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## Business of the year





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If you would like to be put on our Ambassador roster for grand openings, anniversary events and more, call the chamber. If you know of a business that would benefit from an Ambassadors presentation, please share it with the ARM Team! Involvement with our new Ambassadors team is a great way to network with fellow Chamber members as well as gain valuable exposure with area businesses. Help us spread the good word about all the positive things happening in our Liverpool Area Business community!



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- The strategy includes promoting awareness via internet, print, broadcast and social media.
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- Provide material for the Newsletter and Facebook.

Robert Just, .from Main Street Wealth Management



The Golf Committee starts to meet in January and recruits sponsors, golfers, raffle items and volunteer .

I is a great way to meet other businesses in the chamber and get them involved and exchange business information.

It is a win-win proposition.



**Volunteer:** From time to time we need volunteers to make phone calls, stuff envelopes, deliver materials, proof read, etc. If you would like to be on our volunteer list, give us a call.

#### Black History Month articles continues on Pages 22 and 23



When I was asked to write something for Black History Month, I had to sit back and think for a while. I wrote about it on my business blog for years, but I've skipped the last few.

I wondered why I hadn't kept up with it, though deep in my mind I knew why. Before I can say though, I have to give some perspective.

Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926, the brainchild of Carter G. Woodson. The second week of February was selected because of its connection to Frederick Douglass, a former slave who taught himself to read, escaped to New York, became an abolitionist, ran his own newspaper, and convinced Abraham Lincoln to allow black men into the Union Army to help the North win the Civil War.

Initially it was met with derision, but eventually it caught on across most of the United States. People of all races were fascinated to learn that black people had actually contributed greatly to the history of the United States in ways they couldn't imagine. They learned that being black was more than slavery; that was a good thing since not all black people came from slavery.

It wasn't until 1970 that Kent State University, on its own, decided to spread the celebration out for an entire month. Once again, it moved slowly, but by 1976 it had grown to a point where President Gerald Ford recognized it during a celebration of the bicentennial of the United States.

If things moved relatively slowly in the United States, it was dragged kicking and screaming (metaphorically) by the United Kingdom, which adopted Black History Month in 1987, and Canada, which adopted it in 1995. This was interesting because slavery was banned in the UK in 1833 (slave trading ended in 1807), and Canada ended it one year later. It wasn't because they hated the thought about the honor; it's that they didn't see it as being necessary.

With that said, it brings my thoughts back to the present, or at least up to 2003. That's when I joined the Liverpool Chamber the first time. I don't know if I was the first, but for three years I was the only black member of the group. I'm happy to say that it's always been a welcoming group; that hasn't always been the case with other business organizations I became a part of.

You see, the opposite of being embraced as an equal is being ignored as if you don't exist. Truth be told, I'm hard to miss in most groups, so it takes a lot of work to ignore me. I can honestly say that, in many of those groups, I was the first black participant; I didn't stay long, so I don't know if things have progressed since my disassociation.

The thing is, the acknowledgment of Black History Month puts black people in the minds of those who, for the rest of the year, don't care. In some circumstances, even though it's a month's worth of historical perspectives, a day is usually all most people can energize themselves for. I don't mind so much these days; as I get older I understand better.

Yet, I do have lamentations here and there. A big one comes from being on LinkedIn. At least once a week (usually more often), there's a person of color who posts something indicating that they're the "first" of their creed to have done something no one else has done; either that or an acknowledgment of someone else who's a first. There's a lot of positive acknowledgment, yet as big a number of those who decide to say "how come every time a black person does something first it has to be acknowledged"?

Having been a "first" in many ways throughout my life, business and personal, I take offense to that. It's important because it shows others who never thought something like that was possible that indeed it was possible. That it happens so often in 2021 is an indication that it's still going to take a while before such things are normalized... if ever. **Continued on page 23** 



The ARM Committee Team meet once a month to determine the nomination of the Business of the month. Votes are given for nomination to businesses that are; current on their dues, involved in the chamber and cares for the community.

