

## November 2023 Newsletter

As we begin the month of November, we can pat ourselves on the back for a productive year to date. Your Chamber pulled off a successful golf tournament and enhanced the funds we will be giving in the form of scholarships this year. Thank you, Meagan Kestler and the many sponsors for a job well done.

The board selected Maxwell Memorial Library the business of the Month for October, and Rise and Grind for November. We will have filled the vacant position of Treasurer, Thank you John Gruninger for your years of service. We also will have filled a slate of new Board members and officers to be voted on at our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Inn Between. Details soon to follow.

November is a month for Thanksgiving, and what better time than to express our gratitude to our outgoing president, Brian Stinson, and outgoing board members: Maryanne Dowling, Peter Wynnard, Stan Cerianek, Dave Colbert, and Diane Dwire. With their strong support our Chamber was placed on firm financial status after a devastating loss in covid years. Membership is now growing, and our gatherings and member benefits have been expanded. We are an active Chamber and an excellent place to profile our local companies and businesses. We are all thankful for the support our Businesses have received this year from our caring community.

We had a successful Business Expo in September at the Town Hall and expect this to be even more successful next year. Preparations are being made for next years directory as well. As a thank you to our advertisers, we will be holding the price for ads at the same level as this year. All members are encouraged to place ads in our directory.

The Rise and Grind will be hosting our November, 8th Leads Breakfast at their Township 5 facility. Please reserve and confirm (\$10.00) your attendance. Also remember November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Our local representatives will be chosen on that day. Come out and vote your conscience. Every vote counts!

In my profession as a Realtor, we have over the past year seen challenging times. My affiliation with the Chamber has carried me through and provided a steady flow of business leads. For this too I am thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Respectfully,

George Mango  
Howard Hannah Real Estate  
GCCC Board Member

### 2023 Business of the Year/ Citizen of the Year

We are looking for submissions for both the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year! We've updated our website and have added sections where you can submit your suggestion for each category. Please send in your recommendations!

Nominate Business of the Year- [www.camilluschamber.com/Nominee-Business-Person-of-the-Year](http://www.camilluschamber.com/Nominee-Business-Person-of-the-Year)

Nominate Citizen of the Year- [www.camilluschamber.com/page-18185](http://www.camilluschamber.com/page-18185)

### 2024 Board of Directors

We have been fortunate to have some great board members represent the Chamber over the last few years, and some will be leaving their positions after this year.

If you are interested in joining the board of directors in 2024, please send an email to [greatercamilluschamber@gmail.com](mailto:greatercamilluschamber@gmail.com) stating your interest by November 15<sup>th</sup>, and include a short bio about yourself. This bio will be shared with the current board and for the voting ballots. Voting will be held at our annual holiday luncheon/ end of year meeting at the Inn Between on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Camillus Town Offices at 8am. Meetings run approximately an hour long. The board reviews the Chamber budget and financial state, decides on upcoming events, businesses of the month and discusses discusses ideas and ways we can come together to make our chamber stronger for our members and our community. The official description in the bylaws state "The Board of Directors shall uphold the purpose of the Greater Camillus Chamber of Commerce. It has a fiduciary responsibility and is the voting body of the Chamber." Each board position is a 2 year term.

### Welcome Our New Treasurer

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new treasurer for the Chamber. Matt Prell, with Solvay Bank Mortgage Department, has stepped into the role of treasurer. Rather than starting in January, he is jumping in this month to begin assisting us with the responsibilities of this role.

We would like to sincerely thank John Gruninger for his many years of service as the Chamber Treasurer. He has helped us out tremendously over the years, especially when things got challenging during COVID. John, thank you again for all of your hard work over the years.

### Upcoming Events

#### November Monthly Leads Breakfast Hosted by: Rise & Grind Cafe on November 8th

Breakfast will be hosted at Rise & Grind (Township Blvd.)

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

Breakfast is \$9 and we doing a 50/50 raffle after the breakfast- tickets for the raffle are an additional \$1.

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

Please RSVP on our website under "Events" by 11/3/2023.

#### November 4th- Blake Jewelers Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

Join us Saturday November 4th at 12pm as we celebrate another new business opening in Camillus!

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at noon, with a grand opening event to follow from 12pm to 5pm. Enjoy live music from Josh Shapiro.

Blake Jewelers offers unique, authentic jewelry at affordable prices and is located in Township 5.

Help us welcome them to our community! Stop in, check them out and shop for those upcoming holiday gift needs you may have! Who doesn't love getting shopping done early?

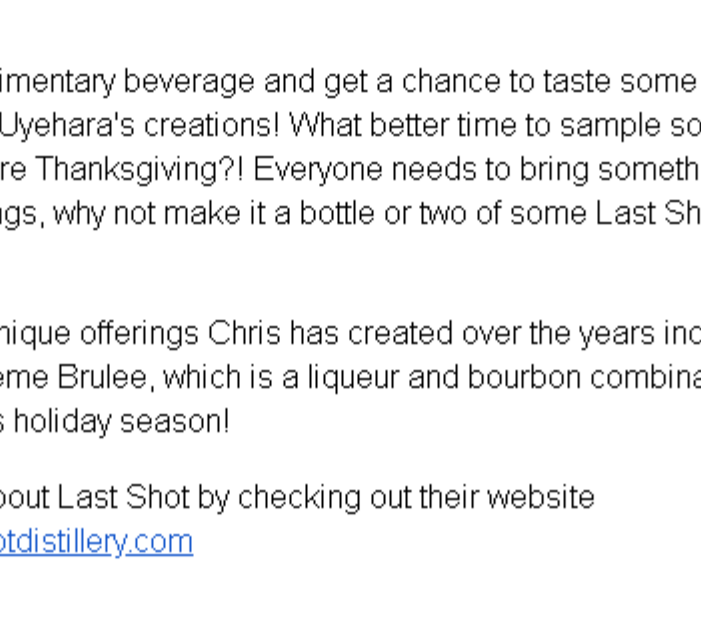
Want to learn more about their jewelry? Check out their website at [www.blakejeweler.com](http://www.blakejeweler.com)

#### November 14th- Coffee Talks

This is an informal networking opportunity. Bring the beverage of your choice and come chat 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!



