

The Updowntowner

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NEW YEAR
NEW MOMENTS
NEW ADVENTURES
NEW LESSONS
NEW MEMORIES
NEW CHALLENGES
NEW OPPORTUNITIES



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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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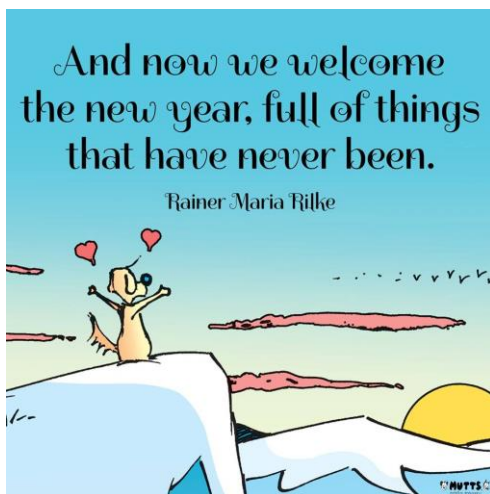
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General Membership Meeting

January 8, 2019

Maplewood Inn 5:30pm

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

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

C. Unfinished Business

D. New Business

E. Membership Announcements

F. 50/50 drawings

G. Adjournment



The Updowntowners generous donation for the 2018 toy drive yielded a total of 70 gifts, large & small for needy children. Your gift is more than just a toy it is a gift of hope, love, and joy.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, January 9th 6pm at Vito's Ristorante

Minutes: General Membership Meeting of December 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Bill Cooper.

No corrections were noted to the November meeting minutes; a motion was made by Don Goulet, seconded by Len Kolakowski, and the minutes were approved by the membership. Treasurer Ann Goehner reported balances as of October 31st as Checking: \$ and Investment: \$. There were no guests or new members in attendance.

The Budgets prepared for 2019 were reviewed: The General Operating Budget is exactly the same as for 2018. The Cook-off budget was discussed; it was written for just holding the Chili portion but Bill wants to do Chowder as well. The prize money was increased to reflect awards for 3 places, not just first. Distributing newsletters was discussed again & it was decided costs for that could be covered within the budget as written. Motion for both budgets was made by Don Goulet, seconded by Yvonne Russell, and approved by the membership.

Under Public Relations, Len Kolakowski offered an updated draft for the Updowntowners' brochure; some new suggestions for changes were made.

Break (6:29pm – 6:54pm)

Under Programs, Bill Cooper did a quick review of Syracuse Winterfest 2019 planning. The goal is to have printing of brochures & tickets done by February 1st.

In Membership, reminder was made of the annual Holiday Cookie Exchange to be held on Sunday the 9th, from 2pm – 6pm at Bill Cooper's house. There's a Meet Out/Eat Out at the Phoenix OTB (right by the exit from Rt. 481) on Wednesday, January 5th at 6pm. There was no new Sunshine.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton reported upcoming volunteer opportunities: Festival of Trees at Everson Museum of Art continues through Dec. 9th and the Gingerbread Gallery at the Erie Canal Museum, runs through January 6th.

Vice President Don Goulet had nothing to report.

In Unfinished Business, our Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be on Wednesday, January 9th; emails will be sent to each member with details. In New Business, January meeting will be held at Maplewood Inn beginning at 5:30 on Tuesday the 8th to accommodate those attending the Onondaga Ski Club meeting on the same night. Discussed what to do about Happy Hours since Ski Hawks ones are now being held on Thursdays; no decision made. There were no Membership Announcements. There was no 50/50 drawing.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:35pm by Don Goulet and seconded by Diane Knowlton.

Downtown Syracuse Awarded Nearly \$2.7M for Projects and Programs

Central New York was recently recognized as a Top Performer at the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Awards. Of the \$88 million totaled that will benefit our region, almost \$2.7 M will directly benefit projects and programs happening in Downtown Syracuse! Congratulations to our winning Downtown partners and friends!

Acropolis Development - Awarded \$800,000 for Jefferson Center Redevelopment (A rendering of which is pictured here)

CNY Arts - Awarded \$49,500 to install art in vacant storefronts and neglected spaces to bolster Downtown revitalization efforts.

