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General Membership Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

1. President
2. Secretary – minutes of April meeting
3. Treasurer
4. Introduce new members and/or guests
5. Public Relations
6. Membership
 - a. Sunshine
 - b. Outings
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

IMPORTANT VOTE AT MAY MEETING

A proposal was made at the April General Membership Meeting to formulate a plan to use some of our investment funds for sponsoring an event or events done by another entity, which could still help our name get out in the public eye. Since this funding was not part of our General Operating Budget for 2017 (which was approved in December 2016), it is necessary to put the proposal up for vote of the membership. The idea would be to help fund more than on project that is consistent with our organization's purpose through the end of 2017. The Board is suggesting a figure of \$20,000 be made available, with the intention of \$5,000 maximum allowed for each event. At the end of the year, the plan will be reviewed and considered again for 2018. A motion and vote will be made at the May General Membership Meeting.

Syracuse Named The #1 Mid-sized City to Visit

USA Today named Syracuse the best mid-sized city in the Northeast to visit! The article applauded Syracuse for its cultural festivals and its large selection of excellent restaurants.

Syracuse was followed by Providence, Rhode Island; New Haven, Connecticut; Allentown, Pennsylvania and Stamford, Connecticut.



CITY MARKET

... a market designed for city life.



2nd Sunday, May - October
10am - 5pm
Everson Museum of Art
401 Harrison Street

100 Vendors
Antiques • Art • Crafts
Handmade Items • Food

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Downtown Living Tour
Saturday, May 20th

Syracuse Jazz Fest
Friday, June 9th & Saturday, June 10th
At Onondaga Community College

Ride & Run for the Rescue
Saturday, June 24th
at Long Branch Park

Dunk & Run - ARC Race
Saturday, September 9th
at Long Branch Park

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The 11th annual Downtown Living Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**. This year, the tour will feature seven tour stops, starting at the newly finished, Icon Tower.

- 1.) **Icon Tower**, 344 S. Warren St.
- 2.) **State Tower Building**, 109 S. Warren St.
- 3.) **235 E. Water St.**
- 4.) **Herald Commons**, 220 Herald Place
- 5.) **The Dietz Building**, 225 Wilkinson St.
- 6.) **Jefferson Clinton Commons**, 500 S. Clinton St.
- 7.) **The Chimes Building**, 500 S. Salina St.

The Tour will feature two Open Houses: **Ashley McGraw Architects** office space on the 15th floor of Barclay Damon Tower & **D-Train**, a new Doggie Day Care facility, to be located at 530 South Clinton Street. The new business, presented by Washington St. Partners, is projected to open later this summer. Plus **Regency Tower**, located at 770 James Street, as a Bonus Stop.

2017 Downtown Living Tour Preview:

The State Tower Building 109 South Warren Street

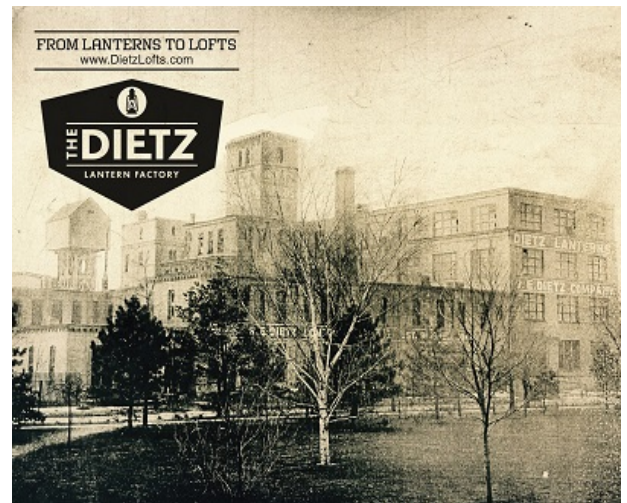
Built in 1927, the State Tower Building still holds the distinction of being the tallest building in Central New York. Its Art Deco design by architects Thompson and Churchill set a precedent for iconic buildings that followed - including the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building in New York City. The structure features a unique "wedding cake" design with floor plates decreasing in size in sections as the building rises and the exterior brick color transitions from darker to lighter to accentuate the building's height and elegance. Standing 315 feet tall, residents will be treated to unparalleled views of Downtown Syracuse.

Local developer Pioneer Companies purchased the building in March, 2016 with a vision of restoring the iconic structure to its original glory. In addition to repairing the masonry façade, upgrading the lower seven floors into class-A office space, and making significant structural and system upgrades, Pioneer will transform the upper 14 floors of the building to include 63 high-end residential units. Expected to be complete in October, 2017, State Tower residents will enjoy the comforts and conveniences of luxury city living. All units will be equipped with new, operable, historically accurate windows and original entry doors. They'll feature stunning vistas, modern layouts and deluxe amenities.



