

Subject: Avon Chamber Events and Information NT July 10 2013
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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 other area businesses that you feel might benefit from what the Avon Chamber has to offer. Thank you!

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Events and Information

July 10, 2013



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FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



Avon Chamber of Commerce



Commerce LOCAL FIRST is coming this Fall! 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

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

Thank You to the Following Chamber Members that Put Their Business 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
- 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

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

**GOT AN 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

BK DESIGNWORKS

Starting next Monday, July 15 through Friday, November 15, **BK**

Designworks will give you a **BK Buck** each time you bring in a non-perishable food or paper item. Items dropped off will be donated to local food banks and to fellow **Avon Chamber member Gifts of Love** to help them restock for the holidays. BK Bucks may be used to save on future BK printing, copy, and promotional orders. Check out their Blog for details and updates - visit <http://bkdesignworks.com/blog1/>
BK Designworks is located at **200 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

From now through Saturday, July 27, the **Farmington Valley Arts Center** has two exhibits running. The first entitled **Connections** is a special exhibit of select pieces from the arts center's professional resident studio artists. The second, **A Sketch Book Project**, is an exhibit of sketchbooks from more than thirty local, regional and national submissions.
Farmington Valley Arts Center is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

**-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 Avon Chamber of Commerce

and



Avon Chamber and **Valpak** are teaming up to bring you a first-ever **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**. This is a fantastic opportunity to save over 50% off of Valpak's normal ad pricing and be a part of this Chamber marketing piece due to hit local mailboxes in mid-October of this year -- just before the holidays! As of this email **only 22 spots remain.**

To learn more about this new Member Benefit **CLICK ON THE VALPAK ENVELOPE**

Thank you to the following Chamber members that will be part of the first **Avon Chamber Valpak Blue Envelope:**

- **The Salvation Army**
- **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

GIFTS OF LOVE

On Friday, August 9, from 6:30-9:30 PM, at The Community Farm of Simsbury, **Gifts of Love** is holding its annual **Ready, Set Cook! Food Showdown and Tailgate Party** featuring local celebrity chefs and judges, including: former New England Patriot Tebucky Jones, MaryEllen Fillo from The Hartford Courant, and former UConn basketball great Rebecca Lobo. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cooking showdown, cash bar, live music, silent beer mug auction, and much more. Among the secret ingredients in the cooking competition will be fresh produce picked from the surrounding gardens. Tickets are \$50/person, with proceeds going to benefit Gifts of Love. Tickets can be purchased by emailing dgalli@giftsoflovect.org or online at www.GiftsofLovect.org

TCBY AVON MARKETPLACE

On Sunday, July 28, from 12-5 PM, **TCBY Avon Marketplace** is holding its **2nd Annual TCBY Summer Fun Day 2013**. The day will include chair massages, hair braiding and face painting for the kids, along with a kid jump house, fire trucks from the local fire department, fellow **Avon Chamber member Waste Material Trucking Touch-A-Truck** for kids, and a hot tub courtesy of fellow **Avon Chamber member Superior Hearth, Spas and Leisure**. Additionally, there will be a Yogurt Eating Contest and Brain Freeze Contest. Fellow **Avon Chamber members The Meat House** will be selling food, along with **Bertucci's** and **COSI**. Other **Avon Chamber members** participating include: **Bikers Edge, Huntington Learning Center, Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon, The Zoo Health Club,** and **Verizon Wireless**. Ten percent of all proceeds will go to benefit MDA. **TCBY Avon Marketplace** is located at **530R Bushy Hill Road, Avon**

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 **NEW 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, Keller Williams Realty-The Zambrellos, 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

NEW 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

Is Your Business Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2015? If so, please contact Lisa at the Chamber



Join Us for our July 2013
Network/Golf with the

Marketplace, Simsbury

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

Valley Sports Center is currently offering **Sports Day Camps** for kids of all ages. Offerings include: *Lil' Kickers Soccer* half-day camps for kids ages 3-4 and 5-7, *Be Your Best Multi-Sport Camp* for children ages 6-10, *Middle School Basketball* for boys and *Middle School Basketball* for girls, *Beginner* and *Advanced Volleyball* for girls, and a unique boys grades 7-12 basketball camp led by Division 1 coach Seth Greenberg, and many more. To register call **860.693.2378** or visit them online at www.ValleySportsCenter.com

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Thursday, July 11, starting promptly at 5:30 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** will be hosting **Dine & Discuss - What's Up With Downsizing?** Downsizing professionals can help simplify one of life's most daunting tasks - organizing and moving from your home. From early-stage planning to unpacking in your new residence, hear from two downsizing experts who will help you build a solid plan to achieve a stress free move. A complimentary dinner will be provided. Space is limited. RSVP by calling **860.676.8626**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

On Sunday, July 14, from 10 AM-3 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** will be hosting **Pet-A-Palooza** They are dedicating a whole day to our furry friends. Have your cat or dog groomed by Mo's Mobil Grooming, let your dog try the doggy obstacle course, and join Cat of Mo's Pet Spa at 2 PM for an informative seminar on basic pet care and grooming tips. Space is limited. RSVP by calling **860.676.8626**

VILLAGE GATE OF



Chamber

What could be better than spending a Summer afternoon together with other Chamber members and business guests that enjoy a good round of golf as much as you do AND doing something good for your business at the same time? That is what **Network/Golf with the Chamber** is all about.



