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Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Announces Business of the Month Award

(Seneca Falls, NY-) The Seneca County Chamber of Commerce has announced that **The Hotel Clarence** of Seneca Falls has been nominated as its April *Business of Month* award recipient.



The award was given by executive director, Jeff Shipley at the chamber's April Business-After-Hours Mixer, held at *Abigail's Restaurant* that was sponsored by the *Microtel Inn and Suites of Seneca Falls*. Hotel Clarence staff, Melissa Guenther, event and marketing coordinator, and Mike Gaudio, hotel restaurant sous chef, were both present to accept the award. (left)

Located at 108 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, The Hotel Clarence has a unique history, as it originally opened as the Gould Hotel in 1920, when The Syracuse Journal had claimed it to be "the most complete and perfectly equipped of the smaller hotels of New York State- four stories in height, absolutely fireproof in construction, and equipped in perfect taste and convenience; it is scheduled to become the Mecca for travelers and autoists between Rochester and Syracuse." Over the years the property was turned into apartments, and was also unoccupied, before it was purchased in 2007 by Jay Bernhardt and Jake McKenna of J&J Hospitality, who transformed the property under an extensive two-year historic renovation, revitalizing the hotel to what it is today. According to Guenther, the property "specializes as being a boutique hotel, located in the heart of the Finger Lakes, and offering a sleek, yet contemporary eatery featuring Italian cuisine that is paired with fresh local ingredients, rightfully named "The Kitchen." For more information, please visit www.hotelclarence.com or call 877-788-4010.



Winners of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month Program are chosen by the Chamber's Economic Development Committee. Criteria for the award state that the business must be located in Seneca County, must be a Chamber Member in good standing, must have been in business for at least one year, must have made a positive economic impact in the community, and must be civic-minded. Benefits of the nomination include signage at the establishment, a personalized plaque, and media coverage. Please visit www.senecachamber.org or contact Miranda Polmanteer at 315-568-2906 for more details and information.

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