

2016 Chamber Officers

President:

Lorraine Lewis
Retired Business Owner

Vice President:

Tony Verno
Williamson Town Supervisor

Secretary:

Jackie Walker
Retired Business Owner

Treasurer:

Temporarily filled by
Lorraine Lewis
Jackie Walker

Williamson Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

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2016 Board of Directors

Cynthia Baran
E.F. Ashley Insurance
Sarah Jacobs
The Lettering Lounge
Elisa Knataitis
Photo Graphic Service
Dorothy Orr
King's Automotive



Carol Verbridge, Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker, Nothnagle Realtors, accepting her Chamber Business Milestone Award for doing business in the Town of Williamson for 10 years!



CHAMBER AWARDS DINNER MAY 5



Todd Jacobs of The Lettering Lounge was presented with a Chamber Milestone Award for doing business in the Town of Williamson for 20 years!

Randy Peck of Hamilton Street Ventures and Storemore Self Storage receives a Chamber Business Milestone Award for being in the Williamson business community for 15 years!



CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Jared Vankouwenberg and Scott Flora recognized for their selfless act of courage and heroic effort that saved Kevin Piatt's life on Saturday, February 13, 2016 in Pultneyville, New York.



Jared VanKouwenberg and Scott Flora



Scott Flora, Kevin Piatt and Jared VanKouwenberg

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Orbaker's Drive-In

William and Jon O'Hara, owners recognized for being a foundation of the Williamson business community for 84 years, to acknowledge their outstanding support of town organizations and community events, and to thank them for the employment opportunities provided our local youth.



Front: L to R - Bonnie & Bill O'Hara, son Jon O'Hara, daughter MacKenzie, manager Jawni.
 Back: L to R - managers Julia, Sara, Ken, Trevor, friend Bill, manager Gail.

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
Williamson Garden Club



L to R: Perry Howland, Carol Hopkins, Linda and John Ferrante, Subrata Paul, Eric Herriman

The past and present members of GROW were recognized for their exceptional and dedicated volunteerism plus the commitment to the beautification of the Town of Williamson and for educating our community to become successful and environmentally responsible gardeners.



YOUTH OF THE YEAR
Hannah Ferland

Hannah was recognized for her scholastic achievements, leadership ability, community involvement and being an excellent role model for other youth.



U.S. Congressman John Katko talking with Business of the Year Recipients Bonnie and Bill O'Hara.





Chef Brad Yearwood and the WTCC Culinary Arts students getting a well deserved round of applause.

Very nice evening with Williamson Chamber

Dear Editor,
Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Chamber of Commerce of Williamson dinner. It was wonderful.

The food prepared by the culinary class at BOCES was excellent, with many choices, all of which were tasty.

Mostly I was impressed that for an hour you got to be exposed to all the positive things happening around the town.

On a personal note, May 5, 2016 would have been my parents' 65th wedding anniversary and I feel blessed to have spent some of that day watching my son receive a Citizen of the Year award (for pull-

ing a man out of Lake Ontario in February after his car went into the water). My parents would have been very happy to be there, too, with my sister and myself.

Congratulations to Scott Flora and Jared VanKouwenberg!

Jared, I am very proud you were the kind of guy to stop and help, but I am prouder that you are humble about it and that it was just built in your personality. Last night was a great Mother's Day present.

Love,
Vicki LaRocque (Mom)

Williamson Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016

PRESENT:

Officers: President Lorraine Lewis, Vice President Anthony Verno (6:50-7:45pm), Secretary Jacqueline Walker
Directors: Elise Knataitis

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: President Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Lewis led all in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of March 23, 2016 having been previously distributed was unanimously approved on a motion by Director Knataitis, second by VP Verno.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Daily Account

President Lewis presented the Key Bank account statement and the QuickBooks reconciliation sheet ending 4/19/2016. Secretary Walker reviewed the Daily account information and initialed the statements as correct. The balance of the Daily Account is \$7,240.71. Motion made by Vice President Verno, second by Secretary Walker that the Daily account statement be accepted as presented. All in agreement.

Gift Check Account

President Lewis also presented the Key Bank Gift Check account statement and the QuickBooks reconciliation statement ending 4/19/2016. The statements were reviewed by Secretary Walker and initialed correct as presented. The balance in the account is \$1,857.00. A motion was made by Secretary Walker, second by Vice President Verno that the Gift Check account statement be accepted as presented. All in agreement.

VETERAN'S DINNER

President Lewis reported positive feedback has been received regarding the Veterans dinner. Costs for the dinner were for salad materials, dessert plus chicken and biscuits which totaled \$264.54. This put the dinner over budget by \$14.54.

MILESTONE AWARDS

There are 10 awards this year. Two awards have been given out: Mike Herbert, D.D.S., Barb and John O'Brien of Good Old Days Country Shop and later this week AJ Alvarado, Young Funeral Home will be presented their award. Cost for all awards was \$97.11.

GROWING WITH US RECOGNITION

There are 3 awards that have been given: ANOVA Chicken n'Fish (Jeff and Eileen Cormier), Hunt Auto Sales (Tom Hunt), Sun & Record (John Addyman). Cornerstone Realty Associates will receive their recognition at their grand opening ribbon cutting on Saturday April 23 at 5pm. Cost for all recognitions was \$18.84.

Total budget for awards was \$100. Total spent \$115.95. Over budget \$15.95.

AWARDS DINNER

Dinner will be on May 5th, 6-8pm. Menu selections finalized. Secretary Walker has completed soliciting donations/gift certificates. There are 14 paid tickets to date for a total of \$420.00. There are 12 recipient tickets and Secretary Walker offered to donate dinner costs for these at a cost of \$180.00.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Dates in September being considered are the 10th or 17th. No date has been selected yet.

OLD BUSINESS-FUTURE OF CHAMBER

President Lewis voiced concerns regarding the future viability of the Chamber. Points discussed: how to overcome lack of participation, only a few members doing the work, how to plan for officers in the future. Suggestion we put this on another agenda when more Board members are present. Suggestion the newsletter be placed on the web site which was approved by President Lewis.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in the Williamson Town Hall Complex Conference Room at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Director Knataitis, second by Secretary Walker with all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted Jacqueline Walker 4/21/16. Reviewed with changes Lorraine Lewis 4/21/16.