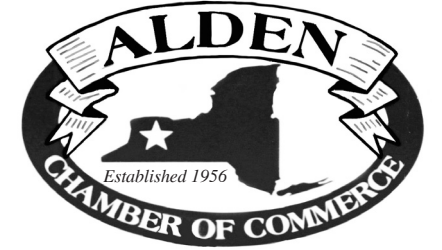


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# *Alden* *Chamber of Commerce* *Newsletter*

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## **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!**

**Yes**, it's that time of year... **Health Insurance Open Enrollment time!**

**Yes**, Health Insurance open enrollment is about as painful as tax time, so let Bene-Care Agency take away your pain and take the confusion out of choosing a health care plan that's right for you.

**Yes**, Bene-Care Agency can offer you an enhanced portfolio of benefit offerings **from all WNY Insurance Carriers**, as well as many other lines of service.

**Yes, any changes to your health insurance must be completed by Friday, August 12th**, to be in place for the Alden Chamber's open enrollment date of September 1st.

**Yes**, if you choose not to make any changes, you will keep your current carrier and plan if plan is still available or be put into a similar plan by that carrier, if not available.

**Yes, beginning September 1, 2016, all billing will be done monthly by Bene-Care directly.**

**Yes**, Bene-Care can also help you with Payroll, Human Resources, and a complete Human Capital Management Solution.

Who is Bene-Care Agency? Bene-Care Agency is an insurance agency, benefits broker and payroll provider, who has served as a partner to employer groups and individuals in Western New York for over 40 years. Visit [www.bene-care.com](http://www.bene-care.com) and learn more.

To view carrier plans available to you (there are too many to list in this newsletter), visit the Alden Chamber of Commerce website at [www.alden-ny.org](http://www.alden-ny.org). Choose "Members" from banner menu, then "Member Benefits", and finally "Group Insurance". There you will find links to all options for Small Business 2 – 100 Employees and Individual/Sole Proprietor.

**Yes, say "yes" to Bene-Care!!** Call Bene-Care directly at (716) 688-8161 with any questions, to discuss insurance plans in detail, or for any other human capital management needs.



**Bene-Care**  
Agency, LLC  
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### **CHAMBER OFFICE**

13500 Broadway Alden, NY 14004  
Phone (716) 937-6177 Fax: (716) 937-4106

Board of Directors meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 4pm at the Whistle Stop Inn. All members are invited.

*Member of WNY Chamber Alliance*

*President* — Brooks Bowman  
*Vice President* — Christopher Dowd  
*Treasurer* — Christopher Gust  
*Secretary* - Jenny Urbanski

### **Directors 2015-2017**

Brooks Bowman      Christopher Gust  
Nancy Hughes      Jennifer Strong  
Sue Galbraith

### **Directors 2016-2018**

Christopher Dowd      Bill Blarr  
Deborah Bressette      Earl Gillen  
Aurora Mali Perry

### **Directors 2016-2019**

Angelo Daluisio      John Drogi  
Laura Ross      Scott Sitzman  
Kara Smith

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **Alden Economic Development**

Christopher Gust, Gary Wagner

#### **Promotion/Publicity** - Christopher Gust, Paul Henry,

Nancy Hughes, Laura Ross, Lee Weisbeck

#### **Town, Village & School Liaison**

**Town** - Jennifer Strong

**Village** - Susanne Galbraith, Angelo Daluisio

**School** - Adam Stoltman

#### **Member Benefits**- Brooks Bowman,

Christopher Dowd, Christopher Gust, Paul Henry,  
Laura Ross, Kara Smith

*Visit our website [www.alden-ny.org](http://www.alden-ny.org)*

*Find us at [www.facebook.com/aldenchamber](http://www.facebook.com/aldenchamber)*

**Chamber office hours:**  
**9am. to 4:30pm.**  
**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.**  
**Closed Monday and Wednesday.**

# Member Benefits

## \*NEW\* Human Resource Hotline

Bene-Care Agency LLC and the Alden Chamber have expanded services to offer an HR option that Benefits you and your organization. As part of your Chamber membership, you will have access to the highest quality of professional services; services that will deliver you the tools, resources and information to help you manage your business and your employees. Your membership will allow you to contact Bene-Care with your HR questions and concerns that will deliver exceptional value, eliminate headaches, communicate clearly with employees, and simplify your life by providing easily accessible, knowledgeable resources for your HR needs. Better yet, simply call Bene-Care at (716) 688-8161 and ask for HR Support!



