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Celebrating **50 Years** as **Your Business Connection** Events and Information

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April 28, 2015

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, May 20
50th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
Golf Club of Avon
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Reserve Your Seat Now

Thursday, November 19
Avon Chamber 50th Anniversary Celebration
Avon Old Farms Hotel
starting at 5:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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LOCAL FIRST

Announcements



Local First Key Cards and Brochures Have Been Mailed

Please be on the look out for customers looking for your business through our Local First program



50th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, May 20

at: **Golf Club of Avon**

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | 160 Country Club Road, Avon

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 50th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon. Wednesday, May 20, 2015 11 am - 1:30 pm - Networking - Cash Bar 12 pm - 1:30 pm - Meeting, Luncheon & Awards \$25.00 per person
Golf Club of Avon
160 Country Club Road, Avon

REGISTER TODAY for this premier Chamber networking event. Click on either the invitation at the top of the page or the link down below, fill out your reservation form in full, and return it along with your payment of \$25/person to the Avon Chamber **by no later than Wednesday, May 13**. Don't Wait -- this event is already 1/3 reserved -- Register Today!

7 Great Reasons Why You Should Attend:

Corporate Sponsors



Membership Plaques

Plaques are available at all Chamber events | **Virtual Plaques** may be obtained by [Emailing the Chamber](#)



Local First Key Cards & Brochures

* **Key Cards** and **Brochures** are available at all Chamber events or by [Emailing the Chamber](#)
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* **Virtual Key Cards** can be obtained by [Emailing the Chamber](#)



Avon Chamber/My

- Be a part of the Chamber event business leaders attend,
- Enjoy a special 2014/2015 Retrospective -- see who is featured this year,
- Find out what the Chamber's Committees have been doing for you,
- Learn about your Chamber Benefits,
- Welcome the Chamber's Newest Officers and Directors,
- Say 'thank you' to our Retiring Directors,
- Congratulate our Award Winners and Volunteers,
- And other Surprises . . .

[Click Here to Register](#)



Business After Hours/ 11th Annual Bring-A-Non-Member-Business Event

Wednesday, April 8

at: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**
43 Heritage Drive, Avon | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU



to the **Members that Brought a Non-Member Guest**
Avon Health Center, Barbara H. Hance Associates, Create Your Health Piece by Peace, Fitness On The Run, Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group, Marriott Residence Inn-Avon, P'zazz, Raymond James Financial Services, SendOutCards, Simsbury Bank, State Farm Insurance, Voice New England

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Click on the Map to view the Mobile Friendly version online along with links to our participating Member advertisers



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to the **Six Businesses that Joined The Chamber**
A Body In Balance, Burke-McLoughlin Eye Associates, Evelyn Jane Florist, Jenny Castle Consulting, Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Snap Fitness



to the **Members that Donated to the Prize Packages**
Apple Rehab Sport & Spa, Avon Center Dentistry, Avon Wines & Spirits, Cahoots Salon, Farmington Woods Golf Club, Fitness On The Run, Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra, Ravenswood Natural Health, Snap Fitness

Prize Package Recipients pictured above (l-r): Current Chamber President Jim Gordon of **The Salvation Army**, Member recipient Cheryl England of the **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**, Guest turned Chamber Member Jacki Josch of **Burke-McLoughlin Eye Associates**, and Chamber President-Elect John Shea, Esq. of **Pullman & Comley, PC**



Connecticut Business Day

3.25.15 HARTFORD



Wednesday, March 25
at: **Legislative Office Building**
300 Capitol Avenue | 7:15 AM-12-Noon



THANK YOU to the following Members That Attended
Back Row (l-r): Kevin Colvin, **Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group** | Sandra Duffy, **Discovering The Present You** | Claudia Rucci, **Claudia Decor** | Jim Gordon, **The Salvation Army** | John Shea, Esq., **Pullman & Comley, PC**
Front Row (l-r): Robin DiNicola, **Simsbury Bank** | Sylvia Colvin, **Keller Williams Realty/The Colvin Group** | Lori Macgowan, **William Raveis Real Estate** | Cheryl England, **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon** | Lisa Bohman, Executive Director

Chamber Seeking Bids

The Chamber is seeking bids for the following:

- Clear Drinking Glass - 6 1/4" High by 3" Diameter
- One-Color Black and White text
- Quantity - 250

Deadline for Bids is **Friday, May 1**. Please email BOTH a **Quote** and a jpg or gif of a **Sample** to [Lisa](#) at the Chamber

Help Us Find Past Chamber Presidents, Chamber News Stories

As part of the preparations leading up to the celebration of the Chamber's 50th Anniversary, we are searching for

information on and the whereabouts of our Past Presidents and Board members. We are particularly in need of information on those that served our Chamber from 1965 to 1997. In addition, we are searching for old newspaper articles, ads, etc. . . from those same years referencing the Chamber. Please email [Lisa](#) at the Chamber with any information you may have that might be helpful.