Nominees are asked to share on Facebook, to their email list, twitter and in any other way to get the community to vote.

Winners receive a business card ad in the Eagle Newspaper, a Facebook live and photo for the newsletter and are then will be entered into the Nomination (in January) for Business of the Year. The Business of the year will be announced at the February Luncheon.

#### October 2021 Winner -

Robert Just

Main Street Wealth Management

#### November 2021 Winner -

**Eileen Collins** 

ADMIN-ON-CALL





Nominees for Business of the year will include Monthly Winners-Voting start January 1, 2022 Golden Bee Bookshop King of King Lutheran Church North Area Meals on Wheels Cruise Planners-Bill Lappin Hope Cafe Your CBD Store Liverpool Rooftop Realty Group December winner?



This the new Logo change. It has been years and we needed a clear logo for art work and publications. Thank you Bill Herloski for updating our logo.

Willow Tree and the Onondaga Lake

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**Business** 

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Thank you!

You have heard it takes a village to raise a child. It takes supportive businesses, community friends and organizations to make a chamber of commerce vibrant.

At Multi Chamber meetings we are asked "how do we get such an army.

"We have been told multiple times that our website is informative and appears that there is much going on with your chamber. We know we can do better and are in the process of making some changes.

The members would not allow it us to check out. Many came up with ideas to keep everyone engaged.

*Our cry during COVID was your business is totally shut down if you wish it.* Physically there were many whose doors were closed but followed advice to make their business not forgotten.

What would we do? Watching my grandson during a Karate Class. I learned they saw us and engaged my grandson. WHAT WAS THAT? Zoom. After reaching out to those who knew more about Technology and with the Brainstorm of Brilliant minds, we established Tuesday 8 am coffee with the chamber. Thanks Jim and Barb. Another brilliant idea was Net Learning where we found members making themselves comfortable after work hours with an adult beverage and cigar. Thank you, Lee.

What fun could we have saying goodbye to 2020? The brilliant idea of having the community engage in a 21 day count down to 2021 and win prizes every day. Thank you Mark and Bill and Rob and brilliance of the Marketing Committee Team. One email was all it took to get 30 items for the 21 day count down.

We had two Golf Outings. Our most recent one was EPIC. It was FUN, Attendance was awesome with over 100 golfers, volunteers, and after-hours attendees. Thank you, Laura.

 $\frac{1}{2}$  way to Saint Patrick's Day was the suggestion from a multi chamber call. We made a lot of noise with our brief Parade, engaged business in the chamber and outside the chamber ... listened to awesome Irish music and just had a great time. Thank you. Rob, AmeriCU and Wanger Corp who celebrated their 75 anniversaries with us.

Business of the Month was established. Each Month the ARM committee Team picks a group of members to be nominated. Criteria is you must be the member in good standing, involved in the chamber and in your community.

We had lunches on Zoom, New member showcases and during the good weather we brought our own lunch and chair to the Gazebo in Washington Park.

Bill Heloski introduced us to Facebook live another brilliant venue. Our post often will get a 100 or less. Membership Monday is a news broadcast about what is happening at the chamber and in the Greater Liverpool Community. Members of the Marketing team take turns and our views increased. Between 300 and 900. We found animals are a favorite.

On Wednesday Bill Pastella and Lucretia tape businesses so everyone know more about the members.

Of course, our silly selves gathered at Heid's under the direction of Steve Roberts we learned the Todd Hobin commercial Jingle. Guess how many views we received? Over 2900 and we were on the News. Financially it was a trying time. Membership was slow or not coming in at all. Besides the Golf Outing we attempted an Auction. This was not a hard task. Many of you were generous and thanks to our Bill Herloski and his techno skills and Rob Just hours to manually update the bids. *We raised \$3,000 in 2 weeks*. We participated in the After-school summer programs and passed out material to over 100 parents about the chamber members.