**Bene-Care HR**  
**HR SOLUTIONS**

**Chamber HR SUPPORT CENTER - Included with Chamber Membership**  
 Access HR support and key information from Bene-Care. Take advantage of a broad range of useful resources, including:

- Ask the pro – fast answers within one day to your questions on legal compliance and personnel issues, from classifications to terminations
- HR checklists for better task organization
- Business, state and federal HR forms
- Job descriptions to help you organize and hire
- Many other valuable resources

**BENE-CARE HR ON-DEMAND - SEE BENE-CARE FOR COST**  
 This upgrade to the HR Support Center gives you unlimited consultations with a dedicated HR professional via phone or e-mail/online. It's like having your own virtual HR department. Experienced, certified HR pros work with you to address every question and answer every need, including job descriptions, compliance and much more. Features include:

- Regular newsletters, e-alerts and updates to keep you aware and in compliance
- Employee handbook development – our experts work with you to customize and review your handbook for implementation
- Document customization – creation and customization of HR documents with thorough review for any potential legal concerns
- Customizable employee handbooks created with Handbook Wizard

**BENE-CARE HR COMPLIANCE SERVICES - SEE BENE-CARE FOR COST**  
 In addition to being able to reach out to HR On-Demand as needed, with HR Compliance Services you benefit from continuous, ongoing, proactive support from your personal HR expert. A variety of features add powerful support and protection, including:

- On-site HR audit – performed by a certified HR auditor
- Compliance coaching – scheduled meetings and precise action plans to help you stay on track
- Customized compliance plan – put in place and executed, based on audit results
- Labor law posters and updates – state and federal pieces for display

# Chamber in Action

## 18th "TASTE OF ALDEN" A BIG SUCCESS

A perfect sunny afternoon brought a large crowd to enjoy the 18th annual "Taste of Alden" on Friday, June 3rd. Sponsored by the Alden Chamber of Commerce, this year's Taste was combined with the 5K Race for Scholarships for an over-all family-friendly fun event.

Vendors for the Taste began serving in the Alden Town Park area at 5 p.m. just as the evening began with the Fun Run for Kids by the high school. The 5K race started on Park Street at 6:30 p.m. All participating runners received tickets towards a meal from Taste vendors and they had a lot of choices! A huge variety of foods were offered - assorted BBQ, Italian sausage, pulled pork, seafood, beef on weck, mac n' cheese, subs, sandwiches, soups, wraps, cupcakes, ice cream, cookies, kettle corn, and other baked goods and much more by 17 participants. Vendors for this event were AJ & Sons Catering, Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Barrett Brothers Kettle Corn, Cooker Dan's Bar and Grill, Cousin Mabel's Subs, Alden Meals on Wheels, Eddie Ryan's Irish Pub, Hilltop Inn, Kathy's Cookies from Home, Mooney's, Parkside Cupcakes, Seas The Day Seafood, Subway, Tops Markets, TSG BBQ, The Pink Cow, and Town Line Pizzeria. The Chamber would like to thank each vendor for participating.

Volunteers manned the Chamber booth where tickets were sold to the hungry attendees and raffle tickets for the Chamber's July 30th Farmers' Market basket. The 5K Race for Scholarships also held their basket raffle with many beautiful items donated by local companies, organizations, and individuals and a nearby carnival-themed Kids Zone featured bounce houses, face painting, a dunk tank, balloon animals and other games. The band "6 Degrees of Freedom" donated their time and talents by providing live music from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and the evening ended with a beautiful fireworks display sponsored by Alden's Winterfest.

