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February 10, 2015

SAVE THE DATES

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Announcements



Avon Chamber Valpak Mailers

Valpak and the **Avon Chamber** are offering members yet another opportunity to be part of an **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**. Slated to be mailed both in April **AND** October 2015, this is a great chance for your business to be featured in a first-of-its-kind **Valpak** promotion that focuses on local businesses that are members of the Avon Chamber. For just \$250 to participate (That's 40% Off Valpak's Regular Open Advertising Rate!!!) your business will appear in the mailbox of 10,000 households in the towns of Avon, Canton, and Simsbury!!

THE VALUE GETS EVEN BETTER -- In addition to being mailed, your business will receive a profile listing on **Valpak.com** -- AND the Avon Chamber will be placing a link to your ads on the Home Page of its website as well!!

For further information or to advertise, please contact
Marlene at 860.559.1243 or email
Valmail720@yahoo.com

Seeking Nominations



Corporate Sponsors



Membership Plaques

Plaques are available at all Chamber events | **Virtual Plaques** may be obtained by Emailing the Chamber



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Click on the Map to view it online along with links to our participating Member advertisers



Large and Small Business of the Year Awards 2015

It is time once again for us to seek nominations for the recipients of the Chamber's Large Business of the Year (50-plus employees) and Small Business of the Year (under 50 employees). These honors are bestowed at our **Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon** to be held on May 20 at the **Golf Club of Avon**. If you know of a Chamber member business that you would like to nominate for one of these special awards, please email [Lisa](#) at the Chamber and include the following:

- Your Name,
- the Name of Your Business,
- the Name of the Business You Are Nominating, and
- Using the **Award Criteria** a Brief Summary of Why Your Nominee Is Ideal for one of these Awards

Deadline for Nominations is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20



Members That Donated to our Business After Hours Drawings/2014

March 2014: [Apple Rehab](#) | [Asset Strategies](#) | [Boucher Building & Renovations](#) | [The Residence at Brookside](#)

June 2014: [Bikers Edge](#) | [TCBY Avon Marketplace](#) | [We Care Computers](#)

August 2014: [Avon Old Farms Hotel](#) | [Boucher Building & Renovation](#) | [Headline Hair Designers West](#) | [We Care Computers](#)

September 2014: [Arden Courts of Avon](#) | [Avon Health Center](#) | [Avon Old Farms Hotel](#) | [Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd.](#) | [Headline Hair Designers West](#) | [Ravenswood Natural Health](#) | [Saslow Lufkin & Buggy](#) | [Somethin' Sweet](#) | [We Care Computers](#)

October 2014: [Avon Health Center](#) | [Create Your Health Piece by Peace](#) | [Fitness On The Run](#) | [Molly Maid of Farmington](#) | [O'Live A Little Specialty Gourmet](#) | [PayHub](#) | [We Care Computers](#)

November 2014: [Create Your Health Piece by Peace](#) | [Fitness On The Run](#) | [Michaels Jewelers](#) | [Somethin' Sweet](#) | [TCBY Avon Marketplace](#) | [Verizon Wireless](#)

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Happenings



Valentine's Day
is just around the
corner. Don't

forget **Local First** when
shopping for your special
someone. [CLICK HERE](#)
to find members that
prepare yummy **Foods**
and sweet **Desserts**,
sell fine **Jewelry**, our
Restaurants, etc. . .

[Belle Terrace at Avon
Old Farms](#)
1 Nod Road, Avon
860.404.5051

On Sunday, March 1,
from 11 AM-3 PM, Belle
Terrace at Avon Old
Farms is hosting their
**Annual Bridal
Showcase** Browse the
venue, meet with their
event staff, and visit with
several of CT's finest
wedding professionals --

December 2014: [A.W.E. Networking Group](#) | [A Dancer's Palette](#) | [Arden Courts of Avon](#) | [Create Your Health Piece by Peace](#) | [H&R Block](#) | [Miller Foods](#) | [Oma's Pride](#) | [Sayward Companies](#) | [Senior Transitions CT](#) | [Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon](#) | [We Care Computers](#) | [Whole Health Associates](#)

Upcoming Events



Business After Hours

This Wednesday, February 11

at: **Seasons Restaurant/Avon Old Farms Hotel** | 5:00-7:00 PM
Route 44, Avon

It's three days before the Feast of Saint Valentine, more commonly known as Valentine's Day, and we will be networking at a very appropriate business that deals with feasts both large and small -- the **Tap Room** and **Seasons Restaurant** at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**. The award-winning **Seasons Restaurant** and **Tap Room** provide breathtaking views of Talcott Mountain along with an unforgettable dining experience that incorporates the freshest ingredients available. For Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, or Sunday Brunch, you will 'love' all that **Seasons Restaurant** and the **Tap Room** have to offer.



