



# NEWS From Bill Magnarelli

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## Honoring History and Sacrifice on Memorial Day

As we approach Memorial Day, it's important to remember that over a million Americans died serving our country to protect the freedoms we cherish today.

While Memorial Day has evolved into a spring weekend of celebration, it is first and foremost a time to remember those who did not come home. New York has a longstanding commitment to honoring the service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. Waterloo, New York, was recognized as the first village to begin holding annual celebrations in 1866. New York then went on to become the first state to enact Memorial Day, originally titled "Decoration Day," as an official holiday in 1873.

Now, Memorial Day is recognized as a federal holiday and includes a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m.

Locally, the Memorial Day Watchfire ceremony is held at the New York State Fairgrounds at dusk on May 28. Worn, tattered, or faded American flags will be respectfully retired.

Towns and villages around the district are also holding ceremonies and parades to commemorate the day. On May 29, Eastwood is holding its annual Memorial Day Parade at 9 a.m. followed by a formal ceremony. Also on May 29, the Solvay-Geddes Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Park on Woods Road. On May 30, the Baldwinsville Memorial Day Parade begins at 6 p.m., followed by a ceremony at Riverview Cemetery.

I hope you will join me, wherever you are, in taking a moment of silence for all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Gulf War, Panama, Vietnam, Korea, World War II, World War I, and all conflicts dating back to the American Revolution.

*William B. Magnarelli*

## Honoring a Dentist for More Than 25 Years of Service in Eastwood

Assemblyman Magnarelli presents a Citation to Dr. Joan Laura who has been practicing for more than 25 years at the Eastwood Dental Office in Syracuse, New York and has followed in her father's footsteps as a dentist and practices dentistry in a house on James Street that has been in her family for five generations.

Dr. Laura, who studied at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, graduated cum laude with Honors. She began her advanced education at Parsons School of Design in New York City where she was on the Dean's List and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Fashion Design. Ultimately, she decided that practicing dentistry was her passion. Dr. Laura is humbled when she is able to give a second chance to someone who has been in the habit of hiding their smile and she uses her skills and her artist's eye to improve their appearance and their life through cosmetic dentistry. Dr. Laura, as a way of honoring the men and women who have served our country, offers free dental services to military veterans on Veterans Day. Accepting the Citation with Dr. Laura is her husband George Nardone.



## Discussing Union Issues



United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1 met with Assemblyman Magnarelli on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Albany to discuss statewide issues. The union represents 15,214 members, has 67 employees and deals mostly with retail sales, distribution and warehousing.

## Save the Date

**Events Sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli**

FREE E-Recycle Event

**Saturday, July 29, Destiny USA**

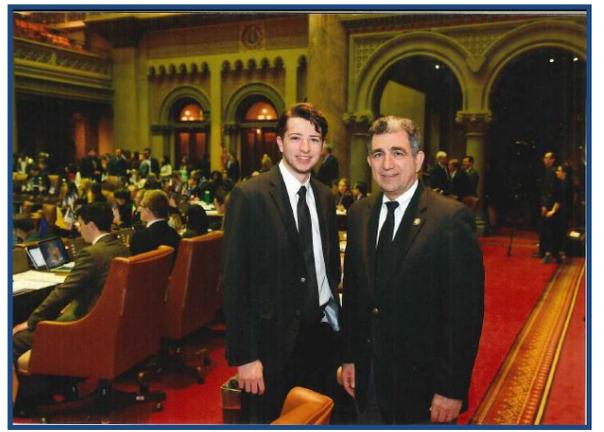
CNY Volunteer Fair

**Tuesday, Sept. 19, Destiny USA** (third floor Canyon area)

CNY Veterans Parade & Expo

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, NYS Fair Center of Progress building**

## 2017 Session Interns



During this Legislative Session two college students serve as Interns in Assemblyman Magnarelli's Albany office. Dan Glennon, who attends the University of Albany, left, and Ryan Clancy, who attends the University of Binghamton, right, join Assemblyman Magnarelli in the Assembly Chamber. The Internship experience allows students to participate in and observe the legislative process. Both Dan and Ryan assisted staff with day to day office activities.

## Focusing on Education



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with America Achieve Fellows---New York Educator Fellows at his office in Albany. America Achieves is a national organization that aims to get all young people access to world-class education so they have the opportunity to lead and succeed in a changing world. They are a non-profit accelerator, identifying and supporting exceptional innovators and educators.

## Youth of the Year Awarded



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with the 2017 Youth of the Year Award Winner of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Syracuse. Award winner Dominique Agee and chaperone Wilfredo Jimenez visited Albany on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to receive an official Certificate of Recognition.

## Rosamond Gifford Zoo's Annual Meeting



Assemblyman Magnarelli's staff attended the Friends of the Zoo Annual Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo. Board of Directors President and CEO Janet Agostini, Zoo staff and Board Members reported on highlights from 2016 including capital improvements, new animals acquired, a financial update and a report by the Zoo's curator and Master falconer, Dan Meates, which included meeting three of the Zoo's birds of prey.

## Enrolled Agents Week



In February, Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsored a NYS Legislative Resolution in recognition of Enrolled Agent Week. CNY Members of the NYS Society of Enrolled Agents (NYSSEA), along with First Vice President Michael E. Lawrence of Jordan, NY and NYSSEA members from across the community recently visited the Capital. Assemblyman Magnarelli presented them with a copy of the resolution. NYSSEA members hold a federal license and may represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the NYS Department of Tax and Finance.

### About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood Valley and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and was reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016. During his terms in office, Assemblyman Magnarelli has focused his efforts on bringing more jobs to Central New York, lowering taxes, providing our children a better education at every level, improving our healthcare and keeping our families safe. For more information, contact Assemblyman Magnarelli's District Office at (315) 428-9651 or visit <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli>.