The Alden Chamber of Commerce is extremely pleased to announce that through generous donations from many local company sponsors and a well-attended event, a donation on behalf of the event sponsors and the Alden Chamber of Commerce will be given to the Alden Community Scholarship Foundation. This volunteer organization provides financial scholarships to higher education-bound students from the Alden Central School District. The Chamber is thrilled to have this opportunity to assist in their philanthropic mission and looks forward to working together for another amazing Alden-area family-friendly event next year.

For more information on the Alden Chamber of Commerce and its activities, see the Chamber's web site at [aldenny.org](http://aldenny.org) or its Facebook page at [facebook.com/alden-chamber](https://facebook.com/alden-chamber).

# Member Benefits

## JOIN THE MEMBER 2 MEMBER DISCOUNT SAVINGS PROGRAM

Chamber members have a unique opportunity to offer fellow Chamber members a discount on their services or merchandise as an incentive to attract new customers and increase business visibility. Each Chamber newsletter will advertise your business and your exclusive Chamber member's discount. You decide what you wish to offer and how your offer will be presented. You may also wish to include employees in the offer. It's easy to enroll. Simply call the Chamber office at (716) 937-6177. More information and the form for describing your offer/discount will be mailed or faxed to you to complete and return. It's a simple, positive, and effective way to draw attention to your business.

## Member 2 Member Discounted Savings

### A & N Automotive

13560 Genesee Street, Crittenden, NY 14038  
Phone: (716) 937-9425  
*10% off any repairs totaling over \$100.00*

### David J. Pajak, Esq.

13179 Broadway, Suite 2, Alden, NY 14004  
Phone: (716) 937-7950  
*\$100 Mirror Wills  
1/2 price initial consult matrimonial or family  
court matters. Offer good for employees of  
members also.*

### Blackwater Fitness Club

1370 Exchange Street, Alden, NY 14004  
Phone: (716) 937-7110  
*Free shirt and reassessments at 3 and 6 months  
with one-year membership.*

### Mass Mutual of Buffalo Christopher Dowd

13349 Broadway Ste 1, Alden, NY 14004  
Phone: (716) 276-1134  
Email: [cdowd@financialguide.com](mailto:cdowd@financialguide.com)  
[www.financialguide.com/Christopher-Dowd](http://www.financialguide.com/Christopher-Dowd)  
*Free financial plan review/Free benefits analysis*

### Neill & Strong, Attorneys

13166 Main Street, Alden, NY 14004  
Phone: (716) 937-3353  
*Free 30 minute attorney consult OR \$50 off from a  
residential real estate transaction*

### PaychexInc.

33 Dodge Road, Getzville NY 14068  
Phone: (716) 957-7483  
*One month free.*

### Safeguard Business Solutions, Inc.

1288 Blood Road, Cowlesville, NY 14037  
Phone: (716) 675-0124  
*10% off any order*

### Creighton Optical

13375 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004  
Phone: (716) 937-7373  
*25% off any frame or insurance discount,  
whichever is greater, also \$45 eye exam  
for Chamber members and employees  
without vision insurance coverage.*

### Johnny Bear's Restaurant

1415 Broadway, Darien Center, NY 14040  
Phone: (585) 547-2220  
*10% off ice cream purchase.  
Not valid with any other offer or coupon.  
Must show membership card or this  
flyer to receive discount.*

### Ken's Maple Products

Ken Bieniek  
1470 Sandridge Road, Alden NY 14004  
(716) 937-9519  
*10% off any product.*

**Call 716-937-6177 today to advertise your  
Member 2 Member discount offer!**

# Business Profile

## HEALTHY BALANCE CHIROPRACTIC



Located at 6394 Broadway in the Town of Lancaster, Healthy Balance Chiropractic is a practice dedicated to chiropractic care for acute injury and prevention as well as nutrition supplementation for health and wellness. Dr. Irene Trzybinski DC is focused on helping men, women, children as well as athletes to lead healthy lives. She promotes finding natural solutions to health issues and has studied in the field of Applied Kinesiology and Nutritional Response therapy for finding both musculoskeletal problems as well as nutritional weakness. Using many

techniques in her patient care such as Diversified, Drop table, Instrument Adjusting, and soft tissue therapies, care is individualized for each patient as every patient is different with different needs. As a professional in the field of Holistic Health care, Dr. Irene believes that a sick or painful body is a body out of balance and advocates and promotes both Corrective care (removing the cause) and Preventive care.

