



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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From our Chamber monthly luncheon on Tuesday, October 7, at Peppermints Restaurant:

- Our roundtable discussion was led off by President Ashley Comeau. She assured us the Holiday Spectacular will again be just that: on Saturday, December 6, with a 2:00 p.m. start. This year's schedule will include a scavenger hunt. More on that, to come.
- A special event: Livingston County Development is hosting a Downtown Revitalization program on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m. "Rebuilding the Three-Legged Stool" will be presented by special guest Rick Hauser, Mayor of the Village of Perry, and also president of InSite Architecture. Sharing some strategies he used in Perry to revitalize the downtown and bring in new investment.
- Chris Quinlan was next in the roundtable, reporting that Avon was a finalist in the application process for a \$10 million grant; they'll apply for the next round of grants.
- Village Historian Clara Mulligan next joined the discussions, reminding all of the upcoming October 19 presentation by the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. Reach Clara by email at cmulligan5325@gmail.com. Geri Brewer updated the APHS news: the kiosk at the Avon Driving Park, to be dedicated to her husband Jim, is nearly completed. She will again organize the holiday sale of poinsettias; contact her to place your order! APHS museum window displays, coordinated by Stephanie Dempsey, are always full of information. This month the window features four local veterans. Next APHS newsletter will reach members in early November. They will welcome new applicants for Board membership.
- Grace Frenzel, Avon Free Library Director, discussed the current structure for Library funding: contributions from the Town, from the Village, and from a tax collected through the Avon Central School billings. A budget proposal will appear on this November's election forms, to consolidate this into billing by the Town. If adopted, the Library receipts from the taxes would not change; the billing mechanism is the only change. Information and details are available at the Library. Also, info sessions on Medicare changes are scheduled at the Library. Check their website for dates. Coming up: a showing of "The Librarian", a documentary discussing book banning; it's scheduled for November 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Avon Park Theater.
- Chamber Treasurer Marinda Rucinski assured us she's monitoring our finances. For her "other hat", at Community Bank N.A., she reported "business as usual". She reported three new trainees in the branch. The new bank branch on Hylan Drive (across from the U.R. Orthopedic building) is now open; the new Pittsford branch on Monroe Avenue will house corporate activities, to open in November. Events to celebrate these will highlight Jim Kelly. Thanks to Avon Floral World, she reported, for a gorgeous floral display in the bank lobby.
- Bob Hunn reported several new gift lines at the Avon Floral World site, beautiful giftable items, stop in and choose!

- Ann Younger reported on the Landmark Society of Western New York recently awarding the Park Theater a special recognition for preservation. The "46-ers" presentation is coming back; Bad Sneakers will show up on January 17, with reserved seating scheduled. Ann reported the building is solar-powered, a noteworthy accomplishment. Once again, the October 21 presentation is an important community-participation event. For other Park Theater events, be sure to see AvonParkTheater.com.
- Roxy Clark joined us to represent Mike Carroll and Studio Sales Pottery. She also teaches one pottery class, and noted that planning has already begun for the 2026 Western New York Pottery Festival scheduled for the Fathers' Day weekend in June. This year's festival highlighted food truck offerings, well received by the public.
- Chamber Vice-President Steve Harrison reported on a recent suggestion in Genesee Valley Penny Saver issues, for monetary support for the publications: it netted several thousand dollars in contributions, usually accompanied by personal notes and thanks from the donors, coming from a wide geographical area. This has enabled Featured Media to staff a second content writer. They've also recently acquired the Westside News, from the Spencerport area, bringing weekly circulation FM-wide to 160,000.
- We're delighted to welcome two new Chamber members: Rebecca Stewart (reach her at rebeccastewart5710@gmail.com) joined us to discuss a Special Education & Disability Resource Fair, scheduled for Saturday, November 15, at the Avon Middle School, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Hear from multiple organizations offering services to families with special-needs children. Becky hopes to become a resource for businesses, as she describes Avon as a disability-friendly community.
- Our next new Chamber is Veronica Gervase, owner of Veronica's Salon, on the circle, offering salon services Tuesday through Saturday. Welcome to both these new Chamber members.
- An update from Avon Rotary Club: Saturday, September 27, saw 18 Rotarians plus family and friend helpers, at work repairing and refurbishing the Boy Scout house on Cemetery Road. It's truly amazing what a crew of dedicated workers could accomplish to improve the condition and grounds of the Scout House. Avon Rotary Club chartered and has sponsored this troupe for many years. Thanks to Rotary Club president Rob Lupisella for organizing this project.
- Bonnie Taylor-Davis was the final roundtable member this month, with your Secretary Barbara Herman present.

And, our next Chamber monthly meeting will be a new adventure: we'll join for lunch at **Waystone Restaurant**, on the Avon-Lima Road, at **noon, on Tuesday, November 4**, and order from their menu of yummy offerings. It's Election Day (but we don't need to remind you of that) – hope to see YOU and hear YOUR business and organization news.