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**“Loyalty to country ALWAYS.
Loyalty to government, when it deserves it.”**

– Mark Twain, American author

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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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**Don't forget the
Arts & Crafts BBQ
Friday, July 28th**



**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

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

C. Unfinished Business

D. New Business

E. Membership Announcements

F. 50/50 drawings

G. Adjournment



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Onondaga Cup
& Lakefest**

July 22nd & 23rd
at Onondaga Lake Park

Brew at the Zoo

Friday, August 4th
at Rosamund Gifford
Zoo

**Dunk & Run
- ARC Race**

Saturday, September 9th
at Long Branch Park



↖ ↗ Two shots of our
sponsorship banner at
the Winds of Cold Springs
Harbor Marina tiki beach stage
(site of our Happy Hour on July 21st)

Minutes: General Membership Meeting of June 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President Bill Cooper and he read the UDT mission Statement.

No corrections were noted to the May meeting minutes; a motion was made by Tim Wright, seconded by Yvonne Russell, and the minutes were approved by the membership. Treasurer Ann Goehner reported balances as of the end of April as Checking: \$ and Investment: \$ There were no new members or guests in attendance tonight.

Under Public Relations, with the approval last month of extra promotions funds, we have contracted to sponsor the stage at the Winds of Cold Springs Harbor Marina for the summer and fall. The cost was \$2,000; the stage is used up to five times per week depending on the weather. We also placed an ad similar to the one used for the placemats earlier this year (for \$) on their menus available at the Tiki Bar. The UDT website was shut down when the storage fee payment was one day late. Bill says he can see the files are still there but needs someone with knowledge on how to connect them.

Vice President Don Goulet reported that he and Len Kolakowski plan to present the 2016 Award for Excellence to Amaus Health Services at 2pm on Wednesday, June 14th. They had some options for the wording on the plaque; version C was selected. The health center provides services for the uninsured, physicals for job applicants, has a dental clinic & some pediatric services. It is open 2 days per week and all the staff are volunteers.

Break (6:15 – 6:35)

In Membership, the Meet Out/Eat Out for June is Barado's on the Water in Brewerton on Tuesday the 27th. The annual Strawberry Social at the Onondaga Yacht Club is on Monday, June 19th, from 6pm-9pm, tickets \$7; with entertainment by Ann Barnes.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton was away on a trip. The following volunteer opportunities were noted: Syracuse Jazz Fest on June 9th & 10th at OCC; and Ride & Run for the Rescue on Saturday, June 24th; Dunk & Run – ARC Race on Saturday, September 9th at Long Branch Park. There are also 2 wine-related outings (not volunteer opportunities): 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; plus Liverpool Brewfest at Sharkey's on Friday, August 11th, 5pm-9pm.

Programs Director Josie Losurdo was absent. The Arts & Crafts BBQ will be held on Friday, July 28th. We will need as many members as are available to volunteer that night.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business. In Membership Announcements, Tom Bock has taken the plunge into retirement as of last Friday. The July General membership Meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, July 11th due to the 4th of July holiday.

In the 50/50 drawing, Yvonne Russell and Ann Goehner had numbers drawn resulting in each receiving \$7. Motion to adjourn was made at 6:52pm by Tim Wright and seconded by Yvonne Russell.

New Agreement Will Expand Downtown Security & Maintenance

Mayor Stephanie Miner announced a new agreement with the Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (SIDA) to support evening and weekend security operations, as well as additional environmental maintenance staff for the Downtown Committee of Syracuse - recognizing that Downtown Syracuse has become a 24/7 neighborhood. The \$213,000 agreement includes funding to hire security patrols during the evenings and weekends, as well as additional environmental maintenance crew members, who ensure Downtown's public spaces are attractive, clean and accessible for Downtown residents, employees and visitors. The agreement also includes funding for additional security cameras, which will be wired directly into existing Syracuse Police Department cameras. With the residential occupancy rate holding steady at 99 percent, Downtown Syracuse is home to 3,500 residents and counting. Downtown has also experienced significant commercial growth in recent years, as major employers such as O'Brien and Gere, Arcadis, and SUNY Upstate Medical University's Finance and IT Departments have relocated operations to Downtown Syracuse.





Coming Soon: The PressRoom Pub

Herald Commons, located at the corner of Franklin Street and Herald Place, was once the home of the Syracuse Herald-Journal newspaper, and will soon debut a bar and restaurant named for the former newspaper. The PressRoom Pub will be complete with 90-inch televisions, 9-ounce burgers, outdoor seating and more than 100 **parking spaces** for customers! The menu itself is still under construction, but the build-out is almost complete. Once open, the restaurant can accommodate as many as 170 diners, plus a private party room. Customers will enjoy small reminders of the Herald newspaper incorporated into their dining experience, such as the large crane above the bar that once carried newspapers.

State Tower Now Leasing for Fall 2017

63 luxury units with unique layouts available

Built in 1927, the iconic State Tower Building still holds the distinction of being the tallest building in Central New York. Now, you have a chance to call it home. Pioneer Companies is transforming the upper 14 floors of the building to include 63 high-end residential units, expected to be complete by October. Residents of State Tower will enjoy the comforts and conveniences of luxury city living. The apartments include a mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units ranging from 600 to 2,000 square feet. Each unit features a washer and dryer, solid surface countertops, tile and hardwood flooring, wood cabinetry and energy-efficient appliances. There are ample amenities to complement the stunning vistas and modern layouts, including a workout facility and attached parking garage.

Local developer, Pioneer Companies, purchased the State Tower Building in March, 2016 with a vision to restore the iconic structure to its original glory. In addition to creating residential units, Pioneer is making significant structural and system improvements, working to repair the masonry façade and upgrade the first seven floors into class-A office space.



Marriott Syracuse Downtown To Add More Rooms & New Restaurant

The Marriott Syracuse Downtown will add 54 guest rooms to its 2nd, 3rd and 11th floors, plus a new steakhouse on the 1st floor. The renovations were left unfinished to speed up the hotel's grand opening date due to high demand. Owner Ed Riley plans to have the rooms and restaurant complete by March of 2018 when 80,000 visitors are expected to arrive for the U.S. Bowling Congress' Open Championships at the Oncenter.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Happy Birthday USA	5	6	7 Happy Hour- ?	8
9 City Market	10	11 General Membership Meeting 6pm	12	13	14 Happy Hour- ?	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 6pm @ Bill's	19	20	21 Happy Hour- Winds at Cold Springs Harbor Marina	22
23	24	25 Meet Out / Eat Out	26	27	28 Arts & Crafts BBQ	29
30	31	August 1	2	3	4	5