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Just a reminder that you are receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Avon Chamber of Commerce. Please consider sharing this email with fellow colleagues as well as other area businesses that you feel might benefit from what the Avon Chamber has to offer. Thank you!

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Avon Chamber Day

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EVENTS** [CLICK HERE](#)

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



Avon

Chamber of Commerce LOCAL FIRST is coming soon! This is a unique and exciting program that is intended to encourage area residents to shop and use the services of Avon Chamber members by providing them with an easy way to find your place of business AND your website. Participation for Members is FREE! Please **CLICK ON THE LOCAL FIRST LOGO** and fill out the **LOCAL FIRST Form** so as to insure we have your correct web address.

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



**CHET
Advisor
529
Plan**

Avon Chamber Day at **The Salvation Army Holiday Store** is scheduled for Monday, December 23, 7 AM-6 PM.

The Holiday Store collects non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and monetary donations on behalf of those less fortunate in our greater community. **Avon Old Farms Hotel** has graciously provided a permanent home for the Store since its return to Avon in 2006. Each year since then, the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** and its members have supported these two Chamber members in this endeavor by generously volunteering one day to act as greeters for those donating and sorters of items donated.

Shifts Are Now OPEN! for members that would like to sign-up to be part of this very special day. Shifts are in two-hour increments. **We Still Need 2 Volunteers for the 1-3 p.m. Shift!!** Because the Chamber's day this year is the day before Christmas Eve, it is sure to be very busy!

Thank You to the following Chamber members that are generously volunteering their time:

5:30-7 a.m. Leslie Gordon, **Be.Yoga**

7-9 a.m. Peg Mayer, **Howard L. Page & Co.**; Bill Peck, **William R. Peck, CPA**

9-11 a.m. Kim Ciccarello, **Liberty Bank**; Mark Campbell, **Prime Engineering Sales**; Dr. Lori Snow, **Rainbow Adoptions International**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Beth Zweibel, **Avon Education Foundation**; Michael Mezheritskiy, **Visionary Private Wealth Management Group**

1-3 p.m.
We Still Need 2 Volunteers for This Shift!!

3-5 p.m. Vic Bible, **IFFS Eldercare Consultants**; Robin DiNicola, **Simsbury Bank**; Chip Janiszewski, **SendOutCards**

If you would like to volunteer please email Lisa at the Chamber or click on the link below

Avon Chamber Day at **The Salvation Army Holiday Store**

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 individual filers contributing up to \$5,000 and for those filing jointly contributing up to \$10,000. Start with as little as \$50.

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

GOT A DATE-SPECIFIC EVENT OR SPECIAL FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS
EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO
AvonChamber@sbcglobal.net



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

AVON HEALTH CENTER

This Saturday, December 14, starting at 10:30 AM, **Avon Health Center** is hosting a **Children's Holiday Party**. A Magic Show with Magician Tom O'Brien starts the day, followed by a visit from

at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**
Route 44, Avon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:00 AM to 6:00 PM



MEMBER BENEFIT **Avon Chamber of Commerce**

and



Avon Chamber and **Valpak** teamed up to bring you a first-ever **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**. Our **Blue Envelope** was mailed in mid-October to people in the towns of Avon, Canton, and part of Simsbury.

CLICK ON THE VALPAK ENVELOPE TO PRINT ALL THE OFFERS FROM OUR MEMBER ADVERTISERS

Thank you to the following Chamber members that are part of the first **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**:

- **Avon Executive Offices**
- **Benefits Plus**
- **Dunstan Jewelers Ltd.**
- **Fitness On The Run**
- **Healthtrax Fitness**
- **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**
- **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride**
- **Premier Energy**
- **River Ridge at Avon**
- **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**
- **The Salvation Army**
- **TravelVision**
- **Visionary Private Wealth Management Group**
- **Waste Material Trucking**
- **William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan**

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Santa. Children will also be able to decorate and take home a one-of-a-kind Gingerbread Cookie. **Avon Health Center** is located at **652 West Avon Road, Avon**

BELLE TERRACE AT AVON OLD FARMS

This Saturday, December 14, from 6:30-11:30 PM, **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is hosting a **Big/Little Holiday Party**. This event is a celebration perfect for smaller groups, together for one large event. From 6:30-7:30 PM enjoy a Bruschetta Station, Chef's selection of Butler Passed Hors d'Oeuvres and Open Bar. Dinner follows which includes: Apple Cranberry Salad, Winter Fruit Cous-Cous Salad, Bourbon & Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Loin, Chimichurri Marinated Sirloin Tip Steak, Seared Scallops, Lemon Scented Grilled Asparagus, Cheese Tortellini along with Homemade Dinner Rolls & Focaccia Sweet Cream Butter. Top your evening off with their Dessert Station featuring assorted individual locally made pies. Cost is \$49/guest, tax and service charge additional. **Reservations are Required** and can be made by calling **860.404.5051**. **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is located at **1 Nod Road, Avon**

CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER

This Saturday, December 14, at 2 PM, at Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery, East Street, Windsor, **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** is hosting a **Wreaths Across America Ceremony**. The community is encouraged to attend this special event. For more information call **860.673.8610** or visit www.CarmonFuneralHome.com

COMCAST

AND My Hometown Map



The Map has been mailed and is available at various locations throughout the community. Need additional Maps -- the Chamber has some available.

