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Announcement :

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Most Valuable Member of the Quarter

BUSINESS
of the month



Nominees:

Capture the Moment

Wegman's

Humane CNY

Floor Coverings International

Emerald City Window Cleaning

Beaver Lake Dr Abigail Romano

Cleanse Co

Chuck Taylor's Collision Center

11:30 Registration, 11:45 Lunch, noon Program Announcement of the Business of the Year., Catered by Wegman's

February 17, Tuesday

One Group,

706 North Clinton Street, Syracuse



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Coffee and Friends Presentations: Could this be you?

1st Tuesday at 8 am on Zoom one, we want to present call Jim, Emily or the chamber.

February-Tess Kenney on how to maximize your Linkin

March Dr Kristen Szalba- Power of Thoughts

April Elizah Knowton Chick Fil A Clay How they grew the business and engage with the community.

**** 2nd Tuesday of the month is In Person at 9:00 am****

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Ribbon Cuttings: Cleanse Co, Better Burger, David's Refuge



After nearly 20 years, it is time to pass the torch.

An upcoming significant birthday in March, also prompted the decision. I wanted everyone to remember that I remembered. It was a difficult decision.

April of 2006, was memorable . I gave the Liverpool Chamber board a 5 year commitment. I never realized that time would pass so quickly. It would be the best job I ever had.

I thank Tamara Crowley who brought this opportunity to my attention. On the hiring committee were people that I had as volunteers at United Way. Bill Pastella and Elaiine Woznek and Tamara Crowley.



Early on I did realize I needed advice and help to direct people who knew more about running a business than I. I enlisted, Jill Young who worked at the Liverpool Public Library and was the Business contact with the library. She introduce me to so many good people who became part of the committees, Business for Growth committee, Membership committee, Marketing, Golf, Treasure Hunt and more. Later Paula Behm joined us to chair and run Business for Growth committee. This committee put on seminars, lunch and learns and other educational programs directed at helping businesses grow.

Pulling on those skills I learned as a community organizer, fundraiser facilitator, program coordinator,, the chamber was able to grow.

My first director at United Way in MA told me to surround myself with people smarter and more skilled than I was. That helped me pull together the army that helps make this chamber the best ever. Remember it is your chamber not mine or any paid staff.

There are so many to thank, who work in the background and do all the heavy lifting. Dottie Splawn, Diane Wolpert, Terry Robare, Veronica Simandle ,John Edwards, who are there when called or see what needs to be done and do it.. There are the committees, the members who always lend a hand. There is Rob Just who walked into the chamber wanting to know more about membership and left heading up the Marketing committee. James McIntire and Barb Stone met each other during COVID. They had a great Idea to keep the members engaged, even though we could not let anyone in the door. We met every Tuesday morning at 8 am on zoom. They are the reason Coffee and Friends is so successful today. Rina Hart who was the President during COVID and we would meet on a park bench to make sure this chamber and its members would survive. Rina gave almost 18 years to the Board on many levels. William Pastella who coined the phrase "the best chamber in the Universe."

Kelly Evans who started out as a volunteer 20 hours a week. I told her bring a book because I may have days I won't have anything. She says she has never opened that book. Kely then became an employee and a volunteer beyond her hours. She is still our bookkeeper. Kelly you made my job lighter. You are the best.



Seneca Savings, a 50-year member of the Greater Liverpool Chamber, was founded in 1928 in Baldwinsville and now has five branches, including Liverpool. Key Leaders Angelo Testani, Rachel Siderine, value their chamber partnership for networking and community engagement. Seneca Savings supports events like concerts, golf and cornhole tournaments, and drives, while participating in initiatives like “Coffee and Friends.” d. Through active involvement, Seneca Savings strengthens both the Chamber and the local



Chuck Taylor's Body Shop, founded over 70 years ago, remains a family-run business in Liverpool. Now led by grandson Brandon, fourth-generation technician Anthony is preparing to continue the legacy. Brandon emphasizes hard work and experience, ensuring Anthony truly values the family business. Taylor's prides itself on multigenerational customers, long-tenured staff, and adapting to modern car technology, while maintaining its tradition of fair, skilled, and reliable service.

Liverpool Chiropractic

The Chamber proudly celebrates Liverpool Chiropractic's 50 years of membership. Founded by Dr. Alan Meltzer and continued by Dr. Laura Harrington since 1999, the practice has long served the Liverpool community. A lifelong resident, Dr. Harrington has raised her family here and actively supported local events, from concerts in the park to the Chamber's annual golf outing. Congratulations on this milestone!



BUSINESS *of the month*

The Red Carpet 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 and the membership are asked to share on Facebook, to their email list, twitter and in any other way to get the community to vote. You do not have to be a member to vote.

Winners receive a business card ad in the Eagle Newspaper, and a photo in the newsletter. Then each monthly winner will be entered into the Nominations (in January) for Business of the Year.

