Galin Gruttadaro and Daniel Utz are entrepreneurs that are in the process of renovating the building located at 2011 Ridge Road, Ontario. Future plans for the building include mixed use of apartments, professional offices or retail. Gruttadaro is fixing the exterior of the structure and plans to concentrate on the interior this winter. Included are before and after photos of the outside. The building is a major improvement to the Ontario Business Improvement District.

Mark Your Calendar…..

- **Oct. 22nd** – Ontario Chamber Annual Award & Recognition Dinner – 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner at Casey Park. RSVP by Oct. 9th to Chamber Office – 315-524-5886 – or email: Burola@ontariotown.org.
- **Nov. 4th** – Energy Symposium – Ontario Town Hall – Contact Ontario Public Library – 315-524-8381 for more information.
- **Network Ontario** – A business network group that meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at *New Location* - Union Hill Country Store, Ridge Rd. and County Line Rd., Union Hill. Contact Glen Cone if you would like to be a guest speaker to promote your business or local cause – for FREE. Glen’s email: glen.cone@axa-advisors.com. Check out the website: www.networkontario.org. Next Meetings: Oct. 7th and Oct. 21st.

The Ontario Chamber thanks Konstantinou’s Restaurant, 2030 Rt. 104, and Konstantinou’s Liquor, 2024 Rt. 104 Ontario, for hosting our wine tasting event on Sept. 2nd. Thanks, Pro, for your support! (Phone: 315-524-8238 or 315-524-3015, respectively)
Ontario Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Oct. 22nd – Annual Award & Recognition Chamber Dinner – 6:30 p.m. - Casey Park Office Building – Buffet Dinner catered by Union Hill Grill – Program: Geo-thermal heating/cooling presented by VanHee Mechanical, 6355 Dean Parkway. Businesses of the Month for 2009 will be recognized and Annual Awards presented. Cost: $12.00 per person.

**Open to the Public ** Please Plan to Join Us ** Come & Network** Many Door Prizes!

RSVP by October 9, 2009 – Your Check Is Your Reservation – Payable and mail to Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Annual Dinner, P.O. Box 100, Ontario, NY 14519 (Phone- 315-524-5886); email contact: Burolla@ontariotown.org

Buffet to include: Roast Beef Au Jus; Marinated Chicken Breast; Eggplant Parmesan; Roasted Potatoes; Garden Salad; Dessert & Beverage.

Door Prizes Needed – If your business would like to contribute a door prize or gift certificate for the Chamber Annual Dinner, please contact the Chamber Office at 315-524-5886 or email: Burolla@ontariotown.org.

Ray Cedruly, Vice President of the Chamber is coordinating the door prizes. He may be contacting your business in the near future. Your business will receive special recognition in the program. The Chamber appreciates your support!

www.ACTRochester.org
A website that provides community indicators for the Seven-County Greater Rochester Area.
125 Community indicators
Hundreds of charts, graphs, tables
Links to more than 300 community initiatives and resources
A 170 page website that brings it all together
Connect through polls, comments, updates & more

SBA Small Business ARC Loans Now Available!
On June 15th SBA offered small businesses a temporary new loan program called America’s Recovery Capital. “ARC” loans of up to $35,000 are designed to provide a “Bridge” for viable small businesses with immediate financial hardship – to keep their doors open until they get back on track. ARC loans are 100% guaranteed by the SBA and have no SBA fees associated with them. ARC loans are deferred-payment loans for profit small businesses that need short-term help to make their principal and interest payments on existing and qualifying business debt. SBA will pay the interest on ARC loans to the lenders at the variable rate of Prime plus two percent. More information: www.sba.gov or call 1-800 U ASK SBA

Welcome Back to our Renewing Members – Thank you for being so prompt with your dues!

Diane Romano, DPR Bookkeeping Services, 5152 Lincoln Rd., Ontario, NY; Ph: (315) 524-5444
Martin Yaeger, Yaeger Electric Co., Inc., 147 Rt. 104, Ontario, NY; Ph: (585) 265-1866
Frances Graham, Manager Brown Square Village, 2100 Brown Sq., Ontario, NY; Ph: (315) 524-7787

Welcome New Chamber Member

Joseph B. Huss, Huss Homes, PO Box 211, Ontario, NY Ph: (585) 748-5867
National Preparedness Month
by Susan Kastan, Kastan Consulting

September is National Preparedness Month, a month designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. While we are more likely to get an ice storm than a hurricane, a small amount of time and effort in planning now, can save anxiety and expense in the future.

For a business, a disaster planning guide, also known as a business continuity plan, can be an important part of surviving to be in business another day. Sadly, this planning is frequently put on the back burner to handle more immediate needs. An estimated 25 percent of businesses do not reopen following a major disaster, according to the Institute for Business and Home Safety. These major disasters are not limited to natural disasters. They include flooded basements from water main breaks, sabotage from disgruntled employees, loss of critical business information, and the loss of key suppliers to name a few. An all-inclusive plan includes topics critical to business such as employees, customers, suppliers, equipment, property, records, and insurance. To learn more, visit the Small Business Administration disaster preparedness Website http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/disasterpreparedness/index.html.

Individuals are also encouraged to prepare for and respond to natural and man-made disasters. The Ready campaign was started in February 2003 with a mission to educate and empower Americans to be prepared. It has since expanded to include a section for business, kids, and military families. The Ready Campaign encourages individuals to develop an emergency plan, create a disaster survival kit, and keep informed. For more information, visit http://www.ready.gov.

Take a few minutes this September and review your emergency preparedness plans so when disaster strikes, you don’t say, “In hindsight, we should have been better prepared.”

