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120th Assembly District

• Hazard Branch Library used a \$10,000 grant secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli to make the library even more welcoming to the many patrons who visit each day.

"Onondaga County Public Library's Hazard Branch is a great resource to many on the West side of Syracuse. It offers opportunities to learn, hold meetings, and become involved in the community," said Assemblyman Magnarelli. "This grant allowed the library to make improvements that would have been put on hold in this economy."

New carpeting and 64 new stackable chairs were purchased for the library's community room. The area is used as a meeting room for children and adults, including the Savvy Speakers Toastmasters, Mommy & Me, a communications group from Syracuse University, a 4-H club, and art groups.

In addition, the library reupholstered a sofa and five chairs. The seating provides an informal setting for library users to read newspapers, magazines, books, use laptops with wireless internet and to meet quietly with friends.



Olivia Opello, Hazard Branch Library Manager, and Assemblyman William Magnarelli look at some of the reupholstered furniture funded by the grant.

"We are grateful for the grant which has allowed us to purchase new items and upgrade our furniture, so we can make the library as comfortable as possible for patrons," said Olivia Opello, Hazard Branch Library Manager.



David DiMaggio, program manager for the CASE Center Industry Co-op Program, shakes Assemblyman Magnarelli's hand after handing him a certificate commemorating 10 years of supporting the Renaissance Internship Program.

• As chair of the Assembly's Veterans' Committee,

Assemblyman Magnarelli introduced and welcomed the West Point Cadets to the chamber and thanked them for their service. It's a tradition that dates back to the 1950s. Every year, West Point graduates originally from New York State visit the legislators, who thank them for their service and honor their accomplishment of graduating from the esteemed military college. Having served on the committee since first elected in 1999, and having served in the military, this is a topic important to him and all New Yorkers.

> Assemblyman Magnarelli greets the West Point Cadets during their visit at the Capitol. Among the Cadets who visited was Daniel Walker of Baldwinsville.

• Assemblyman Magnarelli was honored by Syracuse University's CASE Center for supporting the Renaissance Internship Program for the past 10 years. Over that time, he has secured more than \$1.1 million in funding for the innovative University-Industry partnership aimed at strengthening the engineering workforce in Central New York. The program partners local businesses and engineering graduate students. The students gain critical real-world business experience and make connections in the local work force. The companies receive help from students who are familiar with cutting-edge, state-of-the-art technology.

"It is a pleasure to help support the Renaissance Internship Program. The exchange of ideas and experience between students and local businesses is extremely beneficial to the Central New York economy as a whole," said Assemblyman Magnarelli. "We are proud that our world-class institutions of higher education attract the best students to Central New York. Hopefully the connections they make with local businesses will create job opportunities for them that will encourage them to stay here."



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• Members from the SUNY Upstate Cancer Research Institute recently visited the Syracuse Office. Assemblyman Magnarelli is pictured here with those who attended from the department of pharmacology, including David (Xiaobing) Han, Ph.D, Project manager of the SUNY Upstate Cancer Research Institute; Ziwei Huang, PH.D, Director of the SUNY Upstate Cancer Research Institute, Professor and Chairman; and Kay Magnarelli, Executive Assistant to Ziwei Huang.



• Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke at a luncheon to honor the 500 volunteers who contributed 42,000 hours of service to SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is pictured with Ruby Turner, employee of SUNY Upstate Medical University; Gloria Hoffmann, a volunteer at Upstate; and Rhonda Butler, Volunteer Manager at SUNY Upstate Medical University.









• Assemblyman Magnarelli welcomed the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York to their conference held at the Solvay Fire Department. At the event there were representatives from more than 30 volunteer fire departments across the state.

• Executive Director Anthony Modafferi welcomes Assemblyman Magnarelli to the podium at the Municipal **Electric Utilities** Association Conference. The Association was formed in 1930 and represents rural electric and municipal corporations, such as Solvay Electric. It works towards efficient operation, production, distribution, conservation and prudent use of electric energy and power.

• "Pixar: New Technologies in Animation" is an annual event hosted by the Syracuse International Film Festival at the MOST funded by Assemblyman Magnarelli, who introduced the main speaker, Cynthia Slavens, a postproduction supervisor at Pixar. He also secured a grant to pay for the transportation of the Syracuse City School Students who attended

the event. • Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the energy industry producers, regulators and watchdogs sixth annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century. Conference chairwoman Rhea Jezer chose the theme of "The Energy Highway" to encompass the topics related to fast, safe, affordable transmission of electricity.

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 120th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood and Valley 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, and 2008. During his previous five 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 <u>http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli</u>.