

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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Newsletter – July – August, 2018

Pet Passages Now Open In Ontario, NY

Ontario, June 18, 2018 – Ontario Chamber members were on hand to help celebrate the grand opening of a new business in our community, Pet Passages, owned by Michael T. Harris, founder and President. Pet Passages allows an opportunity to say goodbye to an essential member of a family, the family pet, in an honorable way. Pet Passages, located at 348 NYS Rt. 104, in Ontario, offers a selection of different types of services including cremation services; pet funeral services; memorialization; and bereavement support.



Front Row, L to R: Daughter, Emily Harris, Michael T. Harris, Founder and pet Maya, an Akita, Andrea Dunadee, and son, Michael Harris, **Second Row,** Cheryl Legg, Jim Switzer, Brian Natale, Chamber members, and Ben Biando, owner of Redstone Construction, who did the renovation work and Sherry Verstraete, chamber Vice President.
Photo courtesy of John Zogaria Photography, Webster, NY

The Ontario headquarters is a pet funeral home with two viewing rooms, a state-of-the-art crematory, warehouse and distribution facility to supply Pet Passages franchise locations throughout the United States. “We care for your pet companion the same way we would treat any other member of your family. Pet Passages is fully committed to helping families say goodbye to their pet in a loving and dignified manner,” said Mike. “To me, there is no greater responsibility than honoring and preserving the story and memories of a family’s beloved pet.”

Pet Passages has been nationally recognized for their exceptional service and honorable treatment of pets. Their trained pet professionals are exceptionally caring and kind. They utilize the industry’s most modern equipment, technologies and procedures available.

For more information, go to www.petpassages.com or call (585) 265-9933.

Annual Chamber Craft & Vendor Show – Nov. 10, 2018

The chamber is now accepting registrations from vendors and crafters for our annual craft show to be held at the Town of Ontario Community Center gym, 6551 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 10, 2018. For a registration form and further details, go to www.ontarionychamber.org and check “Latest News” on the front page.

Travel, community, and tourism information is located in the display racks, sponsored by the Ontario Chamber, in the Ontario Town Hall and Library foyer, 1850 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY

Officers: (terms expire in 2018)

Donna Burolla, President
(315) 524-8286
Sherry Verstraete, V.P.
(585) 820-8801
Jim Switzer, Treasurer –
(585) 750-2277
Cheryl Legg, Secretary –
(585) 315-0935

Board of Directors: (3 year terms)

Brian Natale, Farmers Insurance –
term expires 2019
Sue Yantch, Sue’s Hair Trends –
term expires 2018
Joellen Simone - Nature’s Way
Floral and Garden - term expires
2020
Ray Cedruly, Community Liaison
(585) 734-5526

New Construction Underway In Ontario



Intergrow Greenhouses, Inc.

Intergrow Greenhouses, Inc., owned by Mr. Dirk Biemens, has begun construction On phase I of their project. It is located at the East end of Timothy Lane, north of Rt. 104, off of Dean Parkway.

Intergrow uses hydroponic technology in growing tomatoes of different varieties. Intergrow is now located in Albion, NY and their tomatoes can be purchased in local supermarkets at Tops, Wegmans, and Hegedorns. The first harvest of tomatoes from the Ontario location is anticipated to be in 2019.



The total project includes 60 acres of greenhouse production with 25 acres in phase I and ten acres devoted to distribution and packing. When completed, InterGrow will employ 150. If interested in applying, go to:

www.intergrowgreenhouses.com

Information can be found under the "Contact Us" menu tab.

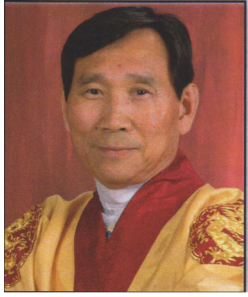
Eastside Traders moving to new location with added gun range

Pictured below is the beginning of construction for a 7,500 square foot building to be the new Home for Eastside Traders with an enclosed gun range. The square footage will be divided evenly between the pawn shop and the gun range. Opening is scheduled for sometime this fall.

The project is owned by Bruce Carey and is located at 1200 Wooster Way (across from McDonalds). Nick Affronti is the manager of the business. The current building at 1208 Rt. 104, consisting of 1,500 square feet, will become available for lease. For leasing information, contact Bruce Carey at 585-721-0195.