We participated in the Haunted garage with the Library over 150 cars heard about the Trunk or Treat and the Chamber. Thank you, Diane, for your help.

We handed out 200 "Chamber in a Bag" on small business Saturday at the Library.

You have demonstrated Strength and the willingness to collaborate with each other. You are welcoming and for the future your ideas, wishes and wants are welcome.

Everything we do ... The question is always asked how does this enable us to make you more visible.

#### This is your Chamber and Liverpool is the Best Place to live and do Business. Lucretia Hudzinski, Director of Membership and Fundraising



#### 2021 Golf Outing -

This was the Chamber's 22nd Annual Golf Outing hosted by Hickory Hill Golf Course. This was our first in-person event since COVID began. The amount of support put into this event was overwhelming. This year, we had 1

Corporate Sponsor, 5 Major Sponsors, a Beverage Cart Sponsor, a Putting Contest Sponsor, Liverpool Dollars for Scholars as our Wager Hole, 24 Hole Sponsor signs, and a profit of just over \$9,000.00, the most we have ever had.

The course was full, with 18 Captain and Crew teams, 10 Cases of Water donated from Northside Collison Center, PB&J's Lunchbox came out to the course in their Food truck and donated Breakfast Sandwiches, 8 Coffee Boxes were donated by Bagelicious, Lunch was donated by Chick-Fil-A, for our golfers to bring on the course with them, and Pizza was donated by Wolf Patio's Pizza when the golfers drove by the gazebo. We had a virtual photo booth with pictures taken and time donated by Winning Business & Marketing Systems. We had almost 40 Raffles Prizes donated for this event. This was the most successful event the Liverpool Chamber has ever seen.

**Trunk or Treat –** We had our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat this year at Davidson Ford in Liverpool. Due to COVID, we did not have one since 2019. This year, Davidson Ford, graciously opened their entire front parking lot for us to use. This year we had 20 vendors, with many of them bringing their own children to help. We shortened the time from 3 hours from previous years to an hour and a half, which brought in over 500 kids. This was our most successful Trunk or Treat yet.

**Committees -- ARM Committee** - Which stands for Ambassadors, Recognition and Retention, Membership. These members are dedicated to promoting the growth of the Chamber by attracting new members as well as retaining the existing ones. Their goal is to demonstrate the value of a Chamber membership by promoting the needs of our current members while increasing the Chamber's visibility to the community. **Marketing Committee** – This is our "Think Tank". These members assist us in promoting events and activities sponsored by the Chamber. They provide enhanced opportunities for communication and connection, business to business and business to the community. Their creative ideas and marketing strategies do not go unnoticed.

- Board of Directors - Our Chamber would not be a Chamber without our Board of Directors. These people volunteer their time, not only once a month for meetings, but on a weekly basis checking in with us to see how they can help keep the Chamber on track. They not only listen to our needs but put into action how those needs can be met. They are the ones coming out to every Ribbon Cutting, Grand Opening, Business Before or After Hours, Facebook Lives and events. They not only want to help improve the Liverpool Chamber and its members, but the community at a whole.

**Volunteers –** These are the people that are behind the scenes, keeping not only events running smoothly, but in the office too. We have the honor of having three (3) lovely ladies that keep the "nitty gritty" going. Stuffing directories, envelopes, newsletters, or special events for mailings, these ladies do it all. Sorting and stuffing 200 bags and 200 items from each business who will be participating for Small Business Saturday, these ladies do it. Handwriting all of our "Thank You", "Sympathy", "Anniversary" and "Congratulation" Cards, these ladies do it.

Without our volunteers, the Greater Liverpool Chamber would not be as successful as it is today. You have helped us put together, participate, and enjoy each event we've put on for our members and our community. The Golf Outing alone had over 40 people donating their time and efforts into helping our Chamber have the most successful, and FUN, Golf Outing ever! Directing Traffic for the Trunk or Treat would not have been done, and definitely not as smoothly, without the help of our volunteers. Giving back to your Chamber, so in turn we can all work together, help each other, and be visible to the community. We cannot thank you enough for all the time and effort you have given us.

