

National Memorial Day Museum hosts FLX April Mixer

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WATERLOO — The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce held its April Business After Hours Networking Mixer on April 10 at the National Memorial Day Museum.

Located in downtown Waterloo, the National Memorial Day Museum is a branch of the Waterloo Library and Historical Society. The event drew a crowd of regional attendees who had never visited the site before and were eager to learn about its significance in our local and regional history.

In 1866, Henry C. Welles and Gen. John B. Murray planned the first Memorial Day in Waterloo, and for more than 150 years, residents have remembered the day with parades, ceremonies, and celebrations. The museum and its exhibits also highlight the 1966 Centennial in Waterloo that led to the recognition of Waterloo as the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

During the event, Cyndi Park-Sheils, executive director for the Waterloo Library and Historical Society, spoke about the properties that are under their umbrella and programs and services that they offer, including



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Featured: Front row, left to right: WLHS Board Members Duke Argetsinger, Katherine Chase, Tara Sauve of the Chamber; Cyndi Park-Sheils, WLHS Executive Director; Miranda Odell and Justin Blue of the Chamber. Also pictured in the second row, far right: WLHS Board President Coreen Lowry, Tamara Carter, Chamber Board Member; and far left: Karen Burcroff, WLHS Board Member.

the Terwilliger Museum and Fatzinger Hall, for which the chamber hosted the grand re-opening last May. Several board members also were present who offered insight into the properties, their history, and future plans, including upcoming campaigns where people can donate to help with new programming and preservation.

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 22 at Big Oak Golf Course.

The June BAH will take place at Guardian Glass. Reservations are required one week in advance. 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 2024 season pass holders. Contact the Chamber via email at info@flxchamber.com or call 315-789-1776 for more information.