



March 2024 Newsletter

It's March- we've almost made it to Spring!

We had a few great events in February. Thank you to all who attended and helped make these events a success!

Our Annual Chili Cook-Off was on February 6th. Every year the event seems to draw a larger attendance, and we are happy to see everyone come out and enjoy the chili and support the Chamber. This year we had over 50 people who attended, and 9 chili submissions!

The 2023 Awards Banquet was held just this past Monday, and it was such a nice evening celebrating two great members of our Chamber and the Camillus area. George Mango and Buranich Funeral Home are such valuable assets to our community, and it was an honor being able to celebrate them.

This month we have a couple of events planned to look forward to outside of our regular Leads Breakfast and Coffee Talks. Balanced Hypnosis and Syracuse Wineworks will be hosting special events at their locations in the upcoming few days. You can learn more about those events further on in this newsletter.

Please don't forget that if there is ever anything you would like shared with our members and community, you can email the chamber at greatercamilluschamber@gmail.com and we will share your event with those who are part of our network.

We'd like to take a minute to thank all of our members for your support. We wouldn't be the organization that we are without our members and those who continue to attend our events, support our Chamber and our local community.

Meagan Kestler
Executive Administrator, GCCC

Our March Business of the Month is...



Murray's Heating & Cooling

Murray's Heating and Cooling is an HVAC company that has been serving Onondaga County for over 35 years. Their company's slogan "Exceeding our Customers' Expectations" is closely related to their belief that when customers are treated as they would like to be

treated, business growth comes by word of mouth and repeat business. It's as simple as that!

Reach out to them for any heating needs you may have this season, or if you are looking to get a jump start on the warmer weather and you have any cooling needs for your home!

To learn more, visit www.murraysheating.com.

Upcoming Events

March 2nd- Balanced Life Hypnosis Open House **[4914 West Genesee Street, Camillus, NY 13031](#)**

Ever wonder how hypnosis could change your life? Join us tomorrow from 11am - 3pm at Balanced Life Hypnosis to learn more about what they offer and how they can help you! There will be demonstrations, door prizes and more.

Learn more & RSVP here- [Balanced Life Hypnosis Open House](#)

March 6th- Wine Wednesday at Syracuse Wineworks **[3787 Milton Ave., Camillus, NY 13031](#)**

Join us on March 6th at Syracuse Wineworks as they host a fun evening for Chamber members, their employees, family and friends!!

They will have some wines ready to bottle and take home, discounts for those who want to make some of their own wine, tastings and some light snacks.

The event goes from 5pm -7pm.

You can register online here- [Wine Wednesday at Syracuse Wineworks](#)

March 13th- March Monthly Leads Breakfast
Hosted by: George Mango with Howard Hanna Real Estate
[5110 West Genesee Street, Camillus, NY 13031](#)

Breakfast will be hosted at Howard Hanna Real Estate.

Breakfast starts at 8, please arrive by 7:45 so we can get started on-time.

Breakfast is now pre-paid online and is \$10. We will still be doing a 50/50 raffle after the breakfast- tickets will be available at the breakfast for the raffle for an additional \$1.

Be prepared to promote your business with your one minute elevator pitch.

Please RSVP by 3/8/202- you can do so online- [March Leads Breakfast](#)

March 19th- Coffee Talks
Hosted by: Syracuse Wineworks
[3787 Milton Ave., Camillus, NY 13031](#)

This is an informal networking opportunity. Enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee and a light breakfast while chatting with fellow business people on a more personal level.

Want to discuss how to be more involved in the Chamber? Want to host a Chamber event? There are at least 2 Board members at every Coffee Talks that you can chat with!
We hope to see you there!

You can RSVP online here- [March Coffee Talks](#)

Recent Events

Chili Cook- Off

We had over 55 people attend the event! Thank you so much to all of our participants and those who came and sampled the delicious chili options we had. Also for the donations for St. Joe's Food Pantry- we raised over \$215 and over 100 canned goods!!

Congratulations to our winners- Judges Choice Award went to Stephanie Wallenbeck with Rodfather's BBQ & Catering. The Peoples Choice Vote went to Laurie Mantor with SECNY.

A special thanks goes out to The Hely by Maryanne for assisting with getting everything set up, providing the cornbread to go with the chili, desserts and coloring activities for the kids! Syracuse Wineworks for offering wine sampling for the event. Last Shot Distillery for providing an additional prize for our Peoples Choice winner. Judge Julie Cecile, Judge Julie Cerio, Chris Uryhara and Joey Marzocchi for sitting in on our judges panel for the Judges' Choice award. And last but not least thank you to the Camillus Senior Center for graciously donating their space and allowing us to use their facility for the event!!







TK Tavern on the Hill Grand Opening

We were so excited to be a part of the ribbon cutting and grand opening at TK Tavern on the Hill as we welcomed Travis, Kody and their staff back into the Camillus community! They've got a great menu and live music lined up every Friday and Saturday. You can check out their menu and live music schedule here- www.tktavern.com/camillus









2023 Awards Banquet

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2023 Awards Banquet to honor George Mango and Buranich Funeral Home. Their hard work, passion and perseverance have not only inspired those around them, but have also made a positive difference in the Camillus area. It was a great evening where we got to celebrate some exceptional Chamber members. Both recipients also received Certificates of Recognition from the Onondaga County Legislature, presented by County Legislator Ken Bush Jr., and proclamations from the New York State Senate from the office of Senator John Manion.

The award received by Buranich Funeral Home from Sen. Manion was the New York State Empire Award. This award recognizes businesses and institutions that have made significant contributions to the local community. Buranich's stellar commitment to their

customers, remarkable longevity and their genuine care and concern for the families and loved ones who seek their expert service warrants recognition by the NY Senate.

We'd like to congratulate our winners once again- thank you for all you to make our community a better place to live in.























New Members

We want to wish a warm welcome to our newest Chamber members:

- **Safe Harbor Wills and Trusts:** Safe Harbor Wills and Trusts Learn is opening their location in Camillus soon! They provide Client Centered Services for Estate Planning, Asset Protection, Probate Avoidance and Medicaid Qualifications for Nursing Home Care. Learn more- SafeHarborWillsandTrusts.com
- **U.S. Vets Exterior Cleaning:** At U.S. Vets Exterior Cleaning, they're more than just a pressure washing and gutter cleaning company. They're a team of dedicated veterans who take pride

in serving our clients. Since 2018, they've been providing thorough and reliable residential and commercial exterior cleaning services. Their mission is to exceed your expectations! Learn more- www.us-vec.com.

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