



Avon Chamber of Commerce

The Economic Development Committee encourages industrial and commercial growth along with a commitment to our existing business and industry in Avon.

The Civic Committee is dedicated to community activities that enhance the quality of life in Avon.

Let us

develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered.

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The June 4, 2024, meeting was chaired by Vice-Prez Steve Harrison, who gathered Chamber members around the Peppermints lunch table: Geri Brewer, Bob Hunn, Maureen Kingston, David Leven, Dot McCandless, Chris Quinlan, Marinda Rucinski, Ann Younger, and your Secretary Barbara Herman. (We missed you, Paul Tilly, and hope you'll be able to join us, feeling healthy again, next month!)

- Your Avon Chamber of Commerce has supported the Avon Attic Days – now grown up to include Lima and Caledonia – for a lo-o-o-ong time, and this year, also. The "Trailways to Treasures" will be back again, in 2025. Plan ahead and gather up your sale-able treasures and place your Penny Saver ad, next time around. First full weekend in June - 7th, 8th & 9th of 2025.

- Marinda Rucinski reported for Community Bank N.A., with special loan rates for springtime needs. Stop in to the Genesee Street site to check out their offerings. Marinda also updated us on Chamber finances, and considerable discussion followed – the Chamber savings account will be running quite low, when our newest Student Service Award winner receives her \$1,000 award. It was decided to send another appeal letter to all Chamber members to strengthen this fund – since 1988, it's been a proud activity of our group.

- David Leven reported for Sports Medicine Concepts, that handsome building in East Avon and described in detail what "on-site training" includes for participant teams: all medical staff of a given team, who will be on-site at any game, are required to receive this training, as mandated by the NFL. Dave reports that SMC CEO Mike Cendoma has been traveling, meeting with potential team customers. He is working particularly on an additional sports industry in New York State, and we hope to hear good results with bringing that group on-board, to enhance sports safety across the state.

- Maureen Kingston reported for Avon American Legion Post: they're trying to assemble information on Joseph Gallipeau. Anyone with any background on this veteran is asked to contact Maureen or any Legion officer to complete his background. Also, the ACS class reunion and dinner this year will be at Willow Creek Event Center, August 8. Maureen notes it'll be the last year to honor the "Braves".

- Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes will be retiring shortly, leaving a vacancy for this position. We've been informed that Andrea Bailey is one potential candidate; to date, we've not heard of other candidates – there are certain to be others to fill this necessary presence in the Assembly.

- Geri Brewer reported for Avon Preservation & Historical Society. The cherished statue of "the Indian" will be moved to the Downs. The kiosk there containing historical and local notes is in process of repair. Geri is working (tirelessly, we may add) on collecting items for the raffle which APHS conducts at Rotary Corn Fest time. This year's raffle theme is "Avon Area Artisans" and APHS vice prez Stephanie Dempsey recently achieved Guinness Book of World Records fame, as the collector of 1,000-or-more socks. That's right - socks! The goal of \$60,000 for return of that famous fire engine to Avon is nearly reached: \$53,000 has been collected to date. Contributions are most welcome! APHS continues to inventory all the items in its considerable collection, under new curator Rhonda LeFeber. Finally, the recent pubic program on sheep farming presented by Kyle Farms was excellent and well received.

- Dot McCandless reported for Friends of the Avon Free Library: there's Bingo ahead! Kickoff date June 10. The summer reading program will be starting soon.

- Chris Quinlan reported for the Village. The Chamber's phone line ties into the Village system. Thanks to new mayor Rob Hayes, the cost for this will be covered by the Village Board; and our treasurer Marinda Rucinski will accept calls forwarded for the Chamber. Chris and mayor Rob attended a SUNY conference on grants from New York State, available and how-to information offered. Chris also reported on repairs to the Five Arch Bridge: the project had to be re-bid, due to the amount and location of wear and damage. At this time, only one side will be included in the project. The Village Board wishes to reduce the speed limit at the Downs, from 30 to 15 mph. Comments, no doubt, to the Village Office. Chris also notes, on the "Fox-y Fire Engine", that, once it's relocated to Avon, will require storage and maintenance costs.

- Ann Younger reported for her Avon Park Theater that the "Lyn' Eyes" tribute is nearly sold out. Fall weekends are completely booked. Bob's Brother's Band tribute to Chicago is coming up. Be sure to check AvonParkTheater.com for compete program offerings and dates.

- Steve Harrison noted the Complete Livingston Business Directory is finished and delivered.

- A brand-new and exciting arrival in Mt. Morris - LivCoBasecamp grand opening took place June 8 – it's a complete source for any and all visitors or residents on Livingston shops, accommodations, visit-worthy sites, restaurants and more. The site is in the heart of Mt. Morris village – we hope to hear more, coming up.

Next month's meeting will be on July 2, at noon at Peppermints.