Services and programs include complete Chiropractic Care- various techniques with Low force emphasized; Nutritional Care- utilizing nutritional response therapy; Purification/Detoxification Program- utilizing standard process products; Vibrocussor-aids in myofascial and muscular pain; and Arthrostim — low force instrument adjusting. So get “back” on the healthy track and call Dr. Irene for an appointment (716) 651-7013 or check out her website for more detailed information on how to become a healthier you at [www.lancasterny.net](http://www.lancasterny.net).

## Welcome to these New Members

### CHITTENDEN FARMS

Lancaster, NY

### BENNINGTON BEEFALO

Attica, NY

### DONNA'S PEPPER JELLY & JAM

Lancaster, NY

### THINKER INK TIE DYE

Lancaster, NY

# Chamber in Action

ing week basis: Leonard Oakes of Medina and Midgard Meadery, honey wine, of Corfu; be sure to stop and taste!

Special events are underway as well. Beaver Meadow Audubon will be visiting with live animals, the Hot Country Liners, June Beyers Organ Music, Buffalo Steel Drum trio, Jim Vozga Acoustic, Ron Schiralli New Vintage Solo, the Lake Effect a Cappella, and Magician Ted Burzynski are just some of the entertainers scheduled to attend. Check the Alden Chamber of Commerce website for a complete list of events.

The Village-wide garage sale on August 6th still has spaces available as do the craft days: September 3rd, 24th, and October 8th.

Also scheduled are Small Business Day, August 13th; Meet the Candidates day, September 3rd; Community Organizations Day, September 10th; and Fire Safety Day, September 17th Kids and families can have added fun on “Catch Olympic Fever Day” on August 20th and “Wearin’ o’ the Green 1/2 Way to St. Patrick’s Day” on September 17th. By dressing in their favorite sports attire on the 20th or wearing green on the 17th, kids receive small goody bags from the Chamber table. Also another Chalk Art Contest is planned for October 1st. The Market will close on October 15th with a Chamber hot dog roast for all members, harvest festival featuring music by the Apen Family Band, and kid/pet costume parade.



# Chamber in Action

## Farmers' Market Mid-Season Report

The 14th season of the Alden Farmers' Market is off to a great start and already mid-season! Be sure to stop by weekly to see what is new, fresh, and local from our great produce vendors.

This is the fourth year for the Chamber's popular raffle of a beautiful Amish-made shed. Raffle tickets are just \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. The winning ticket will be pulled on October 15th---the Market's closing day. You could be the winner, but you have to be in it to win it! So be sure to stop at the Chamber table, check out the shed, and purchase a chance. Shed raffle tickets are also for sale at the Alden Chamber of Commerce Office, Alden Pharmacy, and the Alden Advertiser. The possibilities are endless: extra storage, man cave, mom cave, she shed, play house.

New this year is a quilt raffle (donated by Penny Marble Quilt Designs). Tickets are \$1.00. The winning ticket will be pulled on October 15, the Market's closing day. And the first basket of Alden-area gift certificates will

be raffled off on July 30th and a second basket on closing day as well. Basket raffle tickets are only \$1 each and are available at Farmers' Market Chamber table, Alden Chamber of Commerce Office, Alden Pharmacy, and the Alden Advertiser. All proceeds support the Market's costs for insurance, permits, entertainment, and other expenses. The market is manned on a purely volunteer basis so join our team--come out, meet people, and have fun! Help is always welcomed and appreciated for set-up, tear-down, and food sales.

