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YOUR BUSINESS CONNECTION - Now In Its 46th Year



Join the Group -- the Avon Chamber Group on



Upcoming Events

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For a listing of all
UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS
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Featured Member Benefit

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

Did you know that by simply recruiting one new Avon Chamber member you can substantially reduce your own dues for a period of one year?

It's easy - simply **sponsor a New Avon Chamber Member**. Once their application is complete and their dues are paid in full, the next time you are billed you will see your own dues reduced by the amount of the new member's dues for the ensuing year.

Win Two (2) Free Passes

****UPDATE****

As of this e-blast one (1) member - Ellen Cazzetta of **Nathan Accounting Group/NPD Payroll** - has qualified!!

Between now and Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - the date of our January **Business After Hours** - the member that brings in the most new Avon Chamber members will have a chance to win **Two (2) Free Year-Long Passes to the Connecticut Science Center!!** (passes expire 12/31/11 - In the event of a tie the winner will be selected via business card drawing)

REMEMBER...

There is an added benefit to participating in this contest and sponsoring a new Chamber member (besides the passes) in that you also qualify for the Chamber's **Recruit A New Member Program!!**

(For more information see the **Featured Member Benefit** box in this e-blast)

Morning Business Network Connection



Join us for our DECEMBER 2010

Morning Business Network Connection



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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. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards!

NEW! At the conclusion of the networking portion of this event, a different Avon Chamber member will be featured and have the opportunity to offer a 3 Minute Presentation. A new member will be drawn each month - *you must be present in*

To learn more about this great new benefit click on the link [Avon Chamber Recruit A New Member Program](#)
Questions? call Lisa at the Chamber office.

To see **ALL THE BENEFITS** your Avon Chamber has to offer [CLICK HERE](#)



What's Happening with the Members

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING AVON CHAMBER MEMBER RESTAURANTS AND PURVEYORS OF GOOD FOOD FOR ALL YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!

**Bertucci's Italian Restaurant
Cafe Louise
Carmen Anthony Fishhouse
Cosi**

**Edible Arrangements
Five Guys Burgers & Fries
Max A Mia
Miller Foods
Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub
Stonewall Kitchen
The Meat House
The New England Pasta Company
Toshi Japanese Restaurant**

CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER

On Saturday, December 4, from 9-11:30 a.m., **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** will be sponsoring the fourth in a series of hands-on expressive grief workshops that offer creative outlets for people coping with loss. Entitled **Memorializing Your Loved One**, it will be held at **New Day Counseling Center**, 412 West Avon Road, Avon. There is a \$20 materials fee. Advanced registration is required. For more information call 860.269.0510 or email dknox@NewDayCounselingCenter.com

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., **Farmington**

order to be considered!

December's Presenter is **Melanie Sevetz** of:



Companions & Homemakers™

ALSO...



We are collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** each month at this event that subsequently will be given to the **Avon Food Bank**. *Please consider bringing a donation*

December 2010 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by **Cosi**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:30AM-9:30AM

Members - FREE, First-Time Guests - FREE

**Business After Hours/
Annual Holiday Event/
Toys for Tots Drive**



River Ridge

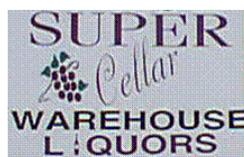
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H & R Block



The Meat House

Valley Arts Center will be holding **Open Artists' Studios and Gallery**. The Arts Center is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon.**

HARTFORD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

From Now through Thursday, December 16, **Hartford Federal Credit Union** is accepting **Letters To Santa**. Children of all ages can drop off their letter to Santa in the special mailbox located at HFCU's West Simsbury office. All letters will be sent directly to the North Pole where Santa will reply with a personalized letter to each child. **Hartford Federal Credit Union** is located at **29 Albany Turnpike, West Simsbury, CT 06092**

MILLER FOODS/OMA'S PRIDE

TODAY, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. AND tomorrow, Wednesday, November 24, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride** will be running their annual **Thanksgiving Tent**. Get everything you need for your holiday table. Great food and fun for the entire family. Miller Foods is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

NORCOM MORTGAGE & INSURANCE

On Thursday, December 2, at both 10 a.m. AND 2 p.m., at Prince Thomas of Savoy, 32 Old Farms Road, Avon, **Norcom Mortgage & Insurance** will be holding free seminars on **Understanding Medicare**. Learn about the \$0-Premium Plan. RSVP to Deb Zappalorti Cleary at **860.899.2738**

OLD AVON VILLAGE

On Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., **Old Avon Village** will host its 18th annual **Santa Fest**. Visit with Santa 12:30-3:30 p.m., enjoy a Hayride 12-4 p.m.,



Join us for our DECEMBER 2010

Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Toys for Tots Drive

December signals that it's time once again for the Chamber's annual **Holiday Event** and **Toy Drive** to benefit **Toys for Tots**. This festive and fun networking event traditionally draws a large crowd of members and guests alike.

