



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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Your Avon Chamber of Commerce met for a fine Peppermints Restaurant lunch on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in anticipation of the Total Solar Eclipse – scheduled to occur on Monday, April 8 (the eclipse which WAS total in many, many U.S. locations but not in Avon - through no fault of our own) – and, fortunately or unfortunately, most of us will not be here when a future total eclipse occurs. Oh, well, on to more important things:

Joining Chamber Vice-prez Steve Harrison were our Treasurer Marinda Rucinski, along with Ann Younger, David Leven, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Geri Brewer, Chris Quinlan, and your Chamber Secretary Barbara Herman. This was schools' post-Easter break week, students and staff enjoying non-school activities.

- Marinda reported that Chamber finances continue in stable condition. For Community Bank N.A., she reported that head teller opening has been filled: Taylor Gibson has joined staff for this position. Discussion ensued, covering timetables and closings in anticipation of April 8 traffic.
- Geri Brewer reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. A schedule of the 2024 programs was shared, all programs free and open to the public. The first will be on Sunday, April 21, "History of the Kyle Sheep Farm", to be presented by Matt Kyle, at 1:00 at the Avon Park Theater. Next up will be "GV Paranormal Investigator", to be presented by Ted VanSon, at 2:00 p.m. at the Avon Village Hall on Sunday, May 19 (we'll be finished with looking at lilacs by then, leaving plenty of time for an absorbing program). Programs for the 2024 autumn season will include "A History of the Wells Barns in the Avon Area" on September 15, and "Time Capsule in Your Backyard" ("see what people stashed in privy/outhouses in days gone by") slated for October. Other APHS news from Geri: they're working on items for sale at the Rotary Corn Fest in August and a variety of items for raffle baskets. Also, there are openings on the Board of Trustees for folks interested in helping to preserve and publicize local history.
- Steve was pleased to announce that Chamber membership has been 100% renewed for 2024. However, there's still plenty of space for new members to share in Avon business and local information – if you're reading this, why not bring in a new member?
- Bonnie Taylor-Davis said, 'we're still working on bringing that fire engine's return to Avon'. Thanks to Steve Harrison and Featured Media staff for the hometown spotlight in recent Penny Saver issues.

• Ann Younger's Park Theater is the Dead Head headquarters for the Rochester area. And there will be Harry Potter offerings on the first Friday, one each month, beginning May 5. The Avon Lions trivia night netted \$3,000 for the Free Library. Other notes, always available, at AvonParkTheater.com.

• Avon Village has received a \$5,000 grant ("spend that amount, and receive reimbursement" grant). Other Village news included a recap of the recent Village elections: Rob Hayes for mayor; Amanda Hoffman, deputy mayor. Appointments named included Joe Temperato re-appointed as Justice; Bill Zhe in charge of parks; Code Enforcement Officer Bob Alexander; Bonnie Taylor-Davis on Zoning; and Tim Ferrera as officer in charge. It was noted that four full-time police officers requires that a police chief be named.

• Dave Leven reported for Sports Medicine Concepts – and now's a good time to repeat our thanks to Mike Cendoma and SMC staff for a splendid welcome and lunch on March 5 – and upcoming a 2nd Annual "Salute to First Responders" Night planned for April 22. Plan to attend, and meet representatives from Avon Fire, East Avon Fire, Mercy Flight, NYS Police, CASA/Trinity, Suicide Prevention Task Force, Mental Health Association, and many more. Training is available for CPR, Narcan, Stop the Bleed and other emergency activities. Location is SMC at 5568 East Avon Road. Promotional ads were planned for the Penny Saver and WYSL Radio. Another planned expansion is to standardize emergency care at all NYS racetrack venues. We'll forward information on this as it's formalized.

• Perhaps we did not have the full and total eclipse on April 8. However, it is well worth noting the thorough and extensive planning which was in place, so many organizations and sites cooperating to offer the best in activities. Plans highlighted the centralized activities, food vendors and "merch" available at the Middle School. Discussion included planning for pet and animal safety during the eclipse itself, ACS's Erik Schneider as deejay, safety eyeglasses, and spots to "perch" and watch. All in all, excellent pre-event planning for traffic and safety. We are all grateful for the input and collaboration from Town and Village and local clubs and organizations.

That's the news for now. Next up will be our May meeting for lunch at Peppermints at noon on Tuesday, May 7. Hope to see YOU there!!