

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - 2015

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2015 nears an end, it is a good time say thank you to all of those who helped make the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce a success once again this year.

It is only fitting that the thank yous start at the top with the Chair of our Board of Directors, Michael Rivers. If there is one thing you could be sure of this past year is that you could always count on Michael. Whether it was working all weekend at the Home Show, contributing to board and committee meetings, attending special events or simply co-signing checks, you could always be sure that Michael would be there for the Chamber. He truly defines the term leadership by example.

The entire Chamber Board of Directors deserves a lot of credit for their efforts this year. They have taken on the challenge of purchasing and renovating a new location that will not only house our Chamber operations but also host a beautiful new Genesee County Visitors Center as well. Their vision and counsel on this project have made it a reality after many stalled attempts in the past.

A special thanks to board member Steve Krna, who is rotating off the board after serving out his six year maximum term. Also special thanks to Dan Harvey and Dennis Kohl who left the board early to take on exciting new career opportunities. Steve, Dan and Dennis – you will be missed!

As I have said before, it is sometimes overlooked that our board consists of volunteers who have their own businesses and organizations to oversee. Their unselfish willingness to serve on the Chamber Board of Directors is what helps makes our Chamber a success. A complete list of the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors can be found at <http://geneseeny.com/WhoWeAre.aspx>.

Our Chamber is also blessed with a fabulous staff – Kelly Birmingham, Ginny Elsasser, Melissa George, Kelly Rapone and Taylor White. This group of hard-working, talented professionals is the backbone of this organization and we are fortunate to have them driving the day-to-day operations of our Chamber.

And finally I have to thank you, our members. Without our members we wouldn't have a Chamber of Commerce! With over 500 members pulling together, we have the strength in numbers to help promote a vibrant local economy. We couldn't do it without your commitment!

Sincerely,

*Tom Turnbull*

Chamber President