September



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October



December

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November



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Nichols Supermarket has been at the heart of Liverpool, NY for 50 years, serving as more than a grocery store—it's a community cornerstone. Owned by Mike Hennigan and team, Nichols is known for quality, tradition, and personal service. On

Dec. 17, 2024, the Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce honored Nichols with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing its role in family traditions, customer care, and unwavering commitment—even through the pandemic. Here's to the next 50!



The North Area Family YMCA in Liverpool, NY, celebrated 50 years of service on Dec. 17, 2024. The Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce honored the milestone with a Certificate of Appreciation, presented by its Red Carpet Committee to YMCA leaders Amber Shannon and Corey Wilcox. For five decades, the YMCA has been a cornerstone for families, health, youth programs, and community wellness—impacting generations and strengthening Liverpool's future.



KeyBank

Key Bank celebrates 50 years as a proud member of the Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. Senior Area Retail Leader Ronald Klein says it's a privilege to support businesses of all sizes as one of only two banks in the village. Part of the CNY Region, Key Bank is committed to community involvement, with 70% of branch managers actively engaged in local chambers.



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Heid's of Liverpool, a cherished landmark since 1917, has been serving iconic Hofmann franks and Cones for over 100 years. Originally founded by the Heid family, the stand moved to its current spot in 1930 and has remained a community favorite ever since. From a bowling alley to an ice cream parlor, Heid's has grown while keeping its traditions alive. In 1995, Randy Parker and his family took ownership, continuing the legacy that makes Heid's a beloved gathering place in Liverpool.



M&T

M&T Bank has long supported the Liverpool Chamber, donating a historic 100-year-old clock in 2003. Branch Manager Elaine Wilkinson was deeply involved, attending and leading events. When others declined, M&T offered vital financial help. Over time, each manager has contributed talents and continued the bank's strong support.



On Dec. 11, 2024, the Greater Liverpool Chamber presented the Town of Salina with a 50th Anniversary certificate, honoring its milestone in 2025. Legislator Colleen Gunnip and Counselor Leesa Paul accepted, reflecting on the town's history and strong ties with the Chamber. From ribbon cuttings to community programs, Salina has been a vital partner. The town looks ahead with the new Community Center and Wizard of

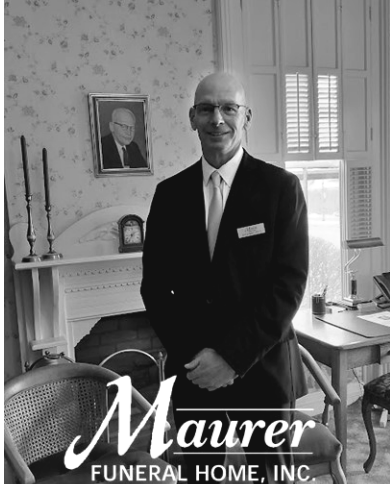


Liverpool Public Library was honored for 50 years with the Greater Liverpool Chamber on 9/19. Leaders reflected on its rich history—from first librarian Adasa Hooper Gray in 1918 to his role today, with 435,000+ items checked out in 2023 and 228,000 online visitors. Known as a community “third place,” the library has led in technology access since the 1990s and continues to foster discovery, learning, and connection through its new purpose and strategic plan.



ONEGROUP®

One Group, formed in 2009 and acquired by Community Bank in 2015, expanded significantly from 30 employees to around 400, with offices in multiple states. Both Rina and Robert Galusha have been deeply involved in the chamber, with Rina serving as a past president. They have seen the chamber grow and adapt, particularly during the pandemic, which underscored the chamber's value to business owners. The chamber's commitment to its members and the community helped it thrive, leading to increased member involvement and new initiatives like virtual events.



Maurer Funeral Home, family-owned since 1927, has served Liverpool and Central NY for three generations. Founded by G. Harry Maurer, it later expanded to Baldwinsville. Known for compassionate service, the funeral home offers grief resources, teen support, "Talk of a Lifetime" conversations, and pre-planning guidance. Current president Daniel J. Maurer continues the family's tradition of care and community support.



Abel and Vanessa, new owners of Bayberry Uniform & Shoes, continue its 50-year Liverpool Chamber membership. Serving food service, corporate, and medical communities from their Liverpool and South Crouse Ave locations, they maintain diverse staff and inventory to meet growing industry needs. Active community advocates, they combine quality, everyday, and work apparel while staying visible and connected. Here's to the next 50 years!



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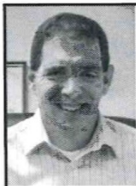
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The Red Carpet Committee is dedicated to promoting the growth of the chamber by attracting new members as well as retaining existing ones. Our goal is to demonstrate the increasing the chambers visibility to the business community..

Small Business Saturday at the Liverpool Public Library. We gave out over 200 swag bags to the attendees , items from our members.





Congratulations to the Village of Liverpool for 50 years as a supportive member of the Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce! Sharing common goals, the village and chamber work together to make the one-square-mile village a vibrant place to live and visit. Mayor and chamber leaders remain committed to collaboration and the ongoing revitalization of Liverpool.



