



**TRI VILLAGE**  
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Greetings Chamber Members,

It's time for membership renewals and I'd like to keep everyone informed of the activities your chamber is involved in on behalf of all our members. We continually strive to promote our chamber businesses and support our community. 2015 membership was 80 businesses.

We have moved up membership renewal to allow for earlier printing of the new business card directory. The yearly membership fee is \$100.00 and is due by November 15, 2015. The 2016 directory will be sent for production before the new year with a printing of 5000. If you have a new business card, please include it with your membership renewal. This will be used to advertise your business in the 2016 directory. There is no additional cost to have your business card in the directory. Also, there are larger advertising spaces available at a reasonable rate. As these larger spaces are limited, contact me soon as possible if interested. This directory has provided all of our businesses with great affordable advertising, with very positive responses and results.

The chamber implemented their scholarship program. A committee was formed and the criteria set to award five scholarships to Lakeville Community School graduates and alumni. This is a great opportunity for our chamber to give back to the community and help our graduates with their education. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, during Lakeville's senior award banquet, five \$500.00 scholarships were presented. Award recipients were: Connor Kikta, Kayla Price, Megan Chmielewski, Caleb Holloway, and Jennifer Price.

A new chamber website was designed and set up by Wayne Noel, owner of AV Connections. He did a great job and we are very happy with it. The website has a rotating ad banner and we are offering advertising for your business on it for \$25.00/quarter. Check out the new website at [www.trivillagechamber.org](http://www.trivillagechamber.org). We would appreciate your feedback. AV Connections is one of our newer members, located on State Rd. in Otisville providing website design, computer/internet service and support. If you have need of computer service, give him a call.

This year we have made a \$250.00 donation to each of the three villages for their annual festivals.

Yearly activities of our chamber –

Tri-Village Chamber Easter Egg Hunt, held at Covenant Hills Campground. Flyers are handed out through the Lakeville Elementary Schools, local businesses and churches to promote this event. The seniors from the Forest Township Senior Center volunteer to fill 5,000+ eggs. This year approximately 480 children attended. They hunt for eggs and choose a toy from the prize table. Several door prizes (donated by our businesses) are given out.

Attend many local fundraising dinners held by non-profit groups and hand out after dinner mints with the chamber's logo to bring more awareness of our chamber.

Halloween – This year we will be doing something different than our usual popcorn. We will be handing out cookies to the children (Subway was offered to purchase and bake them at cost) and hand out keyring flashlights personalized with the chamber logo to families along with our business card directory. Handouts will be in all three of our villages on Halloween night. If you would like to help, please contact me.

Christmas light decorating in the three villages – Otisville Veteran’s Park; and Otter Lake and Columbiaville locations yet to be decided. A new committee is being formed to make decisions about the decorations. Tentative date for decorating is Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. More information about time and date will be posted on our website and emailed when available. Many volunteers are needed to make this happen. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Family Christmas Dinner will be Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, held at and hosted by Covenant Hills Campground. Notices will be sent out as to cost and RSVP deadline. This is a family event, so bring the whole family, children and grandchildren. Covenant Hills’ staff goes above and beyond to provide a wonderful, festive dinner for us and you should not miss it. This is a great way to start off the holiday season.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm, side entrance of library in Otisville. We are considering rotating our meeting location to each of the villages, so please take note of location in our monthly notices. (No meetings in June, July or August for summer break). Members are welcome to host a meeting at their place of business or to do a presentation during a meeting. All members are encouraged to attend our meetings, adding your input and ideas will keep our chamber growing. This helps all of us to learn more about your business. The more we know about you the better we can promote each other!

The Tri-Village Chamber of Commerce is an organization you can be proud to be a part of and what a deal!

Sincerely,

Al Sorge  
Chamber President