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## Avon Chamber of Commerce

Citizens & Business Working Together

Hello to all Avon Chamber of Commerce members and friends. We hope you're satisfactorily dodging the rain when it attacks us and enjoying the sunshine when it blesses us.

We had a great lunchtime meeting on June 7, 2022, chaired by Chamber Prez Mike Carroll at Peppermints. Present were Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, Jerry Dougherty, Steve Harrison, Leann Hill, Bob Hunn, Maureen Kingston, Chris Quinlan, Marinda Rucinski, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Bob Westfall, Maureen Wheeler, Ann Younger and your secretary Barbara Herman.

• We welcomed Leann's guest Adam Stephens, a member of the Honeoye Falls Rotary Club and Leann's colleague from the B I networking group. Adam has been assisting with the Welcome Wagon project. His company, Asure, provides stand-alone HR services, payroll and tax, and time and attendance for businesses. Contact: <u>asuresoftware.com</u>. Leann also showed a panoramic photo of an Avon location which she plans on framing.

• Coming up soon after our meeting date was Mike Carroll's Western New York Pottery Festival on June 18 and 19, 10:00 - 4:00 each day. As of this time, 18 artisans had been secured. On Saturday about 200 pots in the wood-fired kiln were unloaded; on both days Raku pots were available for glazing and fastfiring.

• Rebecca discussed the Avon Free Library's summer reading program to keep kids engaged during vacation time and activities for "older customers" which have evolved from knitting, mah jongg, and chess! New York State construction aid will cover the costs of redesign and reconstruction of the library building: at present, a design for backyard projects is in the works. The front stairs must be demolished, as they do not meet current code and the result will be a return to the library's original look. Rebecca is seeking candidates for two openings: a groundskeeper and a part-time clerk.

•Bob Hunn says hello, but no news from Avon Floral World.

• Maureen Wheeler described the celebrations for the "nine villages...nine murals. 9th day of July" (and other dates). On that date, Lima's "unveiling" (can you unveil a wall?) is at 1:00 p.m., Caledonia is at 3:00 p.m., and Avon's dedication is at 5:00 p.m. The lead-up is a presentation at Ann Younger's Park Theatre on Thursday, July 7, at 6:00 p.m. Presentation will feature Ivan Roque, the artist for Avon's mural.

• Festivities on July 9 starting at 2:00 p.m. include sidewalk chalk art, rock painting, live performances, food, family fun, local shopping and more. At 3:00 the Park Theatre will host a variety show of comedy improv, music, puppetry and more from local group Shake on the Lake. And Bob's Brothers Band will be on the scene from 5:30 to 8:00 for dancing delight; they're sponsored by Howlett Farms. Want a poster for your store-front window? Contact Chris Quinlan at the Village office, 226-8118. Also, the tourism summer guide is available on-line from the County's website.

• Bob Westfall reported for the Avon Preservation & Historical Society, on the busy springtime schedule. The museum is open on Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 (and other times by appointment). During the June 3-4 weekend of 3-towns garage sales, APHS also had some sales -(it all helps!)

- The Board of Trustees welcome new volunteers; stop by to apply and indicate your area of interest.

- Our cherished White Horse is badly in need of assistance; donations to help fund this considerable project (mark your check "Help our Horse") will be most welcome. Damages to the base are caused largely by salt and road conditions due to his location at the busy intersection.

- Livingston County has a newly-appointed Historian, Holly C. Watson - congratulations to this special Avon person, most capable and dedicated; Holly also edits the quarterly APHS newsletter.

- Bob continues to be part of the committee handling the restoration/renovation of the 3rd floor of the Opera Block; that project will begin in July. Other major updates to the Town Hall will commence with the bank building portion.



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• Geri Brewer added to APHS news. A fundraising raffle is ongoing this summer, 6 tickets for \$5. Thanks to the generosity of many Avon merchants, there will be three top prizes; contact Geri for more info. And this too is to "Help Save the Horse".

• Marinda Rucinski reports as treasurer that our bank accounts remain stable. We will be awarding the \$1,000 prize to Student Service winner Gabrielle Koehler; the presentation will be by prior winner Adam McFadden.

• Jerry Dougherty reports for Avon Rotary Club: plans are zooming along for the Corn Fest, August 13 (a different date was reported elsewhere, in error), chaired by Mike Ford. Jerry also commended the large turnout the Memorial Day program in the Park with John Snyder the featured speaker. J & A Farm Market is donating the corn, thank you J & A!!

• Maureen Kingston reported on the unveiling of a new historical marker, June 9, at the rededication of the Paper Mill Park; redevelopment of the Park will start soon. And a tour of the Avon Cemetery was set for June 12, Maureen and others leading the groups.

• There's been so much to do and so many events to attend during June!! all showcasing our great Avon community. Hope you got out there to participate!!

**IMPORTANT**: Make sure to note a change of venue for our next Chamber meeting, Tuesday, July 5. We'll be at **Route and Roost** Restaurant on Route 5 & 20 east of town; be sure to contact Chris Quinlan to reserve a lunch place. The new owners are winners in the Dream-o-Vate competition from Livingston County Economic Development and promise all-fresh, allhealthy menu choices. They're open for breakfast and lunch, and working toward dinners, too.