Susan Kastan, Kastan Consulting, joined the Ontario Chamber in 2008. She can be reached at (585) 734-0804 or susankastan@rochester.rr.com.

News From Optimax Systems, Inc.
6367 Dean Parkway
Beh Industrial Park, Ontario

Optimax joins the RRPC and MCC for DACUM

Optimax Systems, Inc., Ontario, NY, has jumped on board with the RRPC (Rochester Regional Photonics Cluster) as they join with MCC (Monroe Community College) to initiate a program called DACUM (Developing A Curriculum). This DACUM analysis is focused on creating a new optics curriculum at MCC and has recruited experienced technicians from the RRPC membership to help define the program. The goal is to develop a training program for advanced manufacturing technicians to build workforces that can compete in a global marketplace. The RTMA and the RRPC each sent 7-9 individuals to participate in a two day workshop to assess the knowledge, skills, tools, equipment, and worker behaviors necessary to perform the tasks needed for successful optics fabrication. Paul Wolf of Optimax was one of the experts that joined the team. The results of this panel are expected to provide superior results for local businesses.

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About Optimax: Optimax is a manufacturing company that provides rapid prototyping of precision optical components in sizes up to 300mm. Optimax specializes in Asphere, Cylinder, Sphere, and Plano/Flat optics. All parts are manufactured to customer-supplied specifications. Final inspection data is included with the optics.

If you would like your business highlighted in the Business Focus Column, please contact the Chamber Office at 315-524-5886 or email: Burolla@ontariotown.org. This is an opportunity to let other chamber members know about your business and what products or services you have to offer. Special discounts or coupons may also be offered.
Congratulations Go To…….

Cam’s NY Pizzeria, 2000 Ridge Road, Ontario (Ph: 315-524-3000) for being selected as Business of the Year for 2009 by the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club.

Pictured at left is Linda Wyse, Secretary of the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club and Neil Schmidt, owner of Cam’s NY Pizzeria, accepting the Business of the Year for 2009 Award.

Harvest Festival at Heritage Square Museum

The Ontario Historical Society will be hosting a Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2009, 12 noon to 4 pm at Heritage Square Museum located at Brick Church corners, 7147 North Ontario Center Rd., Ontario, New York.

Mini Farm Market – shop for apples and vegetables; Horsey Bingo; Western Wayne Art Group Sale; Wood Carving Demonstration; Bake Sale; Wayne Central Yearbooks from 1922 to 2003; Train Station Gift Shop – 10% Sale Oct. 3rd only; Ride the kids wagon; Meet and greet Labrador’s from Rudy’s Rescue; Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Beverages

Parking donation $4.00. Proceeds to benefit Heritage Square Museum. Sunday, October 4, 2009, 1:30 - 4 pm will be the last day for museum tours for the season. For more information or to schedule a private group or family tour by appointment contact Vera Graves, 315-524-4731 or Shirley Lockwood-Kushall, 315-333-5228 or visit our website www.heritagesquaremuseum.org.

Go to this address and make some friends and get connected!

www.rochesternetworkpartners.com

A meeting for the public is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 7 p.m. at the Ontario Town Hall Meeting Room, 1850 Ridge Road, Ontario regarding Wayne Central School District’s proposal of a “One Campus Concept” by reducing the three current elementary schools to one enlarged Ontario Primary School site. In addition, an inter-campus road will be built to reduce traffic congestion on Route 350. Energy efficient windows will be installed at the high school and a new concession stand with restrooms will be constructed between the athletic fields. A consolidated elementary school will allow all children in the Wayne Central School District to attend a state-of-the-art facility. Having the children together will allow for a consistent and balanced program.

The entire project including the new elementary building, improvements to the high school, an inter-campus road and a new concession stand will cost $49 million dollars. This will be paid by New York State Aid ($24,000,000), New York State EXCEL (Expanding Our Children’s Education and Learning) money ($835,000), Capital Reserve Fund ($15,000,000) and debt coming off the books ($9,200,000). This allows the district to complete the project without raising the tax rate.

This is your opportunity to obtain detailed information about the Capital Project and be informed before you vote!! This meeting is hosted by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

MRB Group, Ontario Town Engineers, Wins Gold Award for Town of Ontario GPS & GIS Utility Mapping

The firm announced it has received the 12009 Engineering Excellence Gold Award for the Town of Ontario GPS & GIS Utility Mapping. This award was made by the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC NY) following a judging of projects submitted for consideration in the Surveying and Mapping Technology category.

MRB Group developed a unique project approach to efficiently transfer knowledge from one generation to the next. The Town of Ontario’s utilities were GPS located to survey accuracy and then a GIS Viewer was designed to illustrate their locations along with several other digital layers. This innovative approach included using the latest survey GPS technology, scanning equipment, advanced project management and a fusion of the strengths of AutoCAD and ArcGIS software packages.

Wayne County Job Fair – Tuesday – October 27, 2009

The Wayne County Job Fair will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the Quality Inn, Route 88, Newark, NY from 1 to 5 pm. This Job Fair provides an excellent opportunity for you to meet job seekers for current and anticipated job openings with your company or organization. Over 400 job seekers attended last year’s event. You will be provided with a six foot table and two chairs. If you have other needs, such as an electrical outlet, please indicate them on the registration form. Light refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Please contact Karen Blankenberg, NYS Dept. of Labor (585) 258-8843 for a registration form. The registration form and fee of $99 must be returned by October 5, 2009 to Wayne County Business Council, P.O. Box 337, Palmyra, NY 14522. The Job Fair is co-sponsored by the following agencies: Finger Lakes East JSEC; NYS Dept.of Labor and Wayne County Workforce Development of Finger Lakes Works – Workforce New York, Wayne County Business Council, and Wayne County Economic Development.