

**IMPORTANT  
DATES:**

- **Board Meeting**  
11/05/2020
- **Dinner Meeting**  
11/10/2020

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# Queen City Caller

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## Presidents Message - Connie Smith, ACSR, CPIW, FIPC

As I looked at my calendar and the final days of October, the leaves were changing and falling off the trees, the temperatures were changing, it's been raining and we had a record breaking high! Where has 2020 gone and what a year it's been!!! I don't want to rush time but I also want and hope for a better 2021.

We had a small and enjoyable dinner in October at Curly's and looking forward to our traditional Thanksgiving dinner and wine tasting at our November dinner meeting on November 10th. Please feel free to ask guests to attend our dinner. One of our changes in the Bylaws this year was that we will pay for a guest's meal if they were entertaining joining our Association. They can be guests twice and we will pay for the first meal and that means once – not once every year. Check the Public Relations article in the bulletin for donations that we will be collecting. We're looking to make December's meeting very entertaining.

As our crazy Western NY winter is slowly approaching us and we're not sure what it will bring, please make sure that your vehicles are tuned and ready, check the battery, it may still be feeling the heat of the summer, you don't want to be stranded anywhere. Change the oil, have the fluids checked and filled and rotate the tires. Keep a survival kit in your vehicle. Many of you may still be working at home and don't get out much during this pandemic but be extra careful when you do.

We are currently working on the Scholarship application question and plan on having it in the December bulletin. I'm still looking for an Education and Nominations chair. Another Bylaws change was having the Executive board serve a two-year term, so next year we'd be looking for two directors as we vote on two every year.

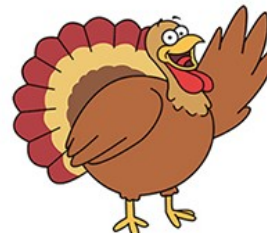
Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th @ 5:30 p.m., place to be determined.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Since we don't know what the rest of this year will bring us, I want to wish you a safe Holiday season. I know it's going to be difficult and you may not have the opportunity to be with family as you have in the past but please be safe and take precautions. I don't want to see things closed again and more fear and heartbreak in our lives.

Hope to see you all soon. Stay Safe and Healthy!

Connie Smith, ACSR, CPIW, FIPC  
President



# House Committee - Patsy Fuller, CISR

**Our next dinner meeting will be held at Curly's Grille, 647 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna NY 14218**

**When: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020**

**Networking and cash bar from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.**

**Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm**

**Cost: \$ 30.00**

**Menu:**

- **Regular dinner: Turkey Dinner with Mashed Potatoes**
- **Alternative dinner : Pasta Primavera**
- **Dessert: Pumpkin Cheesecake**
- All dinners are served with Garden Salad / Dressing selections / Rolls & Butter/ Coffee / Tea
- Please let me know of any dietary restrictions

**Reservations must be made by 10:00 a.m. on the Friday before the dinner meeting.**

1. **Email your reservation to [pfuller@lawleyinsurance.com](mailto:pfuller@lawleyinsurance.com) or call (716) 849-1543**
2. **If you want the alternate dinner option please note that at the time you make your reservation**
3. **Include your employer's name**
4. **If you are bringing a guest include their name, employer and their dinner choice**

**Permanent Dinner List: (email me if you wish to be added)**

Amy Timmerman	Kathy DeRousseau	Michelle DiMartile
Connie Smith	Robin Grzechowiak	Wendy Clemens
Jo Ann Decker	Sandy Patterson	Patsy Fuller

**FYI: Standing Rule #8A & #8B apply:**

**8A): Any member whose name appears on the permanent dinner list must advise the House committee of cancellation by 10:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding the regular Tuesday meeting.**

**8B): Anyone with a reservation for dinner who does not cancel by 10:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding the regular Tuesday meeting must reimburse the Association for the cost of their meal.**

**Please note:** I will respond to your email to confirm receipt of your reservation. If I do not respond within 2 days, please give me a call.

Nametags will be provided at the registration table. Please wear them during the meeting and return them to the table when you leave.

**Patsy Fuller**

**House Chair**

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## Safety - Katie Bratek

The trees are changing color, temperatures are dropping, and we're all starting to bundle up more. We are on the brink of flu season! An average of 5-20% of people will get the flu each year with around 200,000 individuals requiring hospitalization. It is important to take precautions this flu season. Your health will thank you!

A flu vaccination is the most effective way to prevent the flu. The vaccine is designed to protect against the flu strains health experts believe will be most widespread each season. The annual vaccination is recommended for individuals over the age of 6 months and highly recommended if you are pregnant or have chronic health conditions. Flu Mist, a nasal spray flu vaccine, is available as an alternative to the flu shot. It takes about two weeks after the vaccine for adults to develop the antibodies to fight the flu.

In addition to getting the flu vaccination you should also try to protect yourself from the germs that may be around you. Flu germs can linger for up to 8 hours on shared surfaces such as tables, counters, doorknobs, and faucets. Here are some tips to further protect your health:

- Wash your hands with warm, soapy water every time you shake hands or touch a surface that may be contaminated
- Carry hand sanitizer for time when you don't have access to a sink to wash your hands
- Disinfect and clean any surfaces that may be contaminated
- Do not touch your mouth, nose, or ears without washing your hands first
- Keep your immune system healthy by getting 7-9 hours of sleep a night, exercise, and eating a balanced diet
- Quit smoking. Evidence shows that smokers get the flu more often than non-smokers

Common flu symptoms to look out for include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, headaches, fatigue, and muscle aches.



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YOU Wobble!  
HAPPY TURKEY DAY!

## Public Relations - Lori Kozuch & Pam Eberhart

Gobble Gobble ladies! It feels wonderful to begin to see everyone again and hope you feel safe coming to our meetings which have resumed.

For the Month of November meeting we will be supporting **two** organizations:

**Rural Outreach Center** in East Aurora NY. This is the rural version of Buffalo Outreach. This not for profit organization empowers self-sufficiency among people living in rural poverty in Western New York. Services include Counseling, Play Therapy, Care Coordination, New Paths {furniture and appliance redistribution} and Community programs such as Back To School {backpacks, haircuts, and school pictures} and Winter Prep {new warm winter coats, boots and accessories for children}.

We are looking for *cash* donations. Checks can be made payable to: Rural Outreach Center

The other was for October – **Making Strides – Breast Cancer Support** –

Marlene Stallone has donated pink jewelry to *raffle* off with all proceeds to be donated to Making Strides Breast Cancer charity.



# Employment

## **Charles P. Faso Inc.:**

### **Commercial Customer Service Representative**

We are looking for Experienced Commercial Customer Service representative to handle day to day policy changes, quoting, inquiries and maintain customer satisfaction. Manage large amounts of incoming calls/emails for certificate requests, document all customer interactions, process customer requests and file the documents. Must have good communication skills (verbal & written), ability to multi-task, prioritize, and manage time effectively, high school degree. Possibility of working remotely.

Kim Faso Tucker  
Charles P. Faso Inc.  
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## **Lawley Insurance:**

### **Employee Benefits Underwriter - Buffalo, NY:**

This position will focus on financial analysis and contribution reports, coordinating client reporting, and working as a liaison between clients and carriers to negotiate rates when necessary.

### **Personal Insurance Account Manager - Buffalo, NY:**

This position will focus on consulting with clients on their insurance needs, cross selling and upselling coverage's, and quoting new business.

**Alicia D. Thompson, PHR** | *Talent & Human Resources Specialist*

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