

SOWNY CHAPTER

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The SOWNY Chapter is a viable and active chapter in the Southern Ontario and Western New York area. We currently have 23 paying members and 2 "honorary" members whose national and local dues are paid by the chapter. Since the time of the last International Board meeting, our chapter has held four meetings at different venues in the area. Our financial outlook is steady. We have \$3861.18 in a Certificate of Deposit and \$814.62 in a Savings Account for a total of \$4675.80 in assets.

We are looking forward to holding the AMICA International Convention in 2010 with our base hotel being the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Buffalo. The hotel has undergone an \$8 million renovation starting in 2008 and will be finished by this summer season. The Buffalo Hyatt also has E.B. Green's Steak House, one of the Top Ten Steak Houses in America (for the fifth year in a row).

AMICAns do not travel to conventions for food alone, so we have endeavored to supply a wide variety of activities that fit in with the general time period and musical interests of our members. During our tours of the area we will be stopping at such places as the Pierce-Arrow Auto Museum, the Darwin Martin House (a Frank Lloyd Wright designed residential complex almost completely restored to its original grandeur), The historic Roycroft Campus in East Aurora where the ideals of the Arts & Crafts movement live on as if Elbert Hubbard and the Roycrofters never left, the Fisher-Price Toy Museum, also in placid East Aurora, and a trip to the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, the only building still standing from the Pan-American Exposition of 1901. There will be lots of player piano music, organ concerts and much more excitement that will be shared at the general meeting on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Walter, Board Representative, Lancaster, NY