



Avon Chamber of Commerce

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It continued to feel like warm autumn days during the early part of December... therefore, perfect weather for your Avon Chamber of Commerce to meet and greet on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Chairing our meeting was our Chamber Vice-Prez Steve Harrison. Going round the lunch table at Peppermints, Steve greeted Ryan Pacatte, Bob Westfall, Marinda Rucinski, Ann Younger, Maureen Wheeler, your substitute notetaker Chris Quinlan, and Ashley Comeau by phone.

- Ryan Pacatte stressed that the Avon Central School District recognizes the importance of good communication. It has never been easier to get connected and stay informed. Please simply use the QR code to get connected via your preferred method:



- On Tuesday, December 13, 2022, residents of Avon Central Schools will vote on the district's proposed capital improvement project. The \$23.89 million project addresses critical infrastructure and school security needs, revamps existing instructional spaces with an eye toward better enabling collaborative learning opportunities and improves the district's athletic and fine arts facilities - all without any additional tax impact. Polls will be open from 12 p.m. (noon) to 9 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium (191 Clinton Street). To learn more about the project, visit the 'Capital Project' section of the district's website by going online to AvonCSD.org or by scanning the accompanying QR code using the camera app on your smartphone.

- Bob Westfall reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. The Holiday Spectacular brought foot traffic to the Museum (over 120 people) which culminated with a couple new memberships and items sold. The Museum is currently displaying old-time toys which have been a big hit! The Society's second 2022 event highlighting Coyne Farms is set for Sunday, December 11th at 2 p.m. at the Park Theater. There are three openings on the APHS board. If interested, please contact Bob.

- Marinda Rucinski reported that Community Bank is participating in the Avon Lions Club Toy Drive. Folks are welcome to come in and pick up a tag with an age on it from the tree and purchase a toy for that age and drop the toy back off at Community Bank. Toy pick-up is December 13th. All toys are donated to Avon residents. With her "Chamber Treasurer" hat in place, she reports both savings and checking accounts are stable.

- Ann Younger relayed upcoming events at the Park Theater. Bad Sneakers will be returning on Friday, January 20th with the show starting at 8 p.m. Bad Sneakers is a newly formed band of some of Rochester's best musicians playing Steely Dan music. We're hoping to set aside some free or reduced-price tickets for some aspiring young musicians to come. On Saturday, January 28th, Eric Carlin's Half Dead will be taking the stage. They are a Grateful Dead tribute band. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, March 4th, Avon native Amanda Stone will be taking the stage with her band Blonde Over Blue. Blonde Over Blue features the powerful vocals of Amanda Stone, with Jimmy Hartman on piano, and Danny Roelle on drums. These fabulous entertainers specialize in performing popular music from the 70's era through to the pop music that you hear today. They also play original music written by Amanda Stone. All these musicians are experienced and come from a variety of different musical backgrounds. Blonde On Blue is a talented trio that feeds off the energy of their audiences by playing the best pop music that fills the dance floor and creates a fun party atmosphere. If you haven't been to the Park Theater yet, you really need to check us out. All the musicians that have played thus far LOVE the Park, and to quote one of our customers "I feel like I'm not in Avon anymore."

- Maureen Wheeler reported that Back to Business grants are available for businesses that were negatively impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns/reduction of business. For more information: <https://www.growlivco.com/back-to-business> The Avon Free Library is looking to add trustees, if interested please contact Maureen Wheeler at maureen.wheeler@icloud.com Thank you to Ann for hosting the community concert during the Avon Holiday Spectacular. I've received many compliments on that event and others. The theater is creating a draw downtown and improving quality of life for Avon residents.



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- Chris Quinlan reminded members that Livingston County Chamber is sponsoring the FLX West Food Festival event on Sunday, February 5th from Noon to 6 p.m. at Willow Creek. Admission is \$10, with an additional fee for the tasting stations. Tickets are available at www.livingstoncountychamber.com Barilla is the event's title sponsor. The event will feature local wines, ciders, craft beers and food tasting stations. More than 40 different vendors are expected, allowing visitors to shop for gourmet specialty foods and fine crafts. Food demos and other activities are also planned.
- Steve Harrison followed up with Mike Carroll's wish for a new & improved Chamber website and community calendar. Ryan Pacatte will follow-up with Ryan Wagner to see if the High School can work with the Penny Saver to develop and update the website, with GVPS hosting it. Steve Harrison relayed the Citizen of the Year dinner was a success. Great food and company! Jim Krause's acceptance speech was inspirational as Jim & Jen get to do what they love every day. Our Student Service award winner Gabrielle Koehler's accomplishments were mind-blowing. Avon is fortunate to have these outstanding people in our community!
- Ashley Comeau joined us by phone to thank all who participated and/or sponsored the Avon Holiday Spectacular. Estimates of 1000 people in attendance. The committee will be sending out a survey to participants and businesses. The Skatehouse Unveiling at the Driving Park is Sunday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. The Park Theater is running It's a Wonderful Life at 1 p.m. that day. Then that evening is Luminaires at 6 p.m. with the Parade at 6:30 p.m. Information can be found at www.avonholidayspectacular.com/luminaries
- Finally, a reminder in poster format, that we're in Small Business season. The promotion offered by Livingston County's Chamber is sponsored by Quicklees with a \$25K prize or one guaranteed prize for a Livingston shopper. Visit www.shopinlivingston.com for more details.
- Get-well wishes to our notetaker Barb Herman, Geri Brewer, and Jerry Dougherty. Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!

Please join us for our next Chamber meeting on Tues., Jan. 3rd at noon at Peppermints!