



# 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.*

*Daniel Webster*

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For some of us, the week between the day of Christmas and New Year's Day is the best week of the year -- better, even, than the day we spy a first returning robin or the day the rain blesses our earth after a long dry spell -- best, because there are no crises from work, no e-mails demanding a reply, no phone calls from colleagues needing decisions.

And, so, we hope it's a good time to remind each of us that we'll be meeting on that very day after New Year's Day, for our monthly Chamber lunch: yep, Tuesday, January 2, starting 2024 off right with lunch at Peppermints at 12:00.

- Now, for a recap of our December meeting, chaired by Chamber vice-president Steve Harrison: joining us were Dan Cochrane, representing Avon Preservation & Historical Society; Dave Leven, from Sports Medicine Concepts; Dot McCandless, for the Friends of the Avon Free Library; Marinda Rucinski, our Chamber treasurer and reporting for Community Bank; Chris Quinlan and Bonnie Taylor-Davis, for the Village of Avon; Ryne Lyness and Katie Nicoll, for the Tilly Agency; Bob Westfall with updates on the Opera Block construction project; and Ann Younger, representing her own Avon Park Theater.

- We're delighted to have Avon Central Schools represented by Amanda Schroeder, with students Chloe Potts and Piper Kingsbury, and the (not related to each other) staffers/Schneiders Eric and Tara.

- Dan Cochrane provided a very thorough report on APHS activities. He began by thanking all who helped to make last Saturday's Annual Holiday Spectacular just that: thanks to Avon Floral World for their part and Ashley Comeau's crew. At APHS museum, hot cider and donut were shared with visitors. Now, museum exhibits are being changed more frequently, highlighting some of the thousands of artifacts in storage. Rhonda is curator while Joan continues recuperating in Mt. Morris. The organization awaits approval of its Sec.501 (c) 3 non-profit status. They're continuing to offer poinsettias in December, thanks to the efforts of Geri Brewer. Geri popped in to add that the Wesleyan Church will again sponsor its Live Nativity hayride on December 15 and 16. Dan shared a list of Avon businesses who have recently joined or renewed APHS membership, with thanks for this level of support from local companies. Also, Dan reported that some additional work is needed at the kiosk at the Driving Park, and efforts to restore the White Horse will resume soon.

- Steve Harrison circulated this year's Holiday Happenings, produced by the Genesee Valley Penny Saver, and expressed thanks to Chris Quinlan for her considerable assistance. He also reminded everyone that the Genesee Valley Penny Saver will print your Christmas or Holiday greeting cards, and, using your excel files, will address your envelopes.

- Bob Westfall continues to keep tabs on the Opera Block building construction and to share that with us. This month, he reports the third floor has been completed. No one is more eager than Bob to see it completed and available to the public.

- Ann Younger repeated, the best way to find out what's going on at the Park Theater is to check the website frequently. That's how I found the December 9 performance by the Bloomfield Rotary Club: it was a retelling of the "Miracle on 34th Street" as a radio performance would have been in 1947, the setting of the original movie. There was a message from Don Alhart, bringing to us the events of that year, and lots of local touches. We even met "Mr. Sibley" and "Mr. McCurdy". A fun evening, for sure. The event was sponsored by Featured Media, that new/old company East Avon. Thanks for bringing that performance to Avon.

- Tilly Agency was another Holiday Spectacular sponsor; Rene Lyness reports that some proceeds are going to the UR/Noyes Mental Health facility in East Avon.

- Dave Leven reports the Sports Medicine Concepts company has completed the first year of a three-year contract with NBA. Also, they have added 73 more sports teams to their roster of participants.

- Amanda Schroeder reports the ACS students will be working on updates and improvements for the Chamber of Commerce.

- Marinda Rucinski reports for Community Bank N.A. Company-wide some layoffs (100 +/- ) have occurred; ten offices have been closed, including Mt. Morris and Arkport. The Avon office, however, is doing well. She offers a new home equity loan program, rate at 1/2% off prime, a seven-month CD at 5% yield, encourages all to lock in a good rate, and that the bank is hiring NOW. All, good news. She also reported on the toy collection conducted through Tops Markets; all those toys collected stay in Avon. Marinda also wore her Chamber Treasurer hat to report that both the checking account and the savings account are in stable condition.

- Dot McCandless reported for the Friends of the Avon Free Library: the front-of-the-building book drop is complete. The "ROC the day" of charitable giving in November brought in over \$1,200 in donations, 198 visitors to the site, and \$517 for the afghan raffle.

- Dave Leven consulted with Sports Medicine Concepts principal Mike, following the luncheon meeting, and they've graciously offered a tour of their facility for our March Chamber of Commerce meeting: details will follow, so, be sure to check for the date and time in our next newsletter.

- Bob Mellen will be attending our January meeting. He's the Rotary chair for the Eclipse projects for April 8.

- Meantime, your Chamber officers sends wishes to each member, for happy, healthy holiday celebrations, and a safe and prosperous New Year for 2024. We'll hope to offer those wishes in person, when we meet on **Tuesday, January 2**, to begin that New Year for lunch at **Peppermints at 12:00 noon**. This is an inexpensive way to let the community know your plans and expectations for 2024!!