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Celebrating 50 Years as Your Business Connection Events and Information

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February 23, 2015

SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, April 8
11th Annual Bring-A-Non-Member-Business Event
Farmington Woods Golf Club
5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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

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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!!

DEADLINE is TUESDAY, MARCH 24

-- For the **April 2015 Mailer** --

For further information or to advertise, please contact

Marlene at 860.559.1243 or email

Valmail720@yahoo.com

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Membership Plaques

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



Avon Chamber/My Hometown Map

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

Help Us Find Past Chamber Presidents, Old 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.



What Should You Do if Bad Weather Threatens to Interfere with a Chamber Meeting/Event/Activity?

- Check the Homepage of the Chamber's website. We post cancellation notices as soon as possible; appearing directly below the QR Code. For calendar events the notice is also posted on the page for that event.
- Watch WFSB-Channel 3, WVIT-Channel 30, and/or listen to WTIC NewsTalk 1080; all cancellation notices are posted to these stations.
- Business After Hours scheduled January-March have built-in snow dates that are listed on the page for that event.
- In the case of other meetings/activities, please check with the Chamber and/or committee chair to find out if the meeting/activity has been rescheduled.

Upcoming Events



M.V.P. Men's Venture Program
Thursday, February 26

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

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



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Avon Old Farms
School
500 Old Farms Road,
Avon

On Saturday, April 25, Avon Old Farms School's Parents Association is hosting its Annual Blue Blazer Ball. The Ball raises funds that go to support student programs. The

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**](#)



Joint Networking Event
This Thursday, February 26



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

LAST CALL -- 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 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 is also 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 5 PM TODAY!!

[**Click Here to Register**](#)



Education Program

Association is currently **Seeking Sponsors for the Blue Blazer Ball**

Sponsors are listed in the event program and on the website, and celebrated at the event. [Sponsorship Form](#) For further information [Click Here](#)

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

This 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 -- 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



Using The Cloud To Help Your Business

Tuesday, March 3

presented by: Michael Mezheritskiy | **Visionary Private Wealth Management Group**
at: **Peter M. Bakker Agency** | 8:30-10:00 AM
302 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon



Peter M. Bakker Agency, Inc.
Founding Member New England Insurance Alliance



Back by popular demand -- This program filled up quickly when we premiered it back in November 2014. If you are interested in attending don't wait -- sign up today!

When you hear people speak about the 'Cloud' do you have visions of those big, white, puffy things in the sky? Well this class will help bring you down to earth and show you just some of the things that cloud-based programs can do to improve your productivity -- from email, to backing up your files, to other add ons. Whether you are PC or MAC based, this class is for you and will help you run your business better. The following will be discussed:

- Dropbox - What Is It AND How To Use It To Back Up Your Files
- Google - Gmail, Google Drive, Your Local Listing on Google
- Evernote - What Is It AND How To Use It
- ****BONUS**** Learn How To Sync Your Calendar Across Your Devices

MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAM

Class Size Limited to **15** -- Only **NINE SEATS** Remain!
Registration Required by Friday, February 27

[Click Here to Register](#)

Morning Business Network Connection

Wednesday, March 4

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



On Sunday, March 22, from 10 AM-Noon, Connecticut Kitchen & Bath Studio hosts an **Easter Brunch with Chef Celeste Borelli** Beautiful and simple Easter brunch recipes, simple decorating ideas, and menus for a scrumptious Spring brunch will be presented. Class size limited. Cost \$40/person. Registration Required.

Farmington River Watershed Association
749 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury
860.658.4442

On Thursday, March 19, from 6-9 PM, at the Farmington Community Center, 321 New Britain Avenue, Farmington, the Farmington River Watershed Association is hosting a **Fish Art Auction & WineTasting** Dozens of Fish by local artists will be on display. Bid and Hook your fish in the Silent Auction. Taste wines from seven vendors. Tickets are \$25/person. [Click Here](#) for further information

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

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**

March's Presenter is:
Susan Lederman | P'zazz



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

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



50th Anniversary Committee

Monday, March 9

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 on Monday the 9th.

Committee members: John Caruso, **John R. Caruso Attorney at Law** (chair) | Seshu Badrinath, **Seshu Photography** | 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**



Business After Hours
Wednesday, March 11

\$240/person. [Click Here](#) for more information.

[Linda Beers Violin Studio](#)
860.673.9723

On Sunday, March 22, from 3-4 PM, at Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road, Avon, Linda Beers of Linda Beers Violin Studio, along with poet Joan Kantor, will be giving a **Performance as Part of the Sundays at Three Music Series** Entitled *Stringing Words Together*, this interactive program allows people to experience the exciting convergence of visual art, poetry and music. No registration required.

[Local Ants](#)
64 Seminole Circle,
West Hartford
203.828.7118

From now through this 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 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](#)



at:

Arden Courts of Avon

100 Fisher Drive, Avon | 5:00-7:00 PM

Cruise to the Caribbean -- the calendar may still say Winter, but you will never know it as you enjoy the wafting sounds of calypso music and festive island decor, all while sampling delicious authentic Jamaican food and sipping an island drink made especially for this event. Don't be in 'limbo' -- Make your reservation to join us at **Arden Courts of Avon**



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

Wear an **ISLAND-THEMED ARTICLE OF CLOTHING** to this event and be entered into a drawing for a Gift Basket for Dinner and a Movie for Two Plus Other Goodies

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, March 9

[Click Here to Register](#)



A.W.E -- Avon Women Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, March 17

at: **Whole Health Associates** | 8:15-9:30 AM
Hartford Hospital Wellness Center, 100 Simsbury Road, Suite 208, 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

**70 East Main Street,
Avon | 860.677.6299**

From now through this 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.

**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 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 the months of

30-second introductions

8:40-8:50 a.m.

Introduction of the Host/Presentation on: **Women's Health**

8:50-9:00 a.m.

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

9:00-9:20 a.m.

Group Discussion: **Proposed Fall 2015 Seminar for Area Women Interested in the Aspects of Starting and/or 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, March 13

[Click Here to Register](#)

February and March,
The Residence at
Brookside will be
conducting **Information
Sessions** at their leasing
office.

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