Along with fresh summer produce, nursery plants and herbs for your garden are available. Be sure to get your pure maple syrup and local honey products, fresh baked goods, homemade fudge, and homemade sausage, all available on a weekly basis. We also have a jam and jelly vendor, barbecue sauce vendor, pierogi vendor, tie dye t-shirt vendor as well as many local non-profit organizations that rely on community support. Two wineries are selling at the Market this year on an alternat-

# Business Profile

## FIVE STAR FAMILY CARE

Five Star Family Care is a multi-service care provider conveniently located on 5007 Transit Road in Depew, New York. John Radford M.D. founded Five Star Family Care with the belief that convenient care does not need to be more expensive care and to offer patients a first-class medical care experience when they need it. This center is unique from a typical doctor's office where you have to make an appointment to be seen. They understand that patients have busy schedules, and when you are sick now, you should not have to wait for days or weeks for an appointment. At Five Star Family Care, you can walk in and be seen at any time for anything, even if you are not a regular patient. Patients with chronic medical issues are advised to schedule an appointment, but if an acute issue arises,



there is no need to call. Their office will also notify your primary doctor about your visit to ensure coordinated care. Their friendly and professional staff will even call you to make sure you're feeling better within 72 hours of your visit.

Five Star Family Care is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. They offer a wide range of services including: primary care, pediatrics, care management, travel medicine, lab services, x-rays, school physicals and sports physicals. Their mission is to offer affordable rates and promote the patient's overall health by providing innovative, easy access, highest-quality, comprehensive, personalized health-care. Five Star Family Care is all about YOU! Check out their website at [www.FiveStarFamilyCare.com](http://www.FiveStarFamilyCare.com) and "like" them on Facebook. Stop in or give them a call today at (716) 650-5516.

## Chamber Calendar

**July 21**

**Board of Directors' Meeting Whistle Stop Inn 4 p.m.**

**July 29**

**Scholarship Golf Tournament**

**AUGUST REMINDER:**

**NO Board of Directors' Meeting - Happy Summer!**



# Member Benefits

## THEME PARK PASSES AVAILABLE

Are you planning a family re-union? Do you have out of town guests coming to visit this summer? Don't just plan for a rainy day, plan for a beautiful, fun-filled day! Reduced-price Good-Any-Day tickets for Darien Lake Theme Park and Resort and Fantasy Island will be available for purchase from the Alden Chamber of Commerce for member businesses and their employees. Non-Chamber members may also purchase tickets for prices as noted.

Darien Lake tickets this season will be available for \$34 for member/ \$36 for non-members, parking and tax included. This is a \$13 per ticket savings, including parking and tax!! Front gate admission this season will be \$46.99 per person plus tax and \$9 parking. Compare that to our \$34 tax included, parking included rate you and your employees receive with our Good-Any-Day ticket program and enjoy the savings. Be sure to visit their website [www.darienlake.com](http://www.darienlake.com) for complete hours and events planned for this season. Also, be sure to check out their new water park ride Rip Curl Racer and Ignite the Night Color Blast laser show!

Fantasy Island tickets this season will be available for \$19 for members/ \$20 for non-members. This is a \$9 per ticket savings for adults and \$4 ticket savings for children 47" and under. No price increase from last year, and this is over a 35% savings from regular gate pricing of \$27.95 for adults and \$22.95 for children. Admission includes unlimited use of ALL rides, waterpark, shows and attractions. Come experience their newest thrill ride "Rock & Roll". Be sure to visit their website [www.MartinsFantasyisland.com](http://www.MartinsFantasyisland.com) for complete hours and events planned for this season.

Call Jenny at the Chamber office for ticket availability (716) 937-6177. Purchase your tickets in advance and use them when you get the chance! The Chamber office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed on Monday and Wednesday.

