

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

## Walton NY Chamber of Commerce

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Walton NY Chamber of Commerce meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM in the Town Hall, 129 North Street.

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President - Maureen Wacha  
Vice President - Steve Hodge  
Secretary - Robin Curreri  
Treasurer - Bruce Dolph  
Director - Donna Bundy  
Director - Dave Cornwell  
Director - Keath Davis  
Director - Mike Donofrio  
Director - Dick Dumond, Jr.  
Director - Helen McLean  
Director - Carole Raymundo  
Director - Don Smith  
Director - Bob Vitti

### MEMBER DIRECTORY

Don't forget to check your member listing on our website; send any updates to:  
[chamber-info@waltonchamber.com](mailto:chamber-info@waltonchamber.com)  
[waltonchamber.com/member-directory](http://waltonchamber.com/member-directory)

### ONGOING EVENTS

Check our calendar regularly for upcoming events in the area:  
[waltonchamber.com/calendar](http://waltonchamber.com/calendar)

#### January 2016

Officers and Directors assume responsibilities per election at December meeting.

Vote taken to purchase advertising in the Delaware County Community Directory magazine for their quarterly issues (\$112).

#### February 2016

Vote taken for continuance of our \$200 award to a graduating senior for community service work.

#### March 2016

A "Meet the Candidate" forum for the Village election was sponsored by the chamber on March 2nd at the high school. Candidates for trustee positions were Bruce Dolph, Dave Breese and Alan Reynolds. Advertising costs are paid by the chamber.

#### March 2016

A meeting on the controversial biodigester project was held at the Walton Fire Hall on March 9th, sponsored by the Village. However, since the only notice of meeting provided by the Village was in the legal section of the Reporter, the chamber paid for large display ads -- which resulted in a turnout of over 150 residents! The chamber thanks attorney Frank Wood for his research and input on this topic.

#### April 2016

A new committee "Information Exchange" was formed to learn what other Delaware County chambers are involved in. Committee members will attend the meetings of other chambers towards that goal.

#### April 2016

Village businesses were contacted to determine interest in having a flower barrel at their business location. As last year, the Pride Committee of the Village was authorized to use one half of the available number of barrels to create their stacking displays, so several business owners had to be denied. We apologize to those chamber members.

#### May 2016

Chamber reviewed the applications

received from high school seniors which listed their community service work.

This year's \$200 award was given to Rhyan Howe.

#### May 2016

Memorial Day weekend officially begins our annual fundraising effort -- raffle tickets to win a total of \$2300 in cash prizes during the *Night of Entertainment* at the Walton Theatre on Columbus Day weekend. Proceeds from this fundraiser provide the means to sponsor our many events and services. Planning for the 2017 show has begun, marking the 14th year! Your help in selling the raffle tickets is greatly appreciated.

#### June 2016

The season's first *Concert in the Park* sponsored by the chamber was held at Bassett Park on June 13, with over 75 residents enjoying the music of Ernie Kinch and his *Joint Effort* band. Our contracted videographer was present to obtain footage for our "Lifestyles" video. Chamber pays for bands and advertising expenses.

#### July 2016

Walton's annual *Community Lawn Sale*, sponsored by the chamber each July 4th weekend, draws throngs of bargain hunters from many other areas. Participating sellers leave information on our voicemail; sale location maps are printed and distributed throughout the village for the eager buyers. Chamber pays for all costs to sponsor this popular event.

## July 2016

The second *Concert in the Park* featuring *Country Express* had an amazing turnout of approximately 150 residents and nonresidents. Many thanks were given to the chamber for sponsoring these concerts.

## July 2016

The Delaware County Flood Commission requested that our chamber take part in an event to celebrate 10 years since the last flood and to disseminate information. The event was held at the new Veterans' Plaza. Chamber paid for the band Coyote Junction.

## August 2016

Our booth at the Delaware County Fair provides an opportunity for the chamber to meet visitors to our community and to supply information; the initial viewing of our new video was shown, and filming will continue. Many members are needed to staff the booth for the week and we thank them. The Early Bird drawing for the raffle takes place on the last evening and the lucky winner receives \$300.

## August 2016

The last *Concert in the Park* featured the blues music of *Before Dawn* on August 8th, with a 6 PM starting time to avoid darkness. Several requests were received for a September concert but no new plans were made for this.

## August 2016

Judging for the flower barrel contest occurs mid August each year. This year we arranged for two categories (single barrel for the merchants and barrel stacks for the Pride Committee). Thanks go to all the participants and to the three judges who were non-chamber

members. Unfortunately the photos of the winning barrels which were submitted to the Reporter by the chamber were not published.

## September 2016

Our September meeting welcomed the new president of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Ray Pucci, along with the new director of tourism, Lisa Wisely. They outlined what the county chamber is doing to bring both business and tourism to the Catskills. A most informative presentation! Also present was videographer, Jessica Vecchione, who reported that she posted the video on Facebook and received over 25,000 hits — great news!

## September 2016

Labor Day weekend saw a new event in Walton. A national demolition derby event, sponsored by Kings of Old School, was held at the Fairgrounds on September 3rd and 4th. The organizers of the event requested and received assistance from the chamber to help channel them locally. The derby competitors came from all parts of the United States. The group indicated their intent to return in 2017 for another competition.

## October 2016

Our 13th annual *Night of Entertainment* was held at the Walton Theatre on October 8 and four impressive musical groups (including a 40 member orchestra, *Catskill Wind Ensemble*) performed. Many generous gift certificates for door prizes were donated by our merchants; awarding of \$2000 to raffle ticket holders make this a fun filled evening. As previously mentioned, this is our only fundraiser, so sincere thanks to go to chamber members

who worked to sell the raffle tickets. And since there is no admission to this venue, it has been termed as the chamber's *Gift to the Community*.

## November 2016

Our chamber-sponsored *Spend the Day in Walton* and Christmas parade grows in numbers each year! Events began at 8 AM (breakfast with Santa) and runs through into the evening. Brochures listing the activities and times are distributed to stores before Thanksgiving so people can plan their stops.

Thanks again this year to Community Bank, Wayne Bank and Sidney Federal Credit Union for funding the free movie for children at the Walton Theatre — always maximum attendance. Also the Lions Club reported serving 180 hotdogs after the parade at Breakey Motors — lots of smiling faces!

## December 2016

The election of chamber officers and directors took place at the December meeting. No nominations were received for the open positions so, thankfully, the incumbents agreed to continue their work for the chamber. We are always grateful to any members who are able to lend assistance in the planning and implementation of our programs. The old adage "Many hands make light work" is really true and would enable us to expand our work in the community.

