



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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A big WELCOME to our newest Avon Chamber member, Six Sprouts Farm Market. And a big thank you to owners Betsey and Jordan for hosting our meeting on February 4, 2025. While Chamber President Mike Carroll was occupied with deliveries, and Vice-President Steve Harrison was out of town attending to Featured Media business, it was an eager group of Chamber members present to enjoy the warmth of the Six Sprouts setting: Geri Brewer, Roxanne Clark, Leann Hill, Bob Hunn, Chris Quinlan, Melissa Savino, Paul Tilly, Betty Lou Tilly, Robert Westfall, and your Secretary Barbara Herman. Greetings to our visitors Maureen Wheeler for Livingston County Development, Ashley Comeau for Avon Holiday Spectacular and Amanda Schroeder for Avon Central Schools.

- Ashley brought us a full report of this year's Holiday Spectacular, on December 7. Attendance this year was approximately the same as 2023, 2 - 3,000. Probably next year, a 1:00 p.m. start time will be in effect; the committee will be sure to notify all vendors of the start time. There were ten more vendors than last year. Santa held court on the 3rd floor of the Opera Block, which was great! The Genesee Street "Pocket Park" was left available for folks to sit and enjoy, Thanks to Howlett Farms and Mulligan Farms for sponsoring Bob's Brothers Band that evening. Suggestions for next year included having a volunteer circulated during the day, to get first-hand reactions/feedback, and identifying the appropriate location for the Scouts. Thanks, Ashley, for joining us this day and to the committee of elves who collaborated to make the Spectacular, just that!

- Maureen Wheeler brought updates from LivCo.com: the 10-week CO.STARTERS program equips entrepreneurs with the insights, relationships and tools needed to turn ideas for YOUR new business into action. Two sessions are scheduled: Wednesdays from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Mt. Morris, at LivCo Base Camp, March 12 through May 14; or Thursday evenings 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Livingston County Chamber offices in Geneseo, March 13 through May 15. Info@growlivco.com gets you the full story, including cost and reservation information. Suggestion: the Tourism Festivals and Events app shows all local events and is a great funding resource.

- Melissa Savino, our "Cake Lady" will again participate in the annual Rochester Chocolate Ball, March 8; theme this year is "Enchanted Fain Forest". Beneficiary this year is EPI, Epilepsy Foundation. For Livingston County Chamber, Melissa reports a Chili Cookoff at Willow Creek Event Center. Last year's Food Fest saw 600 - 800 in attendance; this year, to date, 30 vendors are lined up. Vendors and food demos will be indoors! No cost to County Chamber members; and a \$15 general admission ticket is available. Nominations were being accepted for the County's Farm of the Year Award. The trip to Ireland is being planned.

- Roxi Clark reported for the Western New York Pottery Festival, on Fathers' Day weekend, on-site at School House Pottery. The event

can accommodate 25 potters (application period is already closed), and it's proved a valuable networking opportunity for these artisans.

- Geri Brewer reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. Programs for Spring 2025 are "The History of the Early American Flintlock", presented by Mark Robinson on April 13, and "The History of Lookover Stallion station", to be presented by Randy Kozlowski on May 18. Join the APHS and enjoy these programs and their quarterly newsletter. They're also hosting a gallery of 150 years of Avon art, date TBA. Poinsettia sales in December netted \$1,000 for APHS, thanks to Geri's efforts. Future events include a dedication of the information kiosk at the Downs, to honor Geri's late husband Jim Brewer; and hopefully an organ concert when their organ is fully restored. Geri also reported on the Food Link pop-up pantry held once monthly at East Avon Fire Hall; Paul Tilly noted that last month 191 families were served.

- Amanda Schroeder reported for Avon Central Schools: budget season will be coming up. Amanda conducts the digital meeting class at ACS. Hope we have students meet with us in March, for updates on website works.

- Ann Younger reported the Avon Park Theater had a busy January; the week-long seminar the theater had this week prevented our meeting there today. Three shows are scheduled for February, and the Trivia night event has moved to April. As always, check avonparktheater.com for dates and events!!

- Bob Hunn reported Avon Floral World is busy with Valentine Day plans, and springtime-summertime wedding dates. They've partnered with Six Sprouts on plans. Check SixSproutsFarmMarket.square.site for their events.

- Leann Hill reported for the BNI - Business Networking - group, looking for a representative from the building trades, architects, and web developer occupations, among others. BNI group meets at Peppermints for breakfast Thursday mornings, to network and exchange referral information.

- And more on Six Sprouts: get-together events include SoapMaking on March 22, and a Friday morning-before-you-go-into-the-office coffee hour every Friday. Meet and greet your favorite local coffee-drinkers at Six Sprouts: enjoy some coffee, lattes, breakfast sandwiches, or lunch treats from Avondale. Their hours are 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily, and 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on weekend days.

- Chris Quinlan reported for the Village: work continues on the Village's new website. Larry Tetamore has moved his photography studio and gallery to his (and Marcea's) home on Papermill Road; and Marcea will be working on lawyer-like stuff, also from that address.

Our next meeting will be Noon on Tuesday, March 4 at the Park Theater.