Geneva Boys & Girls Club hosts FLX Aug. BAH

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GENEVA — The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its August Business After Hours Networking Mixer Aug. 12 at the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva, 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 some rain, chamber members gathered to be a part of the organization's 30th anniversary and network over refreshments provided by local businesses.



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Guests at the FLX Chamber August BAH gather for a photo. Featured in the center holding signs (left to right) Chamber President Miranda Odell, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Stephanie Hessler, Business Manager/Event Planner Susan Tolleson and Grants Manager Stephanie Annear.

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, Oct. 14, as the focus for September is the chamber's Annual Membership Harvest Celebration, which will be held today, Sept. 24 at Climbing Bines in Penn Yan.

The October Business After Hours will take place at Finger Lakes Power Systems, 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. Email info@flxchamber.com to confirm individual reservations or call 315-789-1776 for more information.

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