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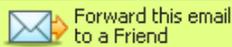
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YOUR BUSINESS CONNECTION - Now In Its 46th Year



Join the Group -- the Avon Chamber Group on



Upcoming Events

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For a listing of all
UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER EVENTS
[CLICK HERE](#)

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.

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.

Win Two (2) Free Passes

****Just More 6 Weeks To Go!****

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)

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



River Ridge

at Avon

A Benchmark Living Community



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



What's Happening with the Members

AVON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Saturday, January 15, 6 p.m., at The Farmington Club, the Avon Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Retirement Party for Chief Jamie DiPace. Cost is \$45/person or \$450/table of 10. For further information call 860.677.2644 or visit www.avonvfd.org

CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER

This 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

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

OLD AVON VILLAGE

This 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., Teacup Auction and Food Drive to benefit fellow



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WARDCOMM
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Join us for our DECEMBER 2010 Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Toys for Tots Drive This Coming Wednesday!!

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**

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

TODAY, 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

TD BANK

On Wednesday, December 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., **TD Bank** will be holding a **Business After Hours** at their **255 West Main Street, Avon** location. RSVP to Rebekah Walsh at **1.860.612.3378** or email rebekah.walsh@tdbanknorth.com

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Tuesday, December 7, from 6-8 p.m., **The Investors Center** will be hosting an **Art Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting**. The event is free to the public. To attend call Kathi Boratko at **860.677.8808** or email kathib@theinvestorscenter.com

**The Chamber now offers
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS**

**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**

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*)

**TIME SLOTS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY!!
WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS FROM 3-5 P.M.**
[CLICK HERE](#) to register

DON'T HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER BUT WOULD STILL 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**

Have employees or retirees who are eligible for Medicare?

Call Chamber Insurance Trust to learn about Medicare Advantage plans offered by UnitedHealthcare.®

1-800-953-4467, TTY 1-203-795-9756
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. local time, Monday – Friday



Call 1-800-953-4467 to find out more

The Chamber now offers PET INSURANCE



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Thank You to Our Corporate Sponsors



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Avon Chamber Day The Salvation Army Holiday Store

at Avon Old Farms Hotel

Route 44, Avon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00AM-5:00PM

Morning Business Network Connection



Join us for our JANUARY 2011!!

Morning Business Network Connection



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 order to be considered!*

January's Presenter is **MATT CORMIER** of:

THE MEAT HOUSE

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*

January 2011 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by **Così**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30AM-9:30AM

Members - FREE, First-Time Guests - FREE

NEW Chamber Insurance Trust (CIT) Information





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 and 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.

Sign up for your **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

COINSURANCE PLANS TO REDUCE PREMIUMS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS



offers **NEW COINSURANCE**

PLANS to reduce premiums. Available October 1, 2010, these unique plans include upfront deductibles, coinsurance (50/50 shared costs after the deductible is reached), and, before the deductible is met, a \$30 copayment for Primary Care Physician visits and \$0 cost sharing for some preventive services like annual physicals and immunizations. These plans also include prescription drug coverage and annual out-of-pocket maximums that limit the amount your employees may have to spend for out-of-pocket health care services. For more information call toll free **1-800-LOCAL-CC (562-2522)**

HOW WILL NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM AFFECT YOU AND YOUR SMALL BUSINESS



and the **Avon Chamber** are reaching out to help our small business members understand how Health Care Reform works and how

it can benefit your business. Here are some of the important changes that may affect your business in the upcoming months:

- New Small Business Tax Credits for providing health insurance to employees are available starting in 2010. Even if you have not been able to afford health benefits in the past, the new tax credits may make that possible.
- Certain preventive services will be provided without cost-sharing for new plans started on or after September 23, 2010.
- Dependents under age 26 may be insured under their parent's plan on or after September 23, 2010. Notices will be sent to eligible dependents.

To utilize their tax credit calculator or for further information visit

www.ConnectiCareHealthReform.com

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To take advantage of this offer please contact:
**Cosi, 385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon, CT
06001 860.678.8989
xcb00094@getcosi.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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