A Letter from Your President

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Welcoming the new: Board members, Ray Klein, retired businessman and Don Nowak, Jr., Sagepoint Financial.

Thanking the old: We would like to acknowledge two of our outgoing board members for the experience, guidance and hard work they have shared with our chamber - Sharon Brockman and Mary Jo Hultquist. Thank you!

We had a wonderful fun-filled year at the Eden Chamber of Commerce. Some of our highlights:

- Made improvements to the Eden Chamber Barn - painting, siding, etc.
- Along with The Eden Alumni Association, purchased a banner that was displayed during the Eden Alumni Weekend and the Eden Corn Festival. “Welcome Back to Eden”
- Replaced the “Welcome to Eden” sign on the north side of Rt. 62. The back of the sign will be attached during warmer temperatures. The back of each of our Welcome to Eden signs were made and donated by Eden alumni, Dave Janker. Thank you to Dave and Stevan Jones and the students from Eden Junior/Senior High School for all their efforts in creating these signs.
- Welcomed ten new members to our chamber family.
- Additional progress made in 2017: Barn Quilts, Halloween Parade, Christmas Sharing, scholarships, Citizen and Business of the Year, ribbon cutting for new businesses and Christmas Lighting.
- Our holiday lighting fundraiser was very successful.

- Through donations from so many people, businesses and the grant from The Eden Community Foundation, we were able to bring more holiday magic to our community. A special thank you to Debbie Gregoire, Administrative Assistant to our Town Supervisor, for acting as our liaison with National Grid. Our sincere appreciation to our town’s highway department for their help in this project. We purchased 24 snowflakes and two snowflake swags. The cost to add electrical outlets to the telephone polls alone is $60.00 and this year we added 13 outlets. Our Holiday Celebration in October will be an ongoing fundraiser to continue to bring holiday magic to our town with decorations concentrating in East Eden in 2018 and to also maintain our current decorations. Donations will be accepted throughout the year!

- “Surround yourself with those on the same mission as you” Thank you to the Holiday Lighting Committee, Gabriel Johnson, Gary Balone Jr., Fran McLaughlin, and Ron Maggs. A special thank you to Mark Agle whose valuable knowledge and assistance helped us to obtain the necessary permits.

- Some of the things we are working on for 2018:
  - Update our two “Welcome to Eden” signs on East Eden Road and Shadagee Rd.
  - Farmer’s Market

May the New Year bring us more wonderful opportunities to work together.

Best Regards,

Pattie Hartman
President
2017 CITIZEN AND BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

On Thursday, November 16th, the Eden Chamber of Commerce recognized their Citizen and Business of the Year with a delicious dinner served by the staff of the Four Corners Café. The event was very well attended by Chamber members and friends.

The Citizen of the Year for 2017 is Mr. Paul Zittel of Amos Zittel and Sons. He was recognized by President Pattie Hartman for his many accomplishments he achieved while a board member and President of the Chamber. Mr. Bill Agle, Paul’s colleague and close friend spoke of Paul’s other accomplishments within our town and county and the years growing up together. It is clear that Mr. Zittel is not only a guy who can get things done, but also a good friend to have if you are lucky enough to be associated with him.

The Business of the Year for 2017 is Laing Gro Fertilizers, Inc. Laing Gro has served the farming industry for decades now. They have suffered losses and rebuilt their compound to an even more productive business. Mr. Paul Laing was the recipient of the award for Laing Gro that was presented to him by President Pattie Hartman and Jerry Mammoser of Mammoser Farms. Mr. Mammoser spoke of how Laing Gro and its staff have served the agriculture community far beyond the call of duty. What a unique business Eden is so blessed to have in the heart of its town.

To both our Citizen and Business of the Year, the Eden Chamber of Commerce wishes continued success and a sincere thank you for helping to keep Eden a community that people choose to live and work. Your contributions will not be forgotten.
Never before has Eden had such accommodations to offer visitors who are home to see their family, travelers on their way to another destination or to our own residents who may just be seeking a refuge to relax in one of our Jacuzzi suites, comfortable surroundings and country warmth.

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Early in December, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church together with the Eden Chamber hosted 2017’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Eden Chamber Park that was very well attended. The evening included hot cocoa and cookies, a performance by a group of students from Eden High School who sang holiday selections, caroling, a devotion, the dedication of special ornaments in honor of loved ones who have passed, donation of toys for the less fortunate and of course, the lighting of the tree. There was a special visit from the Eden Fire Department with their engine decorated for the season! The tree was beautifully lit for the entire season reminding us of the Hope that Christmas offers and the Fellowship of our community. Along with the beautiful Christmas tree, Norm Bromley of St. Paul’s, took extra measures again this year to light the entire park making the park especially beautiful again this year. Be sure to mark your calendar for another Christmas Tree Lighting in December 2018!

