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## Your Business Connection - Now in its 47th Year



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Events and Information

April 16, 2012



Click on the link to check out our current **Featured Member** [River Ridge at Avon](#)

### **NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!!** **Get Your Virtual Membership Plaque**

Show the world that you are a proud Avon Chamber of Commerce member by displaying our new, FREE **AVON CHAMBER VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE**. The Chamber will send you your plaque in jpg format that you may then use on your business cards, business letterhead and website. If using it on your website, the Chamber will also provide you with HTML code to link your plaque back to the page in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory where your business listing appears. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.



### Awards Luncheon

One Week Left to Take Advantage of Early Bird Registration!

### May 31 - 6th Annual Career Exploration Day

Sign Up to be a Mentor Today!

### June 6 - Morning Business Network Connection

### June 13 - Business After Hours

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

## FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

### DISPLAY YOUR BUSINESS CARDS AND BROCHURES

Did you know that the Chamber has a **display available where you can make your business cards and brochures available to the public?**

That's right -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event your business cards or brochures and take advantage of this great member benefit!

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



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

### CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

Christ Church Nursery School is currently enrolling for their **Flexible Five-Day, Multi-Age Preschool Program** This program is available

Plaque Artwork generously donated by  
**BONNER & COMPANY Creative Communications**

## NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!! A CHET Advisor 529 Plan Just For You



The **Avon Chamber of Commerce** has established a relationship with the **CHET Advisor 529 Plan**. Members and their employees are eligible to participate in this program at no cost - the up-front sales charge of up to 5.5% is waived for Chamber members. In addition, saving for your child's education in this CHET Advisor 529 Plan can reduce your state income tax burden, as the CHET Advisor 529 Plan includes a state income tax deduction for taxpayers contributing up to \$5,000 for individual filers and up to \$10,000 for those filing jointly. Start with as little as \$50.

For more information please contact  
Chamber member  
**Edward Jones-Peter Vignati** at **860.676.1442**

## Avon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be partnering with "MyHomeTownMap"

**MyHomeTownMap.com** and the **Avon Chamber** have teamed up to offer you a new promotional opportunity. **MyHomeTownMap**, located in Marstons Mills, MA, has worked extensively with chambers of commerce throughout Massachusetts to create print and complimentary online versions of town maps available free of charge. They are currently expanding this product into Connecticut and the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** is one of the first chambers in the state to be able to offer its members this targeted marketing opportunity!

**MyHomeTownMap** will be offering two basic ad sizes Small 4-color ads, about the size of a business card, for \$325, and Larger 4-color ads, approximately double business card size, for \$550. In addition, each advertiser will receive an ad on the **MyHomeTownMap** website that is linked directly to the advertiser's website at no additional charge.

**Once complete, these 4-color maps will be**

Monday-Friday, 9AM-12PM.  
Kindergarten Enrichment Programs are also available. Please call **860.675.8957**

### COSI

For a limited time **COSI** is offering a **Three-Course Dinner for \$10** Choose your favorite soup, entree and dessert. Offer valid after 4 PM now through Monday, April 30 **COSI** is located at **385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

### NUTMEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Saturday, April 21, 7:30 PM, at Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Harris Road, Avon, **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** will present a **Concert** featuring Haydn's *Symphony #47* and *Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra* along with Schubert's *Symphony #3*. Tickets are \$22/Adults, \$10/Children. To purchase tickets or for more information go to [www.NutmegSymphony.org](http://www.NutmegSymphony.org)

### RF LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION

Rob Hyde of **RF Landscaping and Construction** is helping to organize a **Raffle to Win a Corvette to Benefit Corporal Greg Caron** Tickets are \$100 each and only 750 tickets will be sold. Marine Corporal Caron lost his legs and some fingers last year serving in Afghanistan. To purchase tickets contact **Rob at 860.836.8289 or email [rfhyde1@yahoo.com](mailto:rfhyde1@yahoo.com)**

### THE HAIR LOFT

Through the month of April **The Hair Loft** is offering 20% off on **Lanza Healing Strength Plant Silk Serum** An alternative to Moroccan oil. Weightless healer that provides instant shine and silky softness. Serum based formula does not leave an oily residue. Heals, seals and protects. Reduces hair breakage and makes hair 6.5x stronger. Full spectrum UVA/UVB/UVC. Healing action pushes water out from inside damaged/porous hair to quicken dry time. Increases shine by 82%. **The Hair**

**direct mailed to every residence in the town of Avon!**

**This opportunity is available only to Avon Chamber Members! Ad sales will be starting in just a few weeks!! - Don't be left out - answer the call and *Put Your Business On The Map and Have Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in Avon***

## Avon Chamber of Commerce is Invited to Join with the Member Chambers of the Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance (TVCA) for **A Combined Business After Hours**

Network with members from the seven chambers that comprise the Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance (TVCA) while you enjoy the bucolic setting of the 120-acre Auerfarm. Come and see their animal barn filled with chickens, cows, goats, miniature horses, sheep and many other barnyard favorites, along with extensive farmland, gardens, and orchards. Here you will discover just how integral agriculture really is to our daily lives. Don't miss out on this very special opportunity -- Sign-up today!

