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Events and Information

September 11, 2012

*Always Remember
Never Forget*



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

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!! Get Your Virtual Membership Plaque

Studies have shown that consumers are 63% more likely to buy goods and services in the future from a business that is a member of a chamber of commerce . . .

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,



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

FEATURED MEMBER BENEFIT

DISPLAY YOUR BUSINESS CARDS AND BROCHURES

Did you know that the Chamber has a **display available where you can showcase your business cards or brochures?**

With the warmer weather upon us, people are dropping by every week looking for information on our member businesses -- make sure they see you!

Marketing your business has never been this easy -- simply drop off, mail or give to Lisa at any Chamber event **20** of your business cards or brochures and take advantage of this great member benefit!

To see **ALL THE BENEFITS** your Avon Chamber has to offer [CLICK HERE](#)



WHAT'S
HAPPENING
WITH THE
MEMBERS

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 where your listing appears in the Chamber's Online Membership Directory. For more information or to request your plaque please contact Lisa at the Chamber.



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

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!! A CHET Advisor 529 Plan Just For You



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**

Ad Sales Are Now OPEN!!

***Put Your Business On The Map and Have
Your Ad Delivered to Every Home in
Avon***

**Avon Chamber of Commerce
AND**

AUTUMN LIGHT STUDIO & GALLERY

From Saturday, September 15 through Friday, October 12, **Autumn Light Studio & Gallery** will be hosting its **1st Annual Juried Show**. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, September 15, 6-9 PM. This is a great opportunity to meet the artists, view their amazing work and purchase art for a good cause; with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of works during the exhibition going to Hartford's Camp Courant. **Autumn Light Studio & Gallery** specializes in custom design, restoration and repair of stained glass. **Autumn Light Studio & Gallery** is located at **304 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

AVON VILLAGE MARKETPLACE

Friday, September 21, Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23, **Avon Village Marketplace** is holding a **40th Anniversary Celebration**. There will be an Arts & Crafts Show by local artists; Special Prizes, Discounts and Giveaways; Free Birthday Dessert; Photographs taken in their iconic Rocking Chair; Fundraiser Teacup Auction to benefit fellow **Avon Chamber** member **Gifts of Love**. You can also create a Village coloring page for a chance to win prizes. **Avon Village Marketplace** is located at **1-45 East Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

DUNSTAN JEWELERS, LTD.

Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd., in recognition of the 11th anniversary of 9/11, has available **From Soldier to Soldier - Survival and Friendship Bracelets** that are a designer version of the survival and friendship bracelets worn by many U.S. soldiers, similar to those braided by soldiers in the field using parachute cord. Often a uniform button is sewn on and used as the clasp. These bracelets are part of a campaign to raise significant funds for veterans' aid organizations and to celebrate our returning heroes. **Dunstan Jewelers, Ltd.** is located at **290 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

My Hometown Map

My Hometown Map and the **Avon Chamber** have teamed up to offer you a great **New Chamber-Themed** promotional opportunity. **My Hometown Map**, located in Marstons Mills, MA, has worked extensively with chambers of commerce throughout Massachusetts to create print and complimentary online versions of town maps available free of charge. Now, the **Avon Chamber of Commerce** is one of the first chambers in Connecticut to offer its members this marketing opportunity!

- **4-Color Print Map mailed direct to EVERY RESIDENCE in Avon**
- **Online version of the map compatible with mobile devices -- including a link to your business website at no additional charge!**
- **Limited number of preferred advertising opportunities available**
- **Published and produced by Avon Chamber member**
MyHomeTownMap.com

The following members have made the commitment to be a part of the Avon Chamber map:

- Avon Old Farms Hotel**
- Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center**
- Shear Artistry Day Spa & Salon**
- Talcott Mountain Academy**

Need more information?

Visit www.MyHomeTownMap.com and take a peek at what the map and online ads look like

This opportunity is available ONLY to AVON CHAMBER MEMBERS -- Space is Limited!

If you are interested in joining with the members that have already taken advantage of this great advertising opportunity please contact:

Jerry Saval, Advertising Sales Director,
My Hometown Map, 1.800.649.6277
x102 or jsaval@myhometownmap.com

Join Us For Our September 2012



JOHN R. CARUSO, ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC

On Monday, September 24, 1-2:30 PM, at The Village at McLean in the Burkholder Community Center, 100 Sarah Lane, Simsbury, **John R. Caruso, Attorney at Law, LLC** will be giving a presentation on **Planning Your Future: Finances and Legal Issues** Judge Caruso will discuss living trusts, avoiding unnecessary probate delays and expenses, and preserving your money for your children and charitable causes. For further information contact **John R. Caruso, Attorney at Law, LLC** at **860.265.6222**

MILLER FOODS HOME OF OMA'S PRIDE

Every Saturday from Saturday, September 15 through Saturday, October 27, 10 AM-1 PM, **Miller Foods home of Oma's Pride** will be conducting **Miller Marketplace** Each Saturday the community is invited to support and celebrate local farmers and artisans. Free vendor spaces are available for those that either grow or make products in Connecticut. Space is limited. For more information call **860.673.3256 Miller Foods** is located at **308 Arch Road, Avon**

PROGRESSIVE ANIMAL WELLNESS (PAW)

From September 1-15, **Progressive Animal Wellness (PAW)** is sponsoring the **Progressive Animal Wellness Smiling Pet Photo Contest** People may enter photos of their pets online at PAW's Flickr Group Page. A panel of judges will select five finalists that the public may vote on from September 24-30. Winners will be announced October 1. One entry per person. Rules are posted on Flickr. For more information call **860.325.2124** or visit www.ProgressiveAnimalWellness.com

THE INVESTORS CENTER

On Wednesday, September 12, 6-8 PM, **The Investors Center** hosts an **Art**



Business After Hours/Annual Pig Roast **TOMORROW!**

It's September and you know what that means -- time for our **Business After Hours/Annual Pig Roast**, now in its 9th year.

