



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.

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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A great day and a great treat to be hosted at Sports Medicine Concepts' beautiful facility in East Avon! Your Avon Chamber of Commerce met for the March 5, 2024 meeting. We enjoyed a tour and an excellent overview of the company and its operations with Dave Leven. Then, a fine luncheon catered by PartyMan, another East Avon facility! Many thanks to SMC's CEO Mike Cendoma for generously opening the doors to us!

Avon Central School District was well represented, by Tara Schneider, Erik Schneider, Amanda Schroeder, High School Principal Ryan Wagner, Jennifer Miller, and students Megan McLaughlin and Makenzie Murphy. Also attending were Chamber members Geri Brewer for the Avon Preservation & Historical Society; Bob Hunn of Avon Floral World; Leann Hill of Edward Jones Financial; Christine Quinlan, Treasurer, and Trustee Bill Zhe from Avon Village Administration; Marinda Rucinski, Branch Manager, and Doug Dandurano, commercial loan officer, of Community Bank N.A.; Maureen Wheeler of Livingston County Development; Bob Westfall, reporting on the Town Opera Block; Paul Tilly of the Tilly Insurance Agency; Ann Younger for the Avon Park Theater; guest Mark Herman; Chamber Pres Mike Carroll; and Vice President Steve Harrison; Bonnie Taylor-Davis; Larry Tetamore of Tetamore Photographic; and your secretary Barbara Herman.

- Erik provided great information on the ACS endeavors on the Chamber's website, giving students the opportunity to learn website creation and maintenance; discussion followed, on calendar submissions for the website (who and how to submit calendar information); and organizing calendar listings, businesses separately from individual members. We are grateful for this cooperation from the School District and its staff/teachers.

- Leann Hill reported on BNI: the Business Networking organization for Avon-Geneseo, representing one-to-an-industry-or-business category. She invites potential members to the Thursday morning breakfasts at Peppermints, 8:00 a.m. E-mail astephens@connectpayusa.com to reserve a place at breakfast and begin networking! They are particularly interested in members from the building trades.

- Chris Quinlan reported for the Village: successful in obtaining a grant for needed repairs to the Five Arch Bridge; an architectural consultant has been engaged. Also mentioned: a ham raffle being conducted by the East Avon Fire Department benefitting the return of the "ancient" fire engine to Avon.

- Marinda Rucinski, wearing her Chamber Treasurer hat, reported both checking and savings accounts are in good condition. For Community Bank N.A. she reported their February drive for the Avon Food Pantry was successful, and they're on to a March Madness promotion.

- Paul Tilly was happy to report the insurance agency branches in both Avon and Lima are doing well.

- Ann Younger reported for her Avon Park Theater: the film series on Impressionist painters is well received, John Singer Sargent the most recent. St. Patrick's Parade will be highlighted by the music of Bob's Brother's Band; the Lions Club in Avon is conducting vision tests in local schools to determine vision needs among the 4-to-7 year age group; and a March 23 Trivia Night at the theater will benefit the Avon Free Library. Lots of fun that trivia night!

- Mauren Wheeler reported on grant funding opportunities, including First Impressions. As always, check VisitLivCo.com for an up-to-date list.

- Geri Brewer for the APhS: the sign at the Driving Park is in need of replacement, costing approximately \$7,300. The Food Pantry is collecting for Easter baskets for families in need, each church congregation assigned a food category for collections. An Easter egg hunt is planned for kids up to 6th grade with prizes for finders; and the March 21 program will be offered by sheep farms' Kyle Farms.

- Bob Hunn was happy to report for Avon Floral World: "we deliver smiles".

- Bob Westfall was so happy to report on the grand reopening of the Opera Block's third floor. It's been a long-time dream for him (as you know if you've been paying attention!) and has lived up to his hopes. The March 2 program was chaired by Town Supervisor David LeFeber with contributions from Kelly Cole and Paul Drozdziel; and very fine attendance from Avon residents. At your next opportunity, check out the finished third-floor space: the unique ceiling treatment; the top-of-the-walls stenciling; the original floor with new finish as recommended by refurbisher-specialist Greg Johnson; and the ticket window saved from the old days! Bob thanked the Penny Saver, now the Featured Media company, for the black-and-gold theme poster, carried out in napkins for celebrators' snacks that day.

- Mike Carroll reported on the is-it-an-arrowhead he found some time ago: he has now been authoritatively informed it is a javelin head, the flint itself from Indiana, a relic of the "Hopewell" group who were precursors of the Algonquin group who inhabited this area, and is 1,900 years old. He will continue admiring it and eventually find an appropriate home for it. Mike also reported on the Western New York Pottery Festival again scheduled for Father's Day weekend; jury selection is completed and exhibitors are coming from as far as Carolina to participate.

Our next Chamber meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, back at Peppermints for lunch at noon. Please come and learn about our local businesses and activities!