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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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Your Business Connection - Now In Our 49th Year

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Events and Information

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JOIN the AVON CHAMBER GROUP on



Large/Small Business of the Year

It is time once again for us to seek nominations for the 2014 Large Business of the Year (50-plus employees) and Small Business of the Year (under 50 employees). These honors are bestowed at our Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon to be held in late May. If you know of a Chamber member business that you think should be nominated for this special recognition, please email [Lisa](#) at the Chamber and include the following:

- Your Name,
- the Name of Your Business,
- the Name of the Business You Are Nominating, and
- Using the Award Criteria (see below) a Brief

Entrepreneurs)

April 16 - Combined Business After Hours

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON Coming This May!

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

Summary of Why Your Nominee Is Ideal for the Award.

AWARD CRITERIA

Deadline For Nominations is Monday, February 17!

Click on the link to check out our current
Featured Member
River Ridge at Avon

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 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

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

MEMBER BENEFIT **Avon Chamber of Commerce**



and



Avon Chamber and **Valpak** are teaming up again this Spring to bring you **Another Opportunity to Be Part Of** an
Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer!!
Our **Blue Envelope** will be mailed to parts of Avon, Canton, and Simsbury.
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS

Thank you to the following Chamber members that were 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**

**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**

ARDEN COURTS OF AVON

On Thursday, March 6, 5-7 PM, **Arden Courts of Avon** is hosting a **Dementia Education Series: Managing Difficult Behaviors** presented by Pamela Atwood, Director, Dementia Care at Hebrew Hospital. Dinner will be served prior to the presentation. Reservation Required. Adult Day Care provided by reservation. RSVP by calling **860.678.7500** or by emailing macil.stang@arden-courts.com Arden Courts of Avon is located at 100 Fisher Drive, Avon

AVON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Avon Education Foundation is seeking **Goods & Services from Area Businesses** for their **10th Anniversary Spring Gala** Silent and Live Auctions and Dinner Dance slated for Saturday, March 29. If you are interested in making a donation visit www.AvonEdFoundation.org for instructions on how to donate.

BERTUCCI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Now through tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12, **Bertucci's Italian Restaurant** is giving you a chance to **Win a Bertucci's Valentine's Dinner For Two** Enter your email at the restaurant for a chance to win Dinner for Two Friday or Saturday night Valentine's Day Weekend. Winner will be notified by email. Excludes alcohol and gratuity. **Bertucci's Italian Restaurant** is located at **380 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon Marketplace, Avon**

COSI

**Avon Chamber of Commerce
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
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center

Now through this Saturday, February 15, **Cosi** has a **Special Offer** Buy a \$25 Gift Card and Receive a Free Entree at the time of purchase. Limit five free entrees per day. Excludes Cosi online ordering, catering and Cosi online store. **Cosi** is located at **385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

MICHAELS JEWELERS

This Friday, February 14, from 10 AM-8 PM, **Michaels Jewelers** is having an **Exclusive Trunk show Event featuring Mi Moneda** Chic, unique and versatile interchangeable jewelry now recently available in the United States. Handcrafted quality and fashion-forward designs starting at just \$25. Be one of the first to see the new Spring/Summer 2014 Collection! In addition, enter to win a Moneda of your choice. **Michaels Jewelers** is located at **380 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon Marketplace, Avon**

NEW COUNTRY MOTOR CARS

Now through this Thursday, February 13, **New Country Motor Cars** is giving you a chance to **Win A Night On The Town** In celebration of Valentine's Day, one lucky couple will win a prize package that includes a personal chauffeur for the entire evening; a shave, haircut and new outfit for the man; a glamorous hair styling and designer outfit for the lady; and a candlelight gourmet Italian meal for two. To enter simply describe in 300 words or less why your beloved deserves to step out in style for a decadent night on the town. Nominations will also be accepted for an exceptional couple whose love is an inspiration to those who know them. All entries must be received by this Thursday, February 13. Winner will be announced on Friday, February 14. The prize must be redeemed between Saturday, February 15 and Saturday, March 15, 2014. Participants must be 18 years or older. To enter visit www.newcountry.com/romanticrendezvous.htm