Kuk Sool Won Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Grandmaster In Hyuk Suh



Pictured above in gold, Grandmaster In Hyuk Suh, founder and president of the World Kuk Sool Association with other members

1958



2018

June 23, 2018, Ontario. The Community Center at Casey Park in Ontario was the setting for the 2018 Super Seminar of Kuk Sool Won. Grandmaster In Hyuk Suh, founder and president, was present for Black Belt Promotions and other graduating exercises. It was also the 60th anniversary celebration (1958 – 2018) of the World Kuk Sool Won Association, the Korean martial art, in America. The event was attended by Wayne County Supervisors and Webster, Ontario, and Williamson Chamber members.

In 1974 Grandmaster Suh came to America and opened his first Kuk Sool Won school in the United States. The World Headquarters for Kuk Sool Won is now located in Magnolia Texas, outside of Houston. This organization started by Grandmaster Suh, today boasts of 1.4 million members with over 800 schools worldwide in 27 different countries. Grandmaster Suh is also a nominee for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.

In addition to the Ontario location at 396 NYS Rt. 104 (585) 216-2122) there are schools located at 4081 W. Main St., Williamson, NY, 14589 (315) 589-4066 and 11807 W. Main St., Wolcott, NY (315) 594-8991. For more information go to the Rochester Kuk Sool Won website: www.kuksoolny.com or call any of the above phone numbers.

NEW Ontario Farmers' Market



Date: Opening July 29, 2018, open every Sunday (through Nov. 4, 2018)

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Ontario Firemen's Exempt Field, 1840 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY

Access available from NYS Rt. 104 and Ridge Road

Now Accepting Vendors: Farmers; Crafters; Bakeries; Wineries; and More!

Contact: Town of Ontario Parks & Recreation Dept. 315-524-7447, Bill Riddell or Market Manager, Fedele Noto, 315-589-8703 or Janet Hanley, 585-737-3929.

Market application and rules and regulations are available at the chamber website: www.ontarionychamber.org on the front page.

Dandelion Expands to the Finger Lakes Region - Dandelion

Selects Lake Country Geothermal as its First Partner in the Region June 26, 2018, New York, NY and Walworth, NY — Today Dandelion, a geothermal company that started at X, Alphabet's research and development lab, announces its expansion to the Finger Lakes region and greater Rochester area. www.dandelionenergy.com. Lake Country Geothermal is located in Walworth, NY and is owned by Steve Cooper. For more information call 585-802-7924 or go to www.lakecountrygeothermal.com

Congratulations to the 2018 Ontario Business of the Year



Ontario-Walworth Rotary and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce selected Exelon Generation Ginna Nuclear Power Plant as the "Business of the Year". Ginna has been a part of Ontario for more than 40 years and provides hundreds of well-paying jobs and millions of dollars in economic support.

Within our community, they are active with our Ambulance Corp, Fire Department, Food Pantry donations and delivery, Pines of Peace and Town of Ontario Historical and Landmark Preservation Society.

Pictured at right, Exelon employees accepting their Business of the Year 2018 Award along with Ontario – Walworth Rotary members and Ontario Chamber of Commerce members

Article and photo courtesy of the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Cherry Pit



Coming up! BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 17, (FRIDAY) – Urgent Need!

The American Red Cross will be at the LW Emporium, 6355 Knickerbocker Rd., for a blood drive on:
Friday, August 17th from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Everyone who donates blood will receive a 20% Off coupon for the L.W. Emporium; The Whistle Stop & The Feathered Nest. One donation can save up to three lives and there is currently an urgent need!

Special Note: When giving blood, if you give your email you will receive a \$5.00 Amazon Gift Card!

Open House on Dean Parkway. Public Is Invited!

Come & Enjoy!

Date: August 12, 2018 - Sunday

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

**Event Hosts: B&C Auto Restoration & Paint
& Optimax Systems, Inc.**

6367 & 6360 Dean Parkway, Ontario, NY

Live Music: Roll the Dice

Food Trucks:

Twist; Mr. T's Italian Ice; Heintzelman's BBQ;

Susie Roe Grill - with veggie options;

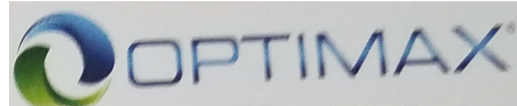
Sweet Melody's Gelato & Wine Slushies

Pinstripe Artist: Jason Herring

Feature Model: Heidi Bear Brown

Also: Classics; Hot Rods; Muscle Cars; Rat Rods

Contact 585-265-0041 with questions



New Bakery in Ontario – Now Open!

