

AVON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW AROUND TOWN!!

December 2007/January 2008

7 Habits of Highly Effective People Professional Development Seminar

The Chamber of Commerce along with the City of Avon has procured Resource Training and Solutions for a professional development seminar. 7 Habits of Highly Effective People will be held January 30, 2008 from 8am to noon at City Hall. The 7 habits workshop provides a foundation for lasting change and effectiveness at the Personal, Interpersonal, Managerial and Organizational level. This training is sure to benefit everyone in the workforce. This seminar is available to all chamber members and their employees.

The fee for attending this half-day training session is \$30. You may register prior to the workshop with Lee at City Hall-356-7922 or Jan at Black Financial-356-9031. There is limited seating available, so register early. Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to join the chamber and take advantage of this incredible opportunity please contact JoAnn at 249-1550.

Don't let this professional development seminar pass you by!

REGISTER EARLY!
1-30-08/8-12/Avon City Hall

CAPS, MITTENS AND SOCK DRIVE

Bueckers City Sanitation would like your help to keep local kids warm from head to toe!

Event: Caps Mitten and Sock drive

When: November 1st thru December 20th

Where: Central MN Federal Credit Unions

You may drop off NEW Children's caps, mittens and socks at the Central MN Federal Credit Union in Melrose, Sauk Centre, Albany and St. Joseph during their normal business hours. These wonderful, warm items will be donated to local charities and distributed in time for Christmas! Thanks for donating to the needy!



"Toys for Tots" Drop site

As in the past this holiday season DH Blattner will be a drop site for the Toys for Tots foundation. The foundation was established by the US Marine Corps and coordinates Christmas gifts to needy children.

Any person or company wishing to donate to this campaign may drop off a new, unwrapped toy at DH Blattner and Sons, 400 County Road 50, in Avon. Blattner employees will then deliver all donations to a central warehouse where the gifts will then be distributed to the neediest children in our local community. Gifts will be accepted from 11-26-07 to 12-14-07. Thanks DH Blattner and employees for again being a drop site and distributor for the less fortunate in our area! That is what the season is all about!

Business Profile

Name: Cone's Sports Bar and Grill
(Formerly-Ellen's Bar and Grille)

Address: 37224 County Rd 9
Avon, MN 56310

Phone: 356-7753

Owner: Connee Cossairt

Owner History: Connee was born and raised in Sartell and migrated to Stearns County to the town of Cold Spring. She was employed by Cold Spring Granite Company for nearly 18 years. She is very knowledgeable in sales, marketing and advertising. This has added greatly to her success at Cone's Sports Bar and Grill.

Business Description: Full bar with an extended menu and daily food specials. Connee will book your Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthday, Christmas Parties or any other event. She offers regular entertainment which includes a DJ, Karaoke and live music.

Summer Volleyball League meeting is in April. League play starts the second week in May.

Stop by to see the exciting changes, pleasant staff and welcoming atmosphere!

Business Profile 2

Name: Area Realty Professionals

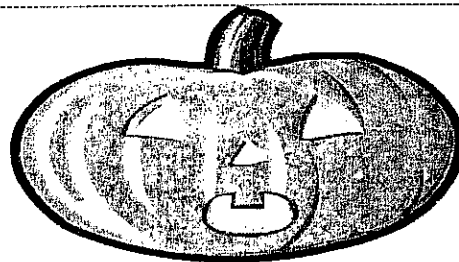
Address: 200 Avon Avenue South
Avon MN 56310

Phone: 320-685-3255

Description: Area Realty is a privately owned, full service real estate brokerage that was started two years ago by Tom Binstfeld. The corporate office is located in Cold Spring. The Avon office, run by Antonie Jordet, was recently opened to service the entire Stearns County area as well as the surrounding counties.

Daniel and Antonie Jordet purchased the building and lot from Dr. Dave and Jan Schleicher in July 2007.

Dr. Dave had his clinic, Avon Family Chiropractic and residence with Jan, Amy and Becca in this 102 year old building for 12 years.

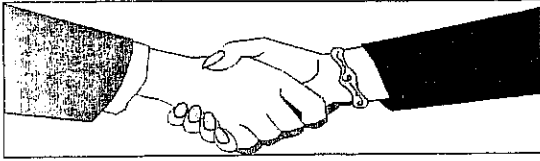


Business Trick or Treat

Thank you to the following businesses for their participation in the 2007 Chamber Sponsored Business Trick or Treat:

Brudies Pizza
Lumber One
The Village Bean
Black-Financial
Schmidt Insurance
PSI
Adium Marketing
Joseph's Restaurant
Subway
Schmidty's Shell
Video Max
Avon Quick Mart
Post Office
Liquor Locker
Hair Connexion
Dahlin's
Avon Dental Clinic
Avons' True Value
Avon State Bank
Aunt Annie's Quilts and Silks
Cabin Café
Avon Auto Repair
Avon Electric
Tischler Wood Products
AmericInn
Kremer Insurance
Sensational Styles

A special thanks to the Avon Fire Department and Police Department for helping with the crosswalks and keeping our participants safe.



Customer Appreciation Days

Our first Customer Appreciation Days 9-14-07 and 9-15-07 was a huge success. There was a lot of exposure for the businesses in town that participated. Jamey Widman of Avon True Value brought this idea to the Chamber. It was a great idea and it was decided at the Board meeting following shortly after the event that this would definitely be put on the calendar for next year.

If you have an idea or event that you would like to see the Chamber be involved with call JoAnn at 249-1550 or talk to one of the Board of Directors on the back page of this newsletter.

Thanks Jamey for your great idea.



CHAMBER PRESIDENT

JoAnn Dirkes will be handing over the Chamber Presidential position to Mary Eisenschenk on 1-1-08. The December 6 Board meeting will be the last one she will conduct. She has served as president since August, 2005. In the past 2 ½ years she has been very dedicated and focused on building the Chamber. She will stay on the Board as past President for one year in accordance to the by-laws. JoAnn's has spent many hours helping and coordinating events and offering ideas. She has helped the Chamber grow tremendously and her time as liaison between the chamber and the businesses has been awesome. Your dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated. Welcome, Mary Eisenschenk as new Chamber President effective 1-1-08.

Lake Wobegon Sign

The Chamber of Commerce has purchased a new sign for the Wobegon Park. The sign holds a map and business directory of the Chamber members. Supplies were purchased from Lumber One and Lange Trenching dug the holes to set the sign. Jerry Litchy volunteered his time to build the sign. Mustang mapping printed the map and directory. Thank you to everyone that helped with this endeavor. A special thanks to Jerry Litchy and Mary Eisenschenk for all their help.

Welcome New Board Member

The Chamber Board of Directors welcomes Dr. Jennifer Kalpin who has agreed to join the board replacing Jessica Pogatschnik who resigned to take a position as manager of Shadys' bar in New Munich.

Dr. Kalpin works at the Avon Dental Clinic along with Dr. Kathleen Moen and the rest of their staff in the new office building At 308 Blattner Dr.

If you would like to set up an appointment with Dr. Kalpin or Dr. Moen call Avon Dental Clinic at 356-7374.

Farmers Market

Resurrection Church
2nd Friday each month
December through May

3:00pm to 6:00pm

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!

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Jan Schleicher-Executive Director

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Our primary mission is creating, protecting and enhancing a healthy business environment for the benefit of our members and the growth of the community.