### A Combined Business After Hours with the Member Chambers of the Tobacco Valley Chambers Alliance (TVCA)

hosted by: **4-H Education Center at Auerfarm**  
with: **Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce  
East Granby Chamber of Commerce  
East Windsor Chamber of Commerce  
Granby Chamber of Commerce  
Suffield Chamber of Commerce  
Windsor Chamber of Commerce  
Windsor Locks Chamber of Commerce**

158 Auer Farm Road, Bloomfield  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED by MONDAY, APRIL 23**

**This is a MEMBERS ONLY Event**

Loft is located at **136 Simsbury Road, Riverdale Farms Shopping, Building 15, Avon**

### THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Saturday, April 21, 9-11AM, at their 70 East Main Street/Route 44 offices, **The Investors Center** will join with Federated Investments to sponsor a **Free Community Shredding Event** Shred-It, the world's leading on-site document destruction company, will perform safe and secure shredding. Residents are invited to bring up to four (4) file box size boxes of personal and confidential items to the office to be shredded. Paper clips, staples, file and hanging folders will go through the shredder. Do Not Bring: CD's, three-ring binders, cardboard, film, X-ray films, hard drives or laminated or plastic sheet covers. For more information contact Kathi B. at **860.677.8808** or email [kathib@TheInvestorsCenter.com](mailto:kathib@TheInvestorsCenter.com)

### THE SALVATION ARMY

Tickets are now on sale for **The Salvation Army of Greater Hartford Annual Soup, Soap & Hope Luncheon** This event raises funds and awareness to support the Army's many programs. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, starting at 11:30AM, at The Bond Ballroom, 338 Asylum Avenue, Hartford. Featured speaker is former Governor and host of WTIC NewsTalk 1080 *State and Church* John G. Rowland. Tickets are \$100/person. Sponsor Levels run from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Program Book Ads are also available starting at \$250. For more information or reservations please contact **Yazmin Cruz at 860.543.8413** or email [Yazmin.Cruz@Use.Salvationarmy.org](mailto:Yazmin.Cruz@Use.Salvationarmy.org)

### VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

This week, April 16-20, 8:30AM-4:30 PM, **Valley Sports Center** is holding a **School's Out Day Camp** This camp is open to children in all area towns. Morning and afternoon half day options available. Cost is \$60/Full Day, \$35/Half Day. For more information or to register

## Join Us For A Combined Business After Hours



Come and see the elegant new interior and taste a mere sampling of the creative cuisine parent company Riverhouse Properties has infused into this historical gem of Avon to make it one of the most unique event venues around.



### A Combined Business After Hours

hosted by: **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms**  
with: **Avon Chamber of Commerce**  
**Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce**  
**Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce**

1 Nod Road, Avon  
**TUESDAY, MAY 1**  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED by FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

**This is a MEMBERS ONLY Event**  
**You must have a confirmed reservation to attend --- No Walk-Ins Please**



## Join Us For Our May 2012 Morning Business Network Connection

This group provides an excellent opportunity to network with other Chamber members and guests in a more



call **860.693.2378** or visit  
[www.ValleySportsCenter.com](http://www.ValleySportsCenter.com)

## VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

On Wednesday, April 25, 6:30-8 PM, **Valley Sports Center** will be holding the last seminar in their **Free Family Health Series**. In this seminar attendees will learn a proper active dynamic warm up and improved movement techniques, how to properly fuel your body for competition and throughout the day, and injury prevention tips as well as techniques to insure proper rehabilitation from injury. Register by April 23. To reserve your spot call **860.693.2378** or visit [www.velocitysp.com/Canton](http://www.velocitysp.com/Canton)



## Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

We are pleased to announce Aetna is now offering Chamber members **SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**. These plans include several consumer-directed, HSA-compatible options.

With any of the plans available, Chamber members will receive access to Aetna's industry-leading online tools, as well as other Aetna resources specifically designed for small businesses, including: the **Small Business Tax Credit Calculator** that quickly helps you determine if your company is eligible for a tax credit through the Affordable Care Act, along with the **Aetna Resource Connection** that gives participants access to discounts on a variety of services.

