



## December 2023 Newsletter

### Letter from Our President

Happy holidays everyone! As my last "Letter from the President" before the end of my term, I just wanted to take some time and say thank you. Over the last couple years, I have had an amazing opportunity to work with some incredible people, especially on the Board of Directors. There has been quite the uphill battle over the last few years to get the chamber back into its former glory after COVID. Since then, we have had to not only get our membership back up, but re-build our website, make everything more user friendly, re-brand ourselves, and bring our social media more up to date, all while setting these things up for even more future growth. We would have accomplished none of those things without the team of board members that we have had both in the past and currently. These people care so much about not only the successes of their own businesses, but the successes of the Chamber, and even more the successes of our members and it absolutely shows. Along the way I would often get teased for setting several very lofty goals for the board. Most of them were lofty enough that most of us saw right through my little strategy of "shoot for the moon at least you'll land among the stars". However, the problem was, most of the time they weren't lofty enough because they exceeded my silly goals every time! I cannot express enough how much I appreciate and am proud of all these board members and chamber members I have had the opportunity to work with both past and present.

I cannot wait to celebrate with you all at the holiday luncheon. We will be voting there for our future board, but if that doesn't excite you, the lunch

there is always well worth the visit. If you are not already getting emails from us, or following along on Facebook or LinkedIn, I would strongly suggest correcting that this month. Meagan works very hard to make sure everyone has all the updates on our upcoming events, and with the holiday hustle I don't want any of you to miss out on anything the chamber has to offer this month. Happy Holiday everyone and thank you for all your hard work and participation this year.

See you soon,

Brian Stinson  
Edward Jones  
GCCC President

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## **2024 Chamber Directory**

We are working on our 2024 Directory. We ask that you please log into your Chamber account through our website and ensure all contact information we have for your business is accurate. This is the information we will be using when publishing the directory.

If you are interested in advertising in next year's directory, the pricing is below. You can pay for your ad online here-

[www.camilluschamber.com/event-5484326](http://www.camilluschamber.com/event-5484326)

1/8 Page Ad- \$75 per year

1/4 Page Ad- \$125 per year

1/2 Page Ad- \$225 per year

Full Page Ad- \$275 per year

**December 15th is the deadline for all changes to your directory listings and ad orders.**

## **2024 Directory Photo Contest**

Do you have a favorite photograph of the greater Camillus area that may make a good cover for our 2024 Member Directory & Buyers' Guide? Email your photo to [greatercamilluschamber@gmail.com](mailto:greatercamilluschamber@gmail.com) by December 31st! Please be sure to provide a description of the photo.

The winning photographer will earn bragging rights and a \$50 GCCC gift certificate! And of course your photo will be featured on the cover our our 2024 Directory & Buyers Guide!

## **Business of the Year/ Citizen of the Year**

If you have not had a chance to get on the website and nominate your candidates for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year, there's still time to do so!

Nominate Business of the Year- [www.camilluschamber.com/Nominee-Business-Person-of-the-Year](http://www.camilluschamber.com/Nominee-Business-Person-of-the-Year)

Nominate Citizen of the Year- [www.camilluschamber.com/page-18185](http://www.camilluschamber.com/page-18185)

We will also have nomination forms at the holiday luncheon for you to fill out if you do not want to make a submission online.

## **Ugly Sweater Contest at our Holiday Luncheon**

This year we are going to be having an ugly sweater contest! If you'd like to participate, just break out your best ugly holiday sweater and wear it to the luncheon on Friday, December 8th. The lucky winner will take home a holiday basket valued at \$75+ donated by The Help by Maryanne.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the event, and your fun holiday sweaters! More information on the luncheon can be found below under "Upcoming Events."



## **Leads Breakfasts in 2024**

As we have mentioned over the last few months, beginning in January we will be requiring pre-payment for our monthly Leads Breakfasts. You will be able to pay at the time of registration online. The cost will be \$10. You will also be able to register more than one person- please email the chamber with the name of your additional guest(s) if you will be registering more than just yourself.

We will still be offering a 50/50 raffle ticket option for \$1 the day of.

We thank you for your understanding as we transition into this new registration process for these monthly events.

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## Our December Business of the Month is...



