



AVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Citizens & Business Working Together

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.

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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Merry Christmas wishes to all Avon Chamber of Commerce members!!

Our meeting of December 5, 2017, was chaired by Chamber Vice-President Steve Harrison. Breakfast at Peppermints was enjoyed by Bruce Amey, Geri Brewer, Patty Brisbane, Ted Coyne, Barbara Herman, LeeAnn Hill, Bob Hunn, Aaron Johnson, Melissa Savino, Rene Tilly-Lyness, and Ann Younger.

◆ Steve reported on a meeting held December 4, convened by Village Treasurer Chris Quinlan, held at the Village Hall, to discuss a possible "Restore New York" grant application for the Park Theatre. Mayor Tom Freeman chaired the meeting. Information was offered by Nick Mazza on the impact of restored theatres on downtown areas; also, on the forming of a Sec. 501 (c) 3 corporation.

◆ Steve also distributed copies of the "Holiday Happenings" which the Penny Saver traditionally prepares and circulates each December; thanks to Kathy Harrison and Chris Quinlan for assembling the information and thanks, too, to all the community members who support this with monetary sponsorships.

◆ Steve has printed new membership brochures. If you know of a new business or potential member, get a copy of this brochure for that person. Or ask Steve or Barbara Herman to mail to that business.

◆ Steve thanked Hurricane Technologies' employee Zach Ryan for his work in updating our Chamber's website. Check it out: Avonny.org

◆ Melissa Savino shared some yummy-sounding treats recently produced by her "Cake Place." A gingerbread house was brought to the Eastman House for their Christmas competition. They are producing a cake of the Letchworth Bridge for John Kucko and ... they'll be providing all desserts for the Avon Inn's New Year's Eve gala!

◆ Patty Brisbane reported on the Holiday One-Stop Shoppe, held on December 2 and 3 at the Avon Commons. There was lively discussion about ideas for another year, and a workgroup formed to explore and expand on the suggestions offered. Rene, Melissa and Geri volunteered for this workgroup. Proceeds from this year's shop will be sent to the Boy Scouts who helped with set-up and tear-down, and to the Humane Society.

◆ Ann Younger reported on two possible grant applications for the Park Theatre: the New York Main Street grant (if received, the amount would be \$75,000), or the Restore New York grant (which could be up to \$500,000).

◆ Congratulations!! to the Avon Central School staff and administration on achieving a singular honor: they are one of only 342 schools, nationwide, to be named a Blue Ribbon School, and one of only 19 in all of New York State. Superintendent Aaron Johnson recently attended the award ceremony in Washington, D.C. The district is participating in restorative practices efforts being conducted in Rochester-area schools. A "Braves Day" was held November 27 to work on community-building.

◆ Lee Ann Hill reported on her recent efforts to build a "Welcome Wagon" program, and her efforts have been considerable and generous!! She has obtained names and addresses of new residents in the Avon community, has met with approximately 30 of these and has assembled "goodie bags" to bring to each. Avon Floral World is one of the participating merchants offering gifts and coupons to new folks. She will welcome contributions from additional Avon merchants. Contact LeeAnn at the Edward Jones office - 226-3464.

◆ Geri Brewer reported for the Avon Preservation and Historical Society. Their November 19 program featured Christopher Bensch, chief curator at the Strong National Museum of Play, discussing women who created toys. Christmas tree ornaments are still available at APHS; and their annual poinsettia sale is under way. She also shared information on the Wesleyan Church's Live Nativity Hayride on December 15 and 16 (sounds like lots of fun!).

◆ Bob Hunn recapped the results of Avon Floral World's presence at the Holiday One-Stop Shoppe: their price point is approximately \$6.00, customers looking for "stocking stuffer" ideas and items. They have recently put new windows in place at the store, with lights featured. Lovely!!

◆ Ted Coyne updated information on Avon Ambulance and reported that Avon, like many ambulance services in the greater Rochester area, is experiencing a shortage of paramedics. He repeated an appeal for contributions to support the Ambulance service.

◆ Rene Tilly-Lyness reported that a new telephone system is in place at the Tilly insurance agency, and serving them well.

◆ The Chamber's next meeting, the first of 2018, will be on Tuesday, January 9. NOTE!! PLEASE!! We will NOT meet on January 2. We wish each and every member of the Avon community safe and healthy holidays and prosperity in the New Year!!