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Geneva Public Library Hosts FLX Chamber's April Mixer

Geneva – The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce held its April Business After Hours Networking Mixer at the Geneva Public Library on Wednesday, April 9th. This event was part of the Chamber's 2025 Business After Hours Season Pass Program and was coordinated with the Geneva Public Library director, Frank Sykes. Guests were able to enjoy refreshments, meet the director and staff, see the building, and peruse the popular Annual Book Sale. Sykes spoke about the history and current programs of the Geneva Public Library before giving a guided tour showcasing all that the library has to offer.



Photo by Justina Holcomb of Naturally Chic Photography. Guests at the FLX Chamber April Business After Hours Networking Mixer, held at the historic Geneva Public Library. Featured in the front row (L to R) is FLX Chamber team: Justin Blue, Designer; Miranda Odell, President; Tara Sauve, Director of Marketing & Member Engagement; Frank Sykes, GPL Executive Director; and Jared Pierce, FLX Chamber Customer Outreach.

The Geneva Public Library has been a cornerstone of the Geneva community for over a century. First established in 1905 as the Geneva Free Library through the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution and local advocate Charles N. Hemiup, the library opened its doors in 1906 with just 714 books inside a small YMCA room on Castle Street. Over the next few decades, the library relocated several times, eventually settling into the former Universalist Church building in 1910—its present-day home. In 1961, thanks to a generous gift from Dr. Warren Hunting Smith, the library expanded with a new west wing, followed by an additional expansion in 1995 to meet growing demand. In 2006, it was officially

chartered as the Geneva Public Library to serve the entire Geneva City School District. Today, the library welcomes over 100,000 visitors annually, offers more than 800 public programs for kids and adults, and provides free meeting spaces for local organizations and community members—remaining true to its mission of learning, connection, and public service.

The FLX Chamber's next Business After Hours Mixer will not be held until June 12, as the focus for May is the Chamber's Annual Chamber Cup Golf Tournament, which will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at Silver Creek Golf Course. The June Business After Hours will take place at Potter Heating, Cooling, & HVAC at 2474 State Route 21, Canandaigua, NY. Please email info@flxchamber.com to confirm individual reservations. Spaces are limited. The cost to attend Business After Hours is \$10 for Members and \$20 for non-members unless individuals have purchased a BAH Season Pass. This event is included for all 2025 Season Pass Holders, but reservations are still required. Please contact the Chamber via email at info@flxchamber.com or call 315-789-1776 for more information.

Business After Hours are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 4-6 PM unless otherwise noted and are open to the public, but hosting is one of the promotional opportunities and benefits that is only offered to qualified members who have been customers for at least two years. For more information about Business After Hours Mixers, the 2025 Season Pass Program, or learning more about being a customer of the Chamber, please visit www.flxchamber.com.

Business After Hours Events are proudly supported by the Chamber's 2025 Annual Partners – Canandaigua National Bank, Casella Waste Systems Inc, Community Broadband Networks, Fairfield by Marriott, Finger Lakes Federal Credit Union, Finger Lakes Partners Insurance, Four Winds Chimney, Guardian Glass, Massa Construction, N-Hance of the Finger Lakes, Pedulla's Wine & Liquor, Potter Heating & Cooling, Seneca Lake Resorts, and Waterloo Container.

The FLX Chamber is a private, membership-based organization that specializes in public relations services for its customers. With a physical office centrally located in Geneva, the FLX Chamber is the only of its kind, operating on a regional level while serving customers throughout various counties and communities in the Finger Lakes. Originally founded as the Geneva Chamber of Commerce in 1902, the Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is also one of the oldest in operation. Learn More: www.flxchamber.com.

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