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## Events and Information

February 1, 2012



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**SAVE THE DATE**

### 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.



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

**47th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 23**  
**Golf Club of Avon**

For a complete listing of all  
**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](#)



**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
WITH THE  
MEMBERS**

**Communications**



Be A Part of  
**SPARK**

Friday, March 23  
7:45-10:45 a.m.

**Avon Chamber of Commerce** is pleased to be partnering with **Avon High School PTO** for this year's **SPARK** program.

Now in its second year, **SPARK** is a half-day, workshop-based program designed to let students explore new areas of interest and learn about careers, businesses and hobbies directly from local experts.

That's where you, the members of the Avon Chamber, come in. Your participation will not only help increase the richness of this unique program for participating students, but provide you with a unique opportunity to highlight your business to a greater community of students and faculty.

We hope you will consider participating in this program and pass the **SPARK** of your knowledge and experience on to the next generation.

If you are interested in participating please go to the Event Page and fill out the

**2012 SPARK Commitment Form**



**Join Us For Our February 2012  
Business After Hours  
NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Stay on track with your healthy New Year's resolutions by attending our next **Business After Hours**, hosted by our members at the Hartford Hospital Wellness Center at Avon - Your smile will never look so good as when you visit **Avon Wellness Center Dental Associates** - Then learn how to stay on track with your health and fitness goals or avoid those nagging sports injuries when you talk to our friends at **Eastern Rehabilitation Network** - Once you're done there enjoy some great exercise classes at

## FARM RESTAURANT & TAP ROOM at AVON OLD FARMS HOTEL

Available Friday, February 10, Saturday, February 11, Friday February 17, Saturday, February 18, and of course, Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14 **Farm Restaurant at Avon Old Farms Hotel** is offering a **Special \$99/ couple Pre-Fixe Menu or A La Carte Menu** For additional information or reservations please call **860.269.0242** or email **info@FarmFoodCT.com** **Farm Restaurant** is located within **Avon Old Farms Hotel, 279 Avon Mountain Road, Avon**

## FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

This Saturday, February 4, 10 AM-4 PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is holding its monthly **First Saturday Open Studios** This is your opportunity to visit with the Center's on-site artists. Tour their studios and shop their many varied pieces. Admission is free. **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

## MILLER FOODS Home Of OMA'S PRIDE

Just in time for Valentine's Day, **Oma's Pride** is offering the **O'Paws Love Bundle** a scrumptious assortment of treats for your much-loved pet. For more information call **1.800.678.6627** or visit them at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

## THE HAIR LOFT

From now through Tuesday, February 14, **The Hair Loft** is inviting you to **"Check-In" on Facebook** each time you are in the salon for a chance to win a \$50 gift card from fellow Avon Chamber member **The Meat House**. The only way you can do this is by using

**HealthTrax Fitness** - Finally check out the therapeutic benefits of naturopathic, chiropractic, acupuncture and massage offered by the physicians at **Whole Health Associates**

### February 2012 Business After Hours

hosted by: **Avon Wellness Center Dental Associates**  
**Eastern Rehabilitation Network**  
**Hartford Hospital**  
**HealthTrax Fitness**  
**Whole Health Associates**

at **Hartford Hospital Wellness Center at Avon**  
100 Simsbury Road/Route 10, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



## Join Us For Reinventing Connecticut Business Informational Session

Come and listen as officials from the state Department of Economic and Community Development provide a comprehensive overview of the recent special legislative session on jobs. Learn firsthand how this new legislation will impact your business as well as about the many resources DECD has available to help small



"Check-In" from the Facebook application on your smart phone. **The Hair Loft** is located in **Riverdale Farms Shopping, 136 Simsbury Road, Building 15, Avon**



## 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.

businesses. The program will include the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a DECD representative along with a Q & A period.

### Reinventing Connecticut Business Infomational Session

at **Clarion Hotel**

42 Century Drive, Bristol  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**FREE** to **AVON CHAMBER MEMBERS**



## Join Us For Connecticut Business Day 2012

When session begins in February, state legislators will be working on measures that will greatly affect your business, your employees, and your future. This half-day, morning program is *your* opportunity to speak up! Please join with these Avon Chamber members that have already made the commitment to participate:

Charlie Mayer - [Data 2000](#)  
Michelle Voegtle - [Educational and Career Consultant](#)  
Peg Mayer - [Howard L. Page & Co.](#)  
Susan Lederman - [P'Zazz](#)  
Chip Janiszewski - [SendOutCards](#)  
Robin DiNicola - [Simsbury Bank](#)  
Martin Geitz - [Simsbury Bank](#)  
Jim Gordon - [The Salvation Army](#)  
Scott Nardoizzi - [Union Savings Bank](#)

as they join with other business leaders from across Connecticut to help insure that key business issues are addressed during the upcoming legislative session.

### Connecticut Business Day 2012

hosted by: **CACCE (Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives)**  
**CBIA (Connecticut Business and Industry Association)**

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



at **Legislative Office Building**  
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29 (Leap Day!)**  
7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

### A FREE PROGRAM



## Join Us For Our March 2012 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:

**Bruce Sayward** of  
**Sayward Companies**



**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 2012 Morning Business Network Connection**

**PET INSURANCE**



hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**  
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

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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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