



# 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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Welcome, Autumn!! With your glorious reds and golds and "October's bright blue weather" of the poet – we also welcome the rain so needed in our area (which foreshadows that white stuff of winter). Your Avon Chamber of Commerce met on October 3, 2023 for a Peppermints Restaurant lunch. Chamber President Mike Carroll conducted our roundtable discussion with Ashley Comeau, Leann Hill, Bob Hunn, Chris Quinlan, Marinda Rucinski, Tara Schneider, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Erik Schneider, Bob Westfall, Maureen Wheeler, Ann Younger, Steve Harrison and your secretary Barbara Herman.

• Stepping right up with the topic of the day was Chamber Vice-Pres Steve Harrison. And that topic was our Citizen of the Year to be selected today. We had a splendid group of nominees.

Among these excellent choices and after much discussion, those present could not deny the "crown" of COTY to longtime Avon presence David L. Henehan, attorney extraordinaire. We'll be recognizing Dave at our celebratory dinner at the Avon Inn on Saturday, November 4. Thank you to Bob and Donna Hunn for once again offering to sell tickets at their Avon Floral World and Gift Shop – \$30.00 per person -- and a fine evening it will certainly be. We'll also be honoring our Chuck McFadden Student Service Award winner, Kathryn Krasinski as well.

• Erik Schneider and Tara Schneider from Avon Central Schools brought with them two students from the Digital Media Class of ten students, who will be working on our website. Tara is the schools' tech integration specialist; we're so grateful for this commitment and look forward to their results.

• Bob Westfall has been participating in the renovation/restoration at the Opera Block Building. The second floor is now complete; the third floor required replacement of the stage floor. Thanks to the Village of Avon for allowing Town of Avon meetings to take place there during this construction interim.

• Ashley Comeau: we're happy to have you with us again for the Annual Holiday Spectacular, this year on Saturday, December 2. Again the features include FREE Ice Skating, the tree lighting ceremony, kids' activities and crafts, vendors and artists, an ice sculpture demonstration, and luminaires available for pickup – show date for Luminaires will be December 17. We're told there will be sightings of Santa himself – and himself reading "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." In addition, there'll be Christmas Live at Central Presbyterian Church, plus hayrides. PLUS a silent auction for gift baskets. New vendors and artists are welcome: contact [AvonHolidaySpectacular@gmail.com](mailto:AvonHolidaySpectacular@gmail.com) for info and to reserve a space at the Village Hall. Sponsorships are available, to try to make this event self-sustaining. Fill a holiday-theme gift basket for the silent auction – or non-holiday theme, if you choose!!

• Chris Quinlan mentioned a recent conference on the topic of trails – building, supporting, enhancing local trails for riding and hiking opportunities. "Avon... Crossroads of railroads and waterways." Discover more at [ExploreGeneseeValley.com/Avon](http://ExploreGeneseeValley.com/Avon).

• Mike Carroll reports fall-time classes are full – great! He's developing a very special holiday ornament for the Spectacular. He was coaxed into revealing the ornament's shape will be an ice-skate.

• Maureen Wheeler reported on "LivCo" activities for Livingston County Economic Development Office. A "Shop Local" workshop day will be October 16 with "Shop Small" kits available.

Contact [mwheeler@co.livingston.ny.us](mailto:mwheeler@co.livingston.ny.us) – there are 50/50 grants available. Also available: social media assistance, at their offices at the County Office Complex. Maureen donned her other hat to share info on the Avon Free Library grand opening of the front entrance area, September 23. A \$371,000 grant helped to complete this. Roof slates have to be replaced. The rear areas will encompass several themed gardens; a target date to complete all updates is 2028.

• Leann Hill reported for Edward Jones Financial Offices: remember that IRA laws allow charitable deductions directly from the Minimum Required Distribution each year, bypassing any tax liability for the donor. Talk to Leann at 226-3464 or e-mail her at [leann.hill@edwardjones.com](mailto:leann.hill@edwardjones.com). The BNI Business Networking group continues to expand its membership and meetings participation. Consider joining them for a visit and to experience good networking.

• Bob Hunn reported for Avon Floral World where he and Donna are growing by absorbing the space at 67 Genesee Street. The inside store front is changed; the original wainscoted ceiling had been water-damaged and has been replaced by a drop ceiling. They're concentrating on the wedding scene, now.

• Ann Younger reported the Avon Park Theater has a busy autumn schedule. Coming up the October 14 weekend is the BuddaHood; and the November fundraiser to "Bring Back the Fox". In the time between those events, a full roster of programs is available at [avonparktheater.com](http://avonparktheater.com). A Led Zeppelin tribute is planned for February.

• Marinda Rucinski, our Chamber treasurer, is guarding our bank accounts and reports both are in healthy conditions. For Community Bank N.A., a Turbo Tailgate event is planned for the October 16 week. Visit the bank offices on Genesee Street for information.

• Steve Harrison proudly shared photos of the new sign in front of the Genesee Valley Penny Saver offices, showcasing the Featured Media addition to the Penny Saver family of services.

**IMPORTANT:** Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the November 4 Citizen of the Year celebration. Dave Henehan, besides being a respected and familiar name to the Avon community for his legal expertise, has devoted many years (you'll hear JUST how many years) to the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, providing a camping experience for severely disabled young people. Once again, tickets are at Avon Floral World & Gift Shop. See you at our Citizen!!

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 7, for our next monthly luncheon meeting at Peppermints at 12:00 noon. We appreciate YOUR recap of business activity and plans for the next months. Our community is as strong as each member helps it to grow and prosper, sharing YOUR hopes and efforts does just that.