



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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Our most recent lunch was on Tuesday, September 6, with a congenial group of Chamber members enjoying a fine Peppermint's meal. Joining President Mike Carroll were Geri Brewer, Leann Hill, Dot McCandless, Chris Quinlan, Treasurer Marinda Rucinski, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Bob Westfall, Maureen Wheeler, Ann Younger and your note-taker Barbara Herman.

- Have you sent along your nomination for Citizen of the Year? Deadline's coming up very quickly – September 30 – and we'll all want to recognize an Avon citizen who's contributed to our community this year. Your nomination can be in handwritten form, e-mail or text to our Chamber address.
- And we were so pleased to be joined by new Chamber members Mike Cendoma, owner and CEO, and David Leven, EMT and training director, for the Sports Medicine Concept group in the East Avon mall. They offer medical simulation training and train-the-trainer programs in 11,000 square feet at that site; there are nine employees, growing to 27 when adjunct trainers are included. At present, an NFL contract is in force, and Avon, Pavilion and Leroy Schools are utilizing their services for athletic staff. Welcome to them!
- Geri Brewer reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. This year's raffle is concluded – results not yet tabulated – and the winning tickets were drawn on September 9. There will be three winners, thanks to the generosity of Avon merchants who contributed merchandise or gift certificates. Geri will be gearing up for poinsettia sales for the holidays – you may contact her at any time to place your order for these beauties. The hoped-for protective guards around the White Horse – who currently "resides" at the Routes 15/5 & 20 intersection – are being worked on, thanks to Jimmy Harrington.
- Dot McCandless reported for the Avon Free Library. She was pleased to note the August book sale netted over \$1,900, with 2,639 books sold. And thanks to all those folks who came by to choose some reading material.
- Marinda Rucinski reports both the Chamber's Savings account and the Checking account remain in stable condition. For the Community Bank N.A., she offered a Turbo checking account event, and a "Good Neighbor" day with a \$250 donation to be given to a local non-profit.

• Bob Westfall reported for the Avon Preservation & Historical Society, as he works toward concluding his ten-year presidency there. He repeated Geri's thanks to Avon raffle contributors, and thanks to all for very good Corn Fest sales. APHS hosted Jane Oakes, local historian of note. Her topic: Cheesemaking in Livingston County. Bob continues to attend meetings of the folks overseeing the reconstruction of the Opera Block building; he notes the second floor will be given over to the courts. Special thanks to Bonnie Taylor-Davis for help in securing funding for the third floor. Don't forget the beautiful jigsaw puzzles, available at the APHS museum, with seven local locations of interest. They make splendid holiday gifts, at \$21.00 each. Larry Tetamore has graciously donated his photographs as puzzle subjects.

• Ann Younger had lots of Avon Park Theater news: There'll be an Eagles tribute performance in July; a Led Zeppelin tribute performance in December; Bad Sneakers is scheduled for September 11. Ann hopes to show "Race to Alaska" movie, Iditarod on water, and a Sunday at the Movies series shortly. A debut album for performer Simon Fletcher was a recent event. But there's lot more: check out avonparktheater.com for up to the minute offerings.

• Paul Tilly reported the Tilly Agencies continue to expand; contact them for all your insurance needs.

• Maureen Wheeler reported for Livingston County Economic Development: rack cards featuring all nine villages' murals, recently completed to great praise, are available to offer in your place of business. Coming up October 3 is "How to be a Holiday Destination". Be sure to support the "Small Business Saturday" and "Shop Local" initiatives.

• Chris Quinlan reported on Avon Village activities: the structure providers for the Genesee Street "pocket park" are meeting today. The alleyway from the park circle toward the village offices will eventually become one-way. Decorative fencing in this area may be utilized.

• Mike Carroll reported that classes for ceramics are full. There's a proposal for the Exit 9 area, perhaps a two-sheet ice rink or space for daycare or senior activities. Details are sure to be made public in time.

Your events and your business specials can be shared and highlighted if you join us at the next noontime get-together, Tuesday, October 4. We'll be looking forward to hearing about the Holiday Spectacular as that time approaches, too. Hope to see you at Peppermints for lunch and discussion!!