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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a perfect blending of old and new. Last week your Chamber of Commerce held its 43rd Annual Golf Outing, which has to be one of the longest-running – if not THE longest-running – golf tournaments in Genesee County. At the same time, your Chamber hosted its first ever Bocce Tournament as part of the day's festivities.

Both tournaments were outstanding successes. Despite being the hottest day of the year, over 100 people participated and I think it is safe to say a fun day was had by all. There were a lot of good shots – and a lot of bad shots – hit by the 20 foursomes who got to enjoy golf on the beautiful Terry Hills Golf Course. But I don't think anyone had more fun than the 20 bocce players who made up the inaugural bocce tournament. It looks like we have a new tradition starting with the addition of bocce that will continue to grow in the upcoming years.

These tournaments aren't really about who wins and losses. They are about getting members of our business community together in a relaxed, social setting and just having fun. It's a chance to celebrate summer, a season that goes by way too quickly in our region. And hopefully it's a chance to meet new people and make new friends that will carry over in our professional lives through the rest of the year.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this year's tournament possible – Terry Hills Golf Course & Banquet Facility, our many sponsors, our volunteers, our Board of Directors and my staff, especially Kelly Bermingham who really is the driving force in making the Chamber tournament one of the smoothest, best run tourneys around.

We haven't determined the site and date for next year's tournament yet. We try to rotate the location among our Chamber member golf courses. Where ever it is, I hope you can join us next year. With the addition of bocce, you no longer need to be a golfer to join in the fun. And it's a great way to be a part of your Chamber.

Have a great month!

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