Click on the Map to View it Online as well as Links to All Our Participating Member Advertisers that **Put Their Businesses on the Map**

- Allstate Insurance - Jennifer Johnson
- Andrighetti & Sons
- Autumn Light Studio & Gallery
- Auto Club of Hartford-AAA
- Avon Education Foundation
- Avon Kempo & Aikido Academy
- Avon Old Farms Hotel
- Avon Veterans of Foreign Wars

On Thursday, December 19, from 7:30-10 AM, at The Hartford Club, **Comcast** is sponsoring a free small business seminar entitled **Using Technology to Help Your Small Business Thrive -- Tips & Tricks to Better Use Technology To Your Advantage**. This is a free event. Breakfast will be served. Limited space is available. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. To register go to www.Comcast-business-series.com

PAYHUB

From now through Tuesday, December 17, **PayHub** is **Collecting New or Gently Used Mittens** to donate to the Susan B. Anthony Project in Torrington. If you would like to donate a pair of mittens you may either mail them or drop them off at their office. **PayHub** is located at **200 Fisher Drive, Avon**

THE GRIST MILL RESTAURANT

On Wednesday, December 18, from 6-7:30 PM, **The Grist Mill Restaurant** along with fellow **Avon Chamber member Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors**, are hosting a **Holiday Wine Tasting**. The event also features an array of delicious hors d'Oeuvres. Cost is \$25/person all inclusive. For reservations call **860.676.8855**. **The Grist Mill Restaurant** is located at **51 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

THE MEAT HOUSE

From now through Wednesday, December 18, **The Meat House** is **Collecting New, Unwrapped Toys** to be donated to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Donations may be dropped off in the giant present box located at the front of the store. **The Meat House** is located at **395 West**

- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center
- Edward Jones-Peter Vignati
- E.N.E Realty Associates
- Farmington Valley Academy Montessori
- Farmington Woods Golf Club
- Huntington Learning Center
- Jolie Boutique Consignment
- Jung & Associates
- Keller Williams Realty - Sylvia Colvin
- Law Office of Brian S. Karpe
- Miller Foods/Oma's Pride
- Patient Advocate For You
- River Ridge at Avon
- Sayward Companies
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- Simsbury Bank
- Spargo Construction
- Talcott Mountain Academy
- The Zoo Health Club
- TravelVision
- Waste Material Trucking
- William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan

MEMBER BENEFIT

Get Your Membership Plaque(s) Today!!



Studies have shown that consumers are 63% more likely to buy goods and services from a business that is a member of a chamber of commerce . . .

Now there are TWO great ways for you to show the community that you are a proud member of the Avon Chamber.

First -- Our **MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES** have arrived and are ready for you to display at your place of business, trade shows, special events, etc. . . You can hang them on a wall or stand them on a counter. Please make sure to pick yours up today and display it prominently.

Second -- Join with fellow Chamber members **Ace Marketing and Sales, Avon Education Foundation, Digital Design Chick, E.N.E. Realty Associates, Ink 13, Keller Williams Realty-The Zambrellos, Miller Foods, Mind My Life, Molly Maid of Farmington,**

Main Street/Route 44, Avon

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

On Saturday, December 21, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting **Winter Wonderland featuring Jerome Riley** Step in from the cold and cozy up with classic hits from the 50s and 60s. Famous for his position in Herb Reed and The Platters, Jerome continues to entertain crowds of all ages with his high energy solo show. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626** **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

On Sunday, December 22, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is holding their **Holiday Concert** Spend an afternoon with the ever-popular Village Gate voices who will perform all the holiday classics. Reception to follow. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626** **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

On Tuesday, December 31, at 7 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is holding a **New Year's Eve Party** Ring in the New Year with your friends at Village Gate. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626** **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**



Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)

and the numerous others that are displaying our **VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE** on their websites. Just like our membership plaque can be displayed at your place of business, the Virtual Membership Plaque is designed to be displayed on your website, facebook page, etc

Here's How to Get Your Plaques

MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES Will be available at every Chamber event or you may contact the Chamber office and make arrangements to pick yours up.

VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES Are available in JPG format and can be obtained by contacting the Chamber office. Additionally, the Chamber will provide you with HTML code to link your virtual plaque back to the page where your business listing appears in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory.

Plaque Artwork generously donated by
BONNER & COMPANY Creative Communications



Join Us in December 2013 for **A.W.E (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)** **NEXT TUESDAY**

The Avon Chamber's newest Group -- **A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)** offers the A.W.E.-some women of our Chamber an opportunity to engage with one another and discuss issues that are unique and of particular interest to them. Each month the group meets for 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 conclude by opening the meeting up to explore topics of importance in the lives of our professional women. Presently, this is a MEMBERS ONLY group; though a guest policy is under consideration and will be announced at a future date.

December 2013 A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)

at: **Avon Old Farms School**
500 Old Farms Road, Avon

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

Simsbury Bank and the Chamber Insurance Trust have partnered to provide Chamber members with high quality **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (HSAs)**

These are premium interest accounts designed to complement the portfolio of HSA-compatible health insurance plans from



To learn about the **Simsbury Bank** HSAs please call **860.676.2265** or [CLICK HERE](#)

Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

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.

Please Note: You MUST RSVP by Thursday, December 12 for this Meeting - Exact Directions to our Meeting Location will be Forwarded To You

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** Group



Join Us for our January 2014
**Joint Business After Hours/
Happy New Year**
with the
Plainville Chamber of Commerce

We are starting off the New Year by joining with members of the **Plainville Chamber of Commerce** for our first **Business After Hours** of 2014 hosted by **Village Gate of Farmington**; an all-inclusive independent senior living community located in a scenic suburban locale but just minutes away from major highways. Amenities include a restaurant-style dining room, fitness room and exercise equipment, complimentary shuttle service, a full calendar of activities, events and volunteer opportunities, and so much more. Come and celebrate the start of 2014 with our friends at the **Plainville Chamber of Commerce** and enjoy a Caribbean-themed networking event at this unique and distinctive business.

If you would Like to Offer A Drawing Item at this event please contact [Lisa](#) at the **Avon Chamber**

If you would Like to Be A Host or Co-Host of a future Business After Hours Please contact [Lisa](#) at the **Avon Chamber**

January 2014 Combined Business After Hours/ Happy New Year

hosted by: **Village Gate of Farmington**

88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

In addition, 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



BENEFITS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS

Dental 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.

Vision Blue View Vision plans cover regular eye exams and include additional savings

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Event



Join Us for our February 2014 Morning Business Network Connection

That's right -- due to the New Year's holiday

-- the next time this networking group meets is not until **February 2014!**



COSI

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

February's Presenter is:
Janina Cummings 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!!!

February 2014 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

programs that allow members to save even after their annual benefits are used up. That is a 40% discount on unlimited extra pairs of eyeglasses, 15% on regular contacts, and 20% on many other items including sunglasses.

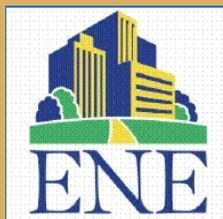
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Coverage options include Group Term Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), Dependent Life, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability -- Available on an employer-paid or employee-paid (voluntary) basis.

For more information click on this link:

[Chamber Dental, Vision, Disability and Life](#)

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CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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On Friday, November 1, the **Peter M. Bakker Agency** and **Pullman & Comley, LLC**



hosted and presented respectively **What Does the Affordable Care Act Really Mean for My Business** Members had the opportunity to listen to attorney Sharon Freilich discuss various aspects of the Affordable Care Act and the impact each has on small businesses and their employees.

Look for This Program again in Spring 2014



Our September **Talk to the Town-Doing Business in Avon** program gave members of the Avon Chamber the opportunity to hear from and speak with key town officials that are the primary contacts for businesses in Avon. Special Thanks to Brandon Robertson - Avon Town Manager, Steve Kushner - Director of Planning and Community Development/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Harry DerAsadourian - Town Assessor.



Look for This Program again in March 2014



Tuesday, September 17, saw the return of our popular computer training classes. Starting us off for the year was instructor Bruce Shein of **Avon Executive Offices** with **Microsoft Excel 2010 for Business-Creating a Good Worksheet and Tips for Beginners to Intermediate Users**



Special thanks to **Farmington Woods Golf Club** for hosting this class.

Look for this program again in June 2014

Free Medication Lists Made for You, as well as Review of Medications and Discussion of Chronic Disease Management Options



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: **Patient Advocate For You * 30 Tower Lane * Avon Park South * Avon, CT 06001 * 860.703.1575 * sharon@ptadvocate4u.com * www.PTAdvocate4u.com**



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