Annual Eden Alumni Reunion Weekend Huge Success!

The July 28-29 Eden Alumni Reunion was extremely successful in reuniting ECSD classmates across the years, while showing appreciation and celebrating the community of Eden.

The Eden Class of 1967 was the featured, 50th Reunion Class, and an excellent turnout of classmates from across the U.S. returned to celebrate our Eden years, to reacquaint and reconnect, to create a set of new memories. The Class of 1967 was the first kindergarten class to use the new Grover L. Priess Elementary School. Three days of fun and fellowship, countless reminiscences and endless laughter included a BBQ at Chestnut Ridge, a guided tour of the GLP, and a Sunday farewell gathering at Public House on the Lake.

Buoyed by the ’67 Class, a record 313 alums and Eden residents attended the Friday night gathering at the Legion barn, and 157 attended the reunion dinner in the Legion Hall. Over an excellent dinner provided by the Legion, the Class of 1967 recognized their Vietnam Veterans, saluted and recounted their Eden years and faculty with humor and appreciation, and made a generous class donation to the Eden Alumni Association. Previous Alumni generosity enabled the EAA to grant $10,000.00 in college scholarships to six 2017 Eden seniors.

The pride and appreciation that remain, even after long decades away or in the past, typifies what growing up in Eden means to so many! A theme that recurs every year during Eden Alumni Weekend!

Wayne H. Schacher
Eden Class of 1967, Eden Chamber of Commerce Board

Changing of the Guard

At December’s Chamber Board of Directors’ monthly meeting, new board members Ray Klein and Don Nowak, Jr. were welcomed to their three-year term working with the Chamber Board.

Ray Klein is no stranger to the Eden Chamber of Commerce. He has been very active throughout the years at all levels of operations of the Chamber. He has been on the board and a Past President. His business savvy and knowledge of Eden and its citizens will be very useful.

Don Nowak is new to the Chamber in the past few months. He has already been active in volunteering. His financial background as a Financial Advisor with Sagepoint Financial will be helpful as the board looks to grow and be financially sound.

Former Town Liaison to the board, Ed Krycia has stepped up as Vice President of the board. His vast experience in Town government and his solid business background has been and will continue to be a great resource to the Chamber.

Fran McLaughlin, who is retired from the Erie County Veterans’ Service and a former Town Councilman, has moved on up to Treasurer of the board. His experience around town and the county will be beneficial to maintaining the stability the Chamber has been experiencing the past few years.

We want to thank Sharon Brockman and Mary Jo Hultquist for their years of service on the Chamber Board. Their dedication and fresh ideas have been invaluable. We wish them the best in their future pursuits!
Eden’s 2017 Halloween Parade

There were ghosts, there were goblins, and there was also plenty of sunshine for the 4th Annual Eden Halloween Parade that was held on October 21, 2017.

COSTUME PRIZE WINNERS:
Best Family – Millie Hock, Braxton Hock, Laura Yager, & Amy Yager
Under 5 years – Aubrey Evenden
Under 8 years – Skyler Quain
Under 12 years – Austin Schlegel
Over 12 years – Amber Czaska

OTHER PRIZE WINNERS:
Jakob Guenther
Blake Schlegel
Mia Scott
William Archibald
Bailey & Brennan Andrews
Emery Stump
Jack Tredo
Caroline Walczyk
Kayla Pelc
Maverick Sutherland

Together with the Eden Chamber of Commerce, the East Eden Fire Department, Eden Fire Department, Eden Emergency Squad, Eden Republican Committee and the Eden United Methodist Church, would like to thank the residents and businesses from Eden who contributed to make such a delightful afternoon.

Lori & Harold Haier
Gary & Kaeli Sam & Family
Eat’saPizza
Eden Ale House
Eden Police Group
Eden Seafood & Pizzeria
Eden ShurFine
Eden Valley Growers
Evenhouse Printing
Eden Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Sharing Project

Once again the Eden Chamber members stepped up and provided a beautiful Christmas for seven needy Eden children. Gifts were abundant given with gracious hearts. Because of the efforts of the 57 chamber members who shopped for these children, some of the children received gifts they would never have received otherwise. Many members went beyond the requested gift and gave more than what was asked. So kudos to the following Chamber members who were “Christmas Angels” to seven Eden children:

