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Events and Information November 13, 2009 Edition

As a courtesy to your fellow members, if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, we ask that you not attend Chamber events until you are well. Our first priority is the health of our members and of the business community. Thank You

Upcoming Events

[January 6 - Morning Business Network Connection](#)

[January 13 - Business After Hours/Celebrate the New Year](#)

[January 28 - A Combined Business After Hours with Avon, Farmington, Newington, Simsbury and West Hartford Chambers of Commerce](#)

Avon Chamber Day at the WTIC NewsTalk 1080 Holiday Store to Benefit The Salvation Army Sign Ups Starting Soon!

For a listing of all Upcoming Avon Chamber of Commerce Events
CLICK HERE: [Avon Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events](#)

Featured Member Benefit

NEW BENEFIT!
Reduce Your Dues!
Recruit a New Member

Would you like to have a year's

Morning Business Network Connection



Join us for our December 2009
Morning Business Network Connection

Così This group provides an excellent opportunity to network with other Chamber members and guests in a more intimate setting. So stop by, promote your business, and exchange ideas and referrals. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards!

For further information **CLICK HERE:**

[December 2009 Morning Business Network Connection](#)

hosted by **Così**

385 West Main Street (Route 44), Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:30AM-9:30AM

Members - FREE, First-Time Guests - FREE

Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and 'Toys for Tots' Drive

worth of Chamber membership at either a reduced rate or perhaps even free?

It's easy - simply sponsor a New Avon Chamber Member and, once their application is complete and paid in full, the next time you are billed you will see your own dues reduced by the amount of the new member's dues for a period of one year.

To learn more about this new benefit please click on this link - [Avon Chamber Recruit A New Member Program](#) Questions? call Lisa at the Chamber office.

Watch for more new benefits coming soon!

To see all the benefits your Avon Chamber has to offer **CLICK HERE: [Avon Chamber of Commerce Membership Benefits](#)**

What's Happening with the Members

Farmington Valley Arts Center

Farmington Valley Arts Center will be holding its annual *Candlelight Opening* today, Friday, November 13, 6-9 p.m. Stroll the boardwalk, visit and meet the studio artists, enjoy wine and cheese. The Farmington Valley Arts Center is located at **25 Arts Center Lane** in Avon.

Papacelle Ristorante

Now through this Saturday, November 14, dine at **Papacelle Ristorante** and they will donate 10% of your total bill to Chamber members **Avon VFW Post 3272**.

River Ridge

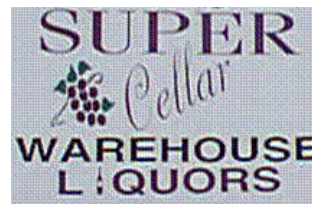
at Avon

A Benchmark Living Community



A Dancer's Palette

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Please join us for our December 2009 **Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and 'Toys for Tots' Drive**.

As is our Chamber's tradition, attendees are asked to consider bringing **A New, Unwrapped Toy** or **Monetary Donation** for the Marines' 'Toys for Tots' annual holiday toy drive taking place during this event.

This exciting monthly networking opportunity draws on average 90+ area business people who attend with the expectation of meeting *you* and finding out how *your* business can help them be successful.

For further information or to register **CLICK HERE:**

[December 2009 Business After Hours/Annual Holiday Event and 'Toys for Tots' Drive](#)

Hosted by:

**River Ridge at Avon
A Dancer's Palette
Stephen Cadieux CPA
Super Cellar Warehouse Liquors**

**at River Ridge at Avon
101 Bickford Extension, Avon
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
5:00PM-7:00PM**

**Reservation Required by MONDAY, December 7
Members - FREE, Non-Members - \$20**

**PARKERS WILL BE STATIONED ALONG THE ROAD
LEADING INTO RIVER RIDGE AT AVON TO ASSIST**

Papacelle Ristorante is located in Riverdale Farms Shopping, 152 Simsbury Road, Avon, (860) 269-3121.

The First National Bank of Litchfield

Founders Insurance Group

On Tuesday, November 17 **The First National Bank of Litchfield** and **Founders Insurance Group** will be conducting a free seminar entitled *Managing Your Workers' Compensation - Proactive Tips To Save Time and Money!* The seminar will be held at the Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield. Networking is from 8:30-9 a.m., seminar runs from 9-11a.m. **RSVP to cdonaldson@foundersgrp.com or gscherbner@fnbl.com**

The Investors Center

On Tuesday, December 8 **The Investors Center** will be holding a free art show/food tasting/wine tasting at their Avon offices, located at 70 East Main Street (Route 44), Avon. **RSVP to kathi.boratko@raymondjames.com or by calling (860) 677-8808.**

Does Your Business Have a Plan to Deal with H1N1 (swine) flu?

Does your business have a plan to diminish the spread of H1N1 (swine) flu, or to maintain continuity in your workforce during the flu season?

There are a number of resources available for employers to help you better prepare for the flu season.

YOU

***Chamber's Education Committee Wants To Hear From YOU**

Is there a class that you would like to see the Chamber offer? Have you ever thought about teaching a Chamber class yourself? What time of day is best for you to attend a Chamber-sponsored class?

The Chamber's Education Committee is currently looking for new class ideas and would like to hear from you. Topics must be of a business nature and focused on the needs of a small- to medium-size business -- from hands-on computer or technology classes, to accounting, to marketing, to sales, to merchandising, to business strategy, to economic development. *(no sales pitches please)*

The Education Committee would also like to know when is the best time of day for you to attend a class -- is it first thing in the morning, a lunch program, or right after work ends for the day?

Please email your ideas and suggestions to Lisa at the Chamber office.

***Chamber Supports the WTIC NewsTalk 1080 Holiday Store to Benefit The Salvation Army**

As most of you know, each year for the past four years the Avon Chamber and its affiliated members work one day at the *WTIC NewsTalk 1080 Holiday Store to Benefit the Salvation Army*.

This year the Holiday Store will be open from Friday, December 11 through Thursday, December 24 at **Avon Old Farms Hotel**. Each day the store needs volunteers in order for it to fulfill its mission of providing food, toys and other necessities to those in need this holiday season.

The Avon Chamber and **The Salvation Army** are again coordinating efforts to help other Avon businesses, organizations and groups get involved with this worthy effort.

There are still several weekdays available if your Avon-based business, organization or group would like to volunteer. The Holiday Store is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the two Saturdays *(please note that the two Saturdays already have groups signed up)*

Volunteer shifts typically run for two hours. You must be able to guarantee 2 people per shift and the entire day's coverage of all the shifts. The following days are still

Here are some helpful links:

[CT Flu Watch](#)

[H1N1 Influenza: What Connecticut Residents Need to Know](#)

[Business Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist](#)

available:

- Friday, December 11
- Monday, December 14
- Tuesday, December 15
- Thursday, December 17
- Friday, December 18
- Monday, December 21
- Tuesday, December 22
- Wednesday, December 23

The Chamber now offers Pet Insurance!



If your Avon-based business, organization or group is interested in having their very own day at the *WTIC NewsTalk 1080 Holiday Store to Benefit The Salvation Army* please contact either Lisa at the Chamber or Jim Gordon at The Salvation Army (860) 543-8406 x118.

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lorimacgowan@comcast.net

This and many other offers are available to Avon Chamber members and their employees as part of our **ACBD** (**A**von **C**hamber **B**usiness **D**iscounts) **Program**. In order to take advantage of this or any of the other discounts available you must have an **ACBD Card**! Cards will be available at all Chamber events or you may contact the Chamber office.

To see all the other offers available **CLICK HERE: [Avon Chamber ACBD Program](#)**

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