



Avon Chamber of Commerce

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.

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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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Happy New Year!! One and all our Chamber of Commerce members!! We all hope for good, healthy and prosperous days in 2024.

Helping Chamber Vice-President Steve Harrison usher in our first meeting of this year were Geri Brewer, Christina Ecklund, Bob Hunn, Leann Hill, Dave Leven, Maureen Kingston, Chris Quinlan, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Marcea Tetamore, Bob Westfall, Paul Tilly, Maureen Wheeler and Ann Younger.

- We were happy to welcome Robert Mellen, our guest from Rotary Club, bringing up-to-date information on solar eclipse plans.
- Paul Tilly reported the Tilly Agency is now back to pre-Covid levels, with full staffing for the insurance agency's two offices.
- Maureen Wheeler reported for the Livingston County's Economic Development Agency: the 4th round of Dream-o-Vate competition is underway. The emphasis will be on downtown cores and tourism; applications would be accepted until January 19 at growlivco.com. She noted that previous updates to sites are eligible if significant expansions are undertaken. Signage grants are eligible. Recent participants include T's Deli on Genesee Street and Six Sprouts on Route 15. New to you?? Stop in at both shops and help to "grow" these new Avon businesses.

Wearing her Library Trustee hat, Maureen reported there are two Board openings. The Board meets the last Monday of each month. She encourages applicants to join this unique library – established by its founder as a free library for Avon.

- Leann Hill reported the Business Networking group is growing. For the Edward Jones investment agency, she reminds all that she'll help folks with simple IRA accounts and is currently offering 5.6% CD rates.
- Marcea Tetamore is operating under the Realty banner and welcomes listings and service for real estate openings. She noted that husband Larry Tetamore is absent from this luncheon meeting, attending a news conference at the Avon Inn at our Chamber hour where Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes is announcing her retirement and her intended successor, County Clerk Andrea Bailey.
- Christina Ecklund, Director of Academic Programs at Avon Central Schools, joined us, with a couple of newsworthy notes: on January 20, a Director of Pupil Services, for special-needs students at the Middle School, and on February 7, a program discussing on-line safety.
- Ann Younger congratulated the team producing the Annual Holiday Spectacular. Remember the number to call – 226 - 8111 – for Featured Media, the sponsors for the January 7 radio-ish production of "A Miracle on 34th Street". The upcoming appearance of Bad Sneakers is sold out!! You'll have to wait for another opportunity to enjoy this show!! Three events are scheduled for February dates, and March will feature Bob's Brothers Band and John Dady performances. Ann is scheduling more and more independent movies. One scheduled special show is "Painting the Garden", on the Impressionist movement in painting.

• Bob Westfall updated the Opera Block renovation information: the third floor requires a few "finishing touches"; the stage is now referred to as a "performance base". Work on the stenciling planned for the perimeter is starting. Date for a public hearing will be announced.

• Geri Brewer reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society, that curator and founding member Joan Reid has passed away and will be greatly missed. On another note, the poinsettia sales were successful (thanks, of course, to Geri's efforts). Repair work to the kiosk in the Downs Park and the White Horse himself will be begun, hopefully, in Spring. And Geri notes, the Wesleyan Church has a new pastor.

• Dave Leven reported for Sports Medicine Concepts, wishing all a happy and profitable new year. Full activities will resume mid-February. He discussed sports injuries to young people, and noted that some parents are reluctant to have students tested for cardiac issues, but such tests could reveal possible future sports difficulties. He recommended more extensive background health tests for high-school level sports players.

• Bob Hunn reported for Avon Floral World, working on the gifts section of the expanded shop area.

• Steve Harrison remembered that Joan Reid had been one of the Citizens of the Year for 2015 from our Chamber of Commerce. The Genesee Valley Penny Saver is replacing two web presses, which Steve himself had named "Ralph" and "Norton" those many years ago (can we all name that show?). The new press will be arriving from Utah in January. And, our March Chamber meeting will be hosted at Sports Medicine Concepts in East Avon.

• Chris Quinlan reported for the Village: Ashley Comeau has purchased another ice skating rink, also artificial, generously enlarging the surface area available for fun!! She also reminded all, of the National Grid outage planned for selected areas of Avon for Saturday, January 6.

• Our guest, Bob Mellen, reported on the actions of the committee planning events for the solar eclipse on April 8. The Avon Town Board has generously contributed \$5,000 in support of activities; all activities will take place at the Middle School (Genesee Street area could not adequately handle the traffic and visitor needs of eclipse viewers).

Vendors are welcome at no charge. Six subcommittees include entertainment, food, publicity, science/human safety, parking, "tickets" (not needed to be a viewer). Total eclipse time for Avon is probably 3 minutes: but your next opportunity, should you drowse through this, will be 127 years in the future. Rotary Club will be helping with parking, set up, and other vendor and visitor needs. Bob helpfully provided some contacts: General event questions: maureen.wheeler@icloud.com; Food vendors: cquinlan@village.avon-ny.org; Activity vendors: aemchoffmann@gmail.com AND, LivCoSol.com site with dashboard has news, resources, retailer package information.

Next Chamber Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 6th, lunch meeting at Peppermints.

Important: If you haven't had a chance already to renew your Chamber Membership dues, PLEASE DO SO ASAP! Thanks!!