Divine Inspirations Bakery & Cafe



A new bakery is now open in the Ontario Plaza at 1238 Rt. 104 in front of Big Lots. Divine Inspirations Bakery & Café is operated by Melissa Larue and Ashley. Hours are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stop in for a ***divine*** treat!! Contact:

divineinspirationsbakery.cafe@gmail.com.

Ontario Chamber Annual Banquet & Award Recognitions Scheduled for Sept. 20, 2018

Save the date for the annual Ontario Chamber Banquet planned for Sept. 20, at The Ontario Golf Club, 2101 Country Club Lane, Ontario, NY. A social gathering will begin at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner planned for 6:30 p.m. Free door prizes with a “bucket” raffle for high-end items ***including an opportunity to win a 50 inch, smart T.V.*** All chamber members and the public are welcome. Reservations need to be sent in by Sept. 10. Cost is \$30/person, checks made payable to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519. Questions, please email Donna Burolla (dburolla@gmail.com) or call 315-524-8286. A reservation form can be printed from the chamber website, www.ontarionychamber.org, under the “News” section on the front page.

2018 Chamber Community Scholarship Winner

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce our 2018 Community Scholarship Award winner. The award was presented at graduation to **Cody Kiedrowski** for achieving 508.5 hours of community service over his four years at Wayne Central High School. Cody has volunteered his time to help multiple organizations with their events and has spent countless evenings and weekends supporting the school and community.

In the future, he will be attending Ithaca College in the fall to study Theater Production and Design. His passion for working on the technical aspects of theater have led him to be honored this year by the Rochester Broadway Theater League's Stars of Tomorrow for Excellence in stage management. He resides at 7755 Roder Parkway, Ontario.

The chamber award for 2018 is a cash amount of \$250.00. Cody's name will also be inscribed on a plaque placed in the Ontario town hall lobby.

New Manager at Lyons National Bank

Jarrold Crawford is the new bank manager at Lyons National Bank, 6280 Furnace Road, Ontario, NY 14519. Business Phone: (315) 524-9661; Fax: (315) 524-9365; Cell: (585) 734-8970. Email: jcrawford@bankwithlnb.com.

Jarrold states that the main focus in 2018 for Lyons National Bank is to fulfill requirements for their CRA Credit (Community RE-investment Act.) The CRA requires that banks provide financial literacy programs to the schools and communities. He would be happy to come to your business to talk to your employees about the following topics:

First time homeownership (with a \$7500 grant)

Credit Management

Retirement planning

Social Security and Medicaid

Insurance products

College planning

Health Savings accounts and preparing for medical emergencies

If interested in scheduling a workshop, please contact Jarrold at the above numbers.

Delivery Tips

FedEx

Outdoor box

Advantage Auto Supply

2045 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY

Phone (store) (315) 524-2691

Daily Pickup @5 pm

Monday thru Friday

None on weekends/holidays

Western Union

Send & Receive

Money/Messages

Rite Aid Pharmacy

6296 Ontario Ctr. Rd., Ontario, NY

S.E. corner @ NYS Rt. 104

Phone (store) (315) 524-2511

UPS (United Parcel Service)

Secor Hardware (within store)

Tops Plaza, S.E. corner of NYS Rt. 104

and Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY

The service is available during regular store hours

Phone (store) (315) 524-4052

Mobile DMV at Webster Public Library

Mondays 10-3:30; except holidays

2018 Chamber Meetings

January 15th

February 19th

March 19th

April 16th

May 21st

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

September 20 – Annual Banquet

October 15th

November 19th

December – No Meeting

All chamber members are invited to attend as well as the general public. Meetings are held at the Ontario Town Hall, 1850 Ridge Road in the town board meeting room and begin at 3:30 p.m.