Family-owned since 1948, Liverpool Lumber is a true Liverpool landmark. Now led by 3rd-generation owner Joe Ehle, the company has long supported contractors and the community with its expertise. Offering a full-service lumber yard, kitchen & bath showroom, and retail store, Liverpool Lumber has played a key role in building Liverpool and the surrounding areas for decades.



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March 17 Sharkey's Meet the newest members

April 21 PF Chang's

May 19 AMF Syracuse Lanes



Coming March—April

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We already have some folks donating items.

M EMBERS A K I N G O V E S

This section helps members feature their exciting news!



Brittany Alexich is now the Director of the Liverpool Chamber. Replacing Lucretia Hudzinski who is retiring after nearly 20 years as the Executive Director.

Brittany brings her many years as a real Estate Agent, Dispatcher, 911 call center experience..

Let us know milestones, changes in leadership and other moves your business is making for this column.

Lunch at our newest member Il Limone



Red Carpet Team: Meets once a month at 8 am First Thursday of the Month. This team deals with membership, Ambassadors, retention, recognition, awards, greeting members at networking events and orientating new members. Anita Leitgeb from the Salvation Army is our TEAM Leader.

VOLUNTEER



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 Red carpet 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!



Ambassadors-Help to pass out Mint packages to new members, Ribbon Cuttings attendance and help with photography and collecting business cards, Take prospect literature to New businesses. Your time is set by you.

- **The Marketing Team** serves as a THINK TANK to assist the Executive Director, the board of Directors, and the other teams in promoting events and activities sponsored by the Chamber. The Marketing team provides enhanced opportunities for communication and connection, business to business and business to community.



- The strategy includes promoting awareness via internet, print, broadcast and social media.
- Marketing will help with exposure to obtain market expansion and to build customer loyalty.
- Provide material for the Newsletter and Facebook.

The Golf Committee recruits sponsors, golfers,

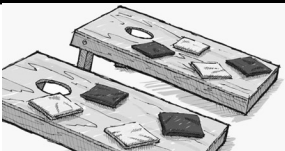
It is a great way to meet and get them involved in.

January to July



starts to meet in January and raffle items and volunteer.

other businesses in the chamber and exchange business information.



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Call Colleen or the Liverpool Chamber. For sponsorship opportunities

2025-2026 Calendar

Calendar of events is subject to change and new events may be added. Check the date on our website.

Coffee and Friends:

1st Tuesday zoom 8 am

2nd Tuesday at a member location 9 am

Lunch Connection

3rd Tuesday of the Month 11:30 am except July and August there is none

Auction Held online. Late March-early April 2026

Cornhole Tournament 2026, January 30 4:30—8 pm Sharkey's

Small Business Week , May 3 to the 9th 2026

Ribbon Cuttings and Milestone events are scheduled with the chamber at least one to two weeks in advance



Valentines for Seniors

**1,000 needed to distribute to member Senior Facilities,
North Area, Onondaga East, and Baldwinsville Meals on
Wheels**

**The Greater Liverpool Chamber members 5th annual
Valentines for Seniors Drive**

*Members get employees, families and friends gather together,
make or buy valentines. Sign your name or your company
name.*

Bring in by February 9

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Multi Chamber connection, became one the best moves we all made. From 4 suburban chambers to over 12 that meet every month to learn from each other. Thank You Rachel for stepping up to lead this group. 150 to 200 diverse members meet quarterly. Scott Lacik, Debbie Billello Mary Ann and Judy Dardzinski, for encouraging the vision.

There are so many other people to thank. All the past presidents who where there through the good times and the bad, from the financial ups and downs, membership ups and downs, trying to make sure everyone knew how "showing up" mattered.

Just remember you the members are the chamber, you give the direction.

You are the ones that encourage others to join and take part.

Liverpool is the Place our chamber sub committee has grown over the years. Members on the committee have grown, volunteers who run the concert concession has grown, The commitment is to continue to have concerts every Monday and Wednesday in Johnson Park. We can always use more help.

Thank you to all don't be afraid to call or email me, have coffee or lunch. I am only a phone call away.

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Past Presidents:

Dr. Tom Conley

Rina Hart

Dennis Hebert

William Pastella

Board of Directors
make a splash at the
50th Anniversary
Party



Rookie and Most Valuable Member of the Quarter

The Liverpool Chamber Board of Directors wanted to establish a quarterly award given by the Board. No member of the board can get this award.

Rookie of the quarter is given to someone who is new to the chamber and has jumped and volunteered for the chamber and also a valuable community volunteer.

Most Valuable Member is given to someone who has been in the chamber and has demonstrated a contribution to the chamber of time, talent and treasure. They are also a valuable community volunteer.



Most Valuable Member

Bailey Masterson, United Way.
Bailey “Shows Up.”

Bailey raises her voice and hand and says how can I help or I can do that.

She gives of her time and talents to the community.

She is truly a most valuable Member of the 3rd Quarter.

Rookie of the quarter

Payton Shirley, JF Real Estate.
She really “Show Up”

She is at every Chamber function that she can. She Donates her time, talent and treasure.

Always there when you need her.

The community is so blessed to have her “she has their back”

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