Agle’s Farm Market  
Allison Cardarelli  
Bauer’s Eden Valley Furniture  
Campbell & Associates  
Custom Woodturning & Millwork  
Donald Nowak, Jr.  
Dr. Frank & Linda Meyer  
Eat’sa Pizza  
Eden Bowling Center  
Eden Chiropractic  
Eden Collision  
Eden Family Dentist PLLC  
Eden Heights  
Eden North Collins Penny Saver  
Eden Shurfine  
Eden Truck & Auto Supply (NAPA)  
Eden Valley Growers  
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Evenhouse Printing, LLC  

Farm Family Insurance  
Four Corner’s Café  
Haier’s Turkey Farm  
Heirloom Valley Massage  
Henry Gardens  
Jackie Smith  
Janie Smith  
John-Robert’s Salon & Spa  
Judy Wilder Bookkeeping  
Kevin C. Condon, Atty.  
Key Bank, Eden  
Laing Funeral Home  
Laing -Gro Fertilizers, Inc.  
Lifetime Wellness Chiropractic  
Lions Club of Hamburg  
Macro Graphics  
Mark Henry  
Mary Jo Hultquist  
Mary Lou Pew  

Gratefulness

There comes a time when saying “Thank You” doesn’t seem quite enough. In fact, those two words can never completely express the gratitude that the Eden Chamber of Commerce has felt during this holiday season.

The residents of Eden and those passing through have been experiencing the holiday warmth that the new lighting has added to the Main Street area of town. None of this beauty would have happened without the generous donations from hundreds of community members, friends, businesses, churches and organizations. Volunteers did the installation of every facet of the hanging of the snowflakes.

The Holiday Celebration will be an ongoing fundraiser to continue to light up our town with more snowflakes in 2018 with a concentration in the East Eden area. So, the job isn’t done yet. The Chamber will continue to take donations throughout the coming months for next year’s expansion of the Holiday Celebration. A donation for this purpose in any amount can be made at any time in the coming year to the Eden Chamber of Commerce.

THANK YOU again to those who contributed to our Holiday Lighting success in any way they could through DONATIONS, VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. You have helped make our town a beautiful sight to behold!
2018 Upcoming Events

Spring Townwide Garage Sales
May 18, 19 & 20, 2018

Fall Townwide Garage Sales
September 14, 15 & 16, 2018

Chamber Chicken BBQ at the Eden Corn Festival
August 3, 4 & 5, 2018

Holiday Lighting Celebration
October 2018

Annual Halloween Parade
October 27, 2018

Annual Membership Dinner and Citizen and Business of the Year
November 15, 2018

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
December 1, 2018

Annual Christmas Sharing
December 2018

Welcome Aboard Our New Chamber Members!

Henry's Gardens
Barbara Henry

McAllister Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
T. J. McAllister

The Fields of Eden Inn, LLC
Robin Evenhouse

Eden Valley Golf Course
Jason & Molly Baer

Eden Dairy Queen
Eric Gawron

Heirloom Valley Massage
Patricia Krouse

Jdog Junk Removal & Hauling
Scott Seiberg

Donald Nowak, Jr.
Sagepoint Financial

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Dear Members:

It's great to live in Eden! I hope you will be very proud of it! It's our way of saying 'you really matter.' I'm looking forward to receiving a surprise soon either in the mail or delivered by one of the Board members. I hope you promise you won't regret spending a little time with us! All you business members should be very proud of the office wall sign that looks pretty sharp too! The wheels are beginning to turn in preparation for the upcoming event season. In our efforts to bring awareness to our membership and get involved more with the future of Eden, our Chamber of Commerce is vibrant and committed to the future of Eden.

As many of you know, we have moved into the Smith Building and are in the process of purchasing a new and exciting sign for the front of the building to notify everyone that the Chamber is here! Again, our community comes through! We are also developing a website which can be used by anyone with a domain name to advertise their business in Eden.

Before you know it, our famous Chicken BBQ during the Corn Festival will be upon us! As such, I recommend that you please give some thought to reaching out to us as a volunteer. The more the merrier! Please give some thought to reaching out to us as a volunteer. The more the merrier! We are always looking for our fellow members for support of any kind during this busy time. We will again be able to provide you with many services in a state-of-the-art fashion. Our office will manage the website for our members. We are also developing a website which can be used by any of our business members to promote their business on our website.

The past several weeks, the hot topic has been funding of the new Eden Central School sign. With the help of Sharon Evenhouse, the Eden Community Foundation, Molly McLaughlin, PPOC, Baur, Howard Stresing and family, and many others who gave donations in honor of our endowment fund, we are close to finalizing a website for the Chamber and its members. It will be available for the Chamber to use in the near future.

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