

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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Newsletter – September – October, 2020

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Tim Strickland, Community Liaison

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OPTIPRO SYSTEM IS ONTARIO'S 2020 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club presented their annual, co-sponsored *Business of the Year Award* to OptiPro Systems, 6368 Dean Parkway, Ontario, NY. The award is based on community involvement; business methods; and customer service and satisfaction. Donna Burolla, President of the Ontario Chamber presented Mike and Lynda Bechtold, owners of OptiPro, with a letter of congratulations and an award graphic (pictured at left). Susan Salvaggio, President of the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club presented an engraved plaque recognizing OptiPro's accomplishments. (Continued on Pg. #2)



Intergrow Greenhouses
September Business of
The Month – Story Pg. #5



Lakeside Roofing – Since 1977

October Business of the Month – Story Pg. #6



OPTIPRO SYSTEMS 2020 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (Continued from pg. #1)

Mike Bechtold followed the presentations with a business tour of his facility. He noted that because OptiPro deals with medical, military, and space projects the business is considered “essential” and is able to remain open, with guidelines, during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Mastercam training facility has just re-opened in August with a limited number of attendees, to comply with social distancing.

Mike emphasized that his company is vertically integrated providing design, engineering, and applications support for their customers. OptiPro fabricates many of the critical parts that are utilized in their own machines. Many customers are local Rochester optic companies, but the OptiPro name is becoming known throughout the world as well as the United States. OptiPro was established in 1982 and has grown steadily over the years. Through innovation and adaptability in developing manufacturing solutions, they have managed to grow and expand into a world-leader in the precision optics field, ceramics, and metal working. They continue to form partnerships with local Rochester universities and colleges in addition to working with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, NASA and other aerospace firms. They have 100 employees.

Congratulations to the OptiPro team for their achievements!

News From the Ontario Public Library

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN AGAIN. To allow the maximum visitors with a reduced occupancy required by NYS, the library is encouraging visits to be brief (less than 30 minutes). There is a limited number of computers for public use with chairs, but all other seating has been removed.

Here is what else you can expect now that the Library is open:

- Hours of operation: OPEN 10am to 6pm T, Th; and to 5pm MWF
- Open with understanding that masks and social distancing will be required
- Hand sanitizing stations at entrance and other convenient spots in library
- Book drop is open 24/7—Returns should be placed in drop box
- No magazines or newspapers available for use/checkout.
- Browsing is allowed in all rooms and other shelf locations.
- No in person programs or meetings.
- Virtual programs will continue with more planned for September.
- Requested items held for pickup inside or parking lot (call for pickup time)
- Pick for Me Program: Librarian selects materials from personal form.
- Public computers, Wi-Fi, and printing available.
- Copying and Fax service available.
- Census 2020 Kiosk.

I want to remind our members of the following actions of the FRIENDS:

- Your membership is good until Fall 2021 as no dues will be collected at this time.
- The donation box is CLOSED
- There will be NO annual Book Sale this year.
- If you have not looked or did not know about the library websites, may I suggest checking there for more information. The websites are:
- www.Ontariopubliclibrary.org and Facebook: Ontario Public Library
- The use of LIBBY to read magazines is no longer available. The contact ended in July and was not renewed by the NY Central Library. E-Book part of Libby is still working!

STAY SAFE!

David Rauen

David Rauen, President of Friends

WELCOME BACK RENEWING CHAMBER MEMBERS!