Also awarded \$150,000 to market Central New York's array of arts, culture and heritage opportunities
Everson Museum of Art - Awarded \$49,500 to commission temporary public art and performance activity at Community Plaza

Symphoria & Musical Associates of Central New York - Awarded \$48,000 to help Rachmaninoff in Syracuse's masterclasses and demonstrations highlighting Syracuse's history as a cultural center

New York State Rhythm and Blues Festival - Awarded \$50,000 to present the 27th New York Blues Festival in Downtown Syracuse, bringing local, regional and national blues acts together

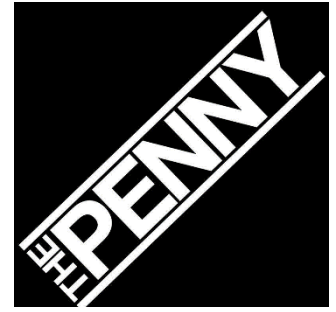


Syracuse Urban Partnership - Awarded \$1,000,000 to construct the mixed-use project (featuring a food hall, offices and affordable housing) planned for 484 South Salina Street

YMCA of Greater Syracuse - Awarded \$731,000 to go toward Downtown YMCA Revitalization including making residential improvements, improved facility access and improvements to the building's recreational space and infrastructure

Welcome Back, Penny Pub Located at 321 W. Fayette Street

The Penny Pub, located across the street from the Marriotts in Armory Square, has re-opened after a three-month renovation. Patrons will notice newly treated floors, new paint and more televisions. The bar will cater to a casual crowd where folks can come to watch a game or have a drink and chat. In addition to traditional cocktails and beer, patrons can expect more whiskey options and craft cocktails on the menu. The bar opens every day at 4:00 pm.



Window Wonderland Contest Winners

Throughout the holiday season, **25 businesses** turned their ground-floor windows into "**window wonderlands**" to celebrate the season and compete for **\$850** in awards! The contest was open to the community for voting, and a record **2,128 votes later**, the results are in:

1st Place: **Soup R Salads!** The popular lunch place, owned by Cheryl Hassett, garnered the top number of first place votes. One of the highlights of the display featured The Grinch riding in a sleigh! Soup R Salads takes the **top prize** with a cash prize of **\$500!**



2nd Place: **Pastabilities** earned second place (\$250) in the contest. The window display, "Gnome for the Holidays," utilizes gnomes in hopes of bringing joy and peace to those who may need a little extra hope this holiday season. Owner Karyn Korteling, whose daughter was in California during the tragic wildfires, says the gnomes symbolize "protectors of treasures."



3rd Place: The Changing Room **Kathie Morris**, owner of **The Changing Room** took home the top prize in the inaugural Window Wonderland Contest (2016) and defends her 3rd place title from last year (2017). The window display features mannequins Thelma and Louise with beautifully wrapped presents. Third place earned a cash prize of \$100.



Downtown Dining Weeks Dates Announced

February 18 - March 4

Next month we set the table for the 15th annual serving of Downtown Dining Weeks, presented by Visions Federal Credit Union! The most anticipated event of the winter, Downtown Dining Weeks kicks off on **Monday, February 18**. Keeping with tradition, dozens of downtown restaurants will serve three courses (or more!) at a special Dining Weeks price point. Building off a new addition introduced last year, restaurants will also serve three courses for lunch at special pricing.

JANUARY 2019		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Happy Hour- ?	5
6 Epiphany	7 MEET OUT / EAT OUT	8 General Membership Meeting 5:30pm, Maplewood Inn	9 Volunteer Recognition Dinner	10	11 Happy Hour- ?	12 Snowtubing at Four Seasons Ski Center 11am – 2pm
13	14	15 Board Meeting 6pm, Bill's	16 BOARD GAMES & CARDS	17	18 Happy Hour- ?	19 MEET OUT / EAT OUT
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 MEET OUT / EAT OUT	23	24	25 Happy Hour- ?	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Meet Out / Eat Out

Monday, January 7th at 6pm

Tully's

7th North Street, Liverpool

Saturday, January 12th at 9:30am

Friendly's

3275 Erie Blvd. East, Dewitt

Tuesday, January 22nd at 6pm

The Preserve

405 Spencer Street, Syracuse

Contact Diane Knowlton (426-2880) for reservations

Wednesday, January 16th at 6pm

Board Games & Cards

Taft Road Wegman's Café

Please contact Diane Knowlton (426-2880) for questions

Volunteer Opportunities

Gingerbread Gallery

Through January 6th
at Erie Canal Museum

Irish Road Bowling

Sunday, March 17th
at Onondaga Lake Park

Happy Birthday

Tom Bock - January 12th
Yvonne Russell - January 13th