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September 2026

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Stay up-to-date with **member news** for information and activities that our customers have shared!

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October 14th, hosted at
Finger Lakes Power Systems

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October 1st with
Child & Family Resources



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A Message from the Team

Dear Members,

The big day is finally almost here! Tomorrow is our **Membership Harvest Celebration**, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone to Climbing Bines. A massive thank you goes out to our incredible sponsors, our wonderful host, our caterer, Ace Automatics, and our dedicated committee whose hard work made this event possible. We are so looking forward to celebrating a fantastic season with all of you!

As we transition from tomorrow's celebration into October, things are staying wonderfully busy around the FLX Chamber. While we took a break in September, our BAH Mixer series returns on **Thursday, October 14**, hosted by **Finger Lakes Power Systems**. It's the perfect opportunity to network, make new connections, and support a great local business.

 **Membership
Harvest Celebration**
September 24th hosted at
Climbing Bines



On top of that, we are thrilled to invite you to our **Member Milestone Celebration on Thursday, October 1**. We'll be honoring a massive achievement with one of our members as they celebrate **50 years in business** alongside a return to Geneva! We hope you'll make plans to come out and help us recognize these incredible accomplishments.

Thank you all for your continued support, involvement, and investment in the FLX Chamber. We truly are stronger together, and we can't wait to see you tomorrow and throughout the busy fall season!

Sincerely,

The FLX Chamber Team

2026 Membership Harvest Celebration: Event Reminders for Thursday, 9/24/26

A huge thank you to our generous host, **Climbing Bines**, our caterer, **Ace Automatics**, as well as our dedicated **Ambassador Committee** for all their hard work in planning the 2026 Membership Harvest Celebration!

We can't wait to celebrate with you **Thursday (9/24) at Climbing Bines located at 551 Hansen Point Road in Penn Yan!** Please see the important details and reminders below.



 Music by: **Brent Bond**
 Catering by: **Ace Automatics**

 Kids Corral (10 & Under) **Free!** Sponsored by: **The Boys & Girls Club**

 Under the Pines (Older Kids) **Fire Pit, Fairy Lights, & S'mores**

 **Harvest Pics** (Photo Booth) **Free!**

 **Cash Bar Available**

Back by Popular Demand:



We have our **Harvest Raffle** and **Silent Auction!**



Important Event Reminders!

- **Doors open at 5:30 (No Early Entry)**
- Please follow Parking Instructions
- **Pre-sale event only; must have existing reservations- no walk-ins!**
 - Please bring Ca\$h for the Member Raffle (No Credit Cards!)

- Venmo will be accepted
- **Credit Cards can only be used for the Silent Auction**
 - (variety of items at all price points this year!)
 - Buffet will open around 6:15

Please visit all FOUR Stations at the event!
(Silent Auction, Harvest Raffle, Kids Corral, & Harvest Pics!)

This Year's Menu!

5:30 - Appetizers:

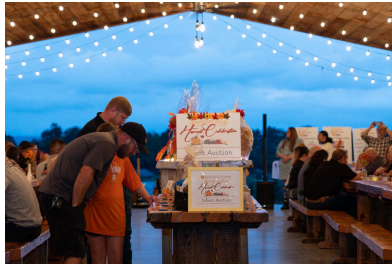
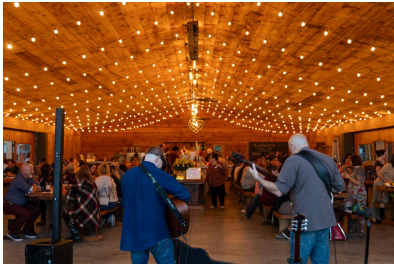
Veggies & Dip | Pepperoni, Cheese, & Crackers

6:15 - Main Course:

Pulled Pork | BBQ Chicken

Tossed Salad | Mashed Potatoes | Mac & Cheese

🍁 Assorted Desserts, Compliments of Wegmans, Geneva 🍁



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Member Milestone Celebration - NEXT WEEK!! Child & Family Resources



Join us for the **Child & Family Resources 50th Anniversary & Relocation**
Celebration on Thursday, October 1!

Celebrate 50 years of Child & Family Resources serving children, families, and child care providers throughout the Finger Lakes. Stop by their Open House for refreshments, drawings, a chance to meet the team, and a celebratory **group photo at noon!**

When: Thursday, October 1, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Where: Child & Family Resources
821 Pre Emption Road, Suite 300, Geneva, NY

Group Photo: 12:00 PM sharp!

Please RSVP to the Chamber by Monday, September 28:
info@flxchamber.com or 315-789-1776

Join us in celebrating this incredible 50-year milestone!

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50th ANNIVERSARY

50th Anniversary Celebration!
CHILD + FAMILY RESOURCES

Child and Family Resources has proudly served the Finger Lakes for nearly 50 years, supporting children, families, and child care providers through community programs, home-based family support, and professional training. Their new hub at 821 Preemption Road in Geneva features spacious offices, meeting spaces, and specialized rooms for supervised visitation, helping them expand their impact as they celebrate 50 years of service.

