



# 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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It was "Happy New Year!" all around, when your Avon Chamber of Commerce met on January 7, 2025, with Chamber President Mike Carroll presiding. Chamber vice-prez Steve Harrison and members David Leven, Chris Quinlan, treasurer Marinda Rucinski, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, our "hostess for the day" Ann Younger and your secretary Barbara Herman met at lunchtime that day in the Avon Park Theater.

- Steve thanked all the sponsors for the perennially-popular Avon Holiday Happenings, distributed each December to all Avon households. Marinda Rucinski and Melissa Savino will shortly be contacting additional businesses to encourage joining/renewing memberships and attendance at these monthly meetings. A sincere thanks to all of you who have renewed your Avon Chamber membership already and to those of you who haven't, please do so soon as you will ease printing and postage expenses for the Chamber for a reminder notice. Thanks in advance!

- Chris Quinlan reported the ice rink is open at the Driving Park. The First Day hike at the Erie-Attica Trail was a huge success. Thanks to New York State Parks, and to a federal grant of \$1 million to the Village for rehab to the Five Arch bridge –right now, waiting for delivery of stone. Signage for the trail is being finalized. Cost to local taxpayers, Chris notes, was about \$60,000. On another note, the fire engine returned to Avon, is temporarily at Peter Vonglis's premises. Application for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant is in the works. (Rochester and Canandaigua are other local competitors.) Thanks to Ann Younger for making the Park Theater available for grant presentations.

- Thanks to our treasurer Marinda Rucinski for keeping our Chamber books in good order. For the Community Bank N.A., she reported new branches in the works include Penfield (later this year), and locations in Webster, Henrietta, and Goodman Street. The Avon Lions Club planned a chicken barbecue for January 26, pickups to be at Village Restaurant or Rick Doudt's spirits store.

- Ann Younger reported a good December for the Park Theater; there've been good turnouts for movie showings. Coming January 13 is a meeting on Genesee Valley Trailtowns initiative. A weeklong conference in February is planned for Popli Design.

- Dave Leven reported Sports Medicine Concepts is gearing up for its 2025 training schedules.

- Mike Carroll's Studio Sales Pottery classes are sold out at present. He's beginning to recruit for artisan vendors for this year's Western New York Pottery Festival, scheduled for Father's Day weekend, as usual. Gallery sales have been good.

- The Avon Chamber salutes a longtime supporter Marty Graham, of our organization and many other Avon endeavors as she has passed away. She will be missed for her smiles and contributions. Rest in peace, Marty.

**Next Chamber noon meeting is Tuesday, February 4.** And we will be meeting at **Six Sprouts in East Avon** - a new Avon Chamber member! Owners Jordan Guadalupe and Betsy George will be our hosts. Also, Ashley Comeau will be present to report on the Holiday Spectacular; and Maureen Wheeler of Livingston County will be joining us. *Hope to see YOU then.*