



# AVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Citizens & Business Working Together*

Chamber Minutes October 3, 2017

Present: Steve Harrison (VP who chaired the meeting), Bruce Amey, Geri Brewer, Patty Brisbane, Gloria Bucher, Ted Coyne, Debra Fitch, Leann Hill, Bob Hunn, Aaron Johnson, Elissa Leuer, Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Paul Tilly, Renee Tilly-Lyness, Kathy Wiard

◆ Elissa Leuer shared that the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce has refused to change its decision on the "Community Pages", that is, the cost of the Community Page is \$1,600 BUT if the community organization "sells" space on its Community ad, then the price of the page is \$2,800, which is the cost of a full page ad. Elissa also shared that the County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Women's Progressive Luncheon at the Beachcomber on Oct.11 from noon-2:00.

◆ Geri Brewer stated the Avon Historical Society is in the process of establishing its schedule of meetings for 2018. She also shared that the Avon Food Pantry has moved into its new location and is open on Tuesdays 11-2 and Thursdays 3-5:30.

◆ Ted Coyne reported that September was a record month for the Rotary-Lions Ambulance but they are in need of additional volunteers to fully serve the community.

◆ Bob Hunn announced that the Avon Floral World is celebrating its 35th anniversary and will have some in-store specials throughout the month. The Floral Shop is also upgrading its store front, signage, providing lighting for the sign, etc.

◆ Ann Younger is administering the Avon NY Facebook page; she is serving on the Town Comprehensive Plan Team, which will have a public meeting on Oct. 24 to share the plan. A copy of the plan is available on the Town's web page ([www.avon-ny.org](http://www.avon-ny.org)); there is a link to the plan on the right side of the web page. Ann also shared information to Save the Park Theater. She has toured the facility with an architect/engineer and a fire inspector noting many structural/safety concerns. Steve Harrison shared a letter he had drafted to send on behalf of the Chamber to the Village and Town Boards seeking their assistance to improve the Park Theater as, in its current state, it is a village eye-sore and in danger of collapsing. The current owner stated he purchased the building "to store his junk." Is a storage facility in conjunction with the goals for our downtown? A majority of those present were in favor of sending the letter.

◆ Patty Brisbane shared that Party Pros will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Shoppe on December 2-3 at the Avon Commons. All profits of the event will be donated to various charities. Bonnie Davis shared that Saturday 12/02 is also the annual Holiday Happenings with Santa, which will be held in the Village Fire Hall.

◆ Paul Tilly shared that insurance companies are beginning to address cyber security/liability issues. He also noted that the Zion Church will be hosting a Lasagna Dinner on Oct. 7 and cost \$10/meal. Renee commented that there will be a vendor fair on the same date to benefit the Circle Nursery.

◆ Leann Hill stated that Edward Jones is willing to create a community Welcome Wagon tote. Any business who would want to add products to the tote should contact Leann. To determine who new residents in the area are, it was suggested she contact realtors, e.g, Peter Burke who would be aware of recent home sales.

◆ Debra Fitch stated the Community Bank will be sponsoring a tailgate party at the bank on Friday, Oct 13. That is ... FRIDAY the 13th!!!

◆ Bonnie Taylor-Davis shared a flyer announcing a meeting on Oct. 13 from 2-3:30; the session entitled "What's Next For Your Downtown". It is a conversation with village residents sharing what they would like to see happening in the village downtown. It was stated that would be a good time to emphasize the need to have something done with the Park Theater. Steve also noted that Bonnie was recently presented with a Paul Harris Fellow by the Avon Rotary; the award was presented in recognition for her tireless advocacy and efforts to improve our community.

◆ Aaron Johnson reported that the district has an interim High School Principal in John Brondon, who also served as Avon HS Principal from 1999-2001. Aaron also stated the district is continually reviewing its State-mandated 2015 Building Condition Survey to identify areas still in need of capital improvements; the district will be seeking community input on the identified areas.

◆ Steve Harrison shared that the Chambers website is being updated with the assistance of Hurricane Technologies.

◆ The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7th (Election Day) at 7:30AM at Peppermints Restaurant.

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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**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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