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## Events and Information

December 1, 2011



### UPCOMING EVENTS

[December 7 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

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Shifts are now OPEN for those members that would like to volunteer

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For a complete listing of all

### October Storm Resources

Were you or your business impacted by the October snowstorm? If so, help is available. The state [Department of Insurance Winter Storm page](#) has a number of resources available including Company Claim Phone Numbers and Tips for Making Storm Claims.

Need some business claim tips? [Click Here](#) to access a very informative article.

### NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!!

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



**UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER  
EVENTS [CLICK HERE](#)**

## FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

### JOIN A CHAMBER COMMITTEE

Did you know that by volunteering as little as an hour a month you can directly impact the future of your Avon Chamber? Other benefits of getting involved with a Chamber committee include:

- \*Increased visibility within the organization
- \*Greater opportunity for professional networking
- \*Learning new concepts
- \*Leadership skill development
- \*Resume building

Join the committee that interests you the most -- **Education, Marketing,** or **Membership** -- and reap the benefits! To learn more about the Chamber's committees or to volunteer -- call Lisa at the Chamber office.

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

**GOT AN EVENT OR SPECIAL FOR  
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE  
MEMBERS  
EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO  
[AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET)**



**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
WITH THE  
MEMBERS**

**CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY  
SCHOOL**

Tomorrow, Friday, December 2,

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.

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## Join Us For Our December 2011 Morning Business Network Connection Next Wednesday!

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.



**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

December's Presenter is:

**Don Bonner** of  
**Bonner & Company**



**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!!!**

**December 2011 Morning Business Network  
Connection**  
hosted by: **COSÌ**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon

2-7:30 PM, **Christ Church Nursery School** will be hosting a **Barnes & Noble Book Fair** in celebration of literacy. When you shop during these hours, please mention **Christ Church Nursery School** at checkout and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Nursery School. For more information please call **860.675.8957**

### HARTFORD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Now through Saturday, December 17, **Hartford Federal Credit Union** is offering **Letters To Santa**. Children of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa in a 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/Route 44, West Simsbury**. **Letters To Santa** may also be mailed to **Hartford Federal Credit Union, c/o Letters To Santa, 29 Albany Turnpike, West Simsbury, CT 06092**

### RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

Tomorrow, Friday, December 2, starting at 6:30 PM, **Riverdale Farms Shopping** will host its **30th Annual Holiday Festivities**. The evening will include lighting of the Christmas tree and the flame on the 8-foot **Kids for Kids** Candle of Hope in support of the UConn Children's Cancer Fund, an old fashioned Carol Sing, a visit by Santa & Mrs. Claus, hayrides and holiday goodies. Free Parking and Free Admission. **Riverdale Farms Shopping** is located at **124 Simsbury Road, Avon**. For more information call **860.677.6437** or visit [www.RiverdaleFarmsShopping.com](http://www.RiverdaleFarmsShopping.com)

### THE INVESTORS CENTER

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



## Join Us For Our December 2011 Business After Hours/ Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive

Our Chamber's Holiday Event is a great annual tradition. Have fun following the trail that leads you to our event hosts; each offering something special. You will also enjoy dance performances by the students of **A Dancer's Palette** and the sonorous sounds of new member, violinist Linda Beers of **Linda Beers Violin Studio**. Also, this year we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for our fellow Chamber member **The Salvation Army** in preparation for the Chamber's day at their annual Holiday Store open again this year at fellow Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

**Please consider bringing a drawing item** to this event. Contact Ann Boychuk at River Ridge to let her know that you will be bringing a drawing item so that she can post your business name and announce your participation [aboychuk@benchmarkquality.com](mailto:aboychuk@benchmarkquality.com)

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**December 2011 Business After Hours/Annual  
Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store  
Toy Drive**

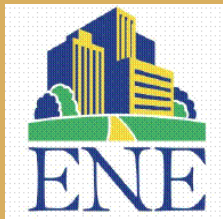
hosted by: **River Ridge at Avon  
A Dancer's Palette**

On Tuesday, December 6, 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** hosts an **Art Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting** featuring the paintings of Sharon Farber, and wine tasting by CT Wine. The event is free to the public. Reserve your spot by Friday, December 2 by calling Kathi Boratko at **860.677.8808** or emailing [kathib@TheInvestorsCenter.com](mailto:kathib@TheInvestorsCenter.com)

### THE SHOPPES AT FARMINGTON VALLEY

On Saturdays, December 10 and December 17, from 8:30 AM-4 PM, and Sundays, December 11 and December 18, from 10 AM-6 PM, **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley** will be presenting **Victorian Carolers**. Enjoy the sounds of the season while you experience The Shoppes' fifty specialty stores and unique dining destinations. **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley** is located at **110 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

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### Conquest Consulting Creeting Comforts H & R Block

at **River Ridge at Avon**  
101 Bickford Extension, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



### Join Us For Avon Chamber Day

at **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** at  
**Avon Old Farms Hotel**

It's that time of year . . . **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** annually serves to collect non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and monetary donations on behalf of those in need. Fellow Avon Chamber members **The Salvation Army** and **Avon Old Farms Hotel** have collaborated on this very special undertaking since the Store's return to Avon in 2006. And for the past five years the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** and its members have supported their efforts by generously volunteering one day to act as greeters for those donating and sorters of the items donated.

**SHIFTS ARE NOW OPEN** for members that would like to sign-up to be a part of this very special day. Shifts are in two-hour increments and the minimum number of volunteers needed per shift is 2, but all are welcome. Please email Lisa at the Chamber or click on the link below if you would like to volunteer.

We hope that you will stop by on Thursday, December 22, anytime from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and support your fellow Avon Chamber members.

[Avon Chamber Day at The Salvation Army Holiday Store](#)

at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



Route 44, Avon  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

## Information on **New** Chamber Insurance Programs

### Aetna 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 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**

### Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield 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**

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First  
Month's  
Rent**



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 Executive Offices \* One Darling Drive \* Avon Park South \* Avon, CT 06001 \* 860.677.8300 \* [avonexecutiveoffices@comcast.net](mailto:avonexecutiveoffices@comcast.net) \* [www.AvonExecutiveOffices.com](http://www.AvonExecutiveOffices.com)**



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