*****We have an exciting offer just for this event*****

Wear something **RED** and be entered into a drawing for Brunch for Two at Seasons Restaurant

Thank You to the following Chamber members that have **Donated An Item** for the Drawing:
We Care Computers |

Members - FREE; **Non-Members** - \$20
Registration Required by Monday, February 9

[Click Here to Register](#)



M.V.P.

Men's Venture Program

Thursday, February 12

at: **COSI** | 9:00-10:00 AM
385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

from photographers to invitation artists to DJs and bands and more. Cost is \$5/guest.

Comcast

Comcast Business is seeking innovative Startup Companies (in business less than two years) and Entrepreneurs (in business more than two years) to compete in their **2nd Annual Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs Competition**. Contest applicants must submit a 250-word essay. Entries are due by March 15. [Click Here](#) for application and details.

Connecticut Kitchen & Bath Studio
3 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.470.7987

This Friday, February 13, from 6-8 PM, Connecticut Kitchen & Bath Studio hosts a **Valentine's Day Gourmet**. Treat your Valentine to an evening of learning, laughing and dining with chefs Todd & Celeste Borelli in their intimate, state-of-the-art-kitchen. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and enjoy a romantic menu of seared scallops with vanilla bean champagne sauce; green salad with pomegranate, candied pecans, cucumber, and maple dijon vinaigrette; steak au poivre; diy chocolate truffles. Cost

The **Men's Venture Program (M.V.P.)** 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 an issue or question posed by a member of the group that is of importance in the lives of our professional men.



If you are interested in being part of this new member-driven networking group focused on the needs of the Chamber's male entrepreneurs, then please plan on joining us.

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

[Click Here to Register](#)



A.W.E -- Avon Women Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, February 17

at: **Avon Health Center** | 8:15-9:30 AM
652 West Avon 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/Tour of Avon Health Center

8:30-8:40 a.m.

Meeting Starts: Introductions -- utilizing our perfected 30-second introductions

8:40-8:50 a.m.

Previous Month Review/Complete Unfinished Business/Selection of Next Meeting Location

8:50-9:20 a.m.

Group Discussion: **Proposed Fall 2015 Seminar for Area Women Interested in the Aspects of Starting and/or**

\$60/person. Registration Required.

Farmington Woods Golf Club
43 Heritage Drive, Avon
860.673.0062

Farmington Woods Golf Club is offering **Indoor Lessons** Purchase 4 half-hour golf lessons and get the fifth one free. Lessons never expire and can be used indoors this winter and on the course. Cost \$240/person. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Jolie Boutique Consignment
25 East Main Street,
Avon Village
Marketplace, Avon
860.678.0808

From now through this Thursday, February 12, Jolie Boutique Consignment is holding its **Annual Winter Clearance** 20% off handbags and formal wear, 25% off coats.

Local Ants
64 Seminole Circle,
West Hartford
203.828.7118

From now through Friday, February 27, Vedran Tomic, co-founder of Local Ants, a local internet marketing agency, is offering Avon Chamber members a chance to **Win A Free Internet Marketing Audit** The audit (a \$700 value), will be delivered

Running a Business Hosted by A.W.E. Networking Group/Might Be Developed into an Ongoing Mentoring Program for Women in Business

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

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM
Registration Required by **Friday, February 13**

[Click Here to Register](#)



50th Anniversary Committee
Monday, February 23

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

2015 marks the Chamber's 50th Anniversary! Preparations are already 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**, and is actively seeking new members. 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 next Monday.

