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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 Beginning Our 49th Year

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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[August 14 - Network/Golf with the Chamber](#)

[August 14 - EDUCATION PROGRAM - Golf Demystified for Women in Business](#)

[September 4 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[September 11 - Business After Hours/Pig Roast](#)

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

Avon Chamber of Commerce
AND
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For a complete listing of all
**UPCOMING AVON CHAMBER
 EVENTS** [CLICK HERE](#)

**FEATURED MEMBER
 BENEFIT**



**Avon
 Chamber
 of
 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

Click on the Map to View it Online As Well
 As Links to All Our Participating Members
 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
- 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

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 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

From now 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 this 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**

- 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 **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 20 places 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**:

- **Avon Executive Offices**
- **The Salvation Army**
- **Visionary Private Wealth Management Group**
- **William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan**

MEMBER BENEFIT

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**

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

ROTARY CLUB OF AVON-CANTON

On Monday, September 16, at **Avon Chamber member** the Golf Club of Avon, the **Rotary Club of Avon-Canton** is holding its **24th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** Registration begins at 10 AM with a Putting Contest, followed by Lunch at 11 AM-Noon. The tournament is scramble format and features a Hole-in-One Contest, Closest to the Pin (men & women), Longest Drive (men & women), Team Low Gross/Team Low Net Competitions, and 'Beat the Pro'. Enjoy a Steak and Lobster Dinner immediately following play. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available on the course. Take advantage of the Early Bird Golfer Special - Register by Wednesday, July 31 and pay just \$180. All proceeds go to support the

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 **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 Zambellos, 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.

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Club's charitable endeavors. For more information about golfer registration, advertising and sponsorship opportunities, contact **Thor Cheyne** at **860.558.7100** or go to www.RotaryClubOfAvon-Canton.org

TCBY AVON MARKETPLACE

This 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 conducting a Hot Dog Eating Contest as well as selling food, along with **Bertucci's** and **COSI**. Other **Avon Chamber members** participating include: **Avon Health Center**, **Bikers Edge**, **Huntington Learning Center**, **Orvis Avon**, **PayHub**, **People's United Bank**, **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**, **The Sewing Loft of Avon**, **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 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 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)**

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](#)

aetnaSM **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



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**](#)

**MORE CHAMBER
INSURANCE**

PROGRAMS

click on the images below for
more information

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



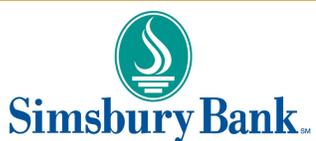
PET INSURANCE



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Office and Medical Space



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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