

Upcoming Events

Please note: No "Morning Business Network Connection;" "Business After Hours; and "Board of Directors, Operating Committee, Meetings & Events Committee and Membership Committee meetings in July and August. No Communications Committee and Education Committee meetings in August.

July 10 – Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee meeting, 5 to 6 p.m. Robert Hensley & Associates, 20 Avon Meadow Lane, Suite 250.

July 15 – Dill, Joyce & Thresher Insurance Wellness Festival & Bike Ride Across Connecticut to benefit the Avon Chamber of Commerce and other area nonprofits, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dill, Joyce & Thresher Insurance, 19 Ensign Drive, Avon Park North.

July 18 – Network/Golf with the Chamber, noon. Blue Fox Run Golf Course. \$18 greens fee per golfer, cart fee optional.

July 19 – Education Committee meeting, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Cosi, 385 West Main Street (Route 44).

August 1 – Ad Hoc Marketing Committee Meeting, noon. Dill, Joyce & Thresher Insurance, 19 Ensign Drive, Avon Park North.

August 7 – Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee meeting, 5 to 6 p.m. Chamber office.

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To register for events or receive additional information, contact the Avon Chamber office at 675-4832 or at avonchamber@sbcglobal.net.

Second Annual "Bring a Non-Member Business" Event a HUGE Success

The Chamber's Second Annual "Bring a Non-Member Business" event, held on April 11 and hosted once again by the terrific management and staff of **Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub**, was a fantastic night for all.

Last year marked the launch of this now annual event, which is our Chamber's unique twist on the standard yearly "membership drive" that most chambers of commerce undertake. This event encourages current members to take an active role in the recruiting of new members. What better way for a non-member business to get to know the Chamber than to be invited by a member to attend one of our very successful networking events! In this way, non-members see first-hand what an exciting and dynamic business advocacy organization the Avon Chamber truly is.

Thanks to the efforts of many, attendance this year topped out at 100 members and guests! The Chamber would like to give a special "thank you" to the following members who participated in this year's event by bringing a non-member business guest (and in some cases multiple guests!):

Cabinet Studio of Connecticut, LLC
Gifts of Love
Green Graphic Design
Inkjetwarehouse
Logo Concepts, LLC
Lyn Evans for Potpourri Designs *
Measure Twice *

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Member Profile

Saint Francis Care at Avon

Saint Francis Care at Avon is a multi-specialty, multi-purpose health and wellness facility where members of the community can satisfy their basic health care needs all under one roof. No longer is it necessary to make separate trips to the doctor, physical therapist and blood-drawing lab. Conveniently located at 35 Nod Road, at the junction of Routes 44 and 10, this comprehensive complex brings the caring hearts and healing hands of Saint Francis Care to the Farmington Valley.

Physician offices include:

- Ibriham Daoud, M.D., General and Laparoscopic Surgery
- Cary Freston, M.D., Family Medicine
- CT Gastroenterology Associates
- Ingrid Grafals, M.D., Internal Medicine
- Hartford Orthopedic Surgeons
- Healy, Macinski, Rao, and Wade, Neurology
- Robert Krug, M.D., Physical Medicine and Rehab.
- Paul Murray, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery
- Khosro Pourkavoos, M.D., Family Medicine
- Robert Rudnicki, M.D, P.C., Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases
- Paul Stanislaw, M.D., Facial Plastic Surgeon
- Woodland Women's Health Associates
- Richard ZuWallack, M.D., Pulmonary Medicine

Other service providers at Saint Francis Care at Avon include Physical Therapy Partners, Collaborative Laboratory Services, Radiology Associates of Hartford, Christine Morgan Esthetics and Complementary HealthCare Institute, which offers massage therapy, acupuncture, hypnosis and other services.

The Saint Francis Community Health Education Center provides ongoing programs, many of which are free of charge. The Dessert with the Doctors programs allows the public to hear from Saint Francis physicians on a variety of topics. Childbirth education and breastfeeding support groups are offered weekly. Hatha Yoga, Skin Cancer Screenings and After-School Snacks are just a few examples of classes at the Center. Sally Lerman, MS, CHES, the on-site Health Educator, provides nutrition counseling and a smoking cessation program.

For more information on any of the services offered at the Saint Francis Care Avon Access Center, call Health Connect at 1-877-STFRANCIS (877-783-7262).

Saint Francis Care at Avon was selected for a Member Profile at the January 11 "Business After Hours" hosted by Complementary HealthCare Institute, Physical Therapy Partners and St. Francis Care at Avon.

Chamber Office Summer Schedule

From Monday, July 10, through Thursday, July 27, the Chamber office will be operating on its summer schedule and will be open one day a week. During this time, the executive director will have limited access to email. Any messages left on the office's answering machine will be returned on or about Monday, July 31. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Networking with the Chamber

@February "Business After Hours"

The Chamber thanks the following businesses for their generous donations to the drawings at the February 8 "Business After Hours" hosted by **Hartford Federal Credit Union** and **Stephen E. Cadieux, CPA**:

- Hartford Federal Credit Union** – \$25 Exxon/Mobil gas card.
- Hartford Federal Credit Union** – bread set.
- Hartford Federal Credit Union** – grill set.
- Inkjetwarehouse** – two reams of Navigator Premium multi-purpose paper.
- Magda & Associates** – glass paperweight.
- Stephen E. Cadieux, CPA** – \$100 framing certificate from Fastframe.
- William Raveis Real Estate: Team "HPR" (Heidi Picard Ramsay)** – two boxes of Munson's Chocolates
- WSI Internet Consulting & Education** – USB port.

