



AVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Citizens & Business Working Together

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The Economic Development Committee encourages industrial and commercial development 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.

Avon Chamber of Commerce Board
President - Tom Vonglis
Vice President - Steve Harrison
Treasurer - Jerry Dougherty
Secretary - Barbara Herman
Director - Bruce Amey
Director - Tony Cappello
Director - Kelly Cole
Director - Ted Coyne
Director - Bonnie Davis

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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The Avon Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast meeting on October 5, 2010, was opened by President Tom Vonglis. Joining him in hearing Avon news were: Bruce Amey, Tom Bartolini, Ted Coyne, Jerry Dougherty, Dr. Bob Hayes, Steve Harrison, Barbara Herman, Maureen Kingston, Bill LaBine, Laurie Vonglis, and new-to-Avon certified Yoga Instructor Niki Helmich.

◆ Tom recapped the recent Board of Directors meeting:

- There will be a January Social Gathering to honor a long-time Avon business -New Way Equipment on January 20th at 5pm at the Avon Community Center (behind Peppermint's Restaurant).
- Jerry Dougherty reported on the Chamber's financial status.
- The Chamber will be seeking candidates for Citizen of the Year
- Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 4th.
- Bonnie Taylor-Davis reported on summertime activities: the Farmers' Market and the Saturday Night out events.
- Ted Coyne has approval from the Ambulance Board of Directors to hold our December breakfast meeting at the new ambulance facility.

◆ Tom Bartolini provided an update on the building renovations for the ambulance building.

◆ Bruce Amey reported on the beginning of the new school year: opening went well, and the new bus routes are being used, and will be re-examined periodically. There was an increase of eleven third grade students. The capital improvements were aided by a \$250,000 grant, generating the hope that the project may be expanded. And the new high school principal, Barbara Zelaszny, is on the job.

◆ Niki Helmich was welcomed: her yoga classes are held at the Avon Dance Centre - East Main St. location. Niki gave the Chamber a very nice narrative as to her expertise and wanting to very much help our Avon community with healthful Yoga exercise. Her phone is (585) 737-2934. She can also be reached by email at niki88@yahoo.com.

◆ Liz Welch has resigned from the Board of Directors, due to illnesses of her parents. As a result, the open board seat has been filled by Tony Cappello. His attention to Avon business growth and needs will be an asset to our Chamber! Welcome Tony!

◆ The Board wants to hear from YOU: suggestions on businesses or offices or plants for a group tour. Often, folks don't know about the "innards" of local businesses and the products or services provided.

◆ "All work and no play?" Bob French had lots of "fun" ideas for motivating your employees. He recounted some of the many tricks - oops - activities he used during his insurance-agency years. Most of the activities were cost-free - they merely require some attention to what employees are thinking, and needing, and producing.

◆ At our next Chamber meeting we'll have a guest speaker: Dennis Wright from the ALS Association (fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease). He is the volunteer advocacy chair for the Upstate New York Chapter.

◆ Our next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2 - it's also Election Day. SO - start off your day RIGHT! With breakfast at Peppermints, 7:30 a.m., and then a trip to your voting location.