Thank You For Being So Prompt With Your Dues

Your Continued Support Is Appreciated

JOHUS PROPERTIES, LLC, Joseph Huss, 2090 Ridge Road, Suite 101, Ontario, NY 14519-9501
JIM SWITZER, Treasurer, Ontario Chamber, 1291 Centennial Drive, Ontario, NY 14519-9139
LAKE COUNTRY GEOTHERMAL, INC. Steve Cooper, 4164 Walworth-Ontario Rd., Walworth, NY 14568
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, Carolyn Schwind, Sales Coordinator, 860 Holt Rd., Webster, NY 14580
PHOTON GEAR, INC., Gary & Billie Sue Blough, 245 David Pkwy., Ontario, NY 14519
BENE-CARE BENEFITS ADVOCACY AGENCY, LLC, William Bach, 1260 Creek St., Ste. 100, Webster, NY 14580
LYONS NATIONAL BANK, Cheryl Gregory, Bank Manager, 6280 Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
PROFETTA ENTERPRISES, INC., Dana Profetta, 6362 Dean Parkway, Ontario, NY 14519
JOE PAGLIUSO & BROTHERS, INC., 6845 Slocum Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
MURPHY FUNERAL & CREMATION CHAPELS, LLC., Wayne T. Brophy, 1961 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
FURNACE MINI-STORAGE, LLC., Ray & Anna Cedruly, 6405 Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
SECOR LUMBER CO., INC., Brian & David Secor, Tops Plaza, 6260 Furnace Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
LIZ ALBRIGHT, Town Historian, Office address, 2200 Lake Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
CROWN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., INC., Matt Hanlon, 75 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519
CORNERSTONE REAL ESTATE, LLC, Luke Cino, CEO/Broker Owner, 1652 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519
STONE ROAD AUTO FACILITY, Sammy Getiren, 114 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519
LAKE SIDE ROOFING & SIDING MATERIALS, INC., Bradley Burns, 6296 Lakeside Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
KUNZER ELECTRIC, INC., Jeffrey Kunzer, 1006 Willits Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
CONNORS-HAAS, INC., Brian Haas, 6337 Dean Parkway, Ontario, NY 14519
L.W. EMPORIUM, George Bernhardt, Manager, 6355 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, NY 14519
ONTARIO ROD & GUN CLUB, INC. 2523 Trimble Rd., Ontario, NY 14519

Welcome New Members to the Ontario Chamber!

CARAGLIO'S PIZZA, owned by Tony Caraglio, 1208 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519. Hours:
 11 AM to 9 PM – Sunday to Thursday; 11 AM to 10 PM – Friday & Saturday. Ph: (315) 524-3000.
 For a full menu go to www.caragliospizza.com. Stop in and welcome this new business to Ontario!

MAMIA'S ISLAND, owned by Neymaris Serra, 1808 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519. Hours:
 Tuesday – Friday – 10:30 am to 7 pm; Saturday 12 to 5 pm; closed Sunday & Monday
 Ph: (315) 333-1245. Serving "Authentic Puerto Rican food with the taste of Grandma's kitchen."
 Limited seating inside; Features take-out and drive-thru during winter months.
 Email: mamiasisland@gmail.com and on Facebook. Opening Day tentatively set for Nov. 7th, Sat!
 Checkout Facebook for updates and menu selections!

Request From The Director of Selective Service

The Ontario Chamber has received correspondence from the U.S. Selective Service System National Headquarters reminding all males living in the U.S. who are 18-25 years of age to register with the Selective Service. Failure to do so is a violation of the law and individuals can lose the benefits and jobs associated with registration. "By not registering men can lose access to job training, financial aid, and federal jobs." For more information, go to the outreach section on (<https://www.sss.gov/news-and-media/outreach-materials/>). Registration can be done online or paper forms are available at the U.S. Post Office at all locations or by phone at 1-888-655-1825 (bilingual support available)

BUSINESS NEWS

Holiday Giving Contributions - Ontario Food Pantry is now accepting donations.

Donations can be made in three ways:

- (1) Cash donations can be made payable to the Ontario Food Pantry, mailed to PO Box 314, Ontario, NY 14519. This will purchase food gift cards for their clients.
- (2) You can purchase a "bag of holiday" groceries for \$5.99 at Save-a-Lot, 1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY and they will deliver it to the food pantry.
- (3) Your employees/businesses/organizations can collect needed products and drop them off at locations listed below. Arrangements for large donations to be picked up by calling Jim Switzer at (585) 750-2277.

