

General Council Meeting and Workshop Agenda

Saturday, September 13, 2014

American Legion

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* Written Reports Requested from Chapters and Committee Chairs in Advance*

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and appointment of Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms**

Welcome and Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to Agenda and Proxies

Secretary's Report – John Braico

Treasurer's Report – Todd Brightly

Chairman's Report – Ron Urban

9:10 a.m. Old Business

9:15 a.m. New Business

9:30 a.m. **Workshop Presentations begin**

- **Women's Initiative TU-** Presentation by, Lindsay Agness. Women have become an integral part of TU in the last year and a half. Lindsay will outline their role and how to get involved. She will be open to helping your chapter find and hold a Women's Initiative weekend with her Co-chairman. (30 minutes)
- **Microbeads affecting the Great Lakes and their tributaries-** Jen Nalbone, formerly from Great Lakes United, will present on behalf of the NYS AG's office of the Environmental Bureau. For years people have worried about the environmental impacts from plastics left behind in the oceans and Great Lakes. Recently, attention has turned to the Great Lakes and small plastic particles and microbeads that have been found there. Some plastic particles result from the breakdown of larger plastic items, but others are small plastic spheres known as microbeads. These minute plastic beads are typically used as scrubbing agents or exfoliants in personal care products. They are often brightly colored and can be seen suspended in the body washes, facial scrubs and toothpastes that contain them. As these products are used by consumers, microbeads are rinsed off and go directly down the drain with water that eventually makes its way to waste water treatment plants. Although some of the particles are captured through treatment, many are not and sewage treatment overflows can also dump these microbeads directly into the ecosystem. Although harmless in appearance, microbeads have the potential to cause environmental damage. Some of the microbeads are about the size of certain fish eggs, so these small plastic particles can be ingested by Great Lakes fish and other aquatic organisms. (1 hour)
- **Tracy Brown-** TU Northeastern Restoration Project Coordinator will make a presentation on survey results that have been sent out. Her specialties help find grants, funding and designing restoration projects across NY. She also works to bring NGOs and Government agencies together on projects and community involvement. Also collaboration with adjoin chapters with media exposure. (1 hour)

12:00 noon Lunch (Council Furnished)

1:00 p.m.

- **Strategies for Turning Members into Leaders-** Chairman Ron Urban will make a presentation on finding leaders and officers for your chapter. Identify target audience, engage members, train and orient, plan for success and evaluate efforts. (45 minutes)
- **Flood Mitigation by John Braico, Resource VP and national Trustee.** John will take you through how we have become involved with the flood protocols we now have in NY and how they are successful in areas. He will explain where we were, where we are currently and the future of TU and floods. (1 ½ hours)

3:00- 3:15 p.m. Comments for the Good of the Organization

* Adjourn General Session and Workshop, Go Fishing