# Chamber in Action

## Chamber Holds Spring Membership & Election Dinner

*Conrad Borucki honored as Distinguished Citizen*

Members and guests of the Alden Chamber of Commerce enjoyed dinner and an evening together at the Whistle Stop Inn on Tuesday, May 17th, for the Chamber's Annual Spring Membership and Election Dinner. Among the guests were friends of Conrad Borucki, recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award. Chamber Director Sue Galbraith



read an impressive biography of Conrad's achievements before announcing him as the 2016 Distinguished Citizen. Then a beautiful plaque from Laser Ace Custom Engraving was presented to Conrad by Chamber President Brooks Bowman. Conrad then entertained the crowd with a colorful and witty acceptance speech for which he received a standing ovation from all present.

After a delicious dinner and the award presentation, during which proclamations from the Erie County Legislature, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan's office, Town of Alden, and Village of Alden were given to Conrad, the crowd attentively listened to Ron Gabalski, Alden Central School graduate and News 4 Photojournalist. Ron recounted his experiences as a photojournalist reporting the news with stories of the regular folks and celebrities he has met and interesting places he has travelled during his career.

President Bowman then recounted the Chamber's accomplishments during the past year and outlined current and future activities, including the Alden Farmers' Market and upcoming Taste of Alden on June 3rd and the 5th annual Chamber Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on July 29th. He thanked all retiring Directors for their years of service on the Board.

Chamber Director Jennifer Strong then introduced the nominees for a new three-year term on the Chamber Board. The nominees were: Angelo Daluisio (Angelo Daluisio Photography), John Drogi (Drogi & Sons Automotive), Laura Ross (The Pink Cow), Scott Sitzman (Sitzman's Maytag), and Kara Smith (Alden Pharmacy). The vote in favor was unanimous and the dinner drew to a close with a welcome to the new and returning Directors. The Chamber thanks non-returning Directors, Diane Casell and Randy Moyer, for their time and contributions over the past three years. And in conclusion of the evening's program, Chamber Treasurer Christopher Gust presented to Brooks Bowman another a beautiful plaque from Laser Ace Custom Engraving as thanks for his past year of service as Chamber president.

Co-sponsors assisting in making this event a success were Gold sponsors: Alden State Bank, Carbone's Pizzeria, Doritex Corporation, Bene-Care Agency, and silver sponsors: Neill & Strong Attorneys and Alden Pharmacy. The Chamber would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the support from these sponsors. Thank you also to Country Crossroads Florists for donating the beautiful boutonnieres given to Conrad Borucki and Ron Gabalski.

Sponsors and information about the dinner were promoted in the Alden Advertiser, the Chamber website [www.alDENNY.ora](http://www.alDENNY.ora), and the Chamber Facebook page (search for "Alden Chamber of Commerce").

# Chamber in Action

## Alden Chamber Donates to ACTS

Alden Chamber of Commerce President, Brooks Bowman, presents a check for \$200 to Missy Colosanti, Vice President of the Alden Christian Theatre Society (ACTS), at the Chamber Board of Directors meeting on May 19, 2016. A portion of the proceeds from the Chamber's Wine & Beer Tasting on April 16th was donated to a non-profit organization that benefits the Alden community. The Chamber thanks everyone who attended the Tasting event and we look forward to next year.



## ALDEN CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES

Participate in the Alden Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate Program and keep our shopping dollars Local also.....

- NO COST to your business
- Certificates are deposited like checks directly into your account
- Your name is listed as a participant in the handout flyers
- Bi-annual flyer in the Alden Advertiser and newsletter
- Your business listing on the Chamber website Gift Certificate page
- Decal provided to alert customers you accept the certificates
- Make great gifts for those 'hard to buy for'
- Make excellent stocking stuffers

Does your business participate? If not .... it should!

