TMR presents 'Our Entrepreneurial History'

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The Nov. 18 session of <u>Thursday Morning Roundtable</u> (TMR) features Gregg Tripoli, executive director of the Onondaga Historical Association (OHA). He will talk about some of the things that OHA is doing to contribute to economic development in our community, including its new educational program "Our Entrepreneurial History," for which it uses compelling stories from local history as case studies to help encourage entrepreneurship. Tripoli will then offer a sample of one of the segments of this educational program: a case study of the Shubert Brothers and how they built the largest theatrical empire in history.

A native of Liverpool, N.Y., Tripoli received a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and a MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. After four years as a banker on both U.S. coasts, he relocated to Italy to serve as the special assistant to the Minister of Economic Affairs for the Republic of San Marino. For the next 20 years, Tripoli traveled the world as a management consultant for a group of multinational companies headquartered in Kuwait.

Since February of 2008, he has been the executive director of the OHA, which operates a Museum and Research Center on Montgomery Street. Tripoli is also vice president of Cathedral Square Development Corp., a member of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA) and the Cathedral Square Neighborhood Association. He serves on the board of directors of the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, the advisory board of Art-In-Motion, and several committees for Syracuse University's South Side Initiative, the Connective Corridor and Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. He is a 2010 recipient of the YWCA's Academy of Diversity Achievers Award.

TMR meets from 8:15-9:15 a.m. at Drumlins, 800 Nottingham Rd. For further information, contact Sandra Barrett, director of community programs, (315) 443-4846 or visit http://www.yesu.syr.edu/community/tmr. The TMR program is broadcast on WCNY-FM, 91.3 on Sundays at 8 p.m., and at http://www.wcny.org/tmr.

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