Upcoming Events



Education Program Professional Headshots

Tuesday, April 28

presented by: **Connecticut Headshots**, a subsidiary of **Seshu Photography** and **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** | 5:00-7:00 p.m.
at: **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** | 152 Simsbury Road, Riverdale Farms Shopping, Avon

As of 4/10 this program is **FULLY BOOKED**. **If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, Please Contact Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon by no later than 4 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 27**, as there is a wait list. Thank you!

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM



Morning Business Network Connection

Wednesday, May 6

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**

May's Presenter is:
Adele Mary Caruso
Create Your Health, Piece by Peace



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

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



Education Program Women's Golf Clinic

Thursday, May 7

at: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**
43 Heritage Drive, Avon | 5:00-6:00 PM

Have you ever wanted to be out networking on the golf course like so many of your other business colleagues, but find yourself still stuck inside because you either don't know how to play, think your skills are not 'up-to-par', or don't have a sense of how to effectively combine your golf game with networking? If you answered 'yes' to any of these scenarios, then this class is for you.



In this class the women of our Chamber will enjoy an informal and individual approach to the game of golf. Go from putting to playing. Basic topics presented to include:

- Chipping and Putting,
- Driving,
- Golf Etiquette, and
- Tips on Using Golf as a Networking Tool

Whether you are new to the game or a seasoned golfer, this is a great opportunity to hone your skills, increase confidence in your game, and explore new ways to network.

NOTE: Additional sessions are being offered on a drop-in basis by **Farmington Woods Golf Club** following this initial clinic at the same \$20/person fee, Thursday evenings, May-August

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

Cost: \$20/Person

Registration Required by Monday, May 4
Casual Attire with Golf Shoes or a Flat Soled Shoe Please

[Click Here to Register](#)



50th Anniversary Committee

Monday, May 11

at: **Avon Old Farms Hotel** | 9:00-10:00 AM

2015 marks the Chamber's 50th Anniversary! Preparations are underway for a celebratory event scheduled for November 19 of this year. The **50th Anniversary Committee** meets for an hour on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of the month** If you would like to be a part of this fun committee and work with fellow members on planning our exciting anniversary event, then please plan on joining us on Monday the 11th.

Committee members: John Caruso, **John R. Caruso Attorney at Law** (chair) | Seshu Badrinath, **Seshu Photography** | Gail Belliveau, **Avon Old Farms Hotel** | Adele Mary Caruso, **Create Your Health Piece by Peace** | 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** | Barbara Thomas, **BT Communications**



M.V.P.

Men's Venture Program

Thursday, May 14

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 that is of import to the

professional men of our Chamber.

5/14 Discussion Topic: What It Means to Have a Marketing Plan and Based Upon It, How to Fund Advertising

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

[Click Here to Register](#)



A.W.E -- Avon Women Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, May 19

at: **The Residence at Brookside**

8:15-9:30 AM | 117 Simsbury Road, 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: **De-Stressing** -- presented by Adele Mary Caruso of **Create Your Health Piece by Peace**

9:20-9:30 a.m.

Leads Generation

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

Registration Required by Friday, May 15

[Click Here to Register](#)





Network/Golf with the Chamber

Wednesday, May 20

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 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 first 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, May 18

[Click Here to Register](#)



Member Happenings

[AVON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS](#)

On Saturday, May 9, starting at 7 PM, at **Avon Chamber Member Golf Club of Avon**, 160 Country Club Road, Avon, **Avon Dollars For Scholars** is hosting its second **Comedy for a Cause** to raise funds for its scholarships. The show, hosted by Rick Roberts who has performed at Mohegan Sun, headlines John Fisch who has appeared on *The Late Show*, and features Dr. Jay Sutay, a finalist in *New England's Funniest Comic* contest. Tickets are \$50/person; included are hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. For further information and tickets email [Steve Hahn](mailto:Steve.Hahn@avonchamber.com) or call 860.690.7352

[AVON HEALTH CENTER](#)

652 West Avon Road, Avon | 860.673.2521

This Thursday, April 30, from 1:30-4 PM, **Avon Health Center** is hosting its **3rd Annual Health & Wellness Fair**, featuring a number of Avon Chamber members. The fair is free and features local vendors that promote health & wellness, along with demos, food, raffle prizes and more.

[CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER](#)

[301 Country Club Road, Avon | 860.673.8610](#)

On Tuesday, May 5, at both 2 PM and 6:30 PM, **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** will be hosting a free **Estate Planning Seminar**. Attendees will learn how to protect themselves and their estates and receive a free planning guide. The one and a half hour seminar will provide information on pre-planning and final arrangements, how to pay for these services, and how to protect one's assets if Title 19/Medicaid is ever needed. Subjects to be covered include: eldercare, financial and legal strategies, requirements for effective estate planning and asset protection, and accessing Medicaid and Veterans' funding benefits. [Reserve Your Seat](#) by calling 860.673.8610

[CONNECTICUT KITCHEN & BATH STUDIO](#)

[3 East Main Street, Avon | 860.470.7987](#)

On Saturday, May 9, from 10 AM-12-Noon, **Connecticut Kitchen & Bath Studio** hosts **Mother's Day with The Chef, The Baker, The Tea Maker**. This class is designed for moms and their children ages 10 to adult to enjoy together. Chef Celeste Borelli will demonstrate how to make quick homemade cheese appetizers. Professional cake artist Bonnie Samberg will show you how to assemble and frost a spectacular three-layer cake complete with piped flat rosette swirls, sugared fruit and a sugarpaste fantasy flower. And tea maker Daryl Stanko will demonstrate and serve an authentic Indian Chai tea. Class size limited. Cost \$45/person. [Registration Required by Friday May 1](#)

[DAVID COSGROVE LOS ANGELES WEB DESIGN](#)

[133 R Hartford Avenue, East Granby | 860.986.9602](#)

From now through this Thursday, April 30, **David Cosgrove Los Angeles Web Design** has a special offer just for Avon Chamber members! In response to Google's announcement that it will start to lower rankings for websites that are not mobile optimized, David is **Offering Avon Chamber Members Special Pricing To Help Make Your Website Mobile Friendly**. Contact [David](#) directly to find out more.

[DUNSTAN JEWELERS, LTD](#)

[290 West Main Street, Avon | 860.678.9073](#)

On Thursday, May 7, from 11 AM-7 PM, **Dunstan Jewelers, LTD** is holding their **Semi-Annual Remount Event**

From now through Sunday, May 31, **Dunstan Jewelers, LTD** is giving **25% Off All Jewelry Purchases**, excluding remount and estate jewelry.

[FARMINGTON BANK](#)

[310 West Main Street AND 427 West Avon Road, Avon | 860.284.4187](#)

On Monday, May 4, from 7:30-9:30 AM, at Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road, Avon, **Farmington Bank** is presenting **Identity Theft and Financial Crimes: How To Protect Your Business**. Topics to be covered include: identity theft and account takeover; debit card skimming, phishing and smishing; telephone, special delivery, email and fax scams; check scams; door-to-door solicitations; and internet fraud and cybercrime. Presentation is free. Complimentary breakfast included. [Registration Required by Tuesday, April 28](#) -- Contact [Dena Martinelli](#) or call 860.284.4187

[FARMINGTON WOODS GOLF CLUB](#)

[43 Heritage Drive, Avon | 860.673.0062](#)

Between now and Saturday, May 30, **Farmington Woods Golf Club** is offering **Avon Chamber Members a 15% Discount on their New Visage Advertising**. The Club has equipped each of their golf carts with Visage Technology, which allows businesses to run ads, with a potential reach of 22,000 rounds of golf annually. Options include a Full Page Ad, Insert

Ad, or Full Hole Sponsorship, which is a combination of the Full Page and Insert Ad options. Only 18 opportunities available for both Full Page and Insert options. Each ad comes with a round of golf for four with cart. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on Visage Ads or contact [George DeVita](#) or [Margaret Mahoney](#)

From May-August, on Tuesdays, 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](#)

[MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN-AVON](#)
55 Simsbury Road, Avon | 860.678.1666

This Wednesday, April 29, 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. This Wednesday will feature 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 shrimp, fried cauliflower, chicken wings, and more. Public is welcome.

[NUTMEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA](#)
860.940.0562

On Sunday, May 3, at 1 PM, at **Avon Chamber Member The Country Club of Farmington**, the **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** presents **Celebrity Maestros Gala**, a concert with celebrity guest conductors, dining, music and merriment. The event features **Avon Chamber Member** Cal Miller-Stevens of **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride** as a guest conductor, and includes a sumptuous brunch, silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$75/person. [CLICK HERE](#) to order tickets or mail your request along with payment to: Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 2154, Bristol, CT 06011-2154

On Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 PM, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington, the **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** presents **Double Woodwind Quintet: Romantic Masterworks**, featuring Joel Winter, Horn. The program includes: Florent Schmitt *Lied and Scherzo*, Joachim Raff *Sinfonietta*, and Emile Bernard *Divertissement*. Tickets are \$20/Adults, \$10/Students. [CLICK HERE](#) to order tickets or mail your request along with payment to: Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra, P.O. box 2154, Bristol, CT 06011-2154

[ORVIS AVON](#)
380 West Main Street | Avon Marketplace, Avon | 860.678.7900

This Saturday, May 2, from 11 AM-4 PM, **Orvis Avon** will be celebrating **Spring Orvis Days**, featuring free dog treats when you bring in your dog, free classes and demonstrations and much more. In-store classes/demonstrations include: Early Spring Trout Fishing (11 a.m.-Noon), Great Mountain Forest Wildlife and Forest Management (11 a.m.-4 p.m.), Build a Canoe (11 a.m.-4 p.m.) Casting and Fly Fishing (Noon), Smallmouth Bass on the Fly (Noon-1 p.m.), Bamboo Rod Appraisal (Noon-4 p.m.) and Spring Saltwater Seminar (1-2 p.m.)

[RAVENSWOOD NATURAL HEALTH](#)
1606 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury | 860.264.1587

From now through Sunday, May 31, **Ravenswood Natural Health**, in celebration of their 5-year anniversary, is holding a **Whole-Line Sale**. During this celebration enjoy sales throughout nearly the whole store, including: New Chapter, Irwin Naturals, Megafood, Woodstock Wind Chimes, Poppy Seed Copper Chimes, Hand Woven Scarves, and lots more. For more savings visit them online or drop in.

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](#) to register.

THE RESIDENCE AT BROOKSIDE

117 Simsbury Road, Avon | 860.284.5000

This Tuesday, April 28, at 10 AM and Thursday, April 30, at 4 PM, **The Residence at Brookside** will be holding an **Open House and Information Sessions** at their Leasing Office, Building #16, Riverdale Farms Shopping, Avon.

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

310 Albany Turnpike, Canton | 860.693.2378

On Saturday, May 9, from 12:30-4 PM, **Valley Sports Center** is hosting the **Rebecca Lobo Girls Basketball Clinic** for girls ages 9-17. This clinic will demonstrate ball-handling drills, offensive decision making tools, using screens, on-ball defensive techniques, post drills, and team defensive concepts. Cost is \$89/person. For more information or to register contact [Dean Watson](#) or call 860.693.2378

From Monday, July 27 through Thursday, July 30, from 9 AM-Noon, at Canton High School, **Valley Sports Center** is hosting the **New England Revolution Outdoor Soccer Camp** for boys and girls ages 8-14. The four day training sessions will give players an insight into the Revolution Academy training environment through daily dynamic warm ups, fast footwork, skill development, functional training, and conditioned games. Cost is \$250/person and includes: 8 hours professional coaching, Academy t-shirt and ball, 2x tickets to Revolution Academy Night at Gillette Stadium, private observation of a Revolution first-team training session. For more information or to register contact [Dean Watson](#) or call 860.693.2378

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington | 860.676.8626

This Tuesday, April 28, at 11:30 AM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting a presentation on **Walker & Balance Safety**. Get useful tips on how to get around safely with or without a walker. Stick around after the presentation for a delicious chef-prepared lunch. Space is limited. RSVP by calling 860.676.8626

WHOLE HEALTH ASSOCIATES

100 Simsbury Road, Suite 208, Avon | 860.674.0111

On Tuesday, May 19, 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.

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