Suggested donation items include: *cereal, rice/pasta, canned vegetables, spaghetti products, canned tuna & meats, assorted canned fruits; cans or boxes of soup, tomato sauce, boxed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, saltine crackers, hamburger helper, peanut butter & jelly, Jell-O or pudding, bars of soap, shampoo, new toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, laundry soap, dishwashing soap.*

Donation receptacles are available at American Legion, Save-a-Lot Supermarket, Konstantinou's Restaurant, Lyons National Bank, Edward Jones, Ontario Town Hall & Library Lobby, or the Masons Lodge, 1932 Ridge Road. (Masons Lodge-Wednesdays 11 am to 1 pm). Donations of products would be greatly appreciated since the scouts, churches, and schools are not having food drives due to the pandemic.

LW Emporium, 6355 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, NY now has **extended Friday evening hours** until 8 p.m. beginning October 23, 2020 to Dec. 18, 2020 for your holiday shopping convenience. Phone: (315) 524-884; email: lwemporium@Verizon.net; website: www.lwemporium.com

Carolyn Schwind, is the new Sales Coordinator at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 860 Holt Road, Webster, NY 14580. Phone: 585-872-0900 (hotel); direct: 585-872-8211 Website: www.hiexpress.com/websterny; email: cschwind@buffalolodging.com.

Congratulations to the **Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club** celebrating **75 years of service in 2020**. Current President, Susan Salvaggio, advised a celebration will be held sometime in the future due to the Covid pandemic.

A special "Thank You" goes out from the Chamber to **Ace Seal Coating and Paving owner, Amy DeMay** for sending us a generous contribution supporting our general operating account. Contact Ace Seal Coating & Paving, 2287 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, for your residential or commercial paving projects. Ph: (585) 310-9941 or (315) 807-9819; email: acesealcoats@gmail.com; website: www.aceasealcoating.net

Core Fitness Facility, 2013 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY is now open and has met all guidelines for re-opening. Ph: (315) 333-1244; email: corefitness@gmail.com; website: www.corefitness.com

Town of Ontario Community Center Gym, 6355 Knickerbocker Rd., has met all guidelines to re-open. New filters have been installed as well as a UV lighting system. New memberships can be obtained by calling Kimberly Millard at (315) 524-7020.

Lyons National Bank has a new Ontario Branch Manager. Welcome to **Cheryl Gregory**! Her contact information: Ph (315) 524-9661, ext. 5280; email: cgregory@bankwithlnb.com. Lyons National Bank is located at 6280 Furnace Road, (in front of the Tops Plaza), Ontario, NY 14519.

Congratulations to **Reliant Community Credit Union** - Celebrating 50 Years (1970-2020).



Craft Show sponsored by the Ontario Chamber & the Town of Ontario Recreation & Parks Dept. scheduled for November 14, 2020 has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Hope to see everyone at the 2021 show. Watch for updates!



Front row, l to r: Eunice Solis, Shirley Stephens, Velichka Wright
Back row, l to r: James Williams, Dirk Biemens

**Ontario Chamber of
Commerce
Business of the Month
September, 2020
INTERGROW GREENHOUSES
663 Timothy Lane
Ontario, NY 14519**



YEAR ROUND GARDEN FRESHNESS - *Intergrow Greenhouses at 663 Timothy Lane* is the Business of the Month named by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for September, 2020. Since they started in 1998, Intergrow Greenhouses has combined authentic Dutch growing methods from Holland with eco-friendly state-of-the-art greenhouses and technologies to grow premium quality tomatoes year-round. They use artificial light during the cold, winter months to create optimal growing conditions. Through a perfectly controlled growing environment, they can harvest tomatoes at the peak of ripeness and deliver them to their customers within 24 hours.

Every step in the growing process stresses a positive impact on the environment. Efforts range from reduction of energy consumption to harvesting rain water from greenhouse roofs use in production. Each cluster of tomatoes has a GS-1 DataBar sticker for easy identification and traceability. Multiple packaging options are available from bulk to clamshell units. Intergrow Greenhouses takes pride in producing New York state grown cherry tomatoes, tomatoes on the vine and beefsteak tomatoes with fresh, garden taste year-round perfect for salads, sandwiches, and side dishes. They opened their local, 130,000 sq. ft. greenhouses/office/packing house in Ontario in *October, 2019*.

