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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[December 11 - Business After Hours/ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT/SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE](#)

AVON CHAMBER DAY at The Salvation Army Holiday Store at Avon Old Farms Hotel --- A Day TBA During the Week of Monday, December 16-Friday, December 20 --- Look for further details in the coming weeks

[December 17 - A.W.E. \(Avon Women Entrepreneurs\)](#)

[JANUARY 8 2014 - Combined Business After Hours/Happy New Year](#)

[January 21- A.W.E. \(Avon Women Entrepreneurs\)](#)

[February 5 - Morning Business Network](#)



Events and Information

November 22, 2013



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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Next Saturday, November 30

The **4th Annual Small Business Saturday** is slated for next Saturday. Why does the Chamber support this day? Because this one day focuses people's attention on what we emphasize every day --

Connection

February 12 - Business After Hours

February 18 - A.W.E. (Avon Women Entrepreneurs)

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

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT



Avon Chamber of Commerce

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.

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

the importance of *Local First*

A significant amount of the money that is spent at local businesses stays local. The many ways in which our local businesses reinvest in our communities includes: supporting our schools, town groups and civic organizations, as well as other area businesses, to name just a few. That is why we encourage everyone to get out and show your support for the Avon Chamber and its small businesses and

Shop *Local First*

Attention Members In Preparation for Next Saturday

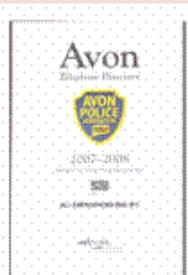
1) If you have not yet picked up your Avon Chamber membership plaque, please consider making arrangements to do so prior to next Saturday, as we are encouraging the public to look for our member businesses by looking for our plaque when buying local.

2) If you are planning on participating in Small Business Saturday next week and are interested in some free marketing materials, fellow Avon Chamber member [Patch.com](#) - a media sponsor of this event - has some door mats and other items available on a first come, first serve basis. Please email your request to [Kaushik Makati](#)

3) If you are planning on participating in next Saturday's event, regardless of whether you would like marketing materials or not, please email [Kaushik Makati](#) so that we might include your business in any future articles.

To find a Chamber member business please visit www.AvonChamber.com

2013/2014 Ad Sales Are 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

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 HEALTH CENTER

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 23, 10 AM-3 PM, **Avon Health Center** is holding a **Holiday Fair** Shop over 20 craft vendors. Enjoy lunch at the Whistle Stop Cafe and visit with Santa from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. **Avon Health Center** is located at **652 West Avon Road, Avon**

AVON HEALTH CENTER

On Saturday, December 14, starting at 10:30 AM, **Avon Health Center** is hosting a **Children's Holiday Party** A Magic Show with Magician Tom O'Brien starts the day, followed by a visit from Santa. Children will also be able to decorate and take home a one-of-a-kind Gingerbread Cookie. **Avon Health Center** is located at **652 West Avon Road, Avon**

AVON OLD FARMS HOTEL SEASONS RESTAURANT

Annual Telephone 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.



MEMBER BENEFIT Avon Chamber of Commerce

and



Avon Chamber and **Valpak** teamed 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

**CLICK ON THE VALPAK ENVELOPE TO PRINT ALL
THE OFFERS FROM OUR MEMBER ADVERTISERS**

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**

Avon Chamber of Commerce

Between now and Thanksgiving Day, next Thursday, November 28, **Avon Old Farms Hotel - Seasons Restaurant** is accepting **Reservations for Thanksgiving Brunch**. The brunch includes both breakfast and lunch items, a chef carving station featuring fellow **Avon Chamber member Miller Foods** Slow Roasted Turkey, a cold station, and assorted dessert table. The brunch runs from 11 AM-3 PM. Cost is \$44.95/Adults, \$24.95/Ages 7-12, No Charge/6 and Under. Reservations are required and may be made by calling **860.269.0242**. **Avon Old Farms Hotel-Seasons Restaurant** is located at **279 Avon Mountain Road/Route 44, Avon**

BELLE TERRACE AT AVON OLD FARMS

On Saturday, December 14, 6:30-11:30 PM, **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is hosting a **Big/Little Holiday Party**. This event is a celebration perfect for smaller groups, together for one large event. From 6:30-7:30 PM enjoy a Bruschetta Station, Chef's selection of Butler Passed Hors D'oeuvres and Open Bar. Dinner follows which includes: Apple Cranberry Salad, Winter Fruit Cous-Cous Salad, Bourbon & Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Loin, Chimichurri Marinated Sirloin Tip Steak, Seared Scallops, Lemon Scented Grilled Asparagus, Cheese Tortellini along with Homemade Dinner Rolls & Focaccia Sweet Cream Butter. Top your evening off with their Dessert Station featuring assorted individual locally made pies. Cost is \$49/guest, tax and service charge additional. **Reservations are Required** and can be made by calling **860.404.5051**. **Belle Terrace at Avon Old Farms** is located at **1 Nod Road, Avon**

FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

Today, 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**

AND My Hometown Map



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

Arts Center is located at **25 Arts Center Lane, Avon**

MICHAELS JEWELERS

Today through Sunday, November 24, **Michaels Jewelers** is holding a **Let It Snow Holiday Sale Event**. Enjoy storewide savings up to 25%. And, if it snows 3" or more Christmas Eve then your purchase during this event is Free (some exclusions apply, refund excludes sales tax). Also enter their drawing for a \$1,000 Gift Certificate. No purchase necessary. See store for details. **Michaels Jewelers** is located at **380 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

MILLER FOODS

Starting tomorrow, Saturday, November 23, from 9 AM-4 PM, Sunday, November 24, from 9 AM-4 PM, Monday, November 25, from 9 AM-6 PM, Tuesday, November 26, from 8 AM-7 PM and ending Wednesday, November 27, from 8 AM-2 PM, **Miller Foods** famous **Thanksgiving Tent** will be open and stocked with plenty of turkeys and fixings to make any holiday meal special. **Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

RIVERDALE FARMS SHOPPING

On Friday, December 6, starting at 6:30 PM, **Riverdale Farms Shopping** is hosting their annual **Lighting of the Flame on the 'Kids For Kids' Candle of Hope**. The event includes a Christmas Tree Lighting, an Old Fashioned Carol Sing, the arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn sleigh, along with Hayrides and Holiday Goodies. Admission & Parking are Free. The event takes place rain or shine. 'Kids For Kids' benefits the UConn Children's Cancer Fund. **Riverdale Farms Shopping** is located at **124 Simsbury Road/Route 10, Avon**

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Tuesday, December 10, from 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** is having a **Holiday Open House, Art Show and Food & Sparkling Wine**

- 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
- 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

Tasting RSVP 'yes only' to Ellen at 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

On Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30, from 2-4 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is hosting an **Open House**. Bring your family to meet their family. Enjoy refreshments and the welcoming company of their management team as they show you the benefits of vibrant and affordable senior living. 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 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**

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.

Plaque Artwork generously donated by **BONNER & COMPANY Creative Communications**

Join Us for our December 2013 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:

Joseph M. Gentile, D.M.D. of

Joseph M. Gentile Family & Cosmetic Dentistry



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 2013 Morning Business Network Connection

hosted by: **COSI**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free



Join Us for our December 2013
**Business After Hours/
Annual Holiday Event/
Salvation Army Toy Drive**

It's holiday time, and you know what that means, time for the Chamber's Annual Holiday Event and Toy Drive to benefit The Salvation Army Holiday Store. Have fun following the trail that leads you to our event hosts. Enjoy dance performances by the students of **A Dancer's Palette**. Talk with the folks from **H & R Block** about all your tax questions. And don't forget to check out all the great things **River Ridges at Avon** has to show you.

We are Collecting New, Unwrapped Toys at this event for our fellow Chamber member **The Salvation Army** in preparation for **AVON CHAMBER DAY** at their annual Holiday Store open again this year at fellow Chamber member **Avon Old Farms Hotel**. Please consider bringing a donation.

If you would Like to Offer A Drawing Item at this event please contact **Anne Boychuk** at **River Ridge at Avon** so she can post your business name and announce your participation.

If you would Like to Be A Host of this Event
Please contact Lisa at the Chamber.

**December 2013 Business After Hours/Annual Holiday
Event/Salvation Army Toy Drive**

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

at: **River Ridge at Avon**
101 Bickford Extension, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED by MONDAY,
DECEMBER 9**

Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20



Join Us in December 2013 for
A.W.E (Avon Women

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.

To learn about these new health insurance options
Click on the AETNA LOGO above

Anthem

**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](#)

Entrepreneurs)

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

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

at: **Avon Old Farms School**
500 Old Farms Road, Avon

Please Note: You MUST RSVP by Thursday, December 12 for this Meeting - Exact Directions to our Meeting Location will be Forwarded To You

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

This is a MEMBERS ONLY Group

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CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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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

Remember



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



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



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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