

Inside the Chamber

Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce
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I hope you all have your calendars marked for **April 30th**. That is when the *Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce* will hold a mixer in conjunction with members of the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce. This first-ever event will take place at our own *Shadowland Theatre* and will run from **6:00 to 7:00 PM**. *Sprague & Killeen Insurance* will sponsor the event.

Our *Bicentennial Committee* held a very well attended planning meeting on March 12th (see page 6). A lot of good ideas were discussed and the *Committee* is now forging ahead with plans for a gala 200th Birthday for the Town of Wawarsing in 2006. More details will be announced in *Wawarsing.Net* as they become finalized.

The *Pride Committee* is now finalizing plans for our very popular *Music in the Square* concert series for July. The first concert will take place on **July 10th** and will continue each succeeding Saturday in July. Some old friends and some new ones will be on hand for your musical enjoyment, so be sure to join us.

The next pair in the *Pride Committee*'s holiday ornament series will be announced next month. Details will again be published in *Wawarsing.Net*.

Our *Holiday Lights Committee* will meet later in April to begin planning for this year's holiday decorations. The group will again be holding a spaghetti dinner this fall to help pay the cost of buying, maintaining and refurbishing our holiday decorations.

Planters will be ready soon, thanks again to Drew Anderson. Robin and Drew Anderson of *Country Flowers* in Napanoch report that the flower seeds for the *Chamber's* planters have been planted. The Andersons donate their expertise, greenhouses and seeds for this project. When in bloom, the planters are delivered to various business sites around town. Look in the upcoming *Wawarsing.Net* issues for more information. If you are a member of the *Chamber* and would like a planter in front of your place of business, please call the *Chamber* office and leave a telephone number. All we ask is that you water the plants as needed.

Plans for the *Blueberry Festival* are also well underway and our Co-Chairs Dianne Turner and John Adams have promised an even better event than last year, so mark your calendar now for **Saturday, August 28th**. You'll not want to miss it.


If you would like to serve on Committees, or if you have a suggestion or project you would like to pass along to us, please call the office and leave your name and telephone number.

Remember, the **Board of Directors** meets on the **first Tuesday** of every month at **7:30 AM**. Meetings usually are held in the *Chamber* office. Meetings are open to all, and we'd love to have you join us.

Until next time,

Mary F. Sheeley

President

PS: The new 2004 *Wawarsing.Net Committee* includes President Sheeley, Vice President Bill Tochterman, Director Barbara Hoff, Dianne Turner, Steven Krulick, and Sylvia Fogarty. Details of new and amended policies will be in forthcoming issues. 

The 2004 Board of Directors of the Chamber:

Mary F. Sheeley, EA, H&R Block	President
Bill Tochterman, Cohen's Bakery	Vice President
Karen Berger, Berger & Solomon	Secretary
Robin Anderson, Country Flowers	Treasurer
Dwight Coombe, Sprague & Killeen	
Barbara Hoff, Top Shelf Jewelry	
Peter Kosciolk, Ukrainian National Youth Camp	
Allan Loucks, Loucks Funeral Home	
Mary Ellen Rury, Canal Lodge Adult Care	

Meet Our Board Members:

Allan L. Loucks of Ellenville, graduated from *Ellenville Central School* in 1964, *Dean Junior College*, Franklin, Mass. in 1966, earning an Associate in Science Degree. He then graduated from a professional school, *New England Institute of Sanitary Science, Embalming and Funeral Directing* in 1967, earning a Mortuary Science Degree.

On October 2, 1967, he joined *Loucks Funeral Home, Inc.* to serve his internship. After passing the New York State Licensing exam and practical, he earned his New York State Funeral Directors License in 1969.

In 1969 he joined the US Army Reserve, serving in the 834th Engineer Battalion.


In 1969 he married the former Kathleen Trumbull. Allan and Kathy have four children: Michael, Andrea, Hernstreet, Bain, and Sean. They also have three grandchildren: Samantha, Madelyn and Noah.

The *Loucks Funeral Home, Inc.* will be in the family name for one-half century in 2005, and Allan continues to serve as president and manager. Allan is a life member and treasurer for *Scoresby Hose, Hook, & Ladder Company*, a member of the *Ellenville Elks Lodge #1971*, the *American Legion Post #111*, the *Wawarsing Lodge #382 F&AM*, and is a former vestryman of *St. John's Episcopal Church*.

Allan enjoys many outdoor sports including all types of fishing, hunting, and golf.

Mary Ellen Rury is Program Director at the *Canal Lodge Adult Care Center* in Ellenville, working at the *Lodge* for one year thus far. The *Center* is part of *Ulster Home Care, Inc.*; the main office is located in Kingston.

Mary lives in the town of Olive and has been working with seniors for over twenty years. She has a Masters Degree and is certified as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

(Other Board members will be profiled in future issues.) 

Success at Work

Spring is a great time to update the image of your business. Take a close look at the outside of your building. You may want a friend to give you their opinion. Rent a power washer for a day, if you don't own one, and give your building a bath. Wash your windows so people can look in. Visit one of the fine paint departments several of our local businesses have and bring a gallon of paint to work. Paint your entrance way to complete your spring makeover. Do not forget your receipts; it is all tax deductible. A fresh look to your building invites business in and renews your pride every morning you turn the key. 