Committee members: John Caruso, **John R. Caruso Attorney at Law** (chair) | Gail Belliveau, **Avon Old Farms Hotel** | Robin DiNicola, **Simsbury Bank** | Leslie Gordon, **Be.Yoga** | Susan Lederman, **P'zazz** | Nanette Levin, **Commercial Property Advisors** | Jolly Lux, **Guiding Light Orphanage** | Barbara Thomas, **BT Communications**



Joint Networking Event
Thursday, February 26

at: Carmon Community Funeral Homes'
Newest Facility | 5:30-7:30 PM
130 Deerfield Road, Windsor



The Carmons are readying the opening of a brand new facility in the Deerfield section of Windsor, and we are joining with the Windsor Chamber of Commerce to get a sneak peek. All of us are familiar with the Carmon Family of Funeral Homes -- with nine facilities located throughout the greater Hartford area, along with a crematory and grief counseling centers serving both children and families in Windsor and Avon -- they have been offering a complete range of caring and compassionate services for over 65 years. This new facility, though, is a little



in the form of a report with action items and a brief follow-up phone call. 7 randomly selected Avon Chamber members that email Vedran before the deadline will be selected. [Click Here](#) for your chance.

[Max A Mia](#)
70 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.6299

From now through Saturday, February 28, Max A Mia will be **Donating to the Women's Heart Program at Saint Francis Hospital** a portion of the proceeds from every order of a glass or bottle of Josh Cellars Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon.

[Michaels Jewelers](#)
380 West Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.2188

From now through Saturday, February 21, Michaels Jewelers is offering a **Special on Diamond Earrings** 1 ctw Diamond Earrings are \$999, 0.50 ctw Diamond Earrings are \$499.

[Rotary Club of Avon-Canton](#)

On Saturday, March 21, from 7-10 PM (VIP Fine Wines Tasting from 6-7:30 PM), at Tower Ridge Country Club, Nod Road, Simsbury, the Rotary Club of Avon-Canton will be hosting

different from what you might expect. Of course, like the Family Center in Avon, it will be available for receptions and end-of-life services, but it will also be one of the area's newest venues for catered events, such as: anniversaries, birthday parties, dances, fundraisers, wedding receptions, etc. . . So come and be one of the first to see this brand new facility owned and operated by the Carmons. It is sure to be a great event!

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM
Registration Required by Monday, February 23

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their **Annual Tastes of the Valley** Enjoy some of the finest wines, beers & spirits available in the Farmington Valley along with food samplings from some of the area's best restaurants. Event also features an auction and music by the Colbys. Ticket price is \$50/person, VIP Ticket price \$75/person. For tickets call 860.676.1261. For Sponsor information call 860.233.1713 x16 or [Click Here](#)

[The Residence at Brookside](#)
[Riverdale Farms Shopping](#)
124 Simsbury Road
Building 16, Avon
860.284.5000

Every Tuesday at 10 AM and Thursday at 4 PM throughout February, The Residence at Brookside will be conducting **Information Sessions** at their leasing office.

[The Shoppes at Farmington Valley](#)
110 Albany Turnpike,
Canton

From now through this Friday, February 13, The Shoppes at Farmington Valley is giving you a chance to **Win A Two-Night Stay at The Inn on Peaks Island** The Inn on Peaks Island is quintessential Maine and is set in the middle of beautiful Casco Bay. Package includes Friday and Saturday overnight

accommodations, dinner for two each night, \$100 gift card for boat tickets and parking. May be redeemed Friday and Saturday in April or November 2015. [Click Here](#) to enter.

[Valley Sports Center](#)
[310 Albany Turnpike,](#)
[Canton | 860.693.2378](#)

On Sunday, February 22, from 12-4 PM, Valley Sports Center will be holding a **One-Day Baseball Clinic featuring Bobby Valentine**. The clinic, open to boys and girls ages 8-17, will focus on the physical and mental fundamentals of the game; hitting, pitching, throwing, catching and base running will be covered. Players will be grouped according to age and ability to maximize their clinic experience. In addition to on-field instruction, Coach Valentine will impart some of his wisdom, philosophies of the game and vast baseball knowledge in a discussion that will be priceless for players and entertaining for the parents. Cost \$125/person. Registration Required. [Click Here](#) for more information.

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