Thank you to everyone who makes this chamber the BEST CHAMBER in CNY! - Kelly Evans, Executive Administrator

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7-Jan	National Bobblehead Day	
8-Jan	National Vision Board Day – <b>Share with us your board</b>	
9-Jan	National Sunday Supper Day	
10-Jan	National Clean Off Your Desk Day – Lucretia are you getting this?	
11-Jan	Shop for Travel Day – Cruise Planners	
12-Jan	National Marzipan Day-it is a dessert of almonds, sugar and shapes.	
13-Jan	National Rubber Ducky Day-Rubber Ducky You're the one. FUN!	
14-Jan	National Dress Up Your Pet Day-Share your photos	
15-Jan	National Bagel Day-Let us head for Bagelicious.	
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17-Jan	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
18-Jan	National Thesaurus Day-We actually have one in the chamber.	
19-Jan	National Popcorn Day-and a Movie?	
20-Jan	Get to Know Your Customers Day – How do you do that!	
21-Jan	National Hugging Day	
22-Jan	Celebration of Life Day-Celebration of all that is good in our lives.	
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27-Jan	National Chocolate Cake Day	
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1-Feb	National Dark Chocolate Day-Speach family Candy	
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3-Feb	National Carrot Cake Day	
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4-Feb	National Wear Red Day	
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**The Father of Black History** by Telow MowZus Baugh Eileen Collins brother wrote for this reflection

Carter Goodwin Woodson An Author and Historian A son to once enslaved parents Being born black was his penance He launched Negro History Week Which made February unique The Father of

Black History His story - Still a mystery Seventeen forced to work in mines Twenty and in High School full-time He wasn't guaranteed safety But he still chased his PHD The second with a doctorate W. E. - First to do it Howard University's Dean Searched for a history unseen Like with racial inequalities We need Critical Race Theory An intellectual movement For equitable advancements A history of racism Systemic at its origins Neglected tales of Africans Carter Goodwin Woodson... © 2021 The Word Rule

#### A Reflection On Black History Month



Black people have a unique place in American history. In the beginning, we were captured and brought here as slaves. The Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery on January 1, 1863, and was codified in the 13th Amendment in 1865. It took over 100 years – until the 1960s – after the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment promised that the government would enforce "equal protection of the laws", for African Americans to finally be guaranteed the

rights that the Constitution said every citizen should enjoy. Despite that, black people are a huge part of the fabric from which this country is woven. I believe it is important that people -- and black people in particular – realize that dynamic and know about the myriad of contributions we as a people have made to American history because those contributions, for the most part, have been hidden. Black History month is a time for us to reflect on our legacy and enlighten others.

Although we had been slaves, black people have fought -- and still fight -in our armed forces, against our enemies, foreign and domestic! We've created inventions that are embedded in the fabric of our country. Did you know, for instance, that Granville T Woods, in 1887, invented the induction telegraph that allowed trainto-train and train-to-station communication, and prevented many rail accidents? Garrett Morgan invented the gas mask in 1912 that saved the lives of thousands of soldiers during World War 1, and he also invented the modern traffic light.

Did you know that Daniel Hale Williams, in 1893, performed the first openheart surgery? That was also the first time a chest cavity had ever been opened without the patient dying of infection. That was made possible because of the standard of sanitary conditions that he established in the hospital and training school that he built. Further, where might we be if Dr. Charles Drew hadn't invented the technique for the long-term preservation of blood plasma, and created the blood bank? Just recently, we learned of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughan, who were collectively known as "computers in skirts." They were three African American women mathematicians who worked in NASA's segregated west area computers division. They worked on Nasa's Redstone, Mercury, and Apollo space programs. Yes. We have made rich and foundational contributions to science and life in all areas of history.

