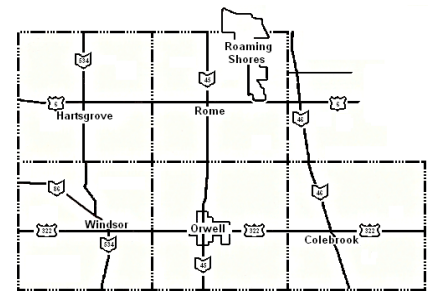




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### Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce October 31, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Stuart Walker, Ken Herbster Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Joseph Varckette, Wanda Marunowski, Doris Cook, Susan Robinson, Holly Quadros, Al Quadros – gun raffle winner, Cheryl Selby, Dwight Johnson – Orwell Village Council, David Hartz - Orwell Village Council, Kevin Collins, Pat Barbe – guest, Jay Barbe - guest, Sharon Barb – guest.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Review of minutes from September Meeting

Motion to accept – Ken Herbster

Second the motion – Susan Robinson

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Outgoing – emails - meeting reminders info

Outgoing – Thank you to Duane Feher, our guest speaker for the September Meeting

Bob Schultz 0 Business Compass Meeting for January

Dan Stevens, Steven's Puppets – pass information to Kimberly Herbster & Stuart Walker for 2018 Festival

Sawmill Ridge – passed on information to Kimberly and Stuart Walker for 2018 Festival

Business Compass Meeting in October in Andover

Incoming – National School Choice Week Information

Ashtabula County Convention and Visitors Bureau, info on ad for booklet (no we are not advertising in this booklet)

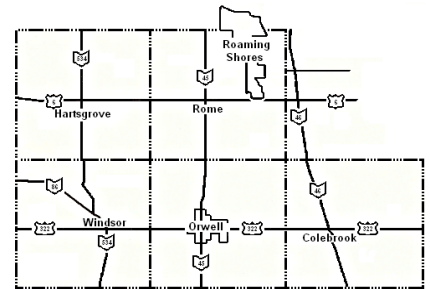
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Guest Speaker – Joseph Varckette - Village of Orwell Manager

- \*Thanks to the Chamber of having him.

- \*Great Community

- \*Working with the schools - met with a couple students to help with road work and one of the Village employees went to help at the school as an exchange.

- \*Fire Hall - not as bad as it could have been. They now have tile on the floor, they did most of the work themselves

- \*Leaf Pickup – 1<sup>st</sup> full week and 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

- \*2018 Budget

- \*½% increase – lowest in the county/state - this is just for the Village of Orwell

- \*Please go out and vote on November 7.

- \*Thank you again for having him.

Spotlight Business - October, Ray Bros; November, Orwell Tool; December, Tri County Veterinary Clinic; January, Herbster Tax Service

NOACC – last Thursday Stuart Walker was honored with the Bright Star Award. He has done great work for/with our community.

Festival Meeting – will begin in December

- \*Contract with the ride company in tact

- \*Out of Eden may perform on Sunday 3 hours 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

- (no contract has been signed as of this date)

Presentation of Gun Raffle Winner - Al Quadros

Nominations from the Chamber Floor for the 2018 Officers – no nominations from the floor.

Slate of Officers for 2018 will remain the same as 2017.

Community Energy Program - extended to personal residents

Any questions about website please contact Kimberly Herbster.

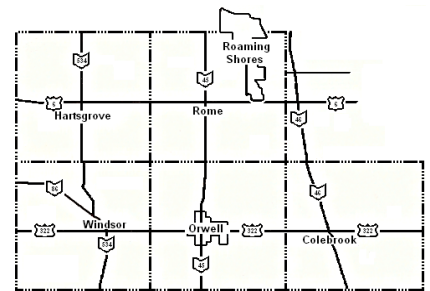
Next Meeting will be December 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Conversation Station. What would you like to have on the menu? What entertainment? It was agreed that we will have appetizers for this meeting. Gwen will contact the Choir Director Mackenzie Pinto to see if a small choir can perform.



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### Business Roundtable:

- \*Annette Herbster, Herbster Tax Service – finished up extensions, attending a lot of seminars on new tax laws and codes.
- \*Barbs Garage – they work on Class A Trucks, Road Servicer, School Buses - they have doubled their space since 1958. Their primary customer are the township vehicles.
- \*Kevin Collins, Orwell Tool - working online and on ebay. If you need wood pellets please let him know. Also, mentioned that NOACC has saved him on shipping costs. We should all take advantage of what NOACC has to offer.
- \*Wanda Marunski, The News ad rep.
- \*Doris Cook, Editor of the Gazette - interesting things going on at GV School to honor veterans. Reminder that the American Legion has Flag Disposal.
- \*Cheryl Selby, GV Public Library – our library is no just book anymore. We have computers, movies and they are doing much more.
- \*Susan Robinson, Sacred Path Candles – wholesale business and will be attending a lot of holistic fairs, Colebrook Craft Show, a Paranormal Fair in Conneaut.
- \*Holly Quadros, Key Bank - closed on Veterans Day
- \*Al Quadros, plumbing business - busy
- \*Dwight Johnson, Orwell Village Council – happy to hear the Country Store and Wild Burrito have opened.
- \*Joe Varckette, Orwell Village Manager – Thank you again.
- \*Gwen Biennas, Gwen's Catering - since Julie Mordesovich isn't here - The American Legion will be having their yearly craft show on November 4 & 5. Bake and Soup sale on Voting Day. Gwen's Catering will be doing the Craft Show and hopes to get orders for the holidays. Starting to work on Holiday Parties, Retirement Parties and of course Graduation Parties for 2018.
- \*Stuart Walker, Davis True Value – this is my slow period, would really like to see it snow .
- \*Ken Herbster, Herbster Home Inspection – slow, taking bids, also mentioned that in the near future the each business will be received a phone call to get information on how long they have been in business.
- \*Bob Denihan, B & S Publishing – this is a very busy time for tickets

Motion to adjourn  
Second the motion

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Biennas

Grand Valley Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
Secretary