**For more information or to sign up, call the Chamber office at 716-937-6177.**

# Coming Events

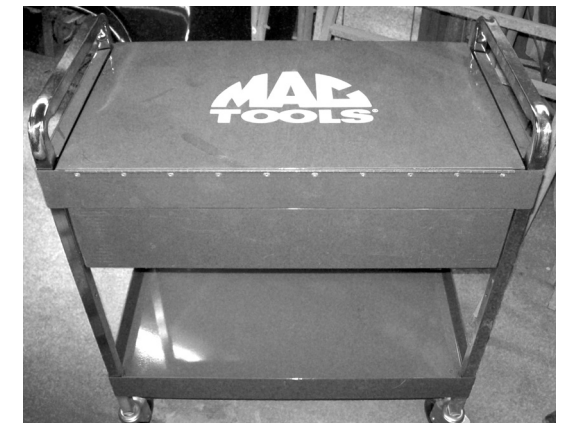
## Car Show Marketing Opportunity

The 13th Annual Alden Car, Truck, Cycle, Arts, Crafts & Music Festival will take place again in Alden this year on Sunday, July 31st. Car show organizers have informed us they will be giving out 500 goodie bags, first come/first served, to car show participants. The Alden Chamber of Commerce will be inserting our membership list to promote our members to the local and many out-of-town visitors attending the car show this year.

As a service to you, our members, the Alden Chamber will also be collecting any coupons or special offers as well as any promotional items to advertise your business for inclusion in the goodie bags. Coupons or special offers can be good for the day of the car show or for future return visits.

Promotional items (key chains, bottle openers, magnets etc.) do not need to be 500 in quantity. If 200 are received, then they will be included in the first 200 bags. This is an excellent and unique opportunity for you to capitalize on the many visitors to the car show. All items will be collected at the chamber office, 13500 Broadway. The office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Any items would need to be received by Friday, July 15th, at the latest. Contact Jenny (716) 937-6177 for special arrangements or questions.

The Alden Car, Truck and Cycle show and Arts & Music Festival held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. is an annual event dedicated to raising funds for Mercy Flight. The Chamber will be participating in the car show as a non-profit vendor again this year. Come out support your Chamber and buy a hot dog and a chance to win this Mac tool chest generously donated by Drogi & Sons Automotive. The Chamber will donate a portion of proceeds to Mercy Flight, the car show's beneficiary.



### CARDS, CARDS, CARDS - - - BROCHURES TOO!

Did you know the Chamber office has display racks for business cards and brochures? This is another benefit the Chamber offers to our members. Come in and drop off (or mail to us) your promotional materials and we will display and distribute them for you.

# Coming Events

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## 5th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

We hope you will join us for a fun afternoon of golf on Friday, July 29th, at Kis N' Greens Golf Course, all to benefit the Alden Chamber of Commerce scholarship awards.

Don't golf? Come for dinner and networking. Don't have time for golf, dinner or networking? Consider a sponsorship: Gold \$200; Silver \$100; Tee Marker \$50. Contact Jenny at the Chamber office for more details (716) 937-6177 by Tuesday, July 19th.

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## ***Congratulations!***

This year Chamber Vice President Chris Dowd presented two \$500 scholarships at the Alden Central School awards ceremony on June 1st. Deseving students, Mike Munn, Alfred State College for Electrical Trades, received the Memorial Award—in memory of Leonard Weisbeck, Sr., and Brianna Smith, Canisius College for Accounting, received the Scholarship Award. With your support of this year's golf tournament, we can continue the tradition with two more awards next year.

# MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you haven't sent in your Membership Dues, please do so as soon as possible. We will be inserting the ALDEN CHAMBER MEMBER DIRECTORY listing into all the goody bags given to Alden Auto Show participants for this year's car show. This is great advertising for members. Ensure sure your business name and phone number is on that listing by sending in your dues payment.

Thank you to all renewing members! We appreciate you and are working hard to give back value for your membership. Ideas for member benefits are always welcome. Contact the Chamber office or any director or, better yet, attend one of our Directors' meetings held the every third Thursday of the month at the Whistle Stop Inn.

Membership cards will be included in the September newsletter.

**“The Mission of the Alden Chamber of Commerce is to assist, support, and promote the well-being and growth of commerce, business, and industry in the Alden area while enhancing the quality of life in our Community.**

**Through the Chamber's efforts to provide advocacy, programs, events, and services, our members will be afforded the opportunity to enhance their business and achieve greater economic success.”**