Every September members in the Ensign Drive area get together and host a wonderful Fall tradition for our Chamber, and this year is no exception. Returning hosts **Bearingstar Insurance-Dave Bauer, Ensign-Bickford Realty, Klein & Babbitt Attorneys at Law, Marriott Residence Inn-Avon** and **The Meat House** (which by the way will be cooking all that yummy pulled pork) are joined by new member and host **Bikers Edge**. All are eager to share with you what makes their business special.

This is typically a large networking event -- which means it is a great opportunity for you to not only reconnect with businesses that you already know but make new connections as well. See you under the BIG TENT on the grounds of the **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**

September 2012 Business After Hour/Pig Roast

hosted by: **Bearingstar Insurance
Bikers Edge**

**Ensign-Bickford Realty
Klein & Babbitt Attorneys at Law
Marriott Residence Inn-Avon
The Meat House**

on the grounds of the: **Marriott Residence
Inn-Avon**

55 Simsbury Road, Avon
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10**

Members - Free, Non-Members - \$20



EDUCATION CLASS

Exhibit, Wine and Food Tasting The exhibit will feature photos shot in California and the West representing a collection dating from the mid-1960's to images taken on the Eastern face of the High Sierras in the Spring of 2012. The event is free to the public. **RSVP by Friday, September 7** by calling **860.677.8808** or email kathib@TheInvestorsCenter.com

THE MEAT HOUSE

On Tuesday, September 25, 3:30-6 PM, **The Meat House** will be hold its final **Farmers' Market** Enjoy food, music and local produce. For more information please call **860.676.4444** **The Meat House** is located at **395 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon**

VALLEY SPORTS CENTER

Beginning Friday September 21 through Friday, November 30, 10-10:50 AM, **Valley Sports Center** is running **Boot Camp Fitness for Women** This is a 10-week fun and energizing Boot Camp style class designed to get you motivated and look and feel your best. This class will have you rotating through a series of cardio and strength exercises to sculpt your body and burn fat. As a special offer for moms with young kids, this class is scheduled at the same time as the Center's Lil' Kickers Hoppers class. Cost is \$150/10 weeks plus a \$25 one-time annual registration fee. Register by Friday, September 14. For more information visit www.ValleySportsCenter.com or call **860.693.2378**

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Small Group Health Insurance for Chamber Members

Aetna is now offering Chamber members **SMALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE** These plans include



Microsoft Excel An Introduction NEXT THURSDAY!

Do you ever wish someone would teach you how to really use Excel, simply and easily? If so, then this class is for you. In this class **Bruce Shein, CPA** of **Avon Executive Offices** will show you how to:

- Do Formulas
- Format Cells
- Customize Tool Bars
- Create a Database
- Sort a List
- Print Just What You Want
- Insert Pictures and Objects
- Fill Many Cells at Once
- Do Complicated Things Easily with Built-In Functions
- Put File Names on the Spreadsheet Automatically
- Use Shortcuts You Can Use on Other Applications, and SO MUCH MORE . . .

This class will also cover the ribbon bar in the 2010 version of the program.

This is a **HANDS-ON CLASS** -- All attendees are encouraged to **BRING A LAPTOP** so that you can follow along with the instructor and save your work

ONLY 10 SPACES REMAIN

EDUCATION CLASS - Microsoft Excel An Introduction

presented by: **Bruce Shein** of **Avon Executive Offices**

hosted by: **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

at **Farmington Woods Golf Club**

43 Heritage Drive, Avon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

RESERVATION REQUIRED by **Tuesday, September 18**

Members - Free

Join Us For Our October 2012
Morning Business



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 

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



Network Connection MEMBER ORIENTATION

For this month only Morning Networking takes on a brand new look as members of the Chamber's Membership Committee walk you through the myriad of marketing, learning and networking opportunities available to members of the Avon Chamber!



Whether you are a new member in need of guidance or a returning member wanting to get more involved -- this event is for you

And, to show our appreciation for your participation, at the conclusion of this special event there will be a drawing for some fabulous items donated by members of the Membership Committee (By the way -- marketing your company by donating a drawing item for a Chamber networking event is just one of the Chamber's many benefits) including:

- Overnight Stay - **Marriott Residence Inn-Avon**
- Basket of Goodies - **Miller Foods/Oma's Pride**
- Matted Piece of Artwork - **The Decor Advantage**
- Sleeve of Golf Balls and Giant Golf Umbrella - **Union Savings Bank**

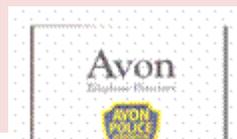
October 2012 Morning Business Network Connection/MEMBER ORIENTATION

hosted by: **COSÌ**

385 West Main Street/Route 44, Avon
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Members - Free, First-Time Guests - Free

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offer dental coverage to their employees at no additional cost.

For more information click on this link:

[Chamber Dental Prime and Chamber Dental Complete](#)

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click on the images below for more information

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE



PET INSURANCE



Remember to Shop Local



DIRECTORY to the LEFT for your AD ORDER FORM.

Deadline for ads is THIS SATURDAY,

September 15

Avon Chamber of Commerce and the **Avon Police Association** have collaborated for the past seven 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS



Office and Medical Space



10% Discount for Chamber Members



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: **TCBY * Avon Marketplace * 530R Bushy Hill Road * Simsbury, CT 06070 * 860.658.4520 * tcbyavon@att.net * www.TCBYct.com**



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