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## ***History, Hobnobbing & Health Insurance***

ONEIDA - It's not your typical networking event. On Thursday, August 20, The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care will hold it's first-ever member reception in conjunction Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

This classic event will take place at the Oneida Community Mansion House, 170 Kenwood Ave., Oneida – a venue rich both in beauty and its contributions to the state's business community. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with tours of the Oneida Community Mansion House, with a reception to follow at 5:30. Refreshments will be provided by award-winning chef Matt Barone, owner of Creative Chef's Catering and a cash bar will be available.

During that time, visitors will have a chance to speak with some of the state's leading experts on health insurance mandates and mingle with state and local elected officials while enjoying the beauty of the region's not-so-secret treasures.

The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care is a coalition of more than 3,100 small business owners and sole proprietors fighting high health insurance costs that make it difficult for small employers to survive, let alone thrive in today's economy. As the largest, single-issue grassroots business coalition in New York State, members of The Employer Alliance actively speak out against state mandates, fees and assessments that incrementally increase health insurance premiums.

"The Oneida Community was one of the first businesses to recognize the value of employer-based health insurance, but more than that, the Mansion House is an absolutely beautiful setting for a summer event" said Employer Alliance Executive Director Pamela Reese Finch. "It's a