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## Events and Information

November 17, 2011



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[December 14 - Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive](#)

**There are still openings for co-hosts of this event. If you are interested please contact Lisa at the Chamber**

[December 15 OR 16 - Avon Chamber Day at The Salvation Army Holiday Store. More information available soon.](#)

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

[January 11 - Business After Hours](#)

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

**FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT**

### October Storm Resources/Report Your Storm Losses

Were you or your business impacted by the October snowstorm? If so, help is available. The state [Department of Insurance Winter Storm page](#) has a number of resources available including Company Claim Phone Numbers and Tips for Making Storm Claims.

In addition, United Way 2-1-1 is gathering information from residents that suffered losses or damage due to the power outages associated with the October snowstorm for the **CL & P Reimbursement Survey**. To access the survey directly please [click here](#)

### NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!!

Show the world that you are a proud Avon Chamber of Commerce member by displaying our new, FREE **AVON CHAMBER VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE** Upon request the Chamber will send you the 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



## 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**

**GOT AN EVENT OR SPECIAL FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS**  
EMAIL -- 50 WORDS OR LESS -- TO [AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:AVONCHAMBER@SBCGLOBAL.NET)



**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS**

### **CARMON FUNERAL HOME & FAMILY CENTER**

This Saturday, November 19, starting at 3 PM, **Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center** will offer a free program entitled **Coping with Grief and Loss During the Holidays**. Led by Debbi Knox, a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist and Family Therapist from *New Day Counseling Center*, the program will suggest ways to make the holidays easier for families who are grieving as well as provide an opportunity for people to ask questions.

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**

### Participate in **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

You know how your Chamber is always saying to "shop local". . . Well here is a program to help you do just that. Next **Saturday, November 26 is the 2nd Annual Small Business**

**Saturday** - a day

dedicated to supporting small businesses. We are encouraging all of our small business members to visit the Shop Small Website (click on the link



above) that offers a bevy of tools to help you make the most of your participation in **Small Business Saturday**. Small business is the life blood of our economy. On Saturday, November 26, we are asking all of our members, their families and friends to get out and support your fellow Small Business owners and "Shop Local".



### Join Us For Our December 2011 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

December's Presenter is:

**Don Bonner** of  
**Bonner & Company**

Refreshments will be served. To reserve your space please call **860.673.8610**

### FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

This Friday, November 18, 6-9 PM, **Farmington Valley Arts Center** will be holding their **35th Annual Candlelight Opening**. This festive kickoff to the holiday season is the Arts Center's most popular annual event. Visit twenty artists in their inspiring and inviting studios, enjoy complimentary refreshments, help create a community art installation of candles, and discover the season's largest selection of unique, wish list-worthy gifts. **Farmington Valley Arts Center** is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

### FAVARH

This Friday, November 18, at the Riverview in Simsbury, starting at 7 PM, **The Arc of the Farmington Valley-FAVARH** is holding their **Annual Fundraiser** featuring nationally recognized band *Big Shot*, with special guest Richie Cannata, the original saxophonist of the Billy Joel Band. The evening begins with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a variety of dinner choices, dessert stations, open bar, a three hour live show, dancing on two huge dance floors, and silent auction. All proceeds go to support the services provided by FAVARH. For information and tickets please call **860.693.6662**

### GIFTS OF LOVE

This Saturday, November 19, at Hoffman Honda Showroom, 40 Albany Turnpike/Route 44, Simsbury, 7-11 PM, **Gifts of Love** will be holding **A Night Out In Style! 70's Style** featuring Master of Ceremonies Damon Scott of 96.5 WTIC-FM. There will be celebrity chef stations, dancing/live band, and live & silent auction items. Dressing in your grooviest 70's outfit encouraged. Tickets are \$75/person and are available at **Gifts of Love, Old Avon Village, 35 East Main Street, Avon**, or online at



**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!!!**

### December 2011 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us For Our December 2011

### Business After Hours/ Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive

Our Chamber's Holiday Event is a great annual tradition. Have fun following the trail that leads you to our event hosts; each offering something special. You will also enjoy dance performances by the students of **A Dancer's Palette** and the sonorous sounds of new member, violinist Linda Beers of **Linda Beers Violin Studio**. Also, this year we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for our fellow Chamber member **The Salvation Army** in preparation for the Chamber's day at their annual Holiday Store open again this year at fellow Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel**

### December 2011 Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and Salvation Army Holiday Store Toy Drive

hosted by: **River Ridge at Avon  
A Dancer's Palette  
Conquest Consulting  
H & R Block**

**STILL SEEKING ADDITIONAL CO-HOSTS FOR THIS EVENT!!!**

at **River Ridge at Avon**  
101 Bickford Extension, Avon  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED by MONDAY,**

[www.giftsoflovect.org](http://www.giftsoflovect.org) For more information call **860.676.2323**

### MILLER FOODS

Today, Thursday, November 17, at the First Company Governor's Horse Guards, 280 Arch Road, Avon, 6:30-8 PM, **Miller Foods** is hosting **Meet Your "Neigh" bors** featuring the First Company Governor's Horse Guards. Meet the horses while enjoying complimentary holiday treats, cider, kids crafts, and a toy raffle. For more information contact **Tara Downes at [taradownes@rocketmail.com](mailto:taradownes@rocketmail.com)** or call **631.834.5234**

### MILLER FOODS/OMA'S PRIDE

Opening this Saturday, November 19 and running through Wednesday, November 23, **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride** is having their **Annual Thanksgiving Tent** Hours for the tent are Saturday, November 19, 9 AM-4 PM, Sunday, November 20, 9 AM-4 PM, Monday, November 21, 9 AM-6 PM, Tuesday, November 22, 8 AM-7 PM, and Thursday, November 23, 8 AM-2 PM. Stop by and pick up something delicious for your holiday table. **Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Corner of West Avon Road, Avon**

### VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

On Friday, November 25, from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (morning or afternoon half day options available) **Valley Sports Center** will be holding a **School's Out Day Camp** for children in all area towns. Price is \$60/child full day and \$35/child half day. In addition there is a one-time \$20 annual registration fee. To register call **860.693.2378** or visit [www.ValleySportsCenter.com](http://www.ValleySportsCenter.com)

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**DECEMBER 12**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20

## Information on **New** Chamber Insurance Programs

### Aetna 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**

## Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield 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



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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](#)**

**MORE CHAMBER INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

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

**MEDICARE ADVANTAGE**



**PET INSURANCE**



**\$100 Off  
First  
Month's  
Rent**



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.

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