WELCOME BACK RENEWING CHAMBER MEMBERS!
Thank You For Being So Prompt With Your Dues
Your Continued Support Is Appreciated

Linc Management, LLC, George Leopard, 6375 Furnace Road, Ontario, NY 14519
Ontario Public Library, Board of Trustees, Sandra Hylen, Director, 1850 Ridge Rd.,
Ontario, NY 14519

Pugsley's Marine, Inc., Bob & Carol Cairo, 310 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519

Benchmark Hydraulics, Bob & Carol Bebernitz, 5708 Walworth Rd., Ontario, NY
14519

James S. Sullivan Agency, Karin Montgomery, 1983 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519

Lori Furguson's Tax Planning & Preparation, 2005 Ridge Rd., Suite F, Ontario, NY
14519

DPR Bookkeeping Services, Diane Romano, 5152 Lincoln Rd., Ontario, NY 14519

Green Team 100, Robert Billett, 6318 Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY 14519

Conifer Realty, LLC, Frances Graham, Mgr., Brown Square Apartments, 2100 Brown
Square, Ontario, NY

Frank Robusto, Ontario Town Supervisor, 1850 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519

Welcome New Members to the Ontario Chamber!

WCI Realty, 2450 W. Ridge Rd., Suite 308, Rochester, NY 14626. Website:
wcirealty.com. Contact: 585-723-8196, Jenna Chinappi, Administrator, or
email jenna@wcirealty.com.

WCI Realty is a division of Wegman Companies, Inc.



**Public Hearing Scheduled for August 20th
regarding new sign code in the Town of Ontario**



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a public hearing will be held by the Ontario Town Board of the Town of Ontario, New York, at the Town Hall, 1850 Ridge Road, Ontario, New York, on the **20th day of August, 2018, at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**, Local Time, on the proposed adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2018 that would amend the provisions of Town Code Section 150-48, Signs. The specific language contained in proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office. The aforesaid public hearing has been directed to be held pursuant to a Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Ontario, New York, duly adopted at a meeting of said Board on the 16th day of July, 2018.

Dated: July 17, 2018

Debra DeMinck, Ontario Town Clerk



Sue Dziedziech, owner with clients

Ontario Chamber of Commerce
July, 2018
Business of the Month
Sue's Creature Comforts
1546 Ridge Road
Ontario, NY 14519

Sue's Creature Comforts, Dog and Cat Grooming is the Ontario Chamber of Commerce July Business of the Month

Sue Dziedziech is the owner and operator, of the 1546 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY location since 1999, and can be reached at 585-615-7475. *Creature Comforts* operates by appointment only.

Dziedziech, grew up in the 50's on her families' Berg Rd. Ontario farm, it is here her first love of animals began. She started her initial business as a Pet sitter, in the 1970's. And still serves a limited client base today. In 1998 her career took a new path, after choosing not to relocate, but rather pursue a retraining offer from her former employer, "Lawyer's Co-op". Her credentials include; Feline and Canine behavioral studies at Cornell University, and professional pet grooming certification from the "Rochester Institute of Dog Grooming". Creature Comfort's offers their customers, all breed cat and dog grooming, traditional and specialty pattern cuts on dogs, lion cuts on cats, nail trimming, and ear cleaning.

One of her greatest people inspirations and an influential force in helping to evolve the grooming business, was her "adopted grandma and best friend", Ann Centro "Nanny". Centro's inspiring love of animals sparked Dziedziech's main goal: "to coach and educate the community about animal rescue", while performing numerous rescues herself each year. Dziedziech's desire for the animal community is never ending, it embraces dog fostering (52 dogs to date) and retraining. All of this while generously financing the spaying, neutering, and vaccinating of copious felines; before finding them their forever home.

If Sue can help she will!!! Her dedication to animals encompasses a 40-year span of volunteering as well as teaching (19 years at RIDG). The organizations Sue actively helps are: "Punchlines for Pets", which raises money for pet shelters, "Pets Fur Vets", they find homes for sheltered dogs and cats, within the military veteran community.

Business marketing for Sue's Creature Comfort's is easily repeat and referral customers, with high praises from local veterinarians.