### **Synple est 2014**

Owner Kelly Landau started her business as Little Letter Shop which focused mainly on stationery and paper goods. Her desire grew to incorporate an eclectic mix of clothing, gifts, accessories and home decor. Along with her stationery, Landau curates items that are unique and reflect a personal sense of self. Founded in Camillus, New York in 2014, SYNPLE is committed to bringing their customers a personal experience. To learn more, visit their website: [www.shopsynple.com](http://www.shopsynple.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### **December 8th- Holiday Luncheon/End of Year Meeting**

If you have not registered for our Annual Holiday Luncheon/ End of Year Meeting, please do so ASAP! **The last day to register is Monday, December 4th!** The luncheon will be held on December 8th at the Inn Between (2290 West Genesee Turnpike, Camillus), starting at 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per person. Registration is open through December 4th. You can sign up and pay right on the Chamber website at [www.camilluschamber.com/event-5432024](http://www.camilluschamber.com/event-5432024)

There will be some important items being discussed and voted on at the luncheon.

### **2024 Board of Directors**

After lunch, we will be voting on our incoming 2024 Board of Directors. We have been fortunate to have Brian Stinson lead our organization as President for the last two+ years, and Maryanne Dowling assist with many things as our 1st Vice President. They have been valuable assets to our board and Chamber. We are sad to see their terms for each position come to an end, but we are so thankful for the help they have provided throughout the duration of their positions. We have two candidates for these open positions in 2024, both of which are current board members. After a few changes this year, some additional seats on the board have opened up as well.

You can view the voting ballot here- [2024 Chamber Ballot.pdf](#)

Interested in learning more about those on the 2024 Board of Directors Voting Ballot? You can find their bios here-[2024 Board Member Bios.pdf](#)

### **Greater Camillus Chamber of Commerce Bylaws**

We have made some revisions to our bylaws. Please review them here- [Bylaws with Logo 11 23.pdf](#)

### **Annual Scholarship Donations**

We will have a donation box for anyone who is feeling in the giving spirit this holiday season and would like to make a donation to the Annual Chamber Scholarship. Any contribution helps and is greatly appreciated!

### **December Monthly Leads Breakfast**

**Hosted by: Cam's Pizzeria on December 13th**

Breakfast will be hosted at Cam's Pizzeria (112 Kasson Road, Camillus)

Breakfast starts at 8, please arrive by 7:45 so we can get started on-time.

Breakfast is \$9 and we doing a 50/50 raffle after the breakfast- tickets for the raffle are an additional \$1.

Be prepared to promote your business with your one minute elevator pitch.

Please RSVP by 12/8/202- you can do so online here- [www.camilluschamber.com/event-5469606](http://www.camilluschamber.com/event-5469606)

### **December 19th- Coffee Talks**

This is an informal networking opportunity held at Syracuse Wineworks (3787 Milton Ave., Camillus) the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8am. Bring the beverage of your choice and come chat with fellow business people on a more personal level.

Want to discuss how to be more involved in the Chamber? Want to host a Chamber event? There are at least 2 Board members at every Coffee Talks that you can chat with!

You can RSVP online here- [www.camilluschamber.com/event-5504814](http://www.camilluschamber.com/event-5504814)

We hope to see you there!





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## Recent Events

### Blake Jewelers Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

We helped one of the newest businesses in our community celebrate their grand opening with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, November 4th. Blake Jewelers opened their first location in NY in Township 5. They offer unique, authentic jewelry at an affordable price. They've got some great holiday specials going on, so make sure you stop in and check them out! [www.blakejeweler.com/](http://www.blakejeweler.com/)







## **Last Shot After Hours**

We had a great time at our After Hours event at Last Shot Distillery on November 14th! Thank you to Chris Uyehara for hosting a wonderful evening, and thanks to those who joined us. If you haven't had a chance to check out the distillery, we highly recommend you visit their tasting room! They have some great spirits to sample, and they make for great gifts! [www.lastshotdistillery.com](http://www.lastshotdistillery.com)





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## New Members

We want to wish a warm welcome to our newest Chamber members:

- **Bambu Dessert Drinks:** Bambu Dessert Drinks specialize in real fruit smoothies, freshly brew Vietnamese coffee & bubble teas. Learn more about their Farimount location and specials here- [www.facebook.com/BambuDessertDrinkSyracuse](http://www.facebook.com/BambuDessertDrinkSyracuse)
- **Velocity Clinical Research:** Velocity Clinical Research is committed to making clinical research studies succeed in our community by generating high quality data, while providing exemplary individual care at every step. Their team achieves this goal by making sure quality of care is their highest obligation. Their site participates in national and global research studies by partnering with specialists from diverse

backgrounds. They explore new medical treatments by conducting clinical research studies for investigational medications and diagnostic tools. Each of their clinical trials are performed in accordance with federal and international guidelines. Learn more here- [www.velocityclinical.com](http://www.velocityclinical.com)

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