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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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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 has been EXTENDED

[May 2 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Events and Information

March 28, 2012



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

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 Communications**

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**

**DISPLAY YOUR BUSINESS
CARDS AND BROCHURES**

Did you know that the Chamber has a **display available where you can make your business cards and brochures available to the public?**

That's right -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event your business cards or brochures and take advantage of this great member benefit!

To see **ALL THE BENEFITS** your Avon Chamber has to offer **[CLICK HERE](#)**



**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
WITH THE
MEMBERS**

**AVON DOLLARS FOR
SCHOLARS**

TODAY, Wednesday, March 28, 9 AM-7 PM, is the last day **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 today, **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 DOLLARS FOR

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 ad sizes 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 Chamber Members! Ad sales will be starting in

SCHOLARS

On Thursday, April 5, 5-10PM, Amici Italian Grill, 401 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon, will **Donate a Portion of All Purchases** to **Avon Dollars for Scholars**. The event is good for both dine-in and take-out orders.

AVON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This 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

BELLE TERRACE AT AVON OLD FARMS

On Sunday, April 8, at 10AM, 12PM and 2 PM, celebrate Easter at **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** with their special **Easter Brunch**. Enjoy the following stations: Chef Attended Dinner, Chef Attended Hash and Poached Egg, French Toast & Breakfast, Lox, Salad, Hot Chocolate, Dessert and Make-Your-Own S'Mores. Cost is \$39/Adult, \$29/Seniors, \$18/Children 5-11, Free/Children 4 and under. Mimosas, Juices, Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks are included. Private rooms are available. Reservations are required. **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is located at **1 Nod Road, Avon, 860.404.5051**

CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

Christ Church Nursery School is currently enrolling for their **Flexible Five-Day, Multi-Age Preschool Program**. This program is available

just a few weeks!! - Don't be left out - answer the call and
Put Your Business On The Map and Have Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in Avon



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 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

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**

Monday-Friday, 9AM-12PM.
Kindergarten Enrichment Programs are
also available. Please call **860.675.8957**

FARM RESTAURANT AT AVON OLD FARMS HOTEL

On Sunday, April 8, 10AM-3PM,
celebrate Easter at **Farm Restaurant
at Avon Old Farms Hotel** with their
special **Easter Brunch** Cost is
\$39/person. For reservations call
860.269.0242 or email
info@FarmFoodCT.com

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Saturday, April 7, 10AM-4PM,
Farmington Valley Arts Center will be
holding their monthly **First Saturday
Open Studios** Tour on-site artists
studios, shop and collect pieces from
painters, photographers, potters,
printers, sculptors and seat weavers.
Admission is Free. **Farmington Valley
Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts
Center Lane, Avon**

ROYAL PROCLAMATIONS

This Saturday, March 31, 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
please visit
www.RoyalProclamations.com

THE SALVATION ARMY

Tickets are now on sale for **The
Salvation Army of Greater
Hartford Annual Soup, Soap & Hope
Luncheon** This event raises funds and
awareness to support the Army's many
programs. The event is scheduled for

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

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us For Our April 2012 Business After Hours 8th Annual Bring-A- Non-Member Business Event

This is it -- your annual opportunity to
introduce a non-member business to your
Avon Chamber of Commerce free of
charge. However, unlike
our other Business After
Hours, only members that
bring a non-member
business guest to this
event are eligible to enter
the drawing for the
fantastic prize package
created especially for this
occasion (typically valued between \$300-\$500)



And Remember -- If your non-member
business guest joins the Chamber the night of
the event*, not only does your guest get to
enter a drawing for an identical prize package,
but your dues will be reduced the next time
you are billed by the amount of your guest's
dues payment!

**(to be eligible a non-member joining the
Chamber must have a completed membership
application and dues payment in-full)*

Help a non-member business get to know our
Chamber community and the benefits it affords
and, in turn, perhaps you will enjoy the
benefit of reduced dues for one full year in the
process!

**Thank You to our Prize Package
participants:**

**BK Designworks
Blue Fox Run Golf Course
Farmington Bank
Farmington Woods Golf Club
Marriott Residence Inn-Avon
Max A Mia Ristorante
Nathan Accounting Group/NPD Payroll**

Thursday, May 31, starting at 11:30AM, at The Bond Ballroom, 338 Asylum Avenue, Hartford. Featured speaker is former Governor and host of WTIC NewsTalk 1080 *State and Church* John G. Rowland. Tickets are \$100/person. Sponsor Levels run from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Program Book Ads are also available starting at \$250. For more information or reservations please contact **Yazmin Cruz at 860.543.8413 or email Yazmin.Cruz@Use.Salvationarmy.org**

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

On Friday, April 6, 8:30AM-4:30 PM, **Valley Sports Center** is holding a **School's Out Day Camp**. This camp is open to children in all area towns. Morning and afternoon half day options available. Cost is \$60/Full Day and \$35/Half Day. For more information or to register call **860.693.2378** or visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com



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**

**Northwest Community Bank
People's United Bank
The Meat House
Union Savings Bank
We Care Computers**

April 2012 Business After Hours/8th Annual Bring-A-Non-Member-Business Event

hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

43 Heritage Drive, Avon
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, APRIL 9**

Members - Free, Non-Members - **FREE**

Avon Chamber of Commerce and Avon High School

6th Annual Career Exploration Day Registration for Mentors has been EXTENDED!!

Thank you to the following Chamber members that have signed-up to participate thus far:

**Farmington Woods Golf Club
IFFS Eldercare Consultants
Marriott Residence Inn-Avon
New Country Motor Cars
Northwest Community Bank
River Ridge at Avon
Robert Hensley & Associates
SendOutCards
TCBY Avon Marketplace
The Salvation Army**

We are still looking for members to participate in this program in the following fields of business:

- Accounting
- Animal Care/Veterinary
- Home Improvement
- Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Medical/Health Care
- Non-Profit
- Real Estate
- Or any other member that would still like to

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**

Anthem 

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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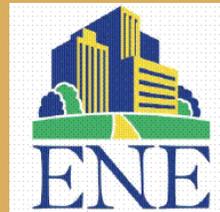
participate

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!

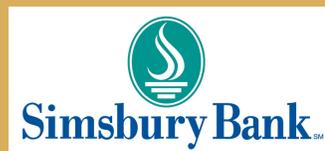
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minimum price applies)**



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 * www.AvonWines.com**



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