Rounding out Dziedziech's busy and interesting life is her artistic endeavors. As stated, "I have been a member of the Western Wayne Art Group since 1996. My artwork has been displayed at *High Falls Gallery*, in Rochester, *Gallery 96*, in Pittsford, *Wayne Arts*, in Newark, *Rochester Contemporary Center's 6x6 show*, *Ontario Walworth Libraries* and the *Gallery at Sodus Point* (of which I was part owner).

Where does Dziedziech see herself with regards to her business in 5 to 10 years? "Continuing to enjoy my work and clients". That is truthfully a "creature comfort".



L to r: Ryan Loysen, Thomas Hessney, Jamaal Cain
Jake Lynch, Danny Resch, Mary Nichols & Millie (dog)

**Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Business of the Month
August, 2018
GreenSpark Solar
318 Timothy Lane, Ontario, NY 14519
Loyal to People, Loyal to Planet
Office Phone: (585) 265-2384**

Best friends and college roommates Kevin Schulte (CEO), George McConochie (COO), and Ernie Pritchard (Director of Customer Service) founded GreenSpark Solar in 2002 as Sustainable Energy Developments, Inc. (SED). By 2015 they grew the company to the 11th fastest growing company in Rochester and earned #1 on the Rochester Chamber of Commerce's Fastest Growing Companies list in 2017 growing over 600% the previous three years. GreenSpark also received first place honors on the Rochester's Top Workplaces list in 2018 in the small business category, while Kevin Schulte was honored with the top Leadership award.

As stated by CEO Kevin Schulte, "We set out to create a workplace where people want to come to work each day and combat climate change. We believe that if you like what you do and who you do it with, you're going to want to come to work every day and you're going to work harder. Climate change is a real problem that we are facing, at GreenSpark we are working to fight that global battle locally, and the community has jumped on board."

Meaghann Schulte (Director of Marketing & Public Relations) and Mary Nicholas (Manager of Community Organizing) are part of GreenSpark's incredible team. Their obvious enthusiasm, dedication and customer loyalty encapsulate this company's commitment to our community and the planet. As M. Schulte stated, "All of our customers are part of our growing solar family."

As a successful company in business for 16 years, GreenSpark embodies environmental stewardship. They have installed electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at their offices for both the work fleet and for employees' personal use. This commitment earned GreenSpark honors from the Rochester Electric Vehicle Accelerator (REVA) in recognition of their commitment to cleaner transportation and advancing the market for electric vehicles. Their vehicle fleet comprises only fuel efficient, electric, and hybrid models. They compost, use recycled office furniture and have nearly achieved a zero-paper work environment. In addition, as celebrated by Nicholas and Schulte, "we have an open environment and work with people we call friends and family, and really practice what we preach, as over 90% of the GreenSpark team, who can go solar, have made the decision to do so."

If you can afford to pay your electric bill, you can afford solar. The return on your investment varies with how you use electricity in your home or business along with the cost per kWh, but on average a 6 to 8 year pay back is typical for a home and under five years for a business. There are also tax credits, statewide grants, and a combination of federal, regional, and local incentives that are available for households and certain businesses. A GreenSpark system is warranted for 25 years, and the life span of the system is expected to be much greater. Over a 25-year period a residential solar owner can expect to save an average of 30K.

GreenSpark Solar offerings consist of:

Residential Solar: Installing a solar array at your home allows you to take control of your electric usage, removes the volatility of local utilities, and lowers your carbon footprint. You own the system and take advantage of high economic gain, tax incentives and grants.

Community Solar: Sign up is free and saves the customer a percentage on monthly bills. Achieving the solar benefits without having equipment at your residence. Provides accessible solar to groups that are unable to purchase systems, (Non-home owners).

Solar for Business: There are several ways a business can Go Solar, owning the system out right, through a Power Purchase Agreement, through leasing, etc. Similar to residential solar, the business owner will see savings in their electric bills while lowering the carbon footprint. In addition, an increase in businesses is generally seen when you are able to say you are a solar powered business.

Solar for Institutions: Colleges and Universities, as well as elementary and high schools, achieve similar cost savings as businesses, while providing an educational tool for students.

Solar energy is a win-win: in addition to its significant financial benefits, going solar is also great for the environment. When your solar panels generate electricity, they produce zero emissions, which means they don't contribute to climate change or health issues like more traditional sources of energy. In closing, M. Schulte sums it up with a superlative statement "Your fuel is the sun."