



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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Didn't we enjoy a splendid Citizen of the Year Dinner on May 19!!! There was a record crowd -131 tickets sold!! - helping to celebrate the contributions of two generous Avon residents: Mary Lou Marks and Susan Pusloskie. And to do so in the lovely setting of the Avon Inn's rejuvenated ballroom. Mary Lou's introduction was by Cindy Zhe, with a charming video from the children at St. Agnes School for whom she volunteers. And Sue's nomination was in the words of Barbara Anderson, herself a COTY, before her death, presented by Marcia Andres. With some lovely vocal offerings by the Sweet Adelines, sponsored by Studio Sales Pottery, we began our dinner with a blessing by Father Michael Fowler. His final prayer was, "let these sinners have their dinners!" A fine buffet dinner it was, and thanks go to Avon Inn owners Jennifer and Jim Krause. Bob and Donna Hunn of Avon Floral World provided the gorgeous table centerpieces. It was an additional treat to have Georgia Van Ry, last year's recipient of the Chuck McFadden Student Service Award, with us, to give an update of her appreciation of that award and her educational program in progress. Georgia introduced this year's award recipient, Madelyn Smith.

So...now we back up...to our regular monthly meeting, the date Tuesday, May 1. President Mike Carroll chaired the meeting, welcoming Chamber members: Bruce Amey, Tom Bartolini, treasurer Jerry Dougherty, vice president Steve Harrison, Barbara Herman, Bob Hunn, Aaron Johnson, Maureen Kingston, Bill LaBine, Rebecca Budinger-Mulhern, Melissa Savino, Rene Tilly-Lyness. Special welcome to new members Larry Tetamore, Marcea Clark Tetamore and Ann Younger.

◆ LarryTetamore.com is his address and after a career with the Sheriff's Office, Larry is a freelance photographer, particularly for events, weddings, and business activities. Look for his panoramic shots in the D & C, and there's a gallery of his work on "facebook".

◆ Marcea Clark Tetamore offers criminal law services and estates and wills planning. Contact her at tetamorelaw@gmail.com.

◆ Ann Younger hopes to have finalized the purchase of the Park Theatre by the time of our next meeting. She anticipates some fund raising activity to help new projects at the theatre building.

◆ Rene Tilly-Lyness reported for the Tilly Agency: there will be a display at the Community Bank, throughout May.

◆ Bob Hunn reported that Avon Floral World & Gift Shoppe is gearing up for Mother's Day and prom weekends. They've been rearranging work areas within the shop to accommodate expanded sales (great!!).

◆ Melissa Savino updated us on her Cake Place events. The business has expanded into the former Allstate space; she hopes to schedule a kids' cake decorating contest with a silent auction, and to sponsor a scholarship to culinary training.

◆ Steve Harrison announced that the review and judging of Student Service Award essays would be that same day, May 1, with 11 entrants. Steve reminded everyone of Avon Attic Days, June 1, 2, and 3, with special ad rate in the Penny Saver for participating sellers.

◆ Avon School Superintendent Dr. Aaron Johnson referred to the schools' budget newsletter, just distributed, and the upcoming budget hearing May 7, followed by the vote on May 15. Congratulations on the recent award for "Champion for Change".

◆ Mike Carroll reported on the Western New York Pottery Festival, with 18 artists committed to the show, to date. Entries are being vetted for quality. And, although this is a belated note, it was great to see his Studio Sales Pottery highlighted in a recent Livingston County News story with photo taken during the Livingston County Chamber's FAM tour.

◆ Jerry Dougherty reported on the state of Chamber finances: stable, at present, and thanks to all who support the COTY dinner and the McFadden Student Service Award with extra contributions. Jerry also updated on Rotary Club plans: the Blue Jean Ball fundraiser will be on Saturday, June 2, at the home and barn of Julie and Dan Welch. Tickets are available for a fun evening at the site, on the Avon-Caledonia Road, with music by Showcase Sound, food by Partyman Catering, games, prizes, and auction included. Contact Jerry or any Rotarian for ticket info. Jerry also highlighted Rotary's current high school exchange student, Veerle, from Netherlands; she has organized an evening of bluegrass music and entertainment to benefit Make-A-Wish, at the Avon Community Center: a remarkable activity for a "temporary visitor" to accomplish.

More on reverse side

◆ Maureen Kingston reported for the Town's Historian Office. She will be attending today's conference with the Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services Office of New York. Last week, she participated in a conference on copyrights. Recently, 4th graders from St. Agnes School visited the Genesee Street museum, and plans are underway to establish an historical marker for John Hubbard Forsyth, probably born 1790, and killed at the Alamo, probably 3rd in command at that battle site.

◆ Rebecca Budinger-Mulhern reported for the Avon Free Library: renovation is moving right along! Cabinets arrived this week; and naming rights opportunities remain available. A chicken barbecue fundraiser is planned for June 2. Dates for the library to be closed down for final renovations are not yet set.

◆ Finally, we heard from Bill LaBine, identifying himself as "building energy specialist", and from Bruce Amey and Tom Bartolini, who both confessed to being "retired" and "a grandfather".

That's all the news for now. We hope to see YOU at our next breakfast meeting at Peppermints, to share in our lively discussion and hear updates from your fellow Chamber members. That's on Tuesday, June 5. This will be your last opportunity to share your information, before we take our "summer vacation" break - July & August. Hope to see you for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at Peppermints!!