



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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As we look ahead to the final few weeks of the year 2022 and wonder where the other 40 weeks have gone, at least we are MOSTLY past the coronavirus epidemic and have yet to shovel any white stuff from the driveways.

Our last meeting, on October 4, was chaired by our President Mike Carroll, who welcomed Geri Brewer, Ashley Freeman Comeau, Barbara Herman, Leann Hill, Bob Hunn, Maureen Kingston, our treasurer Marinda Rucinski, Paul Tilly, Bob Westfall, Ann Younger, and of course our Vice-Prez Steve Harrison.

- Steve reminded all of our Citizen of the Year dinner to honor Jennifer and Jim Krause for their diligent and devoted service in bringing the Avon Inn back to life. That will be on Saturday, November 5, at that very same splendid venue. Bob Hunn has exclusive sales rights to dinner tickets, and they are available at Avon Floral World. Get your tickets soon!! And we will also honor the winner of the Chuck McFadden Student Service Award for 2022, Gabrielle Koehler.

- Great to have Dave Leven with us again for lunch, and hearing of contracts which Sports Medicine Concepts has in place with NFL and NBA teams. He noted an ambulance is on site in the building. You may reach them at sportsmedicineconcepts.com

- Ashley updated on the Holiday Spectacular, set for Saturday, December 3. Once again, the "passport" concept will be used, encouraging folks to visit all the related retailers and fun/food sites. There will be a portable ice-skating rink, 40' x 60', obtained with a grant from the County's Economic Development Office LivCo. Additional sponsors included Howlett Farms, Coyne Farms and the Genesee Valley Penny Saver. Ashley notes the rink had been used by the Toronto Maple Leafs (but no goalies came along with the rink).

Other notes from Ashley: the mural created by the school art club is in its permanent location at the Downs. And that Bob's Brother's Band will furnish music following the tree lighting. The timber structure for the pocket park on Genesee Street which she reported as on order has appeared in its designated location!

- Both Ashley and Ann Younger remarked on the seminar October 3 on "How to be a Holiday Destination".

- Ann reported on her scheduled events for the Park Theatre, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She is awaiting solar panels for the roof. Mr. Mustard has been rescheduled to December. Birthday parties and casino parties are planned for the theater. And Bad Sneakers was a big hit!! This Steely Dan tribute band is also set for a future date. "Young Frankenstein" was aired last Sunday, and "Mimosa Movie Matinees" are scheduled. She plans on an expanded menu soon.

- Marinda reported our bank accounts remain in stable condition. For the Community Bank N.A., accounts opened will earn a credit card gift. Home equity loans are always an option. For the bank building itself, the exterior will be in "Utterly Beige" coloration, with a new logo, hopefully completed in the next two-to-three weeks.

- Leann reported for Edward Jones brokerage, busy with a New York State-mandated retirement plan for firms with ten or more employees, including part-timers. The BNI network continues to meet. Leann has added Barilla to the Welcome Wagon gift bags.

- Maureen Kingston reported on the Avon tour she provided for new staff at Avon Central School; and she is co-presenting, with Joan Reid, a series of training sessions for Avon Preservation Society volunteers.

- Bob Westfall reported for Avon Preservation & Historical Society, on the September 25 program offered to the public, the first in two years due to the covid pandemic – titled, "Cheesemaking in Livingston County" by Jane Oakes. Next up will be on December 11, featuring Coyne Farms. He reported also that the white horse statue is being repaired, as well as the surrounding fence, with plexiglass surround.

- Geri reported on the recent fundraiser for APHS, a raffle, well supported by Avon merchants; as noted previously, donations were so generous that three gift baskets were awarded. She notes that orders for poinsettias from Chases Greenhouses will be taken soon, and new calendars for 2023 are available now. Thanks to Stephanie Dempsey for designing and arranging APHS front windows.

- Bob Hunn reported the Floral World will be busy with October weddings, and a contractor has been engaged for in-store insulation needs. Also, as noted above, Bob is once again the sole distribution and sales outlet for the Citizen Dinner – so get your ticket soon!!

- Mike noted that the Chamber needs a website manager: job's open – contact him for details and to offer your services. Mucho congratulations to Mike for his one-man show, "Elements, Earth and Fire", installed at Nazareth College's Art Center, in the Colacino Gallery. The exhibit is set for October 7 through November 20. Check the website studiosalespottery.com. Also, he has scheduled an OctoberFest on October 29 featuring several artists, in the new building behind the schoolhouse; that building will also allow space for workshops. As a side note, the building was constructed by Amish workers; and approximately 1-1/2 cords of scrap wood resulted.

So, that's it: all the news that was fit to share, as of October 4. To keep in the loop and share with other Avonites, join the lunch bunch at noon at Peppermints on Tuesday, November 1. It's a great group and a great gathering – you'll be glad to be there.