#### November 14th- After Hours at Last Shot Distillery

Join us for an After Hours Networking Event at Last Shot Distillery, located at 4022 Mill Road in Skaneateles, on Tuesday November 14th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Enjoy a complimentary beverage and get a chance to taste some of Master Distiller Chris Uyehara's creations! What better time to sample some great spirits than right before Thanksgiving?! Everyone needs to bring something to their family gatherings, why not make it a bottle or two of some Last Shot Distillery liquors?

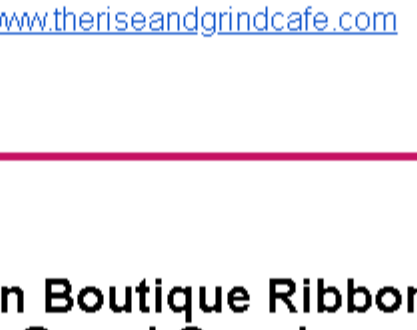
Some of the unique offerings Chris has created over the years include his Chocolate Crème Brulee, which is a liqueur and bourbon combination sure to not disappoint this holiday season!

Learn more about Last Shot by checking out their website at [www.lastshotdistillery.com](http://www.lastshotdistillery.com)

#### December 8th- Holiday Luncheon/End of Year Meeting

Our annual holiday luncheon and end of year meeting will be held at The Inn Between on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40 per person. Cocktails and networking start at 11:30am, voting to begin at 12pm. Lunch to follow. You can register online at [www.camilluschamber.com/event-5432024](http://www.camilluschamber.com/event-5432024)

### Our November Business of the Month is...



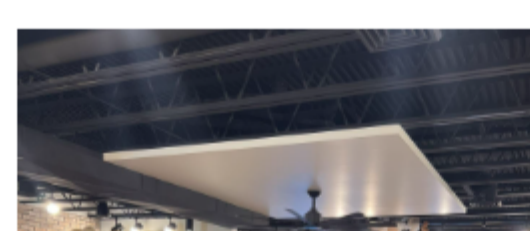
**Rise & Grind Cafe** serves the Camillus and surrounding area. They are a coffee shop open 7 days a week with power bowls, sandwiches and baked good. Rise & Grind is a casual neighborhood spot to meet, grab a cup of coffee, fresh & healthy food, and be an oasis in ones busy life. A place to relax and read a book! To learn more, visit their website: [www.theriseandgrindcafe.com](http://www.theriseandgrindcafe.com)

### Sixty One Main Boutique Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

The Chamber helped Sixty-One Main Boutique, formerly Homie Boutique, celebrate the opening of their new location at 61 Main Street right in the village of Camillus on October 12th. Thanks to those who joined us!

If you didn't get a chance to attend, be sure to visit them! They have such a beautiful space. Check out their website at [www.sixtyonemain.com](http://www.sixtyonemain.com).

You can even shop online through the site!



### 2024 Chamber Directory

We are in the beginning phases of putting together our 2024 Directory. We ask that you please log into your Chamber account through our website and ensure all contact information we have for your business is accurate. This is the information we will be using when publishing the directory.

Those of you who advertised in this year's directory should have already received an email in regards to advertising.

If you didn't advertise in the directory but are interested in advertising in next year's directory, the pricing is below. An email will be going out with more information in the next couple weeks.

1/8 Page Ad- \$75 per year

1/4 Page Ad- \$125 per year

1/2 Page Ad- \$225 per year

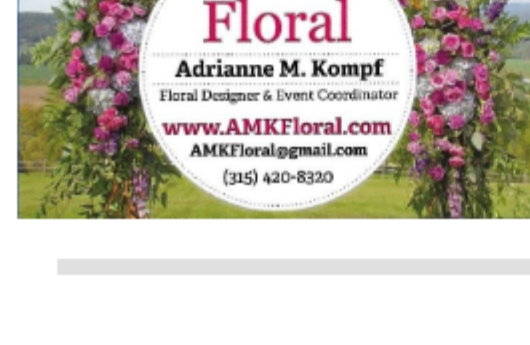
Full Page Ad- \$275 per year

### New Members

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

- **The Mankind Project** The MKP (Mankind Project) is a nonprofit training and education organization with three decades of proven success hosting life-changing experiential personal development programs for men. MKP supports a global network of free peer-facilitated men's groups and supports men in leading lives of integrity, authenticity, and service. Described by thousands of men as the most powerful personal growth opportunity they have ever experienced. The Mankind Project is a men's community for the 21st Century. For more information, visit [www.upstatenewyork.mkpusa.org](http://www.upstatenewyork.mkpusa.org)
- **Doug DeCarlo with Reagan Companies** : As an Employee Benefits Consultant, Doug takes a unique approach to healthcare costs. At Reagan Companies they are "different by design" compared to traditional insurance models. They go "beyond insurance" and work as a strategic partner to identify key issues, costs, and risks facing clients. They offer customized solutions to help manage risk, while also introducing new and innovative cost saving strategies. If your company is looking for a much-needed change in compliance, risk reduction, employee retention or wellness programs, contact Doug to set up a meeting to discuss your options. His team and him are here to guide you through the implementation of all solutions that best meet your needs. Learn more at [www.reagancompanies.com](http://www.reagancompanies.com).

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