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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 In Our 49th Year

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Events and Information

March 6, 2014



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JOIN the AVON CHAMBER GROUP on 

CT20x17 >

Avon Chamber has joined with other business organizations and chambers across the state in support of the **CT20x17** initiative, the goal of which is to make Connecticut one of the top 20 states to do business in by 2017. Click on the Logo to find out more.

Thank you to the following Chamber Members that contributed to the Drawing at the February 2013

Program-PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS FOR LINKEDIN

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON -- Early Bird Sign Up Opening Next Week!!

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

Business After Hours

Boucher Building & Renovations * Hartford Hospital Rehabilitation * Healthtrax Fitness * Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra * Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon * TCBY Avon Marketplace

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



Avon

Chamber of Commerce LOCAL FIRST is coming soon! 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 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.

MEMBER BENEFIT Avon Chamber of Commerce and



Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer is Back!!

Sales for our May 2014 **AND** October 2014 **Blue Envelope** Avon Chamber member-focused mailers are



This is a **G-R-E-A-T** Marketing Opportunity!! **CLICK** on the **VALPAK ENVELOPE** for all the details

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



CHET Advisor 529 Plan

The **Avon Chamber of Commerce** has established a relationship with the

Avon Chamber of Commerce AND My Hometown Map

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

GOT A DATE-SPECIFIC 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

AVON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Avon Education Foundation is seeking **Goods & Services from Area Businesses** for their *10th Anniversary Spring Gala* Silent and Live Auctions and Dinner Dance slated for Saturday, March 29. If you are interested in making a donation visit



The Map has been mailed and is available at various locations throughout the community. Need additional Maps -- the Chamber has some available.

Click on the Map to View it Online as well as Links to All Our Participating Member Advertisers 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
- 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

www.AvonEdFoundation.org for instructions on how to donate.

NUTMEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 PM, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington, the **Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra** is performing their **Brass Spectacular!** Concert, featuring the Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra Brass Section and the Torrington High School Concert Choir. Works include Henri Tomasi, *Fanfares Liturgiques*, along with compositions by Giovanni Gabrieli, Eugene Bozza, and others. Admission is \$20/Adults, \$10/Student. For more information visit www.NutmegSymphony.org

ROARING BROOK VETERINARY HOSPITAL

On Saturday, March 15, 1-3 PM, **Roaring Brook Veterinary Hospital** is hosting **A Benefit Event for American Lab Rescue**. Bring your pup to play with some friends and make sure that they dress to impress. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 four-legged leprechauns. Grand prize is two free days of doggy daycare. Suggested donation \$10. **Call to Reserve Your Spot at 860.693.0603** **Roaring Brook Veterinary Hospital** is located at **60 Lovely Street, Canton**

ROTARY CLUB OF AVON-CANTON

On Saturday, March 22, 7-10 PM, at Tower Ridge Country Club, Simsbury, **Rotary Club of Avon-Canton** is holding their annual **Tastes of the Valley** charitable event, featuring food samplings from some of the finest restaurants in the area. Enjoy a selection of Wines, Beer & Spirits, with a VIP Fine Wines Tasting event preceding the main event

-Waste Material Trucking
-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 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 **MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES** are available 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, Ink 13, Keller Williams Realty-The Zambellos, Miller Foods, Mind My Life, Molly Maid of Farmington, 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

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.

from 6-7:30 PM. You may also bid on a variety of items in the Auction. Music provided by the Colby's Tickets are \$50/person, VIP Tickets are \$75/person. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.RotaryClubofAvon-Canton.info/totv.html

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Tuesday, March 18, 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** is hosting an **Art Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting** featuring paintings by Sally Foster. The event is free to the public. RSVP by calling **860.677.8808** or email ellenw@TheInvestorsCenter.com **The Investors Center** is located at **70 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

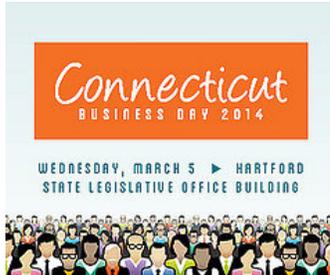
VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

Tomorrow, Friday, March 7, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting a **Fraud Prevention Program** Presented by fellow **Avon Chamber** member **Farmington Bank** Find out what you can do to protect yourself or your loved one from senior financial exploitation and the signs that indicate you may already be a victim. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626** **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Saturday, March 8, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting a **March of Dimes Luncheon & Silent Auction** Guests are welcome to enjoy a three-course luncheon beginning at 12:30 PM (suggested donation \$5), followed by a silent auction at 2 PM. Items up for bidding include a Kindle Fire, sports & entertainment tickets, wine & gift baskets, and

Plaque Artwork generously donated by
BONNER & COMPANY Creative Communications



Connecticut Business Day 2014

Thank you to the following Avon Chamber members that attended Connecticut Business Day at the Legislative Office Building on Wednesday, March 5 - Their commitment to making Connecticut a better place in which to do business truly makes them 'The Genius of Connecticut':



Danette Brown - **The Residence at Brookside**
Kevin Colvin - **Keller Williams Realty-The Colvin Group**
Janina Cummings - **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**
Robin DiNicola - **Simsbury Bank**
Cheryl England - **Marriott Residence Inn- Avon**
Jim Gordon - **The Salvation Army**
Lori Macgowan - **William Raveis Real Estate**
Ketil Osland - **Guaranty Federal Financial Corporation**
Claudia Rucci - **The Decor Advantage**

Connecticut Business Day is Sponsored by **CBIA** (Connecticut Business and Industry Association) and **CACCE** (Connecticut Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives)



more. All attendees will be entered into a free raffle and may enjoy light refreshments throughout the event. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626 Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Sunday, March 9, at 12:30 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting **Armchair Travel Club: Ireland** Join them at 12:30 PM for traditional Irish fare followed by the storytelling presentation *Hand Collected Irish Yarns*. In this program, storyteller Sara DeBeer celebrates Irish wit, wisdom, mystery and magic in a format that brings delight to all. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626 Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

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On Sunday, March 16, at 5:30 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting the **Bristol Olde Tyme Fiddlers** Get in the Saint Patty's spirit by jigging to the jovial Irish tunes of one of their favorite annual performers. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626 Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

Simsbury Bank and the Chamber Insurance



Trust have partnered to provide Chamber members with high



Join Us for our March 2014 Business After Hours NEXT WEDNESDAY!

It's not your grandmother's (or grandfather's for that matter) nursing home -- and you'll see why when you come to our March **Business After Hours** being hosted by **Apple Rehab**. From luxury accommodations equipped with Wifi, flat screen TV's, a state-of-the art rehabilitation gym, and specialized programs designed to meet each patient's individual needs utilizing the latest advancements in rehabilitation and nursing care, **Apple Rehab** is truly a unique place.

If you would Like to Offer A Drawing Item at this event please contact **Lisa** at the **Avon Chamber**

Thank you to the following **Members** that have contributed a Drawing Item for this **Business After Hours:**

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If you would Like to Be A Host or Co-Host of a future Business After Hours Please contact **Lisa** at the **Avon Chamber**

March 2014 Business After Hours
hosted by: **Apple Rehab**

220 Scoville Road, Avon
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, MARCH 10**

Members - Free; Non-Members - \$20



Join Us in March 2014 for A.W.E (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)

The Avon Chamber's newest Group -- **A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)** offers the

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](#)

 **Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members**

Aetna is 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.

A.W.E.-some women of our Chamber an opportunity to engage with one another and discuss issues that are unique and of particular interest to them. Each month the group meets for an hour at a different participant's place of business. Everyone has a chance to Introduce themselves and their business, followed by a 10-minute Presentation by our Host. We conclude by opening the meeting up to explore topics of importance in the lives of our professional women.

Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 8:30-8:40 a.m. Introductions
- 8:40-8:50 a.m. Introduction of Host
- 8:50-9:00 a.m. Previous Month Review/ Complete Unfinished Business/Selection of Next Meeting Location and Topic
- 9:00-9:20 a.m. Presentation (either Speaker or Discussion)
- 9:20-9:30 a.m. Leads Exchange

March's Discussion Topic: Time Management

March 2014 A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)
at: **Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)**

70 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon
TUESDAY, MARCH 18
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by **THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Group



EDUCATION PROGRAM
Talk to the Town
Doing Business in Avon

This is the Spring edition of the popular program held in the Fall of 2013. Get to know the key Avon leaders that are the primary contacts for businesses in Avon. Learn what services they offer and how



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),

they can help you and your business. Included will be updates on issues of importance to the Avon business community. There will be plenty of time for your questions as well. Presenters include:

- **Steve Kushner**, Director of Planning and Community Development/Zoning Enforcement Officer
- **Harry DerAsadourian**, Assessor
- **Jamie DiPace**, Fire Marshal

If there is a business question you would like posed to the panel for discussion - **Email Your Question to Lisa at the Chamber** prior to Thursday, March 27

Talk to the Town - Doing Business in Avon
at: **Avon Free Public Library**

281 Country Club Road, Avon
THURSDAY, MARCH 27
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Program



Join Us for our April 2014 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

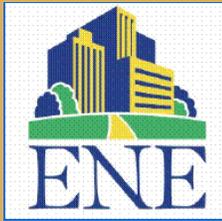
April's Presenter is:

Dependent Life, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability -- Available on an employer-paid or employee-paid (voluntary) basis.

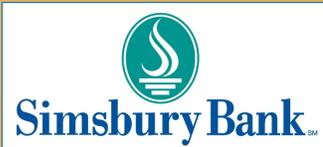
For more information click on this link:

[Chamber Dental, Vision, Disability and Life](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS



Office and Medical Space



Remember



Janina Cummings of



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 2014 Morning Business Network Connection
hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free; First-Time Guests - Free

CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[CLICK HERE](#) To See the Programs We Offer



On Friday, November 1, the **Peter M. Bakker Agency** and **Pullman & Comley, LLC**



hosted and presented respectively **What Does the Affordable Care Act Really Mean for My Business** Members had the opportunity to listen to attorney Sharon Freilich discuss various aspects of the Affordable Care Act and the impact each has on small businesses and their

employees.

Look for This Program again in Spring 2014



Tuesday, September 17, saw the return of our popular computer training classes. Starting us off for the year was instructor

Bruce Shein of **Avon Executive Offices** with **Microsoft Excel 2010 for Business-Creating a Good Worksheet and Tips for Beginners to Intermediate Users**



Special thanks to **Farmington Woods Golf Club** for hosting this class.

Look for this program again in June 2014

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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