

# ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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Website: [www.ontarionychamber.org](http://www.ontarionychamber.org)

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## Newsletter – January – February 2025

### **Officers: (terms expire in 2026)**

*Donna Burolla, President (315) 524-8286*

*Sherry Verstraete, V.P. (585) 820-8801*

*Frank Robusto, Treasurer (585) 721-0833*

*Susan Tripp, Secretary*

*SMT Mobile Notary ((585) 478-8371*

### **Board of Directors: (3 year terms)**

Brian Natale – term expires 2025

Farmers Insurance

Christine LoDestro – term expires 2027

Sylvia Ryndock – term expires 2026

Ryndock Realty

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Chamber Members,

Welcome to 2025 and Happy New Year! Beginning a new year is cause to reflect the achievements during 2024.

In 2024 we welcomed 20 new members to the Ontario Chamber! This continued growth guarantees our future and prosperity. Thank you for joining our business community and thank you to all existing members for your continued, renewing support!

The Ontario Chamber donated to a number of nonprofits including the Masonic Lodge Veterans luncheon program, Ontario-Walworth Rotary Literacy program, support to Wayne Central students through a graduation scholarship and advertising for musicals, and support for the Pines of Peace Comfort Care Home

In addition, we held networking opportunities, launched a new Facebook page ([Ontario NY, Chamber of Commerce](https://www.facebook.com/OntarioNYChamberofCommerce)) organized a business tour of K2 Brewery, coordinated ribbon cutting events and promoted the chamber through various articles published in the Wayne County Times. We partnered with Toys For Tots and collected 450 toys from the Town of Ontario to be given to the Wayne County Dept. of Social Services. During the 2024 annual tree lighting we gave out 200 cups of hot chocolate. We hosted two major fundraisers, our Annual Community Banquet and Craft Show, both co-sponsored with the Town of Ontario Parks and Recreation Dept. Good work and a "Thank You" to our team!

Going forward, we welcome our new Secretary, Susan Tripp; Treasurer, Frank Robusto; and Christine LoDestro as a new Board of Director. I thank them for accepting these volunteer positions and look forward to working with them.

During 2025 we will be restructuring our website hopefully adding online payment of dues and registration for new members. We will continue to cultivate growth of the chamber and support for our community. If you have any questions or concerns about our organization or would like to suggest a program or volunteer to help us, please reach out to me. I look forward to hearing from you and wish all our members the very best in 2025!

Sincerely,

Donna Burolla, President (email: [dburolla@gmail.com](mailto:dburolla@gmail.com))

Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Inc.



## **MEET YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR: CHRISTINE LoDESTRO**

Christine LoDestro and her family have been residents of Ontario for over twenty years. She has been involved in many different organizations and activities in the town. Starting with being part of the middle school musicals, earning her paralegal degree, owning her own antique business and now working for her son who owns Doze Guyz Entertainment. Christine was a Cub Scout Den leader and Pack Chair.

Christine has been recognized as the 2022 Ontario Chamber Volunteer of the Year, acknowledged with the Wayne Central Education Foundation as 2023 Chamber Civic Organization of the Year, this past April she was included as one of the Influential Women of Rochester.

Christine has served as the President of the Wayne Central Education Foundation, the high school Eagle Fam PTO, Board member of the Ontario Rotary Club, a member of the Walworth Lions Club, Community Liaison for the Ontario Chamber and the Ontario Business Improvement District.

An interesting fact about Christine is that she is an Ordained Minister and plays Mrs. Claus throughout the community and schools during the holiday season.

Christine's term of office is from 2025 to 2027 (three years)



## **MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY SUSAN TRIPP**

- Owner/Operator of SMT Mobile Notary Services
- Licensed real estate agent with Howard Hanna for 12 years
- Volunteer for the Ontario Clothes Closet for 6 years
- Previously, worked in Medical Device & Software Sales for 16 years
- Ordained Minister
- Involved in many other civic groups including the Webster and Williamson Chambers of Commerce, Rochester Women's Network and the Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly.

Susan Tripp has been a resident of Ontario for the last 11 years with her husband Brian.