@March "Business After Hours"

The Chamber thanks the following businesses for their generous donations to the drawings at the March 8 "Business After Hours" hosted by **Sovereign Bank**:

- Inkjetwarehouse** – two sets of Navigator 24 lb. inkjet paper with two pens.
- Magda & Associates** – glass paperweight.
- Oma's Pride/Miller Foods** – gift basket with \$25 gift certificate, O'Paw's Specialty Freeze Dried Treats, including beef heart, chicken liver and ostrich.
- Sovereign Bank** – Pyrex portable.
- Sovereign Bank** – roadside emergency kit.
- Sovereign Bank** – tool kit.
- William Raveis Real Estate: Team "HPR" (Heidi Picard Ramsay)** – two Yankee Candles.

Non-Member Event (continued)

- Morgan Stanley ***
- NPD Payroll, LLC/Nathan Powers & Co., LLP**
- One of Many**
- Q Real Estate**
- The First National Bank of Litchfield ***
- William Raveis Real Estate – Team "HPR"**

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As a "thank you" to both the members who work so diligently to bring a non-member business to this event and to those non-member "guests" who attend, the Chamber offers two identical Prize Packages, which are drawn at the end of the evening. This year's Prize Package was a mini spa getaway. Congratulations to **Justin Spalla** of **One of Many** as the winner of the Member Prize Package, and **Mark Zenick** of **The Worx Group** as winner of the Non-Member Business Prize Package.

The Chamber would like to express its deep gratitude to the member businesses that served as Prize Package Sponsors; without whose generosity this event would not be the success that it is:

- Avon Old Farms Hotel** – four luxurious robes.
- Barrett Florist** – two wrapped bouquets.
- Bosc Kitchen & Wine Bar** – two \$50 gift cards.
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** – two limo rides.
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** – two relaxing massages and paraffin hand treatments.
- Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors** – two bottles of champagne.

Welcome New Members

- **Howard Raff, And How Hearing** (hearing aid dispensing, hearing tests, sales, service and repairs, batteries, assistive devices), 80 West Avon Road / 678 Chase Parkway, Waterbury 06708, 866-754-2200, howard@andhowhearing.com.
- **Marilyn H. Ten Cate, Coldwell Banker - Ten Cate** (real estate sales), 300 West Main Street, 674-0300, marilyn.tencate@nemoves.com.
- **William Brown, CT Sportswear** (image marketing: screen print, embroidery, promotional products), 221 New Road, 693-6170, www.ctsportswear.com.
- **Diane Sullivan, Hub International** (employee benefits), 690 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury 06070, 651-8411, www.ebenefitsgroup.com.
- **Christopher Bauer & Robert Barton, Five Guys Burgers & Fries** (fast casual restaurant), Walmart Plaza, 255 West Main Street, 409-9100, www.fiveguys.com.
- **Holly Kingsford, Juice Plus - Kingsford** (17 fresh fruits and vegetables in a capsule), 7 Troutwood Drive, New Hartford 06057, 738-9026, www.juiceplus.com/+hk32121.
- **Bob LeMay & Darryl Denomme, Juice Plus - LeMay** (nutritional health product), 13 Eastgate Lane, Enfield 06082, 741-5933, www.juiceplus.com/+bl04017.
- **David Gillard, MW Financial Group** (dream fulfillment and financial representative), 197 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington 06032, 606-0881, dgillard@mwfinancial.com.
- **Justin Spalla, One of Many** (teach companies or teams how to create the jell within any team), P.O. Box 962, Avon 06001, 751-8195, www.oneofmany.com.
- **Rick Culver, Prudential CT Realty - Culver** (real estate sales), 8B Center Street, Collinsville, 594-6978, www.prudentialct.com.
- **Dr. Lori Snow, Rainbow Adoptions International, Inc.** (non-profit adoption agency), 29 West Main Street, 677-0032, www.rainbowadoptions.org.
- **Raymond McKay, Raynet Technologies, LLC** (IT solutions and support), 471 Cherry Brook Road, Canton, 693-2226, www.raynettech.com.
- **Cynthia Dron, Sleep tight** (newborn and infant night care), P.O. Box 634, 19 Chapin Drive, Wilbraham, MA 01095, (860) 639-9154 / (413) 599-4824, sleeptight2night@hotmail.com.

Member News

Julie Mairano, Executive Director and a founder of the **Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation (CdLS)** recently met with Connecticut legislators in Washington, DC, in an effort to raise awareness of the syndrome. In addition, the foundation recently received \$30,000 from its participation in the CIBC World Markets *Miracle Day*. CIBC World Markets is the wholesale banking arm of CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce). The funds will be used to support the foundation's goal of finding and serving all children with CdLS in the U.S.

Andrew Ozmun has joined **Dill, Joyce & Thresher, Inc.** as a Commercial Property & Casualty Insurance Producer. After selling Cove Creek Mortgage and enjoying some time off, he is extremely excited about this new opportunity with an outstanding organization. Please contact Andy at 773-6340 or andy@djtsins.com for all your commercial insurance needs.

E-mail your business news to brmayer@comcast.net or fax it to 673-5088. The deadline for the September/October issue is August 11.