



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.

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President Mike Carroll welcomed Geri Brewer, Bob Hunn, Dave Leven, Marinda Rucinski, Melissa Savino, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Bob Westfall, Steve Harrison and Ann Younger, and your secretary Barbara Herman, to the August 6, 2024 Peppermints lunch meeting.

- Mike Carroll informed us of a collection date for outdated electronics, sponsored by GLOW solid waste entity, on September 21. Also, the ongoing Comprehensive Town planning initiative; details available at the Town offices.
- Geri Brewer brought us up to date for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. A \$5,000 grant has been approved for restoration of the White Horse "himself". APHS is seeking "now and then" photos of local business sites for a front-window display: if you have or know of snapshots of a local business as it was "then" and as it appears "now", contact APHS. A quilt wall hanging will be part of their raffle project to take place shortly. The next program will feature Wells Barns and will take place September 13, appropriately at the Wells Estate event center on West Henrietta Road (just north of the Penny Saver) with Dick Fisher presenting.
- Bonnie Taylor-Davis reported on progress for the return of the Ahrens-Fox fire engine. Thanks to those who supported its return. A temporary home has been located for it and funds will be raised to finance a permanent location.
- Melissa Savino and the Livingston Chamber staff are excited about the upcoming Food Fest. For the Cake Place, Melissa reports wedding activities continue for cake orders. They've been invited to participate once again in the George Eastman House contest for gingerbread house creations; their entry last year was built, literally, around the Avon Inn.
- Ann Younger reported on Avon Park Theater activities. Thursday night at the movies continues for the rest of August, featuring "Jaws", "Animal House" and "The Wizard of Oz" in consecutive weeks. Saturday, August 24, will present former-Avonite Diane Vonglis reading portions of her book – a real treasure, it's reported. The theater is fully booked for the balance of 2024, and spring 2025 dates are filling in.
- Bob Hunn reports the completely remodeled front portion of the Avon Floral World shop: now, for the back of the shop!! The remodeled street-front area is to be completely devoted to bridal consultations and ideas.
- Bob Westfall reports he'll again be offering tours of the Opera Block Building during the Rotary Corn Fest, taking place in a few short days! Good luck to Avon Rotarians for this important fundraiser – and hoping for good weather that day. A record number of vendors are contracted to offer arts and crafts and food goodies.

- Chamber Treasurer Marinda Rucinski reports that Chamber finances are in a stronger position – thanks to those who responded to the July plea for support for the Chuck McFadden Student Service Award with contributions. For the Community Bank N.A. she reports the Spring Loan event is still ongoing: it's not autumn, yet! Students who will be going off to college soon will need checking accounts set up; she encourages parents and students to apply together for these.

- Dave Leven reports that Sports Medicine Concepts has had recent staff changes, necessitating a little bit of shuffling around. As last reported, NFL groups have concluded, and the first NBA training series will kick off September 5. Altogether, 23 members of Village staff and police participated in training on NARCAN, "Stop the Bleed" and CPR sessions recently. Thanks to Sports Medicine Concepts for providing this vital training.

- Chris Quinlan reported for the Village of Avon: the Genesee Valley Breeders Cup is set for August 25. Steve Harrison offered to assist with advertising to increase awareness and attendance to this annual event. The Village has been awarded a grant for new light-pole banners. Larry Tetamore is engaged to provide photos for the banners; they'll replace the Home Town Heroes banners which have been in place for quite a long time.

- Steve Harrison got us to the important task for Chamber members present: to vote on the award for Citizen of the Year. Nominations were reviewed and consensus reached: our Citizen awardee this year will be David LeFeber!! Remember to mark your calendar for this special program, Saturday, October 5, at the Avon Inn. Dave will be presented by his nominator Collin Hayes. We were reminded of our 2023 winner, attorney Dave Henehan, also a well-deserved longtime Avon presence. We'll also honor our Chuck McFadden Student Service awardee, Ella O'Brien.

- In support of the "Buy Local" campaign, and in support of great food, Steve Harrison reported on the very excellent corn chowder offered at the Avon Inn – a concoction created to celebrate the Corn Fest. Thanks to Inn staff for this treat!

- A reminder to all: Zion Episcopal Church is partnering with East Avon Presbyterian congregants to offer "Repair Cafe", the third Saturday every month, offering to "sew, mend, rewire, re-glue, sharpen, repair bikes & much more"!! It's at Zion Church, 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Cost? free! for a nominal voluntary contribution. Keep this excellent community service on your schedule. Also, Zion Church has office space available for rent: 172 s.f. includes utilities, handicap accessible entry, call 226 - 3722 for info, M - Th, 9:30 - 1:30 or leave a message.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3. It's the very day after Labor Day, and a fine entry into the autumn season. Hope to see YOU at Peppermints for lunch that day.