

## **JULY NEWSLETTER - 2016**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It may be summertime but there is still a lot going on at your Genesee County Chamber of Commerce.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Chamber Alliance of New York State Summer Conference in June. The conference was held in Livingston County and Livingston County Chamber President Laura Lane and her staff did a wonderful job of showing off the area to Chamber executives from all over New York.

These conferences are always a great way to get together and compare notes with other Chamber executives. While each of us has distinct, unique challenges in our home markets, there are a great deal of commonalities that we all share as well. These conferences allow us to share information and ideas that we can bring back and implement in our home markets.

We have also reached the halfway point with renovations of our new Chamber headquarters at 8276 Park Road in the Town of Batavia. Phase I of the project, which included the renovation of the interior of the second floor for the Chamber office, has been completed. We are now in the process of awarding the bid for Phase II, which will consist of constructing a Visitors Center for tourism on the first floor as well as extensive exterior façade improvements. Expected completion of the entire project should be sometime this fall.

Finally, I hope you will be able to join us at our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bocce Tournament on Wednesday, July 27 at Batavia Country Club. This is the Chamber's big social event of the summer and a great way to get together with other Chamber members to enjoy the beautiful Genesee County summer weather. If you're not a golfer, you can always play bocce. Or if you can't make wither tournament, just come join us for dinner. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

Until then - have a great month!

Sincerely,

*Tom Turnbull*

Chamber President