



# Avon Chamber of Commerce

*Citizens & Business Working Together*

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.*

*Daniel Webster*

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Unpredictable weather in June and in July but a good luncheon meeting for your Avon Chamber of Commerce is always predictable!! July 2, 2024, found Chamber Prez Mike Carroll and Vice-Prez Steve Harrison welcoming Dave Leven, Marinda Rucinski, Melissa Savino, Paul Tilly, Ann Younger and your secretary Barbara Herman, for a fine Peppermints lunch.

- Paul Tilly and Zion Church members will welcome all to Zion's "Repair Cafe" on the third Saturday of every month. Bring your items in need of wiring repairs and clothing in need of minor repair help: Zion Church is partnering with East Avon Presbyterian Church to provide these needs – at no cost –and all that's needed is a donation. Sounds like a great community service.

- Melissa Savino reported the Cake Place has been busy-busy with wedding and graduation celebrations. From the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce comes news of a trip to ICELAND in partnership with Dody at Cruise Planners. Of special note is the upcoming Athena Awards program. This is the 2nd Annual local Athena program, to honor women dedicated to community, professionalism and leadership. Nominations are in order now and sponsorships are available. The luncheon and celebration of winners will be on Thursday, October 3, at SUNY Geneseo.

- Mike Carroll reported on a very successful Western New York Pottery Festival in June. For the first time, a food vendor offered goodies, namely a country barbecue and reported good results. Gallery and supply orders enjoyed good sales. Mike expressed thanks to Matthews Buses for making parking space available, and to Sheriffs deputies for welcome assistance in crowd safety at the Route 5 & 20 crossings. Several new artists were on site, hoping to build customer followings and repeat artisans reported great results – all of whom enjoyed wonderful weather. Mike also reported he's been winding down classes at local school districts, on-site classes are in full swing, and he's experiencing visits from lakes-area tourists.

- Marinda Rucinski reported on Chamber checking and savings accounts. We're hoping for good returns from a recent mailing asking for extra \$\$\$ from local businesses to support the McFadden Student Service Award. This

excellent award, to recognize and honor graduating high school seniors, has been doing just this, for nearly 20 years. This year's winner is Ella O'Brien; she's also been an employee at Mike Carroll's Studio Sales Pottery and spends extra summer-time hours working at Stella Maris. We'll honor her at our Citizen of the Year dinner (more below!).

- Marinda also reported on employee incentives being offered at Community Bank N.A. to encourage new accounts.

- Dave Leven reported that activities at Sports Medicine Concepts will be temporarily winding down, as the organization gears up for full training in the fall-to-winter sports seasons. Job opening at SMC: for a part-time employee, approximately 10 hours a week, no special requirements, a clerical position at present.

- Ann Younger reported that summer movies will start next week, July 11, with the well-reviewed "Barbie." You may view "Stop Making Sense" for a nominal \$10 entrance; all the viewings are listed on [avonparktheater.com](http://avonparktheater.com) – go there, and find out what's coming! In general, Ann reports a good mix of movie and performance programs for summertime pleasure!

- Have you checked out the just-released Livingston County Business Directory and Community Guide, proudly produced by Featured Media?? It is a comprehensive listing of Livingston businesses – but, more noticeably, includes excellent stories and photos of some less-frequently highlighted companies. If you'd like an extra copy, contact the staff at [FeaturedMedia.com](http://FeaturedMedia.com).

- As promised above, here's the story on the Citizen of the Year dinner and awards program: mark your calendar for the first Saturday in October, and plan to be at the Avon Inn to help celebrate.

- A small correction from last month's newsletter: the 2025 "Trailways to Treasures" weekend will be on June 6-7-8. Now's the time to mark your calendar and start accumulating your saleable "treasures".

- Next month's meeting will be at Peppermints, at noon, on Tuesday, August 6. It's a great way to hear local business and organization plans and programs. Join the Chamber bunch then!!