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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

[October 15 - Inaugural Meeting of Our New Women in Business Group](#)

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EVENTS [CLICK HERE](#)



### Events and Information

October 11, 2013



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Click on the link to check out our current  
**Featured Member**  
**River Ridge at Avon**



**Women in Business Group  
Forming!!**

**This Coming Tuesday,  
October 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m., at COSI**

We will be holding the inaugural meeting of an **Avon Chamber Women in Business Group** we hope to form. The name of the group, where/when the group meets, what format those meetings will follow -- will be up to those that attend this first meeting.

If you are interested in being part of this new member-driven group that will focus on the

## 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.

## 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.

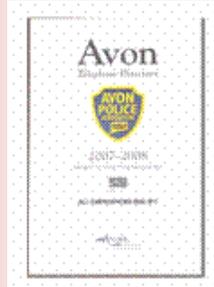
**For more information please contact Chamber member Edward Jones-Peter Vignati at 860.676.1442**

## 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)

needs of the Chamber's female entrepreneurs, then please plan on joining us on **Tuesday, October 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at COSI, 385 West Main Street, Avon**

## 2013/2014 Ad Sales Are NOW OPEN



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

**Deadline for ads is THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Avon Chamber of Commerce** and the **Avon Police Association** have collaborated for the past eight years in producing the Association's **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** are teaming up to bring you a first-ever **Avon Chamber Valpak Mailer**. Watch for our **Blue Envelope** in mailboxes in the towns of **Avon, Canton, and part of Simsbury** in mid-October

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

- **Avon Executive Offices**



AM-9 PM and Sunday October 20 and 27, from 11 AM-8PM, at Farmington Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Parlor, **Farmington Valley Visitors Association** is holding its **6th Annual Haunted Miniature Golf** featuring a door prize, refreshments and surprises. Tickets are \$10/person. For more information call **860.676.8878**

### **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**

From now through 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. **If ordered by Tuesday, October 15, receive a 10% discount to \$44.95** For more information call **860.673.3256** or go to [www.MillerFoodsOnline.com](http://www.MillerFoodsOnline.com)

### **MOLLY MAID OF FARMINGTON**

During the month of October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness month, **Molly Maid of Farmington** will **Donate a Portion of Their Cleaning Service Fee to Local Area Shelter Interval House Through their Ms. Molly Foundation** You can also donate items on Interval House's Wish List. For more information on how you can contribute please visit [www.MollyMaid.com/ct/Farmington](http://www.MollyMaid.com/ct/Farmington) or call **860.751.6565**

### **SHEAR ARTISTRY DAY SPA &**

- 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
- 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.**

## SALON

On Friday, October 25, 5-8 PM, **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** will be hosting a **Happy Hour Wine Tasting** - Proceeds from which will benefit fellow **Avon Chamber member Gifts of Love**. Wine provided by fellow **Avon Chamber member Avon Wines & Spirits**. Food being provided by fellow **Avon Chamber member TCBY Avon Marketplace**, among others. Admission is \$20/person and includes Wine and Food Tasting, Dancing and Music by D.J. Greg T and Free Pampering at their Spa and Viewing of Upcoming Hair Looks for the season. RSVP to [JCSKI1250@yahoo.com](mailto:JCSKI1250@yahoo.com) or call 860.676.9667 **Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon** is located at 152 Simsbury Road, Riverdale Farms Shopping, Avon

## THE GRIST MILL RESTAURANT

Throughout the month of October **The Grist Mill Restaurant** is offering **Several Meal Specials LUNCH EVERYDAY** Buy One Lunch Entree Get One Half Off -- *higher price prevails, dishes cannot be shared, dine-in only* **SUNDAY & MONDAY** Buy a Dinner Entree and get a \$30-\$50 Bottle of Wine Half Price -- *One Per Table* **MONDAY-WEDNESDAY** Two For One Dinner Special. Buy Any Pasta Entree and Get a Second One FREE -- *dishes cannot be shared, from dinner menu, dine-in only* **SATURDAY** Dinner Special - Certified Angus Prime Rib **The Grist Mill Restaurant** is located at 51 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon

## THE SALVATION ARMY

From now through October, **The Salvation Army** is seeking companies to **Adopt An Angel Tree** Businesses can participate in the program by agreeing to place Angel Tags - which include a child's first name, age, gender, clothing sizes, shoe size, gift requests, and a code number - on a tree at their workplace. After the angels' gifts have been purchased, they are returned to The Salvation Army where they are sorted by their code numbers and distributed to the families. If you would like to host an Angel Tree call **Mary Ann Rosa** at 860.702.0035 or email [MaryAnn.Rosa@use.SalvationArmy.org](mailto:MaryAnn.Rosa@use.SalvationArmy.org)

## VILLAGE GATE OF FARMINGTON

**Realty Associates, Keller Williams Realty-The Zambellos, Miller Foods, 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.

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

## Join Us for our November 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.



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**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**

This Saturday, October 12, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is presenting a **Comedy & Music Show** featuring entertainer Lenny Zarcone. Enjoy song, dance, jokes, tricks, pantomime, and plenty of surprises. 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

On Tuesday, October 15, at 2 PM, **Village Gate of Farmington** is offering **The ABC's of Photo Organization** Do you have photos crammed into drawers, shoeboxes, bins, envelopes, closets, and old albums? Have you wanted to organize your photos for years but just can't find the time? Bring your collection (or a manageable chunk of it) to Village Gate where a professional organizer will teach you how to sort and preserve your precious photo memories. Space is limited. **RSVP by calling 860.676.8626** **Village Gate of Farmington** is located at **88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**

### VISIONARY PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP

Throughout the month of October, **Visionary Private Wealth Management Group** will **Donate the Fee for Every Comprehensive Financial Plan They Conduct to Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Vie For the Kids** Proceeds from Vie for the Kids events such as this go to support the needs of the Center's Cancer and Blood Disorders Clinical Trials Program, which "offers families access to the best most innovative treatments from around the world, while staying in the comfort of their own home." The minimum fee to go through a comprehensive financial plan with Visionary Private Wealth Management Group is \$500. For more information or to sign up for your comprehensive financial plan email [Michael.Mezheritskiy@lpl.com](mailto:Michael.Mezheritskiy@lpl.com) or call **860.341.4500**



**NEW**

**Health Savings**



**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

**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**  
**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**

## 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 **aetna**

To learn about the **Simsbury Bank** HSAs please call **860.676.2265** or [CLICK HERE](#)

**aetna**

**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.

To learn about these new health insurance options  
[Click on the AETNA LOGO above](#)

**Anthem**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**RESERVATION REQUIRED** by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20**

## CHAMBER GOLF PROGRAMS

### Network/Golf with the Chamber



(l-r): Chip Janiszewski - **SendOutCards**, Michael Lombardi - **People's United Bank**, Lucien Rucci - **The Decor Advantage**, Dave Distefano - Guest, Kim Murphy - **Northwest Community Bank**, David Paigo - Guest, Tom Mango - **Simsbury Bank**

The Avon Chamber would like to extend a hearty thanks to **Farmington Woods Golf Club** for once again playing host to our annual **Network/Golf with the Chamber**

Summer outings. Each year these events provide our member golfers with the unique opportunity to share a common pastime all while getting to know each others' businesses a little better. Look for our **Network/Golf with the Chamber** events to return in the Summer of 2014.



## Golf Demystified for Women in Business

## 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\*\*](#)

## THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS



**Office and Medical Space**



(l-r) Sarah Stevenson - **Verizon Wireless**, Margi Jakubowski - **Robert Hensley & Associates**, George DeVita - **Farmington Woods Golf Club**, Sylvia Colvin - **Keller Williams Realty**, Claudia Rucci - **The Decor Advantage**, Jill Brandon - **Robert Hensley & Associates**

On the evening of August 14th **Farmington Woods Golf Club** hosted a first-ever class for women of the Chamber to hone their golf skills, increase confidence in their game, and learn how to incorporate golf as part of their networking strategy.



## CHAMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[CLICK HERE](#) To See More of the Program 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**



Remember



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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