

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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Newsletter – November – December, 2013

Business Promotion Award Winners

The Ontario Chamber would like to congratulate our 3rd and 4th quarter winners of our Business Promotion Award.

M.J. Gabel Diamond Buyers, located at 710 St. Rt. 104 was the 3rd business quarter winner and Furnaceville Barbershop, owned by Cheryl Miner, 2001 Ridge Rd. is our 4th business quarter winner.

This is a cash award of \$100. to advertise your business. To qualify, you must be a chamber member and a business located in Ontario. To participate, businesses must send their business card to the Chamber, PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519, with "Business Promotion" written on the back. A winner will be picked by a random drawing each business quarter. The prize of \$100. is sent after the business presents a receipt verifying advertising expenses. The business has one year to claim the award.

Beginning in January 2014, the Chamber will start accepting business cards for the year. The first random drawing will be held in March. If you wish to participate, please send your business card to: Ontario Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519.

M.J. Gabel has graciously donated their award back to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Many thanks to M.J. Gabel Diamond Buyers!



Ontario Tree Lighting Event

On Dec. 4th the annual tree lighting event was held in the Ontario downtown business district. Festivities included a scavenger hunt with local businesses, story time, cookie decorating, caroling, and officially lighting the town tree. Santa attended in his beautiful sleigh and eager children told him their Christmas wishes. The event was co-sponsored with the Ontario Public Library, Parks & Recreation, Business Improvement District, and the Chamber.



Ontario Keepsake Ornaments are available that reflect the tree lighting event. They are being sold at most downtown Ontario businesses and are \$15. A portion of the proceeds is being donated to the Ontario Business Improvement District. The ornament is a 3-D relief, etched in gold with a red ribbon for hanging packaged in a gold gift box with a clear cover. It makes a very special gift!

Ontario Food Pantry Donations Accepted

The Ontario Food Pantry is accepting donations all year-round, but consider having your company sponsor a large donation for the holiday season. The following items are suggested (*please no damage or expired items*):

Cereal; rice/pasta; pork & beans; canned veggies; hash, stew, chili; spaghetti products; tuna or meats; assorted fruit; cans or boxes of soup; tomato sauce; boxed potatoes; macaroni & cheese; saltine crackers; hamburger helper; peanut butter & jelly; jello-o pudding; bars of soap; shampoo; new toothbrushes; bathroom tissue; laundry soap; dishwashing soap.

Donation sites in Ontario:

American Legion Post Home
6180 Knickerbocker Rd.

Edward Jones Investments
6323 Knickerbocker Rd.

Lyons National Bank
Tops Plaza – Furnace Rd./Rt. 104

Local Churches

Ontario Town Hall & Public Library
Lobby Area – 1850 Ridge Rd.

For large donations, arrangements for pickup can be made. Please call Tim King at (315) 524-7938.

Cash donations are also accepted payable to the Ontario Food Pantry, mailed to Ontario Food Pantry, PO Box 314, Ontario, NY 14519-0314. Recipients of the donated items must be referred from an agency or church. The Ontario Food Pantry serves Ontario residents only.

Legislative Update From Senator Michael Nozzolio

During 2013, **The Public Assistance Integrity Act** was approved by the State Senate to protect tax dollars by prohibiting welfare recipients from using Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase cigarettes, alcoholic beverages and lottery tickets. Senator Nozzolio was a co-sponsor of this bill and has initiated a petition drive designed to encourage the State Assembly to take final action on this bill. If you wish to participate go to www.nozzolio.nysenate.gov where you will find an online version. District Office: 119 Fall St., Seneca Falls, NY 13148. Phone: 1-888-568-9816, email: nozolio@nysenate.gov.

The Yellow Dot Program



The Yellow Dot Program is a free program that can assist you in emergencies. It is to help first responders by providing life-saving medical attention during that first “golden hour” after a crash or other emergency. A Yellow Dot is placed in the driver’s side rear window of your vehicle that will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment. To request a Yellow Dot Kit, go to www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot or contact Senator Nozzolio’s office at 1-888-568-9816.

Next Chamber Meeting: January 16, 2014

Our next chamber of commerce meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16th at 4 p.m. at Casey Park, in the Administration building. This will be a planning session for our activities scheduled in 2014. If you have a suggestion for a program or project, please plan to attend or email your idea to Donna Burolla (dburolla@gmail.com). We welcome your input!



