
Empire State Restaurant & Tavern Association

Report From The Executive Director...Scott Wexler

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Budget Deliberations Continue - The Assembly and Senate have each adopted their one house budget resolutions signaling the start of the budget conference committee process. Over the next few weeks negotiations will go on behind closed doors between the Assembly, the Senate and the Governor. The expansion of the Bottle Bill and a ban on single use plastic bags are under serious consideration. The Senate's approach to the plastic bag ban would apply to restaurants as well as most other retail uses. The Senate has also proposed that "large food generators" donate all of their usable food and dispose of their food waste with an organic food recycler. While this would likely apply to very few of our members, whatever is imposed on large operators will eventually be imposed on all operators so we're paying close attention to it. All of these proposals could be included in the final state budget which is due by the end of this month.

Time to Plan for 2019 Golf Outing - Happy Spring! What better way to celebrate the arrival of Spring (even if the weather hasn't gotten the message) than to start planning for the Association's Annual Golf Outing. As the enclosed flier details, we're once again hosting the outing at Cronin's Golf Resort in Warrensburg. This year's outing will be held on June 3rd. The \$110 per golfer registration fee includes greens fees, cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, hors d'oeuvres and dinner (cash bar), awards, and prizes.

Cronin's cabins are available for overnight stay on a first come – first served basis. Call 518.623.9336 to reserve your cabin. A number of our guests will be staying at the Lake George Holiday Inn. While we do not have a block of rooms, they may have rooms available. Call 518.668.5781 or book online at ihg.com and search for the Holiday Inn Resort Lake George.

Since the golf outing is an Association fundraiser, we need your help raising funds. The best way you can show your support is by signing up for a tee sponsorship. Your \$100 donation for a tee sponsor (\$150 for two tee sponsorships) shows your support for our cause and will help make the outing a success.

Cleo Emmer Passes Away at 97 - It is with great sadness that I report the passing of the Association's longest serving and hardest working member, Cleo Emmer. Cleo will be remembered as a lady who loved life and was loved by all. No one worked harder for or cared more about the members of the Association than Cleo did. Our monthly conference calls, events and meetings won't be the same without her.