STONEWALL KITCHEN

Thursday, February 13 through Sunday, February 23, **Stonewall Kitchen** is holding a **Winter Warehouse Sale** Take an additional 20% off all sale items. **Stonewall Kitchen** is located at **336 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

THE GRIST MILL RESTAURANT

This February **The Grist Mill Restaurant** is

- 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** are available 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 Zambellos, Miller Foods, Mind My Life, Molly Maid of Farmington, Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)** and the numerous others that are displaying our **VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE** on their

offering several **Dining Specials** including: Buy One Lunch Entree Get One Free and Two For One Dinner Special Monday-Wednesday. Coupons are available on their website and must be presented to your server prior to ordering. Limit one coupon per party/per table. Dine-in only. To get your coupons visit www.TheGristMill.net

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Friday, February 14, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting **Love Songs** Let Village Gate be your sweetheart this Valentine's Day. Come alone or bring a friend or loved one to hear Keir White perform your favorite love songs. 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

This Sunday, February 16, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting a **Game Show Spectacular** Have you ever envisioned yourself competing on a Hollywood game show set? Well now is your chance! Bring a (smart) friend and come on down to Village Gate where our trivia-based competition will challenge your knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. Players of all ages are welcome! 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 Wednesday, February 19, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting a **Special Preview: Downton Abbey Season Finale** Hooked on Downton? So is Village Gate! On Wednesday, February 19 they will be partying like the Crawley family. Have your lady's maid or valet dress you to the nines, then enjoy delicacies from Mrs. Patmore's kitchen and watch the season four finale before the rest of America. Most scandalous! 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 Wednesday, February 19, at 5:30 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting **Dine & Learn: Positive Thinking for Successful Aging** Licensed clinician and geriatric social worker Sheri Morris will present a fun and light-hearted

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
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Join Us for our February 2014 Business After Hours WEDNESDAY!

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, our February **Business After Hours** is all about the love. **HealthTrax Fitness & Wellness** will show us all how easy it is to 'love' the way we look by improving our overall health and well-being utilizing their unique programs and facilities. **HealthTrax Fitness & Wellness** offers Fitness Classes, Wellness Programs, Physical and Aquatic Rehabilitation, a Partnership with Hartford Hospital and Other Medical Services, and so much more. We think you will really 'warm up' to this great networking opportunity.

If you would Like to Offer A Drawing Item at this event please contact **Lisa** at the **Avon Chamber**

Thank you to the following **Members** that have contributed a Drawing Item for this
Business After Hours:
Boucher Building & Renovations Bottle of Wine

presentation with tips and strategies for helping seniors and their loved ones overcome the stressful aspects of aging or care giving and enjoy the golden years! A light dinner will be served. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626** Village Gate of Farmington is located at 88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington



NEW

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 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.

In addition, this insurance may be integrated

TCBY Avon Marketplace Gift Certificate for 10 Pre-Selected and Packaged, Pre-Made Individual 8oz. Cups of Frozen Yogurt

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

February 2014 Business After Hours
hosted by: **HealthTrax Fitness & Wellness**

100 Simsbury Road, Avon
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

Members - Free; Non-Members - \$20



Join Us in February 2014 for **A.W.E (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)**

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.

February 2014 A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)
at: **Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)**

70 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Group

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 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.

Disability and Life 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



Join Us for our March 2014 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.



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

March'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!!!

March 2014 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

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

Members - Free; First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us For
Connecticut Business Day

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CORPORATE SPONSORS**



Office and Medical Space



Remember



2014

The state legislative session is underway. Take advantage of this opportunity to let your legislators know the issues that impact your business, your employees, and your future; and that ultimately affect our state's economy.

Join with the Avon Chamber and numerous other business organizations from across Connecticut as we let key policymakers know what is important to the business community.

Here's who is attending thus far:

Jim Gordon - **The Salvation Army**
Scott Nardozzi - **Union Savings Bank**

Be part of the picture -- Join us on March 5!!



Avon Chamber at Connecticut Business Day 2014

at Legislative Office Building

300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Connecticut Business Day is **FREE OF CHARGE** and Sponsored by **CBIA** (Connecticut Business and Industry Association) and **CACCE** (Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives)

CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[CLICK HERE](#) To See the Programs We Offer



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.

To Be Repeated on THURSDAY, MARCH 27



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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