Economically, there are more than 2 million Black-owned businesses in the United States. We can also look at our contribution to culture, sports, and music via such artists as Quincy Jones, Langston Hughes, Amanda Gorman, Prince, Les

Brown, and so many others.

Black History Month is not only a time when we can help educate "the world" about what we have done; but a time when we can reflect on who we are and can be, as a united people. When it comes down to cases, like any culture, we are simply millions and millions of everyday people trying to lead good lives and create a legacy for those who follow. - Kelvin P Ringold

**Continued from page 9** Being in business is hard. Being a small business owner is harder. Standing out in the crowd for something you can't control can be stifling. That's the actual reason something like Black History Month exists. It's to try to educate everyone of the reality that even with the difficulties of being outnumbered, being ignored, being underestimated or even being frowned upon, black people and other people of color have done some great things for this country and the world.

That's why I stopped writing about it. I'm not a big enough voice to write about it once a year and have it make an impact with anyone. Instead, I hope to make a difference with my business, make a difference with my personality (though, as an introvert I don't get out much), and make a difference with other accomplishments and adventures. It's important enough to know that, in my own way, I've helped pave the road for others to have opportunities. I can live with that. -**Mitch Mitchell** 



Here are two quotes I love: Barbara Stone

John Maxwell:

"One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination."



• Rick Tamlyn: "Mentors are wisdom guides."



Lee Livermore Original Quotes:

"Success is a journey that was never intended to be traveled alone."

"There are great opportunities awaiting us. We find them in



Change your actions, your habits, your behavior, and your mind will follow. This is your chance to make things better. Being creative is a choice and creativity is contagious. You can do this. You already have. Take action. James McEntire





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Gwen McCarroll from Gwen's Helping Hands and the musical duo The Power of Two is the New Chairperson for Liverpool Is The Place.





This section helps members feature their exciting news!



#### The Chamber Cares

ALS disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive disease of the nervous system that affects muscle control over movement, speaking, eating, and breathing. ALS is non-curable. Continued awareness,





education, and research are needed.

This disease affects our nation. Now it has hit one of our own in the Chamber community.

Just two days before Jimmer Szatkowski's career milestone of owning a second Chick-fil-A restaurant, a more serious milestone overshadowed the excitement of the grand opening. He opening an-

nounced that he has ALS. This has not stopped this caring, giving, leader of our community.

The Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce will hold an awareness and fundraising event in conjunction with **ALS Awareness Month, in May 2022,** and we invite you to participate. Watch for details to come and thank you for supporting this important cause.

Want to help us plan? Email Rob Just chair o the Marketing Committee <a href="mailto:rjust@mainstwm.com">rjust@mainstwm.com</a>





Multi-Chamber Inner-Tubing Event ! Sunday, January 9, 2022 4:30 pm - 7 pm



Join multiple chambers as we have our annual tubing event! \$20 per Tuber (unlimited tubing) Minimum Age 3 1/2 and 40 inches tall. Please bring your Family!

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8012 East Genesee St., Fayetteville, 13066 **RSVP** at liverpoolchamber.com

Community Living CLA Advocates





Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Community Living Advocates and the Liverpool Chamber team up for an Outdoor Networking and Snowshoeing event!

2pm - 3pm

Get out of the office and network! Bring Snowshoes or come early and rent them for only \$5.00.

Gwen McCarroll from Gwen's Helping Hands will be getting our bodies and minds ready for a jaunt in the woods!

Beaver Lake Nature Center 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, 13027 \$5.00 Donation to Beaver Lake **RSVP** through the Liverpool Chamber or with Nancy Aureli at nancy@communitylivingadvocates.com





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We were sad to hear of Rebecca Baldwin's passing. She was co-owner of FACE FIRST Creative, a member of the Liverpool Chamber for many years, and a tenant in the Gleason Mansion. She will be remembered by always being friendly, helpful and full of smiles.

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