We will be playing 9 challenging holes of golf at beautiful **Farmington Woods Golf Club**. And, when you finish your round, keep the networking going by stopping at the clubhouse for a refreshing drink or a bite to eat. This event is open to any Avon Chamber member that wants to play -- all levels welcome! Maximum of 20 Golfers As of this email **17 places remain!**

July 2013 Network/Golf with the Chamber
hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

43 Heritage Drive, Avon
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **TUESDAY, JULY 16**

With Cart - \$25, Without Cart - \$20
Payable Upon Arrival

Avon, Canton, Northwest and Simsbury
Chambers of Commerce

Invite You to Join Us For a
Combined Business After Hours



This Event is
co-sponsored and
supported by our friends
at the following
Chambers of Commerce:



Santa's on Vacation...
visit him at Belle Terrace
at Avon Old Farms!

Come join us for a
Christmas in July Celebration
to preview our
Holiday 2013 Menus
& Entertaining Ideas for your
Holiday Party at Belle Terrace.

Food - Cocktails - Networking - Fun!

Thursday July 18th
5:30pm - 7:30pm

In the Belle Terrace Ballroom

FARMINGTON

On Monday, July 22, from 2-5 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** will be hosting a **Pamper Day** Treat yourself to some well-deserved R & R. Enjoy massages, manicures, facials and spa treatments. Space is limited. RSVP by calling **860.676.8626**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

On Saturday, July 27, from 2-4 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** will be hosting a **Senior Living Open House** If you or a loved one are considering moving to a senior living community you won't want to miss this event. Learn what your options are by mingling with Village Gate's management team over refreshments. Casual community tours will be available. Space is limited. RSVP by calling **860.676.8626**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

On Monday, July 29, at 7 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** will be hosting a **Concert featuring Mama's Wranglers** This family band has played throughout the U.S. and is famous for their music, clogging and yodeling. Space is limited. RSVP by calling **860.676.8626**



Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

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

supported by our friends at the following Chambers of Commerce:



1 Nod Road
Avon CT. 06001
860.404.5051
www.avonbelleterrace.com

BELLE TERRACE
AT AVON OLD FARMS

Food - Cocktails - Networking - Fun!

Thursday July 18th

5:30pm - 7:30pm

In the Belle Terrace Ballroom

Please register for this event with your affiliated Chamber of Commerce.

For further information regarding Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms, please contact Christine Mola cmola@avonbelleterrace.com or 860.404.5051

Combined Business After Hours Event

hosted by: **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms**

1 Nod Road, Avon
THURSDAY, JULY 18
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **TUESDAY, JULY 16**

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Join Us for our August 2013 Morning Business Network Connection



This group is a consistent draw because it is more intimate than our larger Business After Hours and thus provides a greater opportunity for one-on-one networking. 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

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.

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

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

August's Presenter is:
Ketil Osland of



Financial Corporation



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!!!

August 2013 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by: **COSI**

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

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us for our August 2013 Business After Hours

After a short hiatus we are back with another G-R-E-A-T **Business After Hours** Join us as we enjoy the last days of August networking on the patio

at the **Farmington Bank** branch directly across the street from the Chamber office.



FARMINGTON BANK™
You've come to the right place

Come and get better acquainted with this fixture of the local banking community that is known for diversified consumer and commercial products, personalized customer service, and strong ties to the central Connecticut communities that they serve.

August 2013 Business After Hours
hosted by: **Farmington Bank**

427 West Avon Road, Avon

****Please Note the Branch We Will Be At****

****Please Note the CHANGE OF DATE****



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,](#)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us for our August 2013 Network/Golf with the Chamber

This is it -- your last chance this Summer to play a round of golf with other Chamber members and business guests AND do something good for your business at the same time.



We will be playing 9 challenging holes of golf at beautiful **Farmington Woods Golf Club**. And, when you finish your round, keep the networking going by stopping at the clubhouse for a refreshing drink or a bite to eat. This event is open to any Avon Chamber member that wants to play -- all levels welcome! Maximum of 20 Golfers

August 2013 Network/Golf with the Chamber
hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

43 Heritage Drive, Avon
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

With Cart - \$25, Without Cart - \$20
Payable Upon Arrival

7th Annual Career Exploration Day

Disability and Life

**MORE CHAMBER
INSURANCE
PROGRAMS**

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more information

**MEDICARE
ADVANTAGE**



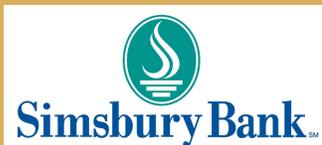
PET INSURANCE



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Office and Medical Space



Avon High School student Peter Bujwid with
Laura Ward of **WardComm Public Relations**

Avon Chamber and **Avon High School 7th Annual Career Exploration Day**, held on **Thursday, May 23**, saw nearly 25 Avon High students participating and learning about ten of our member businesses. Avon Chamber mentors provided the students with the opportunity to speak with them about fields in which they are interested and, in most cases, see first-hand their places of work.

Thank You to the following Chamber Members that served as Mentors:

- Avon Wellness Center Dental Associates
- Fitness Together Avon
- Marriott Residence Inn-Avon
- Patient Advocate For You
- PayHub
- River Ridge at Avon
- Sayward Companies
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- TCBY Avon Marketplace
- WardComm Public Relations

Remember



15% Discount for Chamber Members



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: **TCBY * Avon Marketplace * 530R Bushy Hill Road * Simsbury, CT 06070 * 860.658.4520 * tbyavon@att.net * www.TCByct.com**



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