



# 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.*

*Daniel Webster*

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Summertime is winding down! But your Chamber of Commerce continues to meet and celebrate Avon's thriving business community. Our August 1, 2023 lunch meeting at Peppermints was chaired by President Mike Carroll, backed up by Vice-President Steve Harrison. And joining and sharing were Geri Brewer, Leann Hill, Dave Leven, Chris Quinlan, Treasurer Marinda Rucinski, Melissa Savino, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Paul Tilly and Ann Younger and your Secretary Barbara Herman.

- Marinda reported that Community Bank N.A. is having a "blowout special", highlighting special rates at the bank. It's time for back-to-school – or to start college life – for students, and parents will want to set up accounts. See Marinda for rates! Our Chamber accounts, Marinda reported, continue to be in healthy condition. And we thank her for keeping our books!

- Dave Leven reported for Sports Medicine Concepts (in the Matthews Bus complex in East Avon). They have completed many NFL programs for this year. In August they will stage training at Keuka College and in September will begin NBA training sessions, 40 teams contracted, to date. Following this, Dave discussed the importance of parents being aware of the need for cardiac screening for student athletes: any high school or college student planning sports participation should undergo cardiac screening. He also discussed training to enable functioning in excessive heat, such as we have experienced this year.

- Leann indicated, for her Edward Jones Financial office: she is seeking a location with higher street visibility. Site locations were offered: but she'll be glad to hear additional suggestions.

- Ann is booking into 2024 for Avon Park Theater. The Monsignor Schnacky theater group is scheduling a radio reading of "It's A Wonderful Life" and another of "Miracle on 34th Street" the second weekend in December. Be sure to check [AvonParkTheater.com](http://AvonParkTheater.com) for a full schedule of films and performances. She's hoping for "Holiday Spectacular" details to come forward.

- Geri reported for the Wesleyan Church: they've welcomed a new pastor, Ben Espinosa. And for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society, an update on events: there are two new jigsaw puzzles featuring Avon sites, available for \$21.00 each. They will be at their customary tent during Rotary Corn Fest with more gift-able items. Rhonda LaFeber has been named Assistant Curator for the museum. Museum is open Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and other times by appointment. Stop in to see recent acquisitions and to note the front window featured displays.

- Chris reported on the Opera Block restoration/remodeling project: Genesee Valley Council on the Arts has approved a grant application for the Town, for the third floor, as educational and performance space, to be applied when work is completed.

- Bonnie noted that bistro-style tables and chairs will be arriving soon for the Genesee Street pocket park (which is looking very welcoming and stylish!). Bonnie also hopes that the drive to "Bring Back the Fox" becomes a successful community effort: you will recall the "Fox" is the Ahrens-Fox Combination Pumper currently stored in Oshawa, Ontario, and hopes to bring it back to Avon for the 150th anniversary of the Avon Fire Department – coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the "Fox" and the 100th anniversary of the Avon Pumper Company formation. Checks go to: AFFCPS 74 Genesee Street, Avon.

- Melissa reported for Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, promoting their monthly Coffee Connection gathering on August 15, at "Simply Positive" gift shop in Livonia; and the "Business Brews + BBQ" event on August 30 after hours event at "No BS Brew Company" also in Livonia. A motion to approve membership for this Avon Chamber in the Livingston County Chamber, at an annual \$250.00, was endorsed by all present.

- Steve applauded the Village for the upgrading work at the Avon Downs and celebrated the recent carriage competitions.

- Please mark your calendars for this year's Citizen of the Year Dinner, Saturday, November 4, at the Avon Inn. And get working on your own nomination of a recognizable citizen for this year's award. We've also received a thank you from Katherine Krasinski, this year's Student Service Award winner.

- New to us: check out Pike's Greenhouses on Route 5 & 20, featuring new items, Ithaca Milk and Cheese, plenty of hanging baskets, and fresh-picked (really fresh! really delicious!) his own home-grown sweet corn and local veggies. Call them at 208 - 6041 and see their Penny Saver ad.

- New, too, and opening on Route 15 near 5 & 20, on the day of our Chamber meeting, August 1: Six Sprouts (stop in and discover the meaning of the Six Sprouts). Sample local produce and bakery goodies from Sweet Arts (Avon-born and tested).

- Another fun-fund raiser for St. Agnes School Foundation: the A-Maize-in-Grace family run-or-walk activity, the morning of the Corn Fest, to take place at the Downs.

- Mike reported his departure from lunch is to take clay delivery for high school classes at School House Pottery, another East Avon notable enterprise.

**Next Chamber Meeting** - Tuesday, September 5. It's the day after Labor Day, so don't miss out! Meet and greet at Peppermints for lunch at noon – we'll be looking for YOUR updates and YOUR business plans for the balance of 2023.