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Events and Information

March 12, 2012



GOT AN EVENT OR SPECIAL FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Click on the link to check out our current **Featured Member** [River Ridge at Avon](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[March 14 - Business After Hours](#)

[March 23 - SPARK](#)

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

[April 11 - Business After Hours/8th Annual Bring-A-Non-Member-Business Event](#)
If You Would Like to Donate an Item for the Prize Baskets Please Contact the Chamber Office

[April 25 - 6th Annual Career Exploration Day](#)
Registration for Mentors is

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
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NOW OPEN

SAVE THE DATE
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

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!! **A CHET Advisor 529 Plan Just For You**



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

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

Avon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be partnering with **"MyHomeTownMap"**

MyHomeTownMap.com and the **Avon Chamber** have teamed up to offer you a new promotional opportunity. **MyHomeTownMap**, located in Marstons Mills, MA, has worked extensively with chambers of commerce throughout Massachusetts to create print and complimentary online versions of town maps available free of charge. They are currently expanding this product into Connecticut and the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** is one of the first chambers in the state to be able to offer its members this targeted marketing opportunity!

MyHomeTownMap will be offering two basic size ads - Small 4-color ads, about the size of a business card, for \$325, and Larger 4-color ads, approximately double business card size, for \$550. In addition, each advertiser will receive an ad on the **MyHomeTownMap** website that is linked directly to the advertiser's website at no additional charge.

Once complete, these 4-color maps will be direct mailed to every residence in the town of Avon!

This opportunity is available only to Avon

AVON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

On Wednesdays March 14, March 21 and March 28, from 9 AM-7 PM, **Avon Dollars For Scholars** and fellow Avon Chamber member **The Meat House** will be sponsoring **Steak Tips For Scholarships** For every pound of steak tips ordered on these dates, **The Meat House** will donate \$1 to **Avon Dollars For Scholars** **The Meat House** is located at **395 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

AVON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

On Saturday, March 31, 6:30PM-Midnight, the **Avon Education Foundation** is holding its annual **Spring Gala** at fellow Avon Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel** with celebrity MC Rich Coppola of *Fox 61 News at Ten* and *Fox 61 Sports Ticket* The event features a welcome reception with open bar, three course formal dinner, dancing to music by The Lounge Lizards, and Live and Silent Auctions. Black Tie Optional. For ticket information please visit their website at www.AvonEdFoundation.org

ROYAL PROCLAMATIONS

On Saturday, March 31, from 9 AM-5 PM, at the Simsbury Inn, 397 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, **Royal Proclamations** is sponsoring the **4th Annual Total Woman Conference (TWC) - No More Limits: The Power For Expansion** featuring keynote speaker, Chicago-based best-selling author Lynn Richardson. TWC provides women with a full day of *C.A.R.E. (Celebrate, Applaud, Refresh & Equip)* to inspire, inform and connect them with the tools and resources for success in all aspects of their lives. To register for this event

Chamber Members! Ad sales will begin in early Spring - Don't be left out - answer the call and Put Your Business On The Map!!



Join Us For Our March 2012 Business After Hours **THIS WEDNESDAY SIGN-UP TODAY!!!**

It's off to Torrington we go for our March **Business After Hours** to see two Avon Chamber members -

Founders Insurance Group and **The Avon News/ Foothills Media**. We will



enjoy networking in the Register Citizen Newspaper's *Newsroom Cafe* - that's right - a cafe located in the heart of the newspaper's newsroom! Hear tell there will also be some door prizes on-hand to further entice you to attend. It should be a lot of fun and, as always, very informative - well worth the 20 minute drive along scenic Route 202. Don't be left out - sign up today!!

March 2012 Business After Hours

hosted by: **Founders Insurance Group**
The Avon News/Foothills Media

at **Register Citizen Newsroom Cafe**
59 Field Street, **TORRINGTON**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, MARCH 12**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us For Our April 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



please visit

www.RoyalProclamations.com

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITORS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, March 22, at 7 PM, at 41 Bridge Street in Collinsville, **Farmington Valley Visitors Association** presents **Mob's Murder Mystery** Join 'Uncle Franco' and his mobsters in a professional dinner theater production. Guests never know whom to expect, but they will know what to expect - a great meal and fantastic evening. AspenDream Productions, Connecticut's longest-running murder mystery comedy dinner show puts on an action-packed performance where everyone is considered a suspect. Tickets are \$75/person that includes dinner and entertainment. For more information contact **Farmington Valley Visitors Association** at **860.676.8878**

GIFTS OF LOVE

On Saturday, March 17, from 10 AM-4 PM, at Big Y in Avon, **Gifts of Love** is holding a **Stuff The Truck** Food Drive to help restock the shelves of the Avon, Canton, Farmington and Simsbury food pantries that are part of the Farmington Valley Hunger Collaborative.

HEALTHTRAX FITNESS & WELLNESS

Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16, **HealthTrax Fitness & Wellness** is holding an **Open House** Experience their comfortable, modern, spa-like environment. Enjoy one of their 60 classes offered each week, try a workout on their extensive fitness floor, or take a swim in the indoor warm-water pool. For more information contact **HealthTrax Fitness & Wellness** at **860.284.1190**

introduce themselves and their business. So stop by, promote your business, and exchange ideas and referrals.

COSI

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

April's Presenter is:

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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!!!

April 2012 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

Avon Chamber of Commerce
and
Avon High School
6th Annual Career Exploration Day
Registration for Mentors is Now Open!!



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.

To learn about these new health insurance options **click on the Aetna Logo above**

The name has changed but the purpose remains the same --- Help local Avon High School students **Explore** their career options by showing them where you work, what you do, and all about the many other opportunities that exist in your field, your business or organization. It's the best two-and-a-half hours you will ever spend!

Please fill out the
MENTOR SIGN-UP FORM
If You Would Like to Participate

Remember to Shop Local

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Office and Medical Space





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**](#)

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INSURANCE PROGRAMS**
click on the images below for
more information

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



**Ten Percent Off
All Wine
Purchases (state
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 * www.AvonWines.com**



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