FLX Chamber hosts annual Membership Harvest Celebration

PENN YAN — The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2026 Membership Harvest Celebration on Sept. 24, to celebrate the Chamber's growing regional partners.

The event began in 2017 and has been held at different venues in the region. Due to the popularity and hospitality of last year's event, it returned to Climbing Bines Hop Farm & Brewery in Yates County for a second straight year. Evening festivities included live music from Brent Bond, an all-new menu with catering provided by Ace Automatics, a themed photo area, and the return of the Harvest Raffle and Silent Auction, which brought in record-breaking totals for the event's fundraising.

To make the evening even more welcoming for working families on a school night, the Chamber continued its promotion for kids 15 and under to attend for free and featured the popular "Kids Corral" area, managed by the professionals and staff of the Boys and Girls Club of Geneva to provide a safe, supervised environment with pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, and toddler playtime.

Attendees also enjoyed festive touches throughout the grounds, including beautiful floral arrangements donated by Sinicropi Florist and a unique tractor display set up by Champlain Valley Equipment.

The 2026 Membership Harvest Celebration was made possible by the generosity of the following sponsors: 2026 Promotional Sponsors Community Broadband Networks; Servpro of Victor/Canandaigua; and Cayuga Nation; Community Sponsors: Beginnings Credit Union; Champlain Valley Equipment; Empire Fiber Internet; Geneva on the Lake; JXE Tech; Lyons National Bank; New York Life; Rock Emergency Services; Seneca Lake Terrace; ServU Credit Union; Wadhams Enterprises; Wayne Bank; and Wegmans Geneva.



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FLX Chamber Harvest event volunteers and Chamber staff pose at the Photo Booth before guests arrived.

Programs and events, such as the Member Harvest Celebration, are additionally 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 Chamber also extended special thanks to this year's team of volunteers who assisted with the event or helped with the planning and fundraising efforts. They included event Chair Sabrina Buckley and volunteers Noah Bassette, Abby Hansen, Jeff Macharyas, Tina Morehead, Sarah Landreman, Darlene Ryan, Charity McCann and Laura Kennerson, and from the Boys and Girls Club, Heather Rolley, Madi Randall, Stephanie Annear, Stephanie Hessler and Ryanne Hughs.

"This year's Membership Harvest Celebration was officially our most successful yet, setting a brand-new fundraising record for the Chamber," said Chamber President Miranda Odell. "From our generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers to the amazing catering team and event venue, we would like to again thank everyone who came together to create something so special. Seeing parents network while their kids can also enjoy themselves in the Kids Corral really captures what the FLX Chamber is all about. We understand that family comes first for our business community, and being able to foster regional connections in a fun, inclusive setting is what sets our Chamber and our events apart."

In addition to the Chamber Cup Golf Tournament held each year in May, the Membership Harvest Celebration is one of two primary fundraisers that the Chamber hosts annually, providing proceeds to sustain and build upon the programs and services offered to member businesses. The next event for the Chamber will be the November Business After Hours Networking Mixer, which will be held on Nov. 18 from 4-6 p.m. at N-Hance of the Finger Lakes. Prices are $10 for members and $20 for non-members. Email info@flx-chamber.com to confirm reservations.

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.flx-chamber.com.

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