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## NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: Clambake Hit 700 in attendance two years in a row!

OLEAN -- Officials at Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce have announced that the 40th Annual Chamber Clambake was a great success. The clambake was held Wednesday, June 11th, at Olean's War Veterans Park.

David Carucci, Clambake Chair, states, "The Clambake is a great kickoff to the summer with fun, food, music and prizes for our Chamber members and guests. The Clambake had another record-breaking attendance -- seven years in a row the attendance has grown. This year's attendance was **711** Chamber members and guests. Our members realize the event catered by the Old Library Restaurant guarantees great food and a wonderful time. The event is sponsored by the forty-one corporate sponsors. We also honored Carol O'Connell as a Lifetime Member. Carol is honored as an individual who is fully retired, has served as a board of director for the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and the former Olean Business Improvement Association, and has been involved in extraordinary service to the organization."

John Sayegh, GOACC Chief Operating Officer added, "Carol O'Connell has taken leadership positions in all the development and growth that Olean experienced in the last twenty-five years. She dedicated personal and professional time and effort in ensuring the reversal of the negative trend that the Greater Olean Area communities went through in the 1990's. Carol was an agent of positive change and she takes credit for improving the economic climate and conditions of our communities. Carol has served in leadership positions on many boards and committees including those of the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC). Carol O'Connell's biggest

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reward was the groundbreaking and establishment of Jamestown Community College – Cattaraugus County Campus – in Downtown Olean. Carol joins a handful of people who have received one of the greatest recognitions that GOACC bestows on an individual of Carol's qualities and caliber; Life-Time Chamber Member. We're grateful for Carol's service and successful accomplishments which will hopefully inspire other members of this great community to follow in her footsteps."

Chamber member, the Old Library Restaurant, catered the event. The restaurant served up Beef on Wyck, Clams Casino, Clam Chowders, Sausage Sandwiches, BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs, and BBQ Ribletts. The next event for the Chamber is the 6th Annual Rally in the Valley in August. For more information on upcoming Chamber events, please contact the office at 372-4433 or [events@oleanny.com](mailto:events@oleanny.com).

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