Fun fact! Susan has been a guest on the Oprah Winfrey show and cooked with Rachael on the Rachael Ray Show with her husband Brian. Susan's term of office is two years (2025-2026)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER: FRANK ROBUSTO

**WELCOME TO THE ONTARIO  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**FOR SALE**  
SellSmart Realty LLC  
Why pay 6% when you can  
pay 3% commission?  
**Frank Robusto Broker**  
585.721.0833  
commissions are negotiable

**FRANK ROBUSTO**

A warm welcome to Frank Robusto to the the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the position of Chamber Treasurer. Frank is a real estate broker with SellSmart Realty LLC and can be reached 585-721-0833. Throughout the years, Frank has been a contributing member of the town of Ontario.

If interested in learning more about the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, please reach out to us at [Ontarionychamber@gmail.com](mailto:Ontarionychamber@gmail.com)

## The ARC OF WAYNE COUNTY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS For Home Delivered Meals

**DO YOU HAVE 1 HOUR?**  
We're recruiting drivers for Home Delivered Meals, to deliver meals midday to older Wayne County residents.

**LET'S SERVE**

**WAYNE COUNTY**

**TOGETHER!**

**The Arc**  
Wayne  
New York

Call 315.879.8350 or 315.879.8251  
to sign up today!  
Visit [www.arcwayne.org/jobs](http://www.arcwayne.org/jobs) for our complete  
volunteer application

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Drivers immediately needed for delivery of nutritious meals prepared by Arc Wayne to older adults in their homes in Wayne County.
- Meal pick up locations are available throughout the county.
- Meal delivery requires approximately 1 hour per day of volunteering, typically around lunchtime.
- Drivers will receive comprehensive training and are eligible for mileage reimbursement.
- Volunteer as often as you want. Frequency of volunteering ranges from a few times a week to once a month. Accommodation is made for volunteers who may go away for the winter.
- Volunteers are accepted and trained on an ongoing basis.
- Help your neighbors to remain in their own homes by delivering meals and making personal contact to enhance their safety.

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## HOME OCCUPATIONS IN THE TOWN OF ONTARIO

Anyone interested in starting a home occupation business within the Town of Ontario should contact the Town of Ontario's Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Smith, 1850 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY 14519, (315) 524-7170, ext. 300 or email: [codeofficer@ontariotown.org](mailto:codeofficer@ontariotown.org).

The town will require you to fill out a Home Occupation Form. The requirements to qualify for a home occupation are listed below:

### **HOME OCCUPATION**

Any use customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling, provided that such use is carried on solely by the residents of the dwelling and is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes, and meeting the performance standards set forth in **150-42B(15)** of this chapter.

#### **150-42(B)**

Home occupations shall comply with the following:

- (a)**  
Such use shall be located in an owner-occupied dwelling unit and on the same lot. No more than 35% of such dwelling may be so used for above occupation.
- (b)**  
Such use shall be conducted by persons living in the dwelling unit and not more than one additional person who does not live in such unit.
- (c)**  
All activity, including storage, shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit or accessory building, and no special construction or structural alteration is required.
- (d)**  
The use shall not display or create outside the building any evidence of the home occupation, except that one nonilluminated sign, not more than three square feet, may be posted.
- (e)**  
No offensive traffic, noise, odor, smoke, dust, heat, glare or electrical disturbance shall be produced by the home occupation.

The above information was provided as a courtesy to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce by Brian Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Ontario.

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

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Owner/Representative</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Times of Wayne County	Ron & Patti Holdraker	PO Box 608 Macedon, NY 14502	315-986-4300
Caraglio's Pizza	Tony Caraglio	1208 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519	315-524-3000
Constellation Energy	Maria Hudson	1503 Lake Rd. Ontario, NY 14519	315-751-5220
JD Chapman Agency	Bruce Chapman	66 Main St., Macedon, NY 14502	315-986-4062
Integrated Health Center	Teon Kowalyk	1422 NYS Rt. 104,Ontario, NY 14519	315-524-2835
The Lettering Lounge	Sarah & Todd Jacobs	6160 NYS Rt. 21, Williamson, NY 14589	315-589-4145
Mizelle, Thomas	Thomas & Carol Mizelle	710 Lake View Knolls, Ontario, NY 14519	315-524-5178
Save-A-Lot	Suzanne Schmitz	1250 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519	315-524-3310
Wayne Masonic Lodge 416	Roger Campbell	1932 Ridge Rd.,Ontario, NY 14519	
Pines of Peace	Sarah Kennedy	2378 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519	315-524-2388
Ferguson's Hair Care	Deb Ferguson-Leaty	2005 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY 14519	315-524-8983
Intergrow-Sungrow	Dirk Biemens	663 Timothy Lane, Ontario, NY 14519	585-236-2424
Green Guys Mechanical	Stacey Parsons	340 Haley Rd., Ontario, NY 14519	585-667-4828
Lockwood's Old Time Stuff	Shirley Lockwood	7713 Tamarack Lane, Ontario, NY 14519	315-333-5228
Project Management & Engineering	Dawn & Eric Mehserle	1088 Hillsboro Circle, Webster, NY 14580	585-671-1234

