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The Boys & Girls Club of Geneva Hosts FLX Chamber August BAH

Geneva, NY – The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its August Business After Hours Networking Mixer on Wednesday, August 12, at the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva. Located at 160 Carter Road, the event offered Chamber members an outdoor celebration under the recently dedicated Mark & Belinda Venuti Pavilion behind the Geneva Community Center, with guided tours through the Center by the Club's Grants Manager, Stephanie Annear. Despite the



rain, Chamber members gathered to be a part of the organization's 30th anniversary and network over refreshments provided by local businesses.

Photo by Naturally Chic Photograph. Guests at the FLX Chamber August BAH. Featured in the center holding sign, L to R: Miranda Odell, Chamber President, Stephanie Hessler, Executive Director, Susan Tolleson, Business Manager/Event Planner, & Stephanie Annear, Grants Manager

The Boys & Girls Club of Geneva first opened its doors on Goodman Street in 1996, founded by passionate local leaders and Hobart College alumni who saw a need for youth mentorship. As the community grew, so did the Club, expanding to open the Geneva Community Center on Carter Road in 2009. Now celebrating its 30th year, the organization does far more than traditional after-school care. Today, it powers vital regional programs, from fighting food insecurity with Foodlink to nurturing early childhood development through Toddler Time and the First 1000 Days initiative.

During a presentation with club and chamber staff, Stephanie Hessler, Executive Director, talked about the achievements that the organization has made in its first 30 years and a vision for the next 30. Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce President Miranda Odell closed the presentation by highlighting the importance of working with and uplifting community organizations while thanking the Boys & Girls Club for not only what they do for the community but for their involvement with the Chamber's programming.

The FLX Chamber's next Business After Hours Mixer will not be held until Wednesday, October 14, as the focus for September is the Chamber's Annual Membership Harvest Celebration, which will be held on Thursday, September 24, at Climbing Bines in Penn Yan. The October Business After Hours will take place at Finger Lakes Power Systems, located at 3333 Skyline Drive, in Penn Yan. Spaces are limited. The cost to attend Business After Hours is \$10 for Members and \$20 for non-members, unless individuals have purchased a BAH Season Pass. Please email info@flxchamber.com to confirm individual reservations or call 315-789-1776 for more information.

Business After Hours are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 4-6 pm unless otherwise noted and are open to the public, but hosting is one of the promotional opportunities and benefits that are only offered to qualified members who have been customers for at least two years. For more information about Business After Hours Mixers, the 2026 Season Pass Program, or learning more about being a customer of the Chamber, please visit www.flxchamber.com.

Programs and events, including the Business After Hours Events are proudly supported by the Chamber's 2026 Annual Partners – Canandaigua National Bank, Casella Waste Systems Inc, Community Broadband Networks, Emerson Commercial Cleaning, ESL Federal Credit Union, Fairfield by Marriott, Finger Lakes Partners Insurance, Four Winds Chimney, Guardian Glass, Halco Home Solutions, HEP Sales & North Main Lumber, Lakeside Roofing & Siding Materials Inc, Massa Construction, N-Hance of the Finger Lakes, Reliant Credit Union, and Waterloo Container.

The FLX Chamber is a private, member-based organization that specializes in providing affordable public relations services for its customers, while connecting business owners and executives throughout the region. With a physical office centrally located in Geneva, the FLX Chamber is the only of its kind, operating on a regional level, serving customers throughout various counties and communities in the Finger Lakes. Originally founded as the Geneva Chamber of Commerce in 1902, the Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is also one of the oldest in operation. Learn More: www.flxchamber.com.

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