The DIETZ 225 Wilkinson Street

The DIETZ is a historic mixed-use building featuring 92 modern luxury lofts and commercial space. Located just outside of Downtown Syracuse in the Park Avenue neighborhood, the building once housed a lantern company by the same name. The family-owned R.E. Dietz Lantern Company was a national and international leader in the design and manufacture of portable lighting equipment for more than 131 years! At one point, the company was the go-to lighting source for the Boy Scouts of America and Emergency personnel. The company's talented crew was tapped to provide lighting for the Panama Canal Construction and the Railroad industry. The factory saw several renovations in its 130+ year history, including its 1904 expansion to include the Sunset Building, and its 1913 expansion to create the Sunrise Building. In 1969, Dietz employed about 550 people.



In the present-day, loft residents will enjoy a unique blend of history and high-style luxury in warming bricks-and-beams, 14' ceilings and tin clad fire doors that maintain the factory's charm. The "Sunrise Building" has warm brick and wood; the "Sunset Building" offers a bright interior with white painted brick and wood. Both buildings feature original iron wrought stair towers and huge daylight factory windows. The Lofts are a pet-friendly community located across the street from Leavenworth Park. There is also up to 50,000 square feet of Class A commercial space located on the first level with ample onsite parking. The DIETZ is expected to be ready for move-in early this summer.



311 Montgomery Apartments

Built in 1895, 311 Montgomery Street was originally designed for the Central New York Telephone and Telegraph Building. Designed by architect Henry W. Wilkinson - the same architect who designed the building that now houses the Onondaga Historical Association located next door - 311 Montgomery Street was one of the first commercial buildings constructed between the blocks of Fayette and Jefferson Streets. The property's connection to an early local communications company, plus the high quality of Wilkinson's architectural composition - which features decorative brick work and terra cotta ornamentation - has earned it a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. 311 Montgomery Street was given to the Onondaga Historical Association in 1906, which used it as a research and collections storage facility until 2005.

In the present day, the building remains a mixed-use property. The first floor is the home of the law offices of Lourdes R. Rosario, Esq. The second floor features an open floor plan ideal for residential or office accommodations, featuring a fireplace and one bathroom. On the floors above, there are four unique luxurious apartments, each tailored to a different living experience.



The Chimes Building 500 South Salina Street

The Chimes Building - which many Syracuse natives remember earned its name for the musical chimes that sat on top of it - was designed by Shreve, Lamb and Harmon, the same architectural firm that designed the Empire State Building in New York City. The Chimes Building opened in 1929, two years before the Empire State Building. Perched on the corner of South Salina and West Onondaga Streets, the building stands 12-stories high, adorned with modest Art Deco features. It was once one of the most prominent office buildings in Syracuse. When renovations are complete, the newly renovated Chimes Building will boast as many as 150 upscale apartments, featuring a variety of layouts. There will be a fitness center on-site, as well as a paved, secure parking area. A covered, secure bridge offers access to the parking garage located across the street adjacent to the Marriott Syracuse

Downtown. The new Centro Bus station terminal, located directly across the street, provides convenient access to public transportation.

Fun Fact: The Chimes rang every 15 minutes, and would play a short melody every hour, until they stopped working sometime after World War II. When you walk through the lobby of The Chimes Building on May 20, make sure to look for the mechanism!

Herald Commons 220 Herald Place

Herald Commons, the Official 2017 Living Tour Rest Stop, will introduce 27 new units this month. Horn Companies purchased the building in 2015, and has since transformed what was most recently office space into spacious, mostly two-bedroom units. All units blend a historic design with updated conveniences of modern living. Residents will enjoy stainless steel appliances, a gas stove, and pantries in the kitchen. Each unit also features a large multi-functional room (which may serve as a den, office or guest room), with a beautiful glass wall. On the day of the Living Tour, don't miss Interior Design by Morgan at China Towne Furniture in the exclusive top floor penthouse suite - unit #401!

Established in 1928, the building was originally built to print The Syracuse Herald Newspaper, which became the Syracuse Herald-Journal (when it merged with the Syracuse Journal) in 1939. The newspaper was printed there for more than 40 years. As a nod to the building's storied history, Horn Companies plans to install a replica of the iconic Syracuse Herald Sign on top of the building.



Minutes: General Membership Meeting of April 4, 2017

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

No corrections were noted to the March 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 February 28th as Checking: \$ and Investment: \$. There were no new members or guests in attendance tonight.

Under Public Relations, Bill again spoke about creating new events that would help bring some notice to the organization. He has called the city parks department and also spoke with Carol Fargo, promotions director for Dinosaur Radio, etc., about supporting events that we might do. Bill would like to try to combine an event that would draw people in with the patrons having an opportunity for some networking as well. Waterfront locations are always a good draw in the summertime. Len Kolakowski suggested we use some of our funds to sponsor an event or events done by another entity, which could still help our name get out in the public eye, such as the "Prom Night" being held at the former Hotel Syracuse in May. Approval for this use of investment funds would need to be by vote of the membership. If we came up with a viable project between membership meetings, we can contact members by email or phone to do a vote.