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE  
ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.  
THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY!**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Bear Creek Bloom Garden Nursery & Farm Market	Katie & Ben Empey	5392 Ontario-Walworth Rd., Ontario, NY 14519	585-905-5438

**TRI-CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT  
Hosted By Ontario Chamber**

On January 9, 2025, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce hosted a fantastic Tri-Chamber Network event at The Sanctuary on the Ridge Wedding and Event Venue, 1638 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY with the Williamson, and Sodus Chambers of Commerce.

During the Tri-Chamber Network event, owners of the Sanctuary on the Ridge Kari and Josh, proudly presented the updates and renovations to a beautiful event space and the Church. You can visit their Facebook page for more information.

They're excited to host a variety of events, from celebrations of life, to parties and weddings. Guests enjoyed a tour of the renovated Church and savored delicious treats from North Coast Catering. There was even a fun raffle. What an evening! Thank you to everyone who attended.

If you are interested in learning more about the Ontario Chamber of Commerce please contact us at [Ontarionychamber@gmail.com](mailto:Ontarionychamber@gmail.com)

We are always looking for new members.



December 15, 2024

Greetings,

I am reaching out to share a new opportunity for your organization to boost employee retention through a partnership with Finger Lakes Community College. Employee development and training yields measurable results – reduced turnover, increased satisfaction, and a more capable workforce.

We offer a range of non-credit and credit programs to help your employees upskill and advance their education:

- **Support for On-the-Job Skill Development:** Hands-on learning is a focus of our curriculum, which directly translates to workplace skills and enhances employee competence.
- **Deferred Tuition Reimbursement:** Our flexible payment plans align with your existing tuition reimbursement policy, easing the financial burden on your employees as they pursue relevant courses and certifications.
- **Buy One Class, Get One Free:** Employees who successfully complete a first class are eligible for a second class at no cost. This incentive promotes course completion and provides opportunities for continued learning. Speak to us about which classes apply.
- **Customized Training Programs:** Let us create training programs tailored to your needs. From technical skills and leadership development to specialized certifications, we will ensure your employees gain the expertise needed to excel.

Choose from individual classes, credentials, or degrees, including these pathways for your employees:

- Foundations in Advanced Manufacturing credential to A.A.S. Smart Systems Technologies degree
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) credential leading to NADSP certification to A.S. Human Services degree
- Phlebotomy credential leading to certification by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate to A.A.S. Nursing (RN) degree
- Online Viticulture certificate to A.A.S. Viticulture and Wine Technology degree
- Business Entrepreneurial Studies microcredential to A.S. or A.A.S. Business Administration degree

I invite you to explore how we can collaborate on the professional development of your team. **Please contact the Office of the Vice President of Enrollment Management at (585) 785-1635 to get started.**

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We look forward to supporting your employees' development and contributing to your organization's success.

Sincerely,



Robert K. Nye, Ph.D.  
President

**ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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; 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** <http://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.)

**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**

**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

**Advance Auto Parts Store (within store)**

1971 State Route 104

Ontario, NY 14519

**U.S. FLAG DISPOSAL – Ontario Fire**

District #3, 6714 Lakeside Road

**2025 Chamber Meetings**

January 13

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December – No Meeting

Meetings are held at 3:30 P.M.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

(unless noted above) at Casey

Park, Office Building 6551

Knickerbocker Rd. Ontario, NY

14519. All chamber members are

invited to attend as well as the

general public. For information,

contact Donna Burolla at email