Pictured above (L), Laurie Cass & Nancy McNamara

**Ontario Chamber
of Commerce
November, 2013
Business of the Month
Amtech Packaging Solutions
2069 Railroad Avenue
Ontario, NY 14519**

Nancy McNamara, President of Amtech Packaging Solutions states that it was purchased by the current owners about 10 years ago. The business was previously located on Railroad Street in Webster. The lack of space in the Webster facility prompted the move to Ontario in 2006. Amtech's current location on the North side of Railroad Avenue stretches from the corner of Furnace and Railroad to the end of the buildings.

Laurie Cass, Vice President states that Amtech has two main divisions, one of which is crating and shipping. Amtech will crate and ship anything from household items to big machines. Ms. Cass noted, "We have shipped art work, automobile windshields, go-carts and everything in between. If you need something shipped, no matter where it has to go, we will meet your needs. We will make arrangements to have it delivered to us, crate it and send it to its final destination." The logistics of this kind of work can be very complex. In order to ship items overseas Amtech is required to be ISPM -15 certified and inspected monthly. The purpose of ISPM-15 is to prevent the international transport and spread of disease and insects that could negatively affect plants or ecosystems. About 80% of our clients are local.

The other division is military packaging. Packaging items for the government is also a complex process. The standards determined by the government and detailed in each individual contract must be followed exactly in packaging process and the packaging supplies. In some cases the packaging is required to be inspected by a government inspector to insure the specifications are followed. Amtech has never had a package rejected by the government. Amtech Packaging Solutions is on the Preferred Vendor List for the government.

Amtech is a Woman Owned Business (WBE) and also ISO and ANSI compliant with a "O" tolerance policy. The quality policies are located in several locations throughout their facility. Their quality management systems manual is available to the public upon request. Amtech's full time staff is small but they have access to as many additional people as needed to complete a deadline.

**Amtech can be found on the web at <http://www.amtechpackagingsolutions.com>
Phone 315-524-3400 or 315-524-3485**

Congratulations to Amtech Packaging Solutions as Business of the Month for November. Ontario Chamber of Commerce is pleased to salute this Ontario Business as the "Business of the Month." The customized "Business of the Month" announcement sign is posted at their business. They are also featured in the WAYNE COUNTY MAIL

Ontario Chamber of Commerce December, 2013 Business of the Month



AutoLinc Sports and Classics, 6375 Furnace Rd., Ontario

Pictured above, L to R, Randy, George, & Tom

When traveling on Furnace Road, just North of the railroad tracks, you may occasionally see some interesting sports or classic cars. These are either for sale or are being serviced by AutoLinc. If you have a chance, stop by and meet George, Randy, and Tom who operate the business.

George Leopard, owner of AutoLinc Sports and Classics states that he started driving at 14, in order to chauffeur his mother (who disliked driving) around the local country roads in her VW. Leopard's passion for sports cars grew over the years. While in England, working for Kodak, Leopard loved to visit the many small shops servicing sports and antique cars. Along with a passion for sports cars came the ambition to operate his own small shop to support the local sports and classic car community. As the owner of Linc-Ontario Industrial Center, Leopard had some empty space in the old cold storage building on Furnace Road. He felt he could start buying and selling the cars he loved and provide extra income by utilizing the empty space. Leopard started buying garage queens, quality cars that had been sitting unused and needed a little freshening up. The sales went well until about 2008 when the economy crashed. The years have been lean since then; however, things are now starting to pick up.

In 2010, Randy Ames showed up looking for a job. Randy had over 30 years experience working on all makes and years of European cars, and had owned Phoenix Imports in East Rochester for 15 years. He had recently spent 3 years traveling and providing race support for various BMW teams. Now Randy operates the service department at AutoLinc Sports and Classics.

Tom Abbott, the third member of the group is a "Jack of all trades", is an experienced machinist and NASCAR Sprint Car mechanic, and has worked with George for many years maintaining real estate. He also has done major work on everything from an E-Type Jag to a Lancia Fulvia. Tom has been with Linc-Ontario for about 10 years and continues to contribute wherever needed – cars or real estate.

The AutoLinc motto is "Quality Cars, Quality Service, Full Disclosure, No Surprises". They do try to live by it. They will provide the same level of quality service to your family vehicle that they provide to valuable collector cars. George says "Give us a call, come visit!"

Leopard has been married to his wife Sue for 41 years. They have one son.

AutoLinc can be reached by phone at: 315-333-1045 and found on the web at: <http://cars.autolinc.us/>

Check out the CarNutzTales section of the web page. Ontario Chamber of Commerce is pleased to salute this Ontario Business as the "Business of the Month." The customized "Business of the Month" announcement sign is posted at their business. They are also featured in the WAYNE COUNTY MAIL