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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These are busy times at the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce... and that's good!

In September we held our 26th Annual Decision Makers' Agriculture Forum. Over 40 people attended and learned more about Farm Credit, Batavia Downs and New York Craft Malt. Many thanks to our presenters for an interesting and educational day.

The Chamber was also a stop on the Downtown Batavia BID's Wine Walk on October 3rd. The wine Walk is always a fun way to connect with our many friends in the community.

Speaking of a fun way to connect with friends, T-Shirts Etc. will be hosting a Business After Hours on Wednesday, October 7 from 5-7 p.m. at their new location at 37 Center St. This will be a guaranteed good time with food, drink, games and a charity raffle. You don't want to miss this.

Our Small Business Administration Workshops continue with a program on Profit Improvement Strategies and Increasing Cash Flow (who couldn't use these tips!). The workshop will take place at the Chamber office on Wednesday, October 14 starting at 7:30 a.m. Look for a new schedule of 2016 workshops soon.

The Chamber will be assisting at a ribbon-cutting at the new Ziebart location at 309 West Main St., Batavia on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. Stop by and check out one of the area's newest businesses.

The Chamber's Annual Meeting luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 5 at Terry Hills Restaurant and Banquet Facility. We're excited to welcome our keynote speaker, Ken Pokalsky, vice president of The Business Council of New York State.

While it might seem a little early to talk about the Chamber's Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at The Clarion Hotel, it is time to accept nominations for these awards. Nomination forms are available online at www.geneseeny.com or at the Chamber office.

We continue to market our travel trips with informational meeting on our Alpine Countries excursion on Tuesday, October 6 and on our Discover Cuba trip on Tuesday, October 20.

And we haven't even mentioned our proposed Visitors Center and Chamber office building project. More to come on that next month.

So there is plenty going on at the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce. Try to get involved in some of these events in one way or another. It will make your Chamber membership even that more valuable.

Have a great month!

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