We feature a record seven great Chamber members this year! You can look forward to exciting performances by **A Dancer's Palette**, tastings by **Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors**, delicious culinary delights created by **River Ridge at Avon** and **The Meat House**, and useful information for your business including ideas for implementing and improving your web site, preparing for tax season, and marketing your products courtesy of **Conquest Consulting**, **H & R Block** and **WardComm Public Relations**.

Please consider bringing a New, Unwrapped Toy or Monetary Donation for the Marine's **Toys for Tots** Toy Drive taking place during this event.

December 2010 Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event/Toys for Tots Drive

hosted by **River Ridge at Avon**
A Dancer's Palette
Conquest Consulting
H & R Block
Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors
The Meat House
WardComm Public Relations

at **River Ridge at Avon**
101 Bickford Extension, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
5:00PM-7:00PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20

Avon Chamber Day at



The Salvation Army Holiday Store collects non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and monetary donations on behalf of those in need. The Store is located once again this year in the gorgeous lobby of **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

Teacup Auction and Food Drive to benefit fellow Avon Chamber member **Gifts of Love**. New this year – Craft Show with over 24 vendors offering cards, holiday ornaments, candles, art, fudge, dolls, and more AND Kids Craft Workshop where children can make 3 gifts for someone special, greeting cards, ornaments, mobiles and more. **Old Avon Village** is located on 1-45 East Main Street/Route 44 - Look for the Giant Rocking Chair! For more information visit www.OldAvonVillage.com

RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

On Friday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m., **Riverdale Farms Shopping** will host its 29th annual **Holiday Celebration and Candle Lighting Ceremony**. The event celebrates the fundraising efforts of *Kids for Kids*, a teenage non-profit organization raising funds to support the UConn Children's Cancer Fund. Festivities for kids and families include a Christmas tree lighting, caroling, hayrides, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, balloons and holiday goodies. The event is free, open to the public, and held rain or shine. **Riverdale Farms Shopping** is located at 124 Simsbury Road, Avon. For more information call 860.677.6437 or visit www.RiverdaleFarmsShopping.com

TALCOTT MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER & ACADEMY

Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy is currently hosting their **Thomas Kinkadee Village Christmas Exhibit**. The exhibit is on display at fellow Avon Chamber member **Old Avon Village**, 45 East Main Street, Avon. For more information call 860.677.8571 or email blacharite@tmsc.org

The Chamber now offers Pet Insurance!

Since the Store's return to Avon in 2006, fellow Chamber members **The Salvation Army** and **Avon Old Farms Hotel** have collaborated on this very special undertaking. And each year the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** and its members have generously volunteered one day of their time to act as greeters for those donating and sorters of the items donated.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TWO (2) HOURS OF YOUR TIME on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 to support the Chamber and this really great cause. Shifts will be in two-hour increments starting at 7 a.m. and running through 5 p.m. We need two Chamber members to staff each two-hour shift (*more are always welcome*)

All time slots are currently available
[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Don't have time to volunteer but still would like to help? Consider dropping off a new, unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item at Chamber member **Cosi**, 385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon prior to Tuesday, December 21 and your donation will be delivered to **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** on **Avon Chamber Day**

Avon Chamber Day The Salvation Army Holiday Store
at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

Route 44, Avon
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:00AM-5:00PM

New Chamber Benefit Free Pharmacy Discount Card for Chamber Members



In partnership with our fellow Chamber member **Walmart**, The Macaluso Group and the **Avon Chamber** are pleased to offer our Members, their employees and their families,

A FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD

Create and print your own discount card and take it, along with your prescription, to any Walmart or Sam's Club Pharmacy. Simply present our card to the pharmacist at your local Walmart or Sam's Club. The pharmacy staff will then obtain the appropriate information from you. Please note that if you use more than one pharmacy location you will need to present the card at each location the first time you use the card.

In addition to the Walmart retail locations, you are also entitled to take advantage of special rates available through Walmart Pharmacy Mail Services. If you are taking any type of maintenance medication, you can purchase a 90-day supply of these medications at less than customary retail prices and have the medication mailed directly to your home at no additional cost.



Click on the Image Above to find out more

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Sign Up for this **FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD** in **3 EASY STEPS:**

1. Go to www.chamber-rx.com
2. Click **ADD EMPLOYEE** button, then Select your **Avon Chamber**
3. Fill out your information and print your card



CHAMBER INSURANCE TRUST HEALTHCARE REFORM SUMMARY

The first of the healthcare reforms have recently taken effect. Click on the image above to view a timeline of other key employer-related provisions of the new legislation scheduled to take effect in 2010 and 2011

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Turnpike/Route 44, Canton, CT 06019 860.352.9100
snardozzi@unionsavings.com**

This and many other offers are available to Avon Chamber members and their employees as part of our **ACBD (Avon Chamber Business Discounts) Program**. In order to take advantage of this or any of the other discounts available **YOU MUST HAVE AN ACBD Card!**

Cards are available at all Chamber events or you may contact the Chamber office.

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