORM completely, **RETURN** the form along with your payment by no later than **May 16**



*The Officers and Directors of the
Avon Chamber of Commerce*

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU, YOUR GUESTS,

AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES TO JOIN THEM FOR

THE CHAMBER'S 47TH ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

Avon Chamber of Commerce

and

Avon High School

**6th Annual Career
Exploration Day**

(New Date: Thursday, May 31!)

**Registration for Mentors has been
EXTENDED!!**

Thank you to the following Chamber members that have signed-up to participate thus far:

**Farmington Woods Golf Club
IFFS Eldercare Consultants
Marriott Residence Inn-Avon
New Country Motor Cars
Northwest Community Bank
River Ridge at Avon
Robert Hensley & Associates
SendOutCards
TCBY Avon Marketplace
The Salvation Army**

We are still looking for members to participate in this program in the following fields of business:

- Accounting
- Animal Care/Veterinary
- Home Improvement
- Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Medical/Health Care
- Non-Profit
- Real Estate
- Or any other member that would still like to participate

Help local Avon High School students **Explore** their career options by showing them where you work, what

you do, and all about the many other opportunities that exist in your field, your business or organization. It's the best two-and-a-half hours you will ever spend!

Please fill out the
MENTOR SIGN-UP FORM
If You Would Like to Participate

**Ten Percent Off
All Wine
Purchases (state
minimum price applies)**



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 Wine & Spirits * Riverdale Farms Shopping * 144 Simsbury Road * Avon, CT 06001 * 860.677.8989 * awssales@avonwines.com * www.AvonWines.com**



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