Also, this insurance may be integrated with Aetna's new **Chamber Hospital Indemnity**

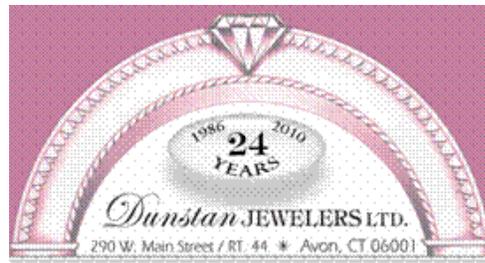
intimate setting. All attendees have the chance to briefly introduce themselves and their business. So stop by, promote your business, and exchange ideas and referrals.



**Another Great Reason to Attend** -- At the conclusion of the networking portion of this event a different Avon Chamber member is featured and has the opportunity to offer a **3-Minute Presentation**. A new member is chosen each month -- **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO BE CONSIDERED**

May's Presenter is:

**Len Dunstan** of



**We are also collecting non-perishable food every month at this event to be given to the Avon Food Bank**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FOOD DONATION!!!**

**May 2012 Morning Business Network Connection**  
hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**  
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

## 47th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

*Registration is NOW OPEN*

*Register and Pay by April 25 -- \$20/person*

*Register and Pay April 26-May 16 -- \$25/person*

The Chamber's Annual Meeting attracts 100+

*Golf Club of Avon*

**Plan**, an exclusive opportunity for Chamber members that provides a flat-dollar payment for a hospital stay plus a per diem payment for each day in the hospital.

To learn about these new health insurance options **click on the Aetna Logo above**



## Affordable Dental Benefits for Chamber Members

**Chamber Dental Prime** and **Chamber Dental Complete** are competitive insurance programs with one of the largest dental PPO networks in Connecticut. Three core plans are available -- VALUE Dental Plans that include coverage for basic services such as cleanings, x-rays, and fillings; CLASSIC Dental Plans that include coverage for basic services and most major services, all with high annual maximum benefit levels; ENHANCED Plans that offer the greatest level of coverage and include even higher annual maximum benefit levels and lower co-insurance amounts. In addition, VOLUNTARY Dental Plans are available that allow employers to offer dental coverage to their employees at no additional cost. For more information click on this link:

**[Chamber Dental Prime and Chamber Dental Complete](#)**

## MORE CHAMBER INSURANCE PROGRAMS

**click on the images below for more information**

**MEDICARE ADVANTAGE**

members and guests and is one of our premier networking events of the year.



Join us as we honor our 2012 **Small Business of the Year** - **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** and **Large Business of the Year** - **Max A Mia Ristorante**. In addition, the much anticipated **Loren Bristol Spirit Award** and **New Member Advocate of the Year** will be presented.

**CLICK** on the INVITATION BELOW, **FILL** out the RESERVATION FORM completely, **RETURN** the form along with your payment by no later than **May 16**



### *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 47TH ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

## Avon Chamber of Commerce

and

## Avon High School

## 6th Annual Career Exploration Day

**Registration for Mentors has been EXTENDED!!**

Thank you to the following Chamber members that have signed-up to participate thus far:

**Farmington Woods Golf Club**  
**IFFS Eldercare Consultants**  
**Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**  
**New Country Motor Cars**  
**Northwest Community Bank**  
**River Ridge at Avon**  
**Robert Hensley & Associates**  
**SendOutCards**  
**TCBY Avon Marketplace**



**PET INSURANCE**



### The Salvation Army

We are still looking for members to participate in this program in the following fields of business:

- Accounting
- Animal Care/Veterinary
- Home Improvement
- Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Medical/Health Care
- Non-Profit
- Real Estate
- Or any other member that would still like to participate

Help local Avon High School students **Explore** their career options by showing them where you work, what you do, and all about the many other opportunities that exist in your field, your business or organization. It's the best two-and-a-half hours you will ever spend!

**Please fill out the  
MENTOR SIGN-UP FORM  
If You Would Like to Participate**

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
CORPORATE SPONSORS**



Office and Medical Space



## Remember to Shop Local

**Ten Percent Off  
All Wine  
Purchases (state  
minimum price applies)**



This and many other offers are available to Avon Chamber members and their employees as part of our **ACBD (Avon Chamber Business Discounts) Program**. To take advantage you **MUST HAVE AN ACBD CARD**. Cards are available at all Chamber events or you may contact the Chamber office.

Offered by: **Avon Wine & Spirits \* Riverdale Farms Shopping \* 144 Simsbury Road \* Avon, CT 06001 \* 860.677.8989 \* [awssales@avonwines.com](mailto:awssales@avonwines.com) \* [www.AvonWines.com](http://www.AvonWines.com)**



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