In Membership, the Meet Out/Eat Out for April is on Tuesday the 25th at Pascale's at Drumlins. There was no new Sunshine.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton was away on a trip. Volunteer opportunities noted in the April newsletter are the Downtown Committee's Earth Day clean-up is Saturday, April 22nd at various sites around downtown and the Syracuse Jazz Fest on June 9th & 10th at OCC. Also mentioned 2 wine-related outings that are not seeking volunteers: Canandaigua Wine Walk on Saturday, June 3rd from 4pm - 7pm and the Finger Lakes Wine Festival on Saturday, July 15th at Watkins Glen International Raceway.

Programs Director Josie Losurdo was absent. Bill noted that a problem arose for getting the grant money for last year's Hanover Live! as the grant application was written for Swingin' & Dancin' in the Square. Laurie Reed at the Downtown Committee will work on making the changes necessary.

Vice President Don Goulet announced that he and Len Kolakowski have decided to present the 2016 Award for Excellence to Amaus Health Services, which is located next door to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. They have yet to be contacted but the guys will arrange to meet with them shortly and hope to make the presentation later in April or in May.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business. In Membership Announcements, we viewed Don Goulet's photos from his trip to France.

In the 50/50 drawing, Don Goulet and Bill Cooper had numbers drawn resulting in each receiving \$ Motion to adjourn was made at 6:40pm by Don Goulet and seconded by Vickie Holley.













The Fish Friar Now Open!

The Fish Friar is now open in the Courier Building, located at 239 E. Genesee Street. It's taking a simple concept and ensuring everything is fresh and homemade. Diners can get skinless haddock, fried or broiled, shrimp po' boys or lobster rolls. Plates come with a choice of two sides, which include fries, roasted carrots, mushy peas or rice pilaf. All the salads and sauces are homemade and the breads come from Harrison Bakery. Hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 11am - 10pm; Friday - Saturday: 11am - 11pm; Closed Sunday and Monday

The Stoop Kitchen to Open in June

The old Stoop, located at 309 West Fayette Street, is expected to re-open early this summer as The Stoop Kitchen. Abigail Henson, who operated LOFO (on Walton Street) from 2012 to 2016 is teaming up with the Stoop's original owner, Eric Alderman to run the restaurant. Sarah Hassler, the sous chef at Veraison's Restaurant, part of Glenora Winery, has been hired to work with Henson and Alderman. The Stoop Kitchen's focus will be creating "hearty farm food" using locally grown and locally sourced ingredients. The menu will change every six weeks. Those who attend the MOST's "Tap Into the MOST" event on Saturday will be treated to samples, previewing some of the dishes. There will also be a soup kitchen element, as Henson and Alderman plan to donate a portion of their proceeds to a local charity each month. As a nod to The Stoop Kitchen's name (and seen in the logo) there will be a different pigeon dish on the menu every season.



	1 	2 General Membership Meeting 6pm San Miguel's	3	4	5 Happy Hour- ? Cinco de Mayo	6 
7 	8	9	10 	11 Meet Out/ Eat Out	12 Happy Hour- ?	13 Happy Birthday Vickie !
14 Mother's Day City Market	15	16 Board Meeting 6pm, Outback	17	18 	19 Happy Hour- ?	20 Downtown Living Tour
21	18 	23 Meet Out/ Eat Out	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 Happy Hour- ?	27 
28 	29 Memorial Day 	30	31	 2017		

MEET OUT / EAT OUT
Thursday, May 11th at 6:30
Delphia's Restaurant & Bar
 236 Genesee Street, Chittenango

Tuesday, May 23rd at ?
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Call Diane at 426-2880 for reservations

SAVE THE DATE:
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**UDT Annual
 ARTS & CRAFTS BBQ**
Friday, July 28th
 5:30 – 8:30 pm

**Genesee Brewing to float massive beer tanks
 225 miles across NY via Erie Canal**

The Genesee Brewing Company is preparing to ship 12 giant fermentation tanks from Albany to Rochester via the Erie Canal. The move is part of a \$40 million project to create "one of the most advanced brewing systems in the world" at Genesee Brewing's headquarters in Rochester, according to the company.

It is the final stretch of a journey that started 6,000 miles away in China, where the tanks were manufactured. The 225-mile journey is sure to create quite the spectacle as the 20-foot by 60-foot-tall tanks pass through cities and communities along the canal, and these are some tentative dates when you can expect to see them:

- May 12 - Tanks depart via Erie Canal in Albany
- May 15 - Tanks pass through Utica
- May 16 - Tanks pass through Syracuse
- May 18 - Tanks arrive in Rochester

The full list of stops and the complete schedule has not been released yet. A spokesperson for Genesee Brewing said that those dates could still change based on canal traffic and other factors. Associate Marketing Director for Genesee Beer, Janine Shoos, said that the tanks are literally too large to arrive by train or truck.