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September, 2020

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L to R: Wayne Eidman, Brian Beachner, Mike Seitz, Dennis Schultz, Chris Crockett
Brad Burns, Owner & President, Jerry Duginan, Nancy Burns, Bridget Nuzzarello
Chris Connor, Vice President, & Dalton Burns

**Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Business of the Month
October, 2020
LAKESIDE QUALITY BUILDING
PRODUCTS
6296 Lakeside Road
Ontario, NY 14519**



Lakeside Quality Building Products at 6296 Lakeside Road is the Business of the Month for October, 2020 named by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc. For some 40 years, Lakeside has set the standard for innovation in building material distribution in growing and expanding commercial, residential & remodeling markets. Lakeside owner Bradley Burns, whose father started the firm, noted that they pride themselves on “thinking about tomorrow” through 21st century upgrades and efficiencies to benefit their customers and business partners ranging from inventory management, dispatching and warehouse facilities to its modern fleet of delivery vehicles with remote controlled cranes and multi-directional Moffett jobsite forklifts. Their experienced team of inside & outside sales team, support staff, product specialists, estimators, yard workers, drivers, and managers have a commitment to assist each customer by staying ahead of their market with the best products, people, facilities, equipment, and technology. They have recently updated their web site @ www.lakesideroofingandsiding.com.

Brad stated, “We have spent many years working here in Ontario. You can say with certainty we are the original Lakeside Roofing since 1977. We are very grateful for all of the local support we have received over the last 43 years in business. We like to say to the community we serve how important it truly is to support locally owned and operated businesses like ours. In turn, we are eager to help the community with various charities and sporting team sponsorships. Be a Hero, Buy Local, Support Local Businesses.”

The Business of the Month program is observing its 21st year in 2020 and recognizes both new and established Ontario businesses. A road side yard sign with customized rider provides community recognition and public notification appears in local news media, on the Chamber's website @ ontarionychamber.org, in its bi-monthly newsletter and on the business development lobby display at the Ontario Town Hall/Public Library @ 1850 Ridge Road. Additional recognition includes a photo/feature plaque for the business and introduction at the annual awards' banquet (cancelled in 2020 by the CD-19 pandemic).

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The Ontario Chamber of Commerce is open to membership for all businesses and residents. You do not need to be a local business or resident to join. There is only one level of membership at \$50.00. Some of our **business support projects** include: Business of the Month; Quarterly Marking Award; National Small Business Week Appreciation; Ribbon Cutting and Ground-Breaking Ceremony; and support for our Business Improvement District.

Community projects include: Support for the Ontario Food Pantry; Christmas Tree Lighting Event; Scholarship to a Wayne Central Graduate; Annual Community Awards Banquet; Annual Holiday Craft Show; Tribute Bench Program; and Distribution of Welcome Packages to New Residents. For more Information about additional projects visit our website at www.ontarionychamber.org.

Please consider joining us and becoming part of our team to support businesses and our community. Your membership and participation would be welcomed!

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Dues: \$50.00 annually. Please make checks payable to Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and mail to PO Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519-0100

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME OF OWNER: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(No. and Street)

(Post Office Box) (City, State, Zip)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

(No. and Street)

(Post Office Box) (City, State, Zip)

HOME PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

*PERMISSION TO ADD TO ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY (circle one)

YES NO

*(We depend on members to provide updated information as it occurs.)

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

Dollar General, Ontario Plaza

1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY

Send & Receive

Money/Messages

Walgreens – FedEx & Western Union

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

Available during regular store hours

Phone (store) (315) 524-4052

Mobile DMV at Webster Public Library

Mondays 10 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Except Holidays

2020 Chamber Meetings

January 27

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 17 – *Banquet Cancelled*

September 21

October 19

November 16

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.