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Events and Information

November 22, 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**. 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



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



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MEMBERS

CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

On Friday, December 2, 2-7:30 PM, **Christ Church Nursery School** will be hosting a **Barnes & Noble Book Fair** in celebration of literacy. When you shop during these hours, please mention **Christ Church Nursery School** at checkout and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Nursery School. For more information please call **860.675.8957**

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 - THIS SATURDAY!**

You know how your Chamber is always saying to "shop local". . . Well here is a program to help you do just that. This **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

MILLER FOODS/OMA'S PRIDE

Today, Tuesday, November 22, 8 AM-7PM and Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 23, 8 AM-2 PM, **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride Annual Thanksgiving Tent** is open and ready to help you. 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**

RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

On Friday, December 2, starting at 6:30 PM, **Riverdale Farms Shopping** will host its **30th Annual Holiday Festivities**. The evening will include lighting of the Christmas tree and the flame on the 8-foot *Kids for Kids* Candle of Hope in support of the UConn Children's Cancer Fund, an old fashioned Carol Sing, a visit by Santa & Mrs. Claus, hayrides and holiday goodies. Free Parking and Free Admission. **Riverdale Farms Shopping** is located at **124 Simsbury Road, Avon**. For more information call **860.677.6437** or visit www.RiverdaleFarmsShopping.com

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Tuesday, December 6, 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** hosts an **Art Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting** featuring the paintings of Sharon Farber, and wine tasting by CT Wine. The event is free to the public. Reserve your spot by Friday, December 2 by calling Kathi Boratko at **860.677.8808** or emailing kathib@TheInvestorsCenter.com

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

This 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

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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!!!

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,

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20

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MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



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 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](#)**

\$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.

Offered by: **Avon Executive Offices * One Darling Drive * Avon Park South * Avon, CT 06001 * 860.677.8300 * avonexecutiveoffices@comcast.net * www.AvonExecutiveOffices.com**



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