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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

General Membership Meeting November 6, 2018

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

- 1. President
- 2. Secretary minutes of October meeting
- 3. Treasurer
- 4. Introduce new members and/or quests
- 5. Board Elections-

President Secretary, Special Events, Membership

- 6. Programs
- 7. Membership
 - a. Sunshine
 - b. Outings
- 8. Special Events
 - a. Upcoming Events
- 9. Public Relations
- 10. Vice President
- C. Unfinished Business
- **D. New Business**
- E. Membership Announcements
- **F.** 50/50 drawings
- G. Adjournment

Volunteer Opportunities

Gingerbread Gallery

November 19th – January 6th at Erie Canal Museum

Festival of Trees

November 30th – December 9th (except not Dec. 3rd & 4th) at Everson Museum of Art

Liehs & Steigerwald Downtown Now Serving Gannon's Ice Cream!

Stop in for a scoop!

Liehs & Steigerwald Downtown is now serving Gannon's ice cream! Gannon's Isle Ice Cream is widely known for its delicious homemade ice cream flavors.



Minutes: General Membership Meeting of October 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by President Bill Cooper.

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

Under Public Relations, Len Kolakowski showed us the new brochure for the Onondaga Ski Club he worked on. It is designed to be generic with no information that can become outdated. He will see about changes to one for the UDT; Ann provided him a hard copy of one of our more recent versions. There were comments about the ½ page ad we ran in the Lights on the Lake program last year. We will not be doing it this year, as it generated only one inquiry.

Break (6:21pm - 6:45pm)

Under Programs, Bill stated we are trying to come up with a tagline or slogan for Syracuse Winterfest 2019; it will be the 35th year for the festival. Still hoping to find a new event/presentation the UDT could do/sponsor that would make a bigger "splash" for more visibility for the organization. We also talked about the possibility for a "meet & greet" event directed at the residents of downtown and other ideas to target businesses within downtown.

In Membership, no new Sunshine. There is a Meet Out / Eat Out on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd at Wegman's on Taft Road, Monday, Oct. 15th at Ophelia's Place East in Liverpool, Thursday, Oct. 18th in Liverpool, and Tuesday, Oct. 23rd at Olive Garden on Erie Blvd East. The Walk through Lights on the Lake will be on Tuesday, Nov. 13th and the Dog Walk will be the next night.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton reported upcoming volunteer opportunities: Halloween Irish Road Bowling on Saturday, October 13th at Onondaga Lake Park, Empire State Marathon on Sunday, October 14th, Zoo Boo from 10am – 3pm on October 20, 21, 27 & 28, and Festival of Trees at Everson Museum of Art November 30 – December 9. There will be information for the Gingerbread Gallery next month.

Vice President Don Goulet had nothing to report.

In Unfinished Business, Bill reminded members of the Board elections next month. There was no New Business or Membership Announcements. There was no 50/50 drawing. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:28pm by Diane Knowlton and seconded by Don Goulet.



FREE Walk Through - Tuesday, November 13th

FREE Dog Walk Through - Wednesday, November 14th

Thursday, November 15, 2018 - Sunday, January 6, 2019 5:00PM - 10:00PM

Discount Advance Sale Tickets are available until November 14 at all area Wegmans for \$6 per car Monday-Thursday; \$15 per car Friday-Sunday.

Now in its 29th year, Lights on the Lake is a two-mile long DRIVE-THRU show featuring:

Towering Holiday Displays Larger-than-Life Land of Oz Twinkling Fantasy Forest

Colorful Section Arches Fairytale Magic Grand Finale Memorable Animated Scenes

New for 2018-19: All new North Pole Station featuring a Santa steam engine, colorful railroad stop with an animated elf driving the train.



Downtown Bars & Restaurants Monday, Nov. 5th – Friday, Nov. 9th

Monday, November 5

Beer Trivia with Middle Ages at Kitty Hoynes, 8pm

Wednesday, November 7

Kittys Hop Fest at Kitty Hoynes, 7pm, Enjoy live music, several new IPA's on tap, and a meet & greet with the brewers.

Annual Great Lakes Christmas Party at The Blue Tusk,, 7pm; the release of seasonal Great Lakes Brewing Company Christmas Ale.

Tap Takeover at The Evergreen

Thursday, November 8

Kittys Hop Fest at Kitty Hoynes, 7:00 pm. Enjoy live music, several new IPA's on tap, and a meet & greet with the brewers.

Friday, November 9

Lobster rolls, lobster specials and Maine Beer Company drafts at Kitty Hoynes, 11am - gone **Guinness Black Friday Celebration** at Kitty Hoynes, 2pm - close

The first 100 customers will get Guinness Family Pints and a gift bag for \$4. Oysters will be available for \$1 each, starting at 3:00 pm until gone. Enjoy live music from Tommy Connors from 4pm to 7pm, and then again from 9pm to 12:30am.

New York State Beer Night at The Evergreen

All week long, stop by Kitty Hoynes and enter for your chance to win airfare for two to Ireland! The Pub will also have daily banger (Irish sausage) specials in honor of the 5th Annual Beer & Banger Fest. Make sure to pick up your Kitty Hoynes Syracuse Beer Week 2018 commemorative glass while you're there!



