



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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Welcome for our May 7 Chamber of Commerce meeting. While Chamber President Mike Carroll was attending to business, and Chamber Vice-Pres Steve Harrison was attending to a bucket list item, your Chamber Secretary Barbara Herman welcomed our Avon-ites: new Village Mayor Rob Hayes, and ACS instructors Christie DeWald and Kerri Levie; also Bob Hunn, Leann Hill, Dave Leven, Chris Quinlan, Melissa Savino, Paul Tilly and Bob Westfall.

- Mayor Hayes reported on his goals including downtown revitalization; he recently attended a workshop dedicated to this topic; all under the "New York Forward: New York State-wide initiative."
- A big welcome to Mike Carroll's stand-in, Roxi Clark. She provided a wealth of information on the upcoming Western New York 12th Annual Pottery Festival. Be sure to visit and browse on June 15 and 16, on the grounds of Studio Sales Pottery, 5557 East Avon Road. 25 Clay artists will be coming; this is again a juried show, each artist required to present photos of work and of booth arrangements to qualify. Among others, well-known clay artist Joe Franklin McKee and John Stein will be participating, the latter known for his iridescent colors. There will be a chance to "glaze your own pot" and demonstrations of Raku firing techniques. For the first time in this Pottery Festival history, food will be available, from Lake Barbecue. Roxi also reported the high school Clay Olympics recently concluded. Lots of activity, there in East Avon!!
- News from Avon Central School: Kerri Levine reported on their recent hosting of Special Olympics; 5th and 6th grade concerts, and an art show in the Middle School. Superintendent Ryan Pacatte has been explaining budget proposals for the district, to community groups. May 13 is the scheduled public hearing, and the public vote May 21. Christie DeWald, principal of the primary school, reported on the capital project work being done. Work is proceeding on the redesign of the school logo; a marketing team is working with a marketing specialist company for this assignment.
- Bob Westfall reported on the renovated Opera Block third floor: they are seeking non-profit organizations to utilize this beautiful space. The Avon Preservation & Historical Society will host Genesee Valley Paranormal for their May 19 public presentation at the Village Hall.
- Bob Hunn reported the Floral World planned to be open on Sunday, May 12, for deliveries only. The adjacent shop space is completed, to be devoted to wedding planning. Part of the renovation of this space included raising the ceiling, which Bob himself designed and completed.
- Paul Tilly, for the Tilly Agencies, discussed insurance rate increases which some people have noted; they are due in large part to drivers' use of phones and chatting while driving.
- Melissa Savino reported for her "The Cake Place" on East Main Street: once again, they were awarded prize status at Rochester's Chocolate Ball. This year's theme, "Galaxy Gala", drew 19 bakery participants and 600 attendees. Wearing her Livingston County

Chamber hat, Melissa reported on their annual "Bag Drop" The emphasis again is on campgrounds, with an invitation to supply 300 copies of your marketing materials. The distribution will be to 8 Livingston County Campgrounds, to reach the thousands of visitors to our area – helping them to know the businesses and services in this county.

- Dave Leven reported for Sports Medicine Concepts: their recent Open House drew participants wanting training on Narcan and Stop Bleed topics; and individuals for CPR training – all, issues of great value to our community. This year, there were 3 new vendors present: the Suicide Task Force, CASA Trinity and Mental Health professionals. The training for women's basketball groups has completed and they're gearing up for football next. Support from Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes was greatly appreciated.
- Village Treasurer Chris Quinlan reported on this year's 3rd Annual Avon Driving Park Pleasure Show, taking place July 26 - 28 at the Driving Park. Details are available at <https://www.wnycca.org/adpps/>. Check it out!! The Western New York Combined Carriage Association series CT and Continuous Drive is May 25 at the Driving Park. Chris also reported on the (almost) total Eclipse: the food vendors were well received, and 800 - 1,000 people participated in the event.
- Leann Hill reported on activities at Edward Jones Financial: she is currently advising on planning for retirement and estate planning. For the Business Networking International group which she chairs, there are currently 16 members, including 3 new persons. Because this is one-to-an-industry membership, they are seeking representation by a web developer, a painter and an accountant. The Avon-Genesee group meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Peppermints.
- Brand-new copies of the IN Livingston The Guide were shared from the County Chamber, thanks to Melissa Savino. And the Chamber Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, May 30, at Drumroll Stage & Sushi Bar. Contact Melissa for full directions and information 243 - 2222.
- Treasurer Marinda Rucinski reports our Chamber finances are in good order, thanks to her for maintaining these records.
- On a side note: WXXI Channel 11/21 presented "The Barns of J. T. Wells & Sons" on May 13 – for all who admire the Wells barn on Route 5/20 in our area.

That's all the news for now! We hope to see YOU and hear YOUR news and plans for the summer of 2024, Tuesday, June 4, for a lunch at Peppermints.