

**“Continuous learning is an essential part of growth. TMR allows me to learn about a variety of issues that impact our community. The members come from diverse backgrounds, and I often hear many sides of an issue, which helps me gain a better understanding. The talks are always interesting and enjoyable.”**

Lynn Shepard Scott  
Onondaga County Administrator for Human Services

**“Our community needs a forum for real discussion and debate about important issues, whether those issues are from our own backyard or half a world away. I’ve found that forum in the Thursday Morning Roundtable.”**

Anthony Callisto, Jr.  
Director, SU Department of Public Safety

**“TMR is a unique program that offers direct exposure to many interesting people and ideas. Ideas that stimulate the mind and people who enhance our community.”**

Kim Scott  
Vice President, Central New York Community Foundation

**“My work and personal interests involve me in many groups and meetings. But there is none I value more than TMR!”**

David Shomar  
Chief Operating Officer, Wireless Grid Corporation

**“I have found TMR to be a unique forum that presents current issues in an up-close and personal way. ...The room is filled with the wisdom of experience and interested observers of the world that we live in. It is a great place to interact with the community’s opinion leaders and to enjoy hearing the diversity of perspectives.”**

Ronald R. Young  
Vice President, Public and Governmental Affairs  
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## Goals

Founded in March 1965 by University College as a public service program, the Thursday Morning Roundtable is a weekly speaker series bringing together a mix of citizens to learn about and discuss a variety of concerns. TMR's stated purpose is to function as a "channel of communication for civic leaders in the Syracuse metropolitan area, providing an opportunity for citizens sharing special responsibilities for the progressive development of the area to exchange ideas and opinions on important public issues and problems." After 40 years, TMR remains one of the community's most valued vehicles for improved civic literacy, and serves as a catalyst for community dialogue and improvement.

## Program

TMR meets Thursday mornings, 26 weeks a year from September through April. Most meetings take place at Drumlins, Syracuse University's meeting center at 800 Nottingham Road, Syracuse. Members arrive between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. for coffee and pastries. The program begins promptly at 8:15 and ends at 9:15 a.m. Most members use the time before and after the formal session to meet and network with other members.

Topics are usually subjects of community concern, including local, state, national, and international issues. Presenters speak for approximately half the hour.

Members are encouraged to ask questions of the speaker in the second half hour. Monthly schedules of speakers are posted on the TMR web site and are e-mailed to members. Programs are taped for later broadcast on WAER-FM radio.

## Membership

Much of the value of TMR stems from the mix of participants and viewpoints. One of TMR's objectives is to assemble a cross section of citizens from business, government, and various types of nonprofit organizations. Regular attendance is expected and is considered critical to achieving the program's objectives. It is important to not limit attendance to particular topics or speakers, as the greatest benefit often comes from presentations on topics that may not be familiar or of perceived personal interest.

A prospective member is considered on these criteria:

- Brings diversity of viewpoint to the Roundtable
- Exhibits interest in a broad range of social and public issues
- Has a reputation as a "doer" and will use information gained through TMR in the community
- Is a contributor to community endeavors
- Indicates commitment to regular attendance

## Onondaga Citizens League

While there is no membership fee for TMR, members are expected to become supporting members of the Onondaga Citizens League, an independent nonprofit organization created by TMR in 1978. This nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization conducts an in-depth study of an important community issue each year, culminating in a report of findings and recommendations for action. OCL dues are \$40 a year for individuals; many organizations and businesses are sustaining members at higher levels. Individuals are also able to participate in OCL studies, through membership on various committees or attendance at study sessions in the winter and spring. More information is on the web: [YeSU.syr.edu/ocl](http://YeSU.syr.edu/ocl).

## TMR Scholarship Fund for Part-Time UC Students

To commemorate TMR's 25th anniversary, and to honor TMR's founder, the Levi L. Smith Scholarship Fund was established in 1990. Dr. Ernest Sarason led the fundraising campaign for the endowment, which funds two six-credit scholarships for adult students at University College each year. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcome at any time.

## TMR Community Service Award

TMR presents an annual award to a citizen of the community whose exemplary good works have gone largely unrecognized. TMR members submit nominations, which are reviewed by an award committee.

## Thursday Morning Roundtable Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business title \_\_\_\_\_

Company title \_\_\_\_\_

Company address \_\_\_\_\_

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Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective members are considered on the basis of leadership, community service, knowledge of the Syracuse community, and interest in public affairs.

Applicants should:

- Be employed in a position of leadership or emerging leadership, and/or have significant volunteer leadership experience;
- Serve in a volunteer leadership capacity with at least one nonprofit agency;
- Provide a professional reference, either from a TMR member or another colleague; and
- Be able to commit to regular attendance. (Members are expected to attend at least a third of the 26 sessions each season.)

Attach a letter describing why you are interested in joining TMR, an up-to-date resume, and a letter of reference. Applications are reviewed quarterly. If you have any questions, call Sandra Barrett, Director, at 315-443-4846.

Send your completed application with attachments to:  
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