



# 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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Here comes autumn! Ready or not, we greet the cooler nights of September and look forward to raking leaves and pumpkin time. Your Avon Chamber of Commerce met for lunch at Peppermints on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, after a pleasant Labor Day weekend. Steve Harrison, vice president, chaired while prez Mike Carroll accepted a delivery of clay for his classes and his own pottery crafts. Enjoying that lunch were Geri Brewer, Dot McCandless, Chris Quinlan, Marinda Rucinski, Melissa Savino, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Betty Lou and Paul Tilly, Bob Westfall, Ann Younger and your secretary Barbara Herman.

- Steve led off, with a reminder that our Citizen of the Year dinner will be on Saturday, November 4, at our beautiful Avon Inn. And, a reminder that nominations will be accepted only until Friday, September 29 – coming up soon!! There are so many caring, generous Avon residents worthy of being recognized – and your nomination need not be an elaborate presentation; a thoughtful letter from you will initiate the process. Mail to the Chamber's address, 74 Genesee Street, Avon.

- Marinda Rucinski updated the Chamber's financial assets: we're in stable condition in both the checking and the savings accounts. She warned that counterfeit bills have been identified in our localities. For the Community Bank N.A., Marinda reported that the bank's donations to the Avon community are going to Stone's Closet, in memory of Stone Steger who died at an early age in a tragic accident, and those contributions help students with school and weekend needs.

- Melissa Savino reported for the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce: the inaugural Athena Awards and Luncheon to "honor local women dedicated to community, professionalism and leadership" will take place on October 3. The "Elevate" sponsor is Barilla; the site is the Ballroom at SUNY Genesee. The Chamber was able to distribute 1,000 "Connection" cards to incoming students at SUNY; advertising spots are available for merchants. Grab a copy of the County Chamber's monthly "Area Happenings" listings of music, festivals and more. Contact [www.LivingstonCountyChamber.com](http://www.LivingstonCountyChamber.com) or 243-2222 for info. Melissa reports that "September is the new June", the busiest time, for wedding activities and for the Cake Place on Main Street in Avon.

- Bob Westfall reported on the progress in renovations at the Opera Block building on Genesee Street: the second floor is nearly completed, and the third floor is "slow but sure", hopefully to be completed by Christmas time.

- Paul Tilly reported for the Insurance Agency that business is good; and for Zion Church's Martha's Kitchen, where meals are provided on alternate Saturdays. Betty Lou reported that she is with us today as a sub for Rene Tilly-Lyness, but has no news to report.

- Bonnie Taylor-Davis discussed the fundraiser for "Bring Back the FOX" – we reported on this last month – the effort by the Ahrens Fox Full Circle Preservation Society to return this combination pumper to Avon. There's a "Go Fund Me" established (<https://gofund.me/e3ae1b72>) or mail a check to the Chamber at 74 Genesee Street in Avon. Be sure to join the fun on Saturday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Theater. A private beer label is planned; Genesee Valley Penny Saver will print tickets; Dublin Corners Brewery is featured; and part of the beer sales proceeds go to the fund.

- Geri Brewer reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. Plans continue for protecting the White Horse at the 5 & 20 and Route 15 intersection. The APhS raffle is ready to conclude; and poinsettia sales will begin soon. The next program will feature the Underground Railroad, September 17, at the Park Theater.

- Dot McCandless reported for the Friends of the Library: the book sale in August went well. Unfortunately, some inventory had been lost due to water leakage. The library's summer reading program had 120 kids and 62 adults participating, for a total of 1,500 hours of reading. The Library will celebrate its renovated front entrance and yard with a grand opening on September 23. Check out [books4avonfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:books4avonfriends@yahoo.com) or [www.avonfreelibrary.org](http://www.avonfreelibrary.org).

- Ann Younger reported the summer movie schedule is ended. ("Maybe people prefer nature to movies in summer?" she guessed.) This Thursday, September 7, a movie to feature art by VanMeer; a Led Zeppelin tribute is planned. November events include: November 4, a tribute to Gordon Lightfoot; November 11, the "Fox" fundraiser; November 18, a fundraiser for the Louie Lee Foundation; December will feature readings of radio plays of "Miracle on 34th Street" and "It's a Wonderful Life". December 15 will host the Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, a big hit at the Rotary CornFest. Friday, November 29, Silent Movie Night will feature the 1916 version of "20,000 Leagues". Ann discussed the difficulty of covering licensing fees for movies: admission fees help to cover these costs. Everyone present applauded Ann for bringing art and entertainment to our Avon community.

- A new deli to be called "T's" is soon to open on Genesee Street in memory of Tom Moran. We hope to have more details for October's newsletter.

- Chris Quinlan reported for the Village: a grant has been submitted for Solar Eclipse activities next April at the school.

That's the news for now. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3, lunchtime at Peppermints. Time for YOU to bring your news and YOUR business activities and plans to your Chamber of Commerce colleagues ..... and very important ..... our Citizen of the Year will be discussed and decided!!