Help Name Downtown's Public Market & Food Hall Take the survey!

One of the projects discussed at this morning's Progress Breakfast was the Allyn Family Foundation's Food Hall and Public Market at 484 South Salina Street. The multi-floor building will include offices, apartments and a public market with groceries, food stalls, and a cafe/bar. The Allyn Family Foundation needs *your* help to select a name for the building. Go to https://www.surveymonkey.com to vote on four names that are currently being considered or write in your own name suggestion.

Welcome to Downtown

New startup specializing in app-based lawn care and plowing services



Downtown's newest startup, Plowz & Mowz, helps match homeowners with snowplow drivers and landscapers through a mobile app that works like Uber or Instacart. The company recently moved from Manlius to an 8,000 square foot office in the AXA Towers on Madison Street. Plowz & Mowz currently employs 38 people, and plans to hire 22 more by April, including digital marketing, customer service, finance and operations positions. The company was founded in 2013 by Syracuse University graduates Wills Mahoney and Andrew Englander. Plowz & Mowz now runs in 20 cities and plans to provide services to an additional 10 cities by next year.

New Brewery Opening in February at Creekwalk Commons

Talking Cursive will open at 301 Erie Blvd. West

It will be the 4th brewery in Downtown Syracuse when it opens in February in the Creekwalk Commons building, across from National Grid. The brewery will start with 15 taps (including its own brews plus other New York craft beers) and a limited food menu, including items such as charcuterie plates, baked potatoes and ale-braised hot dogs. The brewhouse will have nearly the same capacity as Empire's Armory Square brewpub.







TCGPlayer.com Adding Pirate Ship to Fun New Office in The Galleries

Expects to move in at the end of next month

TCGPlayer.com is adding a two-story pirate ship to its new office space in The Galleries, and it will be visible from Warren Street. The ship will feature workstations and serve as "mission control" for the company's marketing and design team. The ship's base will be "anchored" to the first floor along a carpeted "sea" of water, with its mast extending to the second floor. The ship is the latest addition to plans that already call for a Star Wars, Harry Potter and Super Mario themed meeting rooms, and a giant dragon. Right now, construction crews are almost done creating a castle concierge and reception area. TCGPlayer.com, an online marketplace for new and used collectible card games, is expected to move its headquarters to the Galleries by the end of November. Currently, the company employs 230 people, and plans to hire 168 more employees in the next five years.

34 New Apartments Planned for Former Nynex Building

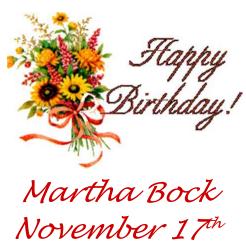
In total, 214 apartments, and 20,000 square feet of retail space planned

As construction continues at the former Nynex building, plans for the project have changed, calling for 214 apartments (up from the 180 that were originally proposed). Retail space is proposed for the first floor but plans for office space (originally set for the second and third floors) have been omitted.

Established in 1970, the building located at 300 East Washington Street, has been vacant since 1995. Construction started in May. So far, crews have ripped off the glass exterior, demolished the interior, and removed asbestos. The cost of the project is now estimated at \$35 million, \$8 million less than originally projected.



November 2018				Happy Hour- Justin's Grill 6400 Yorktown Circle, E. Syracuse	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 Board Games & Cards	General 6 Membership Meeting 6pm at San Miguel's Election Day	7 Meet Out / Eat Out	*	9 Happy Hour- ?	10
Veteran's Day	Veteran's Day (Observed)	Walk thru Lights on the Lake	Dog Walk thru Lights on the Lake	15 Meet Out / Eat Out	16 Happy Hour-?	17
18	19 Meet Out / Eat Out	Board Meeting 6pm at Bill's	21	22 Thanksgiving	Happy Hour- ? Downtown Tree Lighting	24
25	26	27 Meet Out / Eat Out	28	29	30 Happy Hour-?	



Board Games & Cards

Monday, November 5th
meet at 6:00pm
at Wegman's
4979 W Taft Road, Liverpool

Meet Out / Eat Out

Wednesday, November 7 - meet at 6:00 at **Storming Crab**, 2841 Erie Blvd E., Syracuse. Seafood boils, crab legs, crawfish, corn, potatoes, shrimp, lobster and muscles. Bibs and gloves are provided. No plates - just buckets. Try this new & different.

Thursday, November 15 - meet at 6:00 at **Angry Garlic**, 29 Oswego Street, Baldwinsville to try this new experience with garlic.

Monday, November 19 - meet at 6:00 at **Trapper's Pizza & Pub**, 5950 Butternut Drive, E. Syracuse.

Tuesday, November 27 - meet at 6:00 at **The Preserve**, 405 Spencer Street, Syracuse. Try out this new restaurant right by the creek walk. If it's cold outside, warm up by the fireplace.

Call Diane Knowlton at 315-426-2880 for reservations