



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.

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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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Vice President Steve Harrison opened the June 2010 breakfast meeting of the Avon Chamber of Commerce in the absence of our brand new president, Tom Vonglis. Present were Bruce Amey, Mike Carroll, Ted Coyne, Jerry Dougherty, Barbara Herman, Bill LaBine, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, and a visitor from Florida, Hoyt Mason. Condolences to Hoyt on the recent death of his wife Doris.

◆ At present, about 40% of our members will be receiving this newsletter by e-mail. Be sure that we have YOUR e-mail address, so that we can expedite each month's newsletter and any bulletins or "hot news" the Chamber will be sending. Contact Tom Vonglis at tvonglis@hurritech.com or steveharrison@gvpennysaver.com to confirm your e-mail address. The Board would like this faster, more efficient communication method for all members.

◆ Steve announced some activities of the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, including the Leadership Golf Tournament on June 7, at Woodlynn Hills in Nunda. On June 18 the Chamber recognized Livingston & Wyoming ARC as it's Business of the Year at its Business and Industry Day, held at the Genesee River Hotel in Mt. Morris. The Business Education Alliance will also name its Outstanding Educator at that luncheon.

◆ As it turned out, the weather was both wet and dry for the Trailways to Treasures sale days on June 4, 5 and 6, but that did not dampen the spirits or the sales. The committee has announced, by Penny Saver ad, the lucky winners of the overnight bed-and-breakfast stays, the \$100 gasoline gift cards, and three T&T gift bags. Much hard work was needed to bring off the event, from Lima through Avon and to Caledonia. Thanks, Bonnie, and committee members who worked on this sale. Mike Carroll planned to be open for the sale, and Zion Episcopal Church had a chicken barbecue. Tom Wahls generously donated 300 coupons. A welcome banner at Tops Supermarket greeted folks coming into Avon. Thanks to all who participated and contributed!!

◆ Bonnie also announced the kickoff date for the Farmers Market, on June 16, and Wednesday market days beginning July 7. Remember to visit, every Wednesday, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., and encourage your employees and friends to shop our local farmers.

◆ The "Welcome Wagon" project for newcomers to Avon is moving along, with reps from the Town - Sharon Knight and Tom Mairs, the Village - Rob Hayes and Chris Quinlan, and the community, including Elaine Shengulette of the Wesleyan Church. Contact one of them if you want to be represented in the welcome materials.

◆ "Live" magazine produced by Dr. Mohan's class at SUNY Geneseo featured an Avon page by student Jenny Phillips.

◆ Mike Carroll updated us on the "Fired Up Festival", set for Saturday, June 19, featuring bluegrass music, barbecue, artists' demonstrations, and pottery firing: all this on the grounds at Studio Sales Pottery — the School House building.

◆ Ted Coyne reported on the new location for the Rotary-Lions Ambulance. Purchase of the former church building was completed last week, and the ambulance board will be determining the extent of renovations needed. At present, the property is being cleaned up.

◆ The 2010 Livingston County Travel Guide is ready for distribution. If your business hasn't received copies, call Barbara Herman at 226-6735 and remind her that you need copies!! Thanks again to all those merchants who encourage tourists and travelers to visit Avon and spend \$\$\$ here, and to the Town and the Village for supporting this activity.

◆ Avon Central School news: Bill LaBine is reelected to the Board, and Jim Colt is the new Board member. Bruce reported on other school news, including the passing of the two propositions including pass-through funding to the Avon Free Library, in the recent public vote. Awards were presented to students at the June 2 ceremony. And Jerry Dougherty represented the Chamber in presenting the Chuck McFadden Student Service Award and cash prize to Danielle McBride at the senior ceremony. Because the award is based on service, all students are eligible to apply. And many thanks, again, to those who contributed to the Award fund. The new high school principal, coming on board on July 1, is Barbara Zelaszny.

◆ Bill reported on the work of the Transportation Practices committee, and discussed declining enrollment in many school districts. Avon's enrollment will be between 986 - 990 for the coming year. Many districts have exchanged information on possible mergers as enrollments decline.

◆ The Rochester Business Journal's issue last week highlighted Chris Jacobs, of Star Headlight and Lantern. We are fortunate to have this distinctive employer located here in Avon.

◆ Jerry Dougherty reported also on the income and expenses for the Citizen of the Year Dinner on May 8. Generous donations from many Avonites helped to keep this event alive and solvent!!

◆ Now, hear this: there will be NO breakfast meeting during the month of July. The Board of Directors had a June 7 Board meeting, and we'll be looking forward to our NEXT breakfast meeting on Tuesday, August 3, back at Peppermints Restaurant. We invite any Chamber member to drop in and update the folks there on your business's activities, plans, needs and interests — you are welcome to do so at ANY breakfast meeting. Why not have breakfast with your neighbors and colleagues in August and let us hear about YOUR business!!