JOIN US for an OPEN HOUSE!

Celebrate 50 Years! Enjoy refreshments with a Celebratory Group Photo at 12:00 pm!

Child & Family Resources 50th Anniversary Celebration

- Open House • Refreshments • Drawings
- Group Photo @ 12:00 pm • Meet the Team

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CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCES
50th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
OPEN HOUSE



WHEN

Thursday, October 1, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Group Photo at 12:00 pm sharp



WHERE

821 Pre Emption
Road Suite 300
Geneva, NY



RSVP

info@flxchamber.com
(315) 789-1776

no later than Monday,
September 28, 2026



MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

RIBBON CUTTINGS • RELOCATIONS
GRAND OPENINGS • ANNIVERSARIES

Whether it's a Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening, Re-Opening, an Anniversary Event, or a Relocation Open House, the Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer this featured benefit to qualifying members to help provide additional exposure and awareness to your business!



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Register Now!

Businesses Join Us for the Above!

Children and families looking to learn more about available services are invited to join Child & Family Resources Saturday, October 3rd, for a fun, kid-focused celebration!

Click the image to learn more.



Up Next: October BAH Networking Mixer *Hosted by Finger Lakes Power Systems*

The FLX Chamber October BAH Networking Mixer will be held at Finger Lakes Power Systems on **Wednesday, October 14th, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 3333 Skyline Drive, Penn Yan.**

Finger Lakes Power Systems provides installation and service for solar arrays, battery energy storage systems, and automatic standby generators throughout the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Rochester, and Syracuse regions. Based in Penn Yan, the team specializes in both ground- and roof-mounted solar systems, with off-grid system design and installation among their specialties.

With well over a decade of specialized experience in generators, solar, and electrical systems, Finger Lakes Power Systems delivers turnkey solutions for residential, commercial, and agricultural customers. Their certified installation and service technicians prioritize safety, code compliance, manufacturer standards, and exceptional customer service, whether installing a new system, servicing an existing one, or helping clients upgrade.

Join us to learn more about Finger Lakes Power Systems and meet the team.

Learn More: www.fingerlakespowersystems.com

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
FINGER LAKES AREA CHAMBER'S

OCTOBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



What is a BAH Mixer?

Join us for a monthly networking event, or send your team to meet other members and business owners while promoting what you do! (Don't forget your logowear!)

To learn more, please visit: www.flxchamber.com

NETWORKING MIXER

(315) 789-1776 • INFO@FLXCHAMBER.COM



WHEN:

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

4:00 - 6:00 PM



WHERE:

Finger Lakes Power Systems

3333 Skyline Drive, Penn Yan



COST:

\$10 Members

\$20 Non-Members

We now accept Venmo! To avoid post-event charges, please prepay in advance or with cash or check at the door. Invoices from BAH Mixers will incur a \$10 per person charge, along with processing fee.



RSVP:

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ABOUT OUR HOST:

Hampton Inn and Seasons on Keuka Lake

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Join us to learn more about Finger Lakes Power Systems and meet the team. Learn More: FingerLakesPowerSystems.com



Included In The 2026 BAH
Season Pass Program
Don't forget to share a
Guest Pass with a friend
or colleague!



Made Possible Thanks to Our 2026 Annual Partners:



RSVP Today!

Member News & Updates
#MembershipMatters

Learn more about what our Members are doing throughout the region. Check out the featured news posts below or visit our website for more information.

****This is a benefit of being a member- if you'd like to see your news included, please email it to info@flxchamber.com****

NEWS & EVENTS



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Prince Spaghetti Day Fundraiser
 Presented by the Geneva Sons and Daughters of Italy

Wed. September 23rd
 Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Proceeds to benefit the Geneva Boys & Girls Club and OSDIA Charities

All the spaghetti you can eat, plus three meatballs, salad and bread
 Desserts will be available for purchase

**\$12.00 per person / \$8.00 ages 6-12
 Age 5 and under - FREE**

Geneva Lodge 2397, OSDIA
 31 Prospect Ave., Geneva, NY

Call 315-781-2242

Take Out Dinners Available

Presented by **GENEVA CONCERTS** **CELEBRATING 80 YEARS** **CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 12 FREE**

Garth Fagan DANCE

Celebrating their 55th anniversary season, Garth Fagan Dance returns to the Finger Lakes with revivals by Garth Fagan and recent works by Bessie award-winning team, Norwood "PJ" Pennewell and Natalie Rogers-Cropper.

Saturday, September 26 • 7:30 p.m.
Smith Opera House, 82 Seneca Street, Geneva
 Pre-concert chat at 6:30 p.m. with Artistic Director and/or members of the company

Tickets available at www.GenevaConcerts.org and at the door
\$35 Adult/Senior | \$10 College Student with ID | FREE Child through Grade 12 | FREE HWS Students
Also available at Stomping Grounds in Geneva (cash or check only)

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Our programs are made possible, in part, with funds from the Williams Family Foundation; the Wyckoff Family Foundation; Rotary Club of Geneva; and The New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

2026 FALL FESTIVAL

PICK'N PATCH 10am - 6pm Closed

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Pancake Breakfast Moonlight Maze Movie Night: Despicable Me Movie Night: Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown

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HWS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

VOLUNTEERING

- Volunteers work unpaid to benefit individuals or nonprofit organizations.
- Short-term commitments with specific duties
- Age-appropriate opportunities determined in advance
- No academic credit or employment contract
- Great for one-time or recurring service opportunities

SATURDAYS OF SERVICE

Email doashgs.edu for registration details.

SERVICE LEARNING

Service learning = teaching strategy that integrates community service with academic coursework, reflection, and learning.

Students will:

- Participate in service that meets an identified community need
- Connect their experiences to course content
- Reflect on their learning and civic responsibility
- Receive academic credit for learning and reflection

Community-Based Research

Semester-long collaboration focused on exploring an important community issues. Students work alongside a community partner & faculty sponsor

Students may contribute 10-15 hours per week through:

- Independent research
- Data collection & analysis
- Literature reviews
- Grant writing
- Community engagement

Dr. Allison Archibald, CBR Projects

Geneva 2030

Geneva 2030 connects people, ideas and resources to support the health and success of Geneva's children from "cradle to career"

Bilingual resources are available, including:

- Translation
- Event support
- Community engagement

Leadership Certificate Program

The HWS Leads Certificate Program helps students develop and refine leadership skills through:

- Leadership Theory & Public Speaking
- Leadership Workshops
- Values - Ethics - Philosophy - DEI
- Leadership Roles & Fieldwork
- 25 hours of experiential learning
- Capstone / Portfolio & Presentation

Learn More About HWS Leads

Have questions? We'd love to connect!

603 South Main St.
serve@hws.edu
leadership@hws.edu
geneva2030@hws.edu
 (315) 781-3825

The larger your beloved community, the more you can accomplish in the world. — Thich Nhat Hanh

30th ANNIVERSARY
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GENEVA

You are invited to the

30th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Andre Reed
 Pro Football Hall of Fame, 2014, and
 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Hall of Fame, 2015

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Club St
 86 Avenue E, Geneva, NY 14456

5:00pm VIP Event with Andre Reed (Presale only)
5:45pm Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
6:30 Dinner and Program
 Dress code: Smart Casual or Cocktail

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Susan.Tallasen@genevabgc.org or 315-759-6060 during business hours.

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ROK, Rochester, June 15, 2026 01:01:01

Civil War Day
Saturday, October 3
10 - 4PM

FREE!



Join the re-enactors of Reynold's Battery and the 148th New York Volunteer Infantry at Rose Hill Mansion for Civil War Day! Meet members of both units and learn more about civilian and military life during the Civil War. The first floor of Rose Hill will be open for a self-guided experience. Civilian and military re-enactors will be stationed inside portraying southern civilians whose plantation house has been seized by Union forces and the Battery commander who has set up headquarters in the house.

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Member Pay-to-Play Options

Need something a little extra to give your message a boost or to promote your business? We have a program for that and are happy to help! Check out our Pay-to-Play Member Programs below to give your business that extra exposure.



Window Display Advertising

This Member Program is ideal for members who are looking for additional advertising downtown. Take advantage of our busy downtown location by placing your ad in one of our office windows.

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Digital Marketing Program

Want to see your Ad in our next Newsletter?

The Chamber continuously sees a consistent 45-49% open rate on all of its digital marketing communications, more than double the industry standard.

Take advantage of our successful email marketing campaigns by placing your ad in our weekly e-blasts and/or monthly newsletter.

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Web Advertising Program

The Chamber now has a home page featured advertising option for customers to reserve monthly spaces under the "Member and Partner News" section. Spaces are available and on sale under three different rates.

Once you choose your level and month, we will work with you to design an ad, discuss the content you want to promote, and you will then have an inside page dedicated to your business's news or products on our site.

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A huge thank you to our Annual Partners!

Annual Partners are key stakeholders made up of valuable businesses throughout the region that we represent. These critical members support and participate in ALL major programming and events with their annual investments towards the services that the Chamber offers.

THANK YOU to these dedicated members for helping to strengthen our long-standing Chamber and continuing to make these valuable programs and services possible for all Chamber customers to enjoy and benefit from. **#ThankYou #MembershipMatters**



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The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is a private, membership-based organization with a sole focus of serving and representing its member businesses and organizations. As a primary benefit of membership, the Chamber generates awareness and provides exposure for its members by effectively promoting the people, property, products and services of each.

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