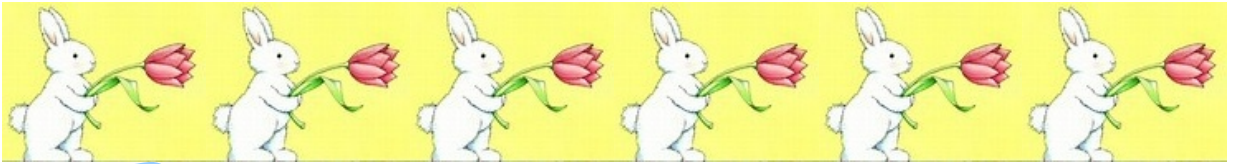
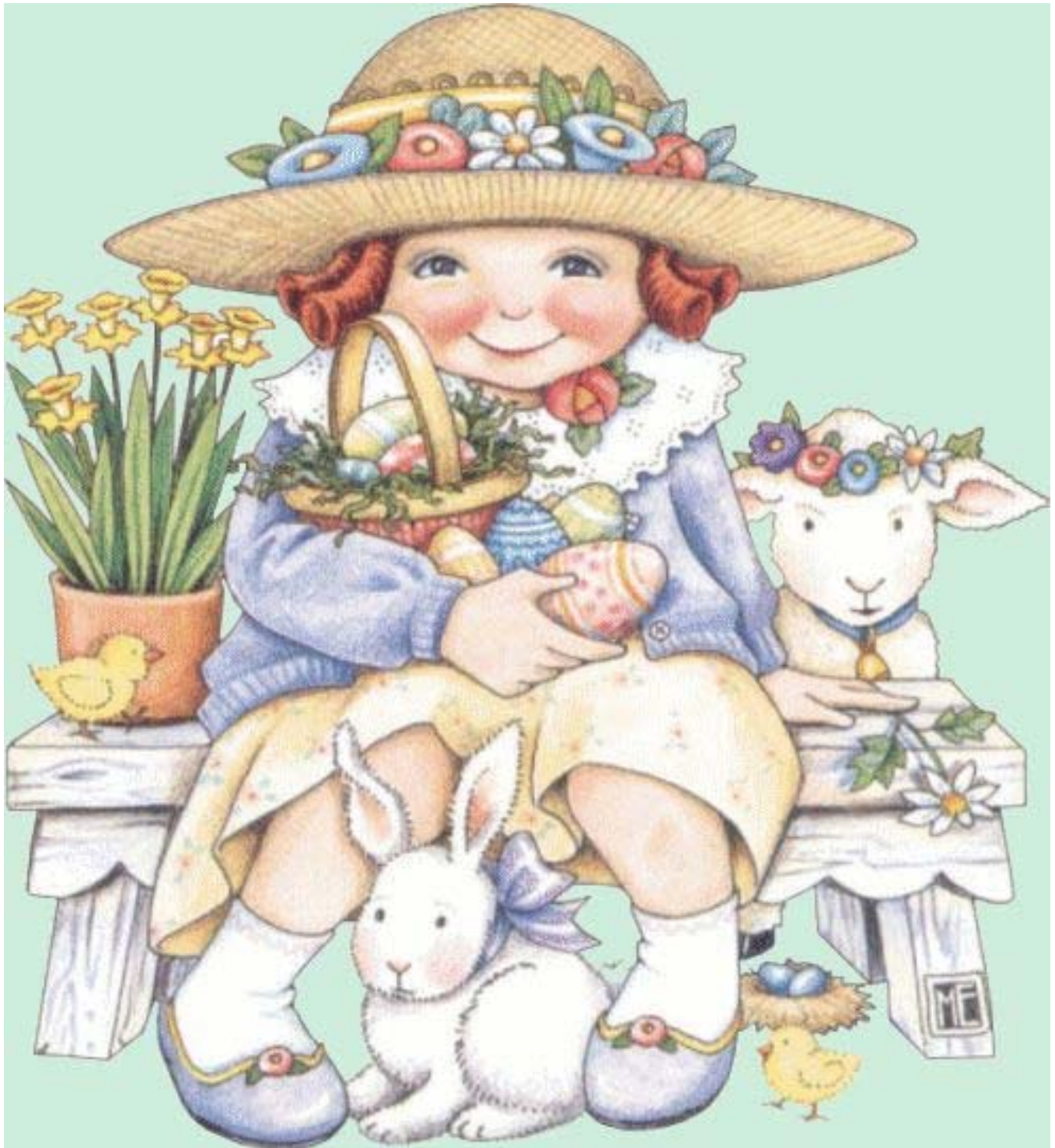


April 2017



# The Updowntowner



Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

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advances and promotes activities, events, and programs to involve its members and the general public in enriching the social, cultural, educational, commercial and residential life of the Syracuse Community.

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**General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

**A. Call to Order & Welcome**

**B. Reports**

1. President
2. Secretary – minutes of March meeting
3. Treasurer
4. Introduce new members and/or guests
5. Public Relations
6. Membership
  - a. Sunshine
7. Special Events
  - a. Upcoming Events
8. Programs
  - a. New Events
9. Vice President
  - a. Award for Excellence

**C. Unfinished Business**

**D. New Business**

**E. Membership Announcements**

**F. 50/50 drawings**

**G. Adjournment**



**2017 Chili & Chowder Cook-off Results**

**CHILI COOK-OFF** Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

1. Syracuse Suds Factory
2. Pen and Trophy
3. JR's

PEOPLE'S CHOICE JR's

BEST BOOTH Shaughnessy's

MISS CHILI PEPPER Syracuse Suds Factory

MR. HOT SAUCE Pen & Trophy

**CHOWDER COOKOFF** Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

1. Eleven Waters, Marriott Syracuse Downtown
2. Syracuse Suds Factory

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Syracuse Suds Factory

**WING WALK** Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

1. Liehs & Steigerwald
2. Otro Cinco
3. Clinton Street Pub

## Minutes: General Membership Meeting of March 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Bill Cooper and he welcomed all then read the Updowntowners' mission statement.

No corrections were noted to the February meeting minutes; a motion was made by Don Goulet, seconded by Vickie Holley, and the minutes were approved by the membership. Treasurer Ann Goehner reported balances as of January 31<sup>st</sup> as Checking: \$ and Investment: \$. There were no new members or guests in attendance tonight.

Under Public Relations, we will not be participating in the Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade this year as we have no good float idea and very few people available to march along. Bill opened for discussion the idea of planning a number of events for the summer months that might be funded with some of our investment money; these could be in place of doing any kind of funds distribution, but could bring some notice to the organization again. One might be doing a music series like Hanover Live only maybe using Clinton Square or another downtown location. We have also been asked to consider a Food Truck Rodeo, and Ann suggested that might be in conjunction with the City Market events that are planned by Bruce Block for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month on the plaza behind the Everson Museum. Len Kolakowski made a motion to gather ideas and create a list of possibilities for the coming summer. The motion was seconded by Vickie Holley. Approval for this use of investment funds would need to be by vote of the membership.

In Membership, the Meet Out/Eat Out dates for March are Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Brooklyn Pickle on Burnet Ave., Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Cowboy Saloon in Destiny USA, and Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Coleman's Irish Pub. In Sunshine, cards were sent to Sally Harrington's family to lament her passing and to Bill Cooper & family for the death of his brother.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton reported the following volunteer opportunities: Irish Road Bowling on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Onondaga Lake Park, the Syracuse Heart Walk is Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the SRC Arena at OCC; and the Downtown Committee's Earth Day clean-up is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at various sites around downtown; the Syracuse Jazz Fest on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at OCC. Diane also mentioned 2 wine-related outings that are not seeking volunteers: Canandaigua Wine Walk on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm - 7pm and the Finger Lakes Wine Festival on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Watkins Glen International Raceway.

Programs Director Josie Losurdo was absent. There were 1212 tickets sold for this year's Wing Walk. Onondaga County is not issuing year-long health permits anymore so we may have to apply for one for the Arts & Crafts BBQ in July, which in turn may trigger an onsite inspection for the first time in many years.

Vice President Don Goulet and Len Kolakowski will make a decision for the upcoming Award for Excellence shortly.

There was no Unfinished Business, New Business, or Membership Announcements.

In the 50/50 drawing, Bill Cooper and Ann Goehner had numbers drawn resulting in each receiving \$5.50. Motion to adjourn was made at 6:57pm by Don Goulet and seconded by Diane Knowlton.

### Now Open: Sugar & Company

Located at 121 W. Fayette Street

Sugar & Company, Armory Square's wine & dessert bar, is open for business! Formerly known as Bittersweet, Sugar & Company serves appetizers, salads, sandwiches and a long list of scratch-made desserts, complimented by a substantial wine list from around the world and a variety of draft beer choices.

**Monday – Thursday:** 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**Friday & Saturday:** 5:00 pm - midnight



### Now Open: Express Mart

Located at 324 W. Water Street

Express Mart Convenience Store is Downtown's newest retail business, now open at Creekwalk Commons, at 324 West Water Street. The fresh, modern industrial open floor plan includes a 25-seat deli, offering a variety of hot and cold subs, soups, salads and pizzas, as well as daily specials and hot breakfast sandwiches. This new concept for Express Mart showcases high-quality offerings available at everyday low prices.

**Monday - Friday:** 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Saturday:** 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:00 am - 4:00 pm





 <h1>APRIL 2017</h1>						<b>1</b> April Fool's Day
2	3	<b>4</b> <b>General Membership Meeting</b> 6pm, San Miguel Mexican Restaurant		6	7 Happy Hour- <b>?</b>	8
	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Hour- <b>?</b>	15
	17	<b>18</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 6pm Bill's house	19	20	21 Happy Hour- <b>?</b>	22 Earth Day Downtown Clean-up
23	24	<b>25</b> <b>MEET OUT /          EAT OUT</b>	<b>26</b> Newsletter Deadline	27	28 Happy Hour- <b>?</b>	29
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**MEET OUT / EAT OUT**  
**Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pascale's Italian Bistro**  
 at Drumlins, 800 Nottingham Road  
 Call Diane at 426-2880 for reservations

**VOLUNTEER  
 OPPORTUNITIES**

**Earth Day Clean-up**  
 Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Downtown Syracuse

**Syracuse Jazz Fest**  
 Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
 At Onondaga Community College

**I-81 Information / Ideas Wanted** (again)  
 The engineering group hired to conduct an independent study related to the I-81 project, is asking for **your input** as it dives into researching options for the future of the 1.4 stretch of the elevated highway that runs through Downtown Syracuse. The independent consultants, WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff, were hired by Governor Cuomo earlier this year. They want to hear about **social and economic concerns, potential neighborhood and/or business impacts**, and other **items of regional interest** that might be relevant in their research as they look at the feasibility of a tunnel, community grid, or depressed highway - or combination of a community grid/tunnel or community grid/depressed highway - as possible solutions for the aging highway.

WSP|PB welcomes any data, plans, studies, statistics, reports and other documentation related to research that has already been developed. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, April 7**. You may email [i81input@pbworld.com](mailto:i81input@pbworld.com), or send information to: WSP|PB, I-81 Input, One Penn Plaza 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10119