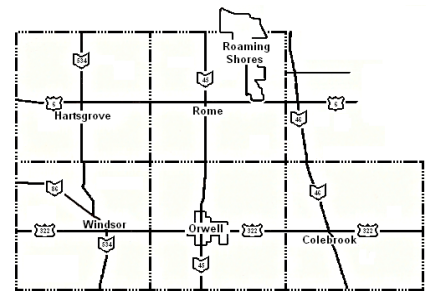




Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

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Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce January 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Ken Herbster Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Doris Cook, Susan Robinson, Kevin Collins, Chester Collins, Dee Collins, , Susan Robinson, Gary Hunter, Julie Mordesovich and Dwight Johnson

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Introductions

Review of minutes from September Meeting

Motion to accept - Doris Cook

Second the motion – Kevin Collins

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Outgoing - Emails – meeting reminders info

Outgoing – Thank you to GV Show Choir

Incoming – Emails – Business Compass, Home Show and Job Opportunities

St. Mary Church - Mardi Gras Tickets

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine

Memberships – PVP Industries, Inc; Davis True Value; Country Neighbor;

GV Public Library; Middlefield Bank; Kenneth Lawrence DDS; Ibold & O'Brien; Ray Bros; Grand Valley Local Schools, Village of Orwell; Midway Chevrolet, Farmcredit, Easton Culligan & Wollman-Grand Valley Insurance.

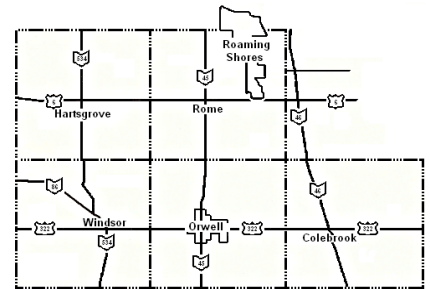
Swearing in of Officers by Dwight Johnson



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Spotlight Business - January, Herbster Tax Service: February, Ken Lawrence DDS; March, Ibold & O'Brien; April, Farm Credit.

Festival Committee met at the Orwell Fire Hall – entertainment has been scheduled. No written contract from Ft. Huntsburg, only a verbal commitment at this time. Joyce Merritt is handling the parade again this year. We are looking forward to a great festival.

Gun Raffle – tickets to support the GV Festival. They are going slow we have only sold about 50%.

We are working on revising our Constitution and Bi-laws. We will give keep you updated.

February 27 Chamber Meeting will be at the Orwell Fire Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Eric Diamond from the NEO Fund in Ashtabula. We would like to have a nice representation of our Chamber Members. We will be inviting the area Chambers to also attend.

Home Show will be at the Ashtabula Mall on March 9, 10 & 11. Bob & Stuart will go and participate on Saturday. They are in need of help with setting up and tearing down. If you can help please let one of our officers know.

Business Roundtable:

*Stuart Walker, Davis True Value – this is our 50th year, we have been serving our community since 1968. We will have a celebration this summer. We would like to top our entertainment in 1998, we had Car Crushing, Midway donated the cars.

*Annette Herbster, Herbster's Tax Service – tax business is already revved up and ready to go. This is our 30th year in business.

*Ken Herbster, Herbster's Home Inspection – slow and helping out where needed. We will be getting a project starting by contacting our Chamber Members to ask a bit of history of the business and their business anniversary.

*Kevin Collins, Orwell Tool – ebay is slow, down to 6 palettes of pellets and will be glad when they are gone.

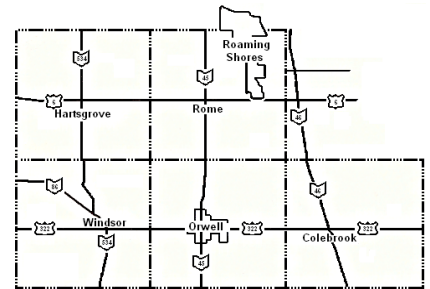
*Chester Collins, VCGC - we have a signed agreement with Rome Township. Our Mystery Dinner Theater is February 24. Tickets are going great. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, the performance will start at 7:00 by the Candlelight Players and food by Gwen's Catering. We will also have 50/50 and a Chinese Auction that night. One way people can help out is by going to Amazon Smile and add our nonprofit to that and we will get the little extra and nothing comes out of your pocket. We also will be selling Cornedbeef Sandwiches on March 16 on a takeout only basis. Gary Hunter offered if we have the flyer the CS will add it to the Soup and Bread Deliveries 2 weeks before the event. More information to come.

*Dee Collins, VCGC – ditto to Chester and tax season is on its way.



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*Gary Hunter, Conversation Station – last week for Soup & Break is March 9. Our numbers keep increasing every year with this fundraiser.

Citizen of the Year 2018 will be on Saturday, April 7 at the GV School Auditoria beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available from the committee people at \$15 per tickets. All tickets must be purchased by March 30. Gwen’s Catering will be doing the food for us this year. Everyone in this room knows the recipient but no one except the committee know until the night of the dinner. Bob offered to do the tickets for the event

*Julie Mordesovich, First Responders – March 24, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. More details to follow. The Fire Department is looking to put in a shower in the Fire Hall for the fireman – with the use of Narcan it is on the clothes and is harmful.

*Susan Robinson, Sacred Bath Candles – will be selling at the Holistic Fair in Warren this weekend and that’s it till the end of April then to the Haunted Conneaut Hotel. This will be fun.

*Doris Cook, Library – Our Library has a History Room and everyone needs to stop in and see what we have. People in the community donated pictures . We are receiving grants. For more information check out our website archives.

*Gwen Biennas, Gwen’s Catering – been very busy. We just did a Bridal Fair in Harpersfield this weekend and book a wedding and hopefully a few rehearsal dinners and even several cookie and appetizer trays. We are doing the food for the Mystery Dinner Theater, the Citizen of the Year, the Chardon Maple Festival Queens Luncheon plus graduation parties, a few things already planned for 2019.

*Bob Denihan, B & S Publishing – this is ticket season and we are keeping busy.

Questions were brought up about the loss of the GV Pharmacy – The pharmacy in Andover has offered free delivery to our GV area. We would like to have a pharmacy back in the GV Area but it doesn’t look like it will be in the near future. Kevin Snyder owns the building and has no plans on selling at this time. Maybe someone should contact Growth Partnership in Jefferson if they may have any suggestions.

Motion to adjourn

First motion - Annette Herbster

Second the motion – Julie Mordesovich

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Biennas
Grand Valley Area
Chamber of Commerce
Secretary

Motion to adjourn the meeting

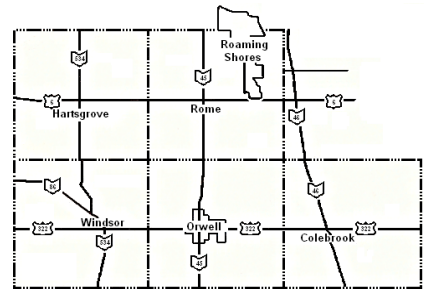




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First – Ed Sutliff

Second – Gary Hunter

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