



# NEWS

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## From Bill Magnarelli

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### *This Holiday Season: The Best of Times and The Worst of Times*

*“This Christmas and Holiday Season is for families, traditions and joy. It is a time to rekindle family and community relations. For me, it is a time to celebrate with the coming together of family and friends. That is the “best” part; but for many of us who are experiencing loss of any kind, this time can be the “worst” too.*

*I have come to realize that the hole in my heart can be filled, not the same as it was, but with the faces of my children and grandchildren, who want and need the holidays to help create a sense of family, of tradition, of love and of joy. And by focusing on them, the memories so carefully crafted throughout the years, will endure.*

*As we plan for the New Year, my hope is for our community to focus on our shared goals including economic prosperity, being respectful of each other regardless of differing opinions, and to continue to progress as a community in the year ahead.*

*On January 3rd, Governor Andrew Cuomo will present his State of the State address, outlining the State’s priorities for the upcoming year. Shortly thereafter, he will present his Executive Budget which will begin the budget review process over the following three months. The Assembly will work hard on balancing the budget while keeping cognizant of the need to provide the necessary funds for our state agencies, local governments, and non-profit organizations that address the needs and concerns of the State’s residents. As always, I am concerned about providing our children with a better education at every level, improving our access to healthcare, keeping our families safe and supporting our veterans. Building on the successes of last year, the Assembly will continue to focus on these pressing needs of the day.*

*The holidays are sometimes a challenge, but are also a reminder that joy and love will continue and flourish, if you allow them to fill your heart. As the first Christmas has shown us, a child brought hope to the world. It is also through our own children and grandchildren that we see the same hope for our families’ traditions.*

*My wish for all of you this holiday season is to fill your heart with memories, but also look to create new memories of hope and joy that are all around us, if we allow ourselves to see them.”*

*William H. Magnarelli*



### Welcome Center Opens at Destiny

Assemblyman Magnarelli, along with Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Destiny USA executive David Aitken, were on hand to cut the ribbon at the December 6<sup>th</sup> opening of the new New York State Welcome Center at DestinyUSA. The Welcome Center is an important addition to the multi-faceted venue at DestinyUSA which attracts visitors to CNY from many parts of the country, Canada and elsewhere. The Welcome Center has local NY products for sale and features many interactive kiosks with tourism information for visitors to our area as well as local residents. Also at the event were NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Dir. of Agriculture Development Kevin King, and Ross Levi, Empire State Development Executive Director of Tourism.

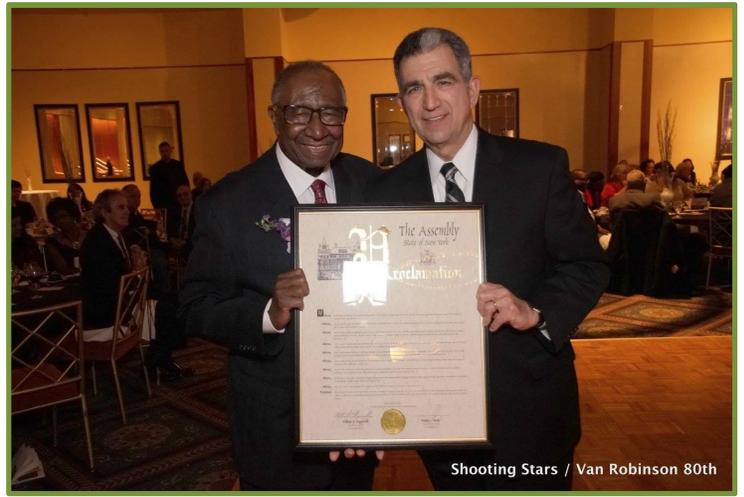
“The Welcome Center at Destiny is a wonderful addition that will continue to expand Destiny’s vital role in Central New York Tourism,” said Assemblyman William Magnarelli. “As people visit the retail and restaurant opportunities at Destiny, they will also encounter this Center which will offer resources and information about other local and regional attractions.”

Assemblyman Magnarelli with Lt. Gov. Hochul and Director of Tourism Levi.



## Syracuse Common Council President Van Robinson Honored

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently co-chaired a special 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and retirement event held in honor of outgoing Syracuse Common Council President, Van Robinson. Council President Robinson has been a member of the Common Council since 1999, and became the first African American to serve as Council President in 2009. He has been a leader in our community for many years and was very instrumental in establishing the Syracuse/Onondaga Chapter of the NAACP, where he served as President for 12 years. His contributions to Syracuse and the surrounding communities are immense and he has served our community with distinction and grace.



Assemblyman Magnarelli presented Common Council President Van Robinson with Proclamation for his forty years of service to the Syracuse community.

## New SUNY Chancellor makes a visit to OCC

SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson made her first visit to the Onondaga Community College campus Wednesday, November 29. Chancellor Johnson and College President Casey Crabill held a working lunch with elected officials and area college presidents.



Assemblyman Magnarelli attended a working lunch with New SUNY Chancellor Dr. Johnson. Pictured above: President of M&T Bank Allen Naples, President of OCC Casey Crabill, State Senator Dave Velasky, Assemblywoman Pam Hunter, Dr. Johnson, Assemblyman Magnarelli and Assemblyman Al Stirpe.

Dr. Kristina M. Johnson joined The State University of New York as its 13<sup>th</sup> Chancellor in September, 2017. She is an engineer, entrepreneur, inventor, and more. Prior to her joining SUNY, she was the Co-founder and CEO at Cube Hydro Partners, a successful company that brought renewable energy to regions throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Before that venture started, she served as U.S. Under Secretary of Energy under President Barack Obama. In the academic world, she served as Johns Hopkins University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University, and Professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder.



## Loretto's Daybreak Program

Assemblyman Magnarelli visited with staff members and toured Loretto's Daybreak Program. Christine Tanchak, Director of Loretto's Daybreak Program, took the Assemblyman on a tour of the Adult Day program which provides care and services to seniors and people with disabilities in Onondaga County. The program provides transportation, care, meals and activities for participants. Adult Day programs provide relief and peace of mind for caregivers and allow people to remain in their homes. Loretto staff provided information on the program as well as potential issues facing Adult Day programs in the upcoming 2018-19 NYS Budget.



Assemblyman Magnarelli and Christine Tanchak tour Loretto.

### 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, Syracuse University area, Outer Comstock, 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>.