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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Events and Information

November 1, 2013

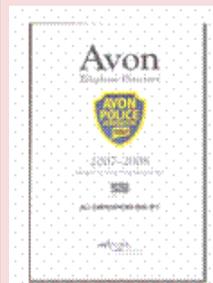


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Click on the link to check out our current **Featured Member** [River Ridge at Avon](#)

2013/2014 Ad Sales Are NOW OPEN



Click on the **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY** to the **LEFT** for your **AD ORDER FORM**.

Avon Chamber of Commerce and the **Avon Police Association** have collaborated for the past eight years in producing the Association's **Annual Telephone**

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 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.

Directory Ad sales help support the Association's primary fundraising campaign, proceeds from which are donated to numerous deserving area organizations.

Avon Chamber members have the unique marketing opportunity to **PURCHASE AN AD** in the Directory at a **specialty discounted rate offered only to members of the Avon Chamber of Commerce!**

Not interested in an ad? -- Then consider listing your business as a **PATRON** for as little as \$20.

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 please contact Chamber member Edward Jones-Peter Vignati at 860.676.1442



MEMBER BENEFIT Avon Chamber of Commerce



and

Avon Chamber and **Valpak** are teaming up to bring you a first-ever **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer** Our **Blue Envelope** was mailed in **mid-October to people in the towns of Avon, Canton, and part of Simsbury**

Thank you to the following Chamber members that are part of the first **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**:

- Avon Executive Offices
- Benefits Plus
- Dunstan Jewelers Ltd.
- Fitness On The Run
- Healthtrax Fitness
- Marriott Residence Inn-Avon
- Miller Foods/Oma's Pride
- Premier Energy
- River Ridge at Avon
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
- The Salvation Army
- TravelVision
- Visionary Private Wealth Management Group
- Waste Material Trucking
- William Raveis Real Estate - Lori Macgowan

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

BELLE TERRACE AT AVON OLD FARMS

On Sunday, November 17, 11 AM-3 PM, **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is having a **Bridal Show** Couples will have the opportunity to speak

Avon Chamber of Commerce AND

My Hometown Map

face-to-face with a variety of vendors, as well as see what **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** has to offer. **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is located at **1 Nod Road, Avon**

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/blog2/> **BK Designworks** is located at **200 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Canton**

CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER

On Wednesday, November 13, from 6-7:30 PM, **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** is presenting a free program entitled **Coping With Grief and Loss During the Holidays** Anyone may attend this program but reservations are requested and may be made by calling **860.673.8610** **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** is located at **301 Country Club Road, Avon**

DUNSTAN JEWELERS, LTD.

From Monday, November 4-Saturday, November 9, **Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd.** is holding its **Biggest Sale of the Year** Enjoy 30% off all jewelry, excluding remount, special orders, estate jewelry, beads and charms. Enter to win a gorgeous green amethyst, diamond & gold ring valued at \$2700 - no purchase necessary to enter. Complimentary champagne & hors d'oeuvres served daily. Extended hours are Monday-Friday, 10 AM-8 PM and Saturday, 10 AM-5PM. In addition, on Monday, November 4, 11 AM-7:30 PM, **Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd.** is holding their **Semi-Annual Remount Event** For a 'While-You-Wait' Appointment call **860.678.9073** or email DunstanJewelers@gmail.com **Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd.** is located at **290 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

From now through this Saturday, November 2, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is featuring in their Drezner Visitors' Gallery **Freedom Comes Home**, an awe-inspiring exhibit of photographs taken by military police officer Josh Quint, a Torrington native now living in New Britain, during his recent deployment to Ghazni Province, Afghanistan with the Connecticut Army National Guard 143rd Military Police. **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located



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

at 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

On Friday, November 22, from 5-9 PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is kicking off the holiday season with their annual **Candlelight Opening**. The event includes three galleries full of fine art and craft along with 20 open artist studios. **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon

GIFTS OF LOVE

On Saturday, November 9, starting at 7 PM, at The Farmington Gardens, **Gifts of Love** is hosting its annual benefit **The Fire & Ice Masquerade Gala**. The event will feature 'Flavors of the Valley' food stations, an open bar, entertainment and dancing to the sounds of D.J. Andre Balazs. Live and silent auctions will be conducted, along with a new 'Confectionary Silent Auction' offering the chance for attendees to bid on and win one-of-a-kind cakes. Tickets are \$100/person. For tickets or further information visit DonateNow.NetworkForGood.org/GiftsofLovect

JOHN R. CARUSO, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

On Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 PM., at Avon Free Public Library, **John R. Caruso, Attorney-at-Law** will be speaking at a special educational workshop entitled **The Truth About Estate/Retirement Planning**. Topics include: Estate Tax Planning & Living Trusts-Are They Now Essential, Avoiding Unnecessary Probate Delays and Expenses, Preserving Your Money for Your Children and Charitable Causes Under the New Federal Tax Law. All attendees will be given a copy of *25 Documents You Need Before You Die* **RSVP by calling 860.673.9712**

MILLER FOODS

Through the end of business today, Friday, November 1, place orders for **Holiday Gift-Boxed Miller Foods Turkease** an all-natural, hand-carved, semi-boneless Miller turkey with drumsticks and wings attached. This holiday gift for your employees or clients includes a 7-9 lb. Turkease, a Lucky Break Wishbone, recipes and cooking instructions. Price is \$49/gift box; shipping available at an additional cost. For more information call **860.673.3256** or go to www.MillerFoodsOnline.com

MILLER FOODS

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 2, from 11 AM-2 PM, **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride** is hosting **Woofstock: Peace, Love & Pooches** to benefit the Rob Branham Foundation. This free event will feature vendors, giveaways, a patriotic pooch

- 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

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** 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, Ink 13, Keller Williams Realty-The Zambrellos, 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.

parade, and celebrity guests. All dogs welcome. **Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

MILLER FOODS

On Wednesday, November 20, from 8 AM-8 PM, **Miller Foods** is participating in the **Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot** Purchase a famous Miller Foods turkey and/or some non-perishable fixings to donate to this food drive, whose goal is to collect and distribute 3,000 turkeys and 24,000 lbs of non-perishables to our less fortunate neighbors. **Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

TASTE BY SPELLBOUND

On Tuesday, November 5, from 5-6:30 PM, **Taste by Spellbound** is hosting a **Holiday Tasting Party** featuring delicious samples from their holiday menu. Get a head start on all your Holiday party plans. The event is free, but Reservations are REQUIRED and can be made by calling **860.284.0000** or emailing info@SpellboundGirl.com **Taste by Spellbound** is located at **5 Ensign Drive, Avon**

THE MEAT HOUSE

On Saturday, November 9 and Saturday, November 16, **The Meat House** is offering **A Sampling of Their Thanksgiving Offerings** Drop by and taste their delicious side dishes and desserts and see how they can simplify your holiday dinner planning. For more information call **860.676.4444** **The Meat House** is located at **395 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

This Saturday, November 2, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is holding a **Poetry Reading** Join local favorite Andy Weil and the Village Gate Poets, a diverse group of artists, as they present their latest work in this public forum. Light refreshments will be served. 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, November 3, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting the program **This Old Hat** an original, one-woman tour de force musical that brings to life women in American history who helped shape this great country. 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

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
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Join Us for our November 2013
**Morning Business
Network Connection**
NEXT WEDNESDAY

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

November's Presenter is:
Kevin Mallery of

New Balance Avon



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!!!

November 2013 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: COSI

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

On Wednesday, November 6, at 12:30 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting **Armchair Travel Club: Middle East**. Savor traditional Middle Eastern cuisine from Village Gate's executive chef, followed by belly dancing at 2 PM. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626**. **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**



NEW

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](#)



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.

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us for our November 2013 Business After Hours/ Get Ready for the Holidays

Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner. Our November **Business After Hours** is designed to introduce you to and highlight our many retailers and restaurants, and provide you with some great options for making *your* holidays merry and bright. To that end, this year we will be enjoying the hospitality of our many and varied member businesses that call **Riverdale Farms Shopping** home. Start your evening at 5 p.m. at **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** -- drop off your business card, pick up your name tag and participating businesses map and be on your way. You will then stroll to the various host businesses located throughout the shopping center, so remember to dress appropriately for the weather! We will reassemble at **6:30 p.m. SHARP** at **Avon Plumbing & Heating** for introductions, announcements and more. . . So plan on joining us and get a jumpstart on the holidays!

November 2013 Business After Hours

hosted by: **Avon Plumbing & Heating**
Avon Wines & Spirits
Lyme Grill
Riverdale Farms Shopping
Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon
Studio A Dance & Performance Arts

AND Many Other Avon Chamber Member Businesses at **Riverdale Farms Shopping**

at: **Riverdale Farms Shopping**
124 Simsbury Road, Avon
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us in November 2013 for **A.W.E (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)**

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

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](#)

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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 will meet for an hour at a different participant's place of business. Everyone will have a chance to introduce themselves and their business, to be followed by a 10-minute Presentation by our Host. We will then open the meeting up to explore topics of importance in the lives of our professional women. Presently, this is a MEMBERS ONLY group; though a guest policy is being developed and will be announced at a future date.

November 2013 A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)

at: **Taste by Spellbound**
5 Ensign Drive, Avon
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Group

CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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



Our September **Talk to the Town-Doing Business in Avon** program gave members of the Avon Chamber the opportunity to hear from and speak with key town officials that are the primary contacts for businesses in Avon. Special Thanks to Brandon Robertson - Avon Town Manager, Steve Kushner - Director of Planning and Community Development/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Harry DerAsadourian - Town Assessor.

Look for This Program again in March 2014



Remember



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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