



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 Avon Chamber of Commerce met for a fine Peppermints lunch on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, hoping that spring will be with us soon, and stay with us for a pleasant, long season. Enjoying that get-together were Geri Brewer; Christine Quinlan; Marinda Rucinski; Bonnie Taylor-Davis; the Tetamores, both Marcea and Larry; Bob Westfall; Ann Younger; and Christina Ecklund and Michelle Burke, representatives from Avon Central Schools; and your secretary Barbara Herman.

- Geri reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. 12 folks recently renewed their memberships. Rhonda LaFeber has signed on as Assistant Curator, and Rita Grier as Social Secretary. The April 2 program presented by Corrin Strong described the history of the Wadsworth family members in Avon and beyond. A great group of 60 attendees. They're still trying to identify ownership of the White Horse. And Bonnie is hoping to secure a sponsor for the restoration of the 1926 fire engine. Help her out?

- Chris reported for the Village of Avon: there will be a fence established around the pocket park. An application for grant support for the Avon-Attica trail has been submitted, for location identifier markers.

- Larry interrupted enjoyment of his dessert to report his photography studio-and-gallery hours: Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 noon, and, of course, other times by appointment. He hopes to be planting trees very soon!

- Marcea reported her website is going live soon. As president of Habitat for Humanity Livingston County, she – and the Habitat Board – are soliciting board members to strengthen that Board going forward. Speak to any member to volunteer or to ascertain Habitat goals and needs. For Rotary Club, take note: this year's CornFest will be on Saturday, August 12 (the second Saturday in August, as is usual). And she is now into scrapbooking in a huge way, including hosting a two-day session November 11 and 12 at the Avon Inn.

- Have you stopped to meet Grace Frenzel, the new Director at the Avon Free Library? Do so!

- Ann had mucho information about schedules and programs at the Park Theater. There have been three fundraiser events recently, including the Trivia night set by the Lions Club to benefit the Avon Free Library, the two AP&HS events (above) and "A Night at the Races" staged by St. Agnes School Foundation. Classic movies upcoming include "Jaws", Indiana Jones's "final (?) movie"; "The Martian"; and John Snyder reportedly in a singing contest with a \$1,000 prize. Ann was happy to note the installation of solar panels on the theater roof. As usual, contact Ann at AvonParkTheater.com for up-to-date schedule information.

- Bob Westfall thanked the community for the fine retirement party staged for him by the Historical Society. He's pleased to be able to report on the progress of the Opera Block restoration, and described for us the changes in office locations of Avon Town services. The first floor of the building is now completed; the second floor will be devoted to court functions. Other Town news: the corner spaces at Routes 5 & 20 and Route 15 are being developed, hopefully to contain farm markets soon, with fruits, vegetables, and meats all locally produced. More news to follow as it becomes available.

- Marinda reported as our Chamber Treasurer that both checking account and savings accounts are healthy (but she will welcome additional contributions to fatten up the Student Service Award monies).

- For the School: a Special Olympics event will take place the first Saturday in May (that is a very special day, with several community events set for that Kentucky Derby traditional race). Christina and Michelle (so glad you joined us today!) discussed efforts to build community-school partnerships and a Family Engagement Night to build parent empowerment, date to be announced. High school principal Ryan Wagner is organizing a Veterans 5K run, hoping to build funding for veterans' service organizations. A further school note: Kerri Levine is the Personnel Pupil Services staffer.

- A couple additional notes for your reading pleasure: there will be cart races at the Downs on July 9. And there has been good and positive reaction to the skating rink installation at the Downs earlier this year.

- Our next Chamber lunch date is at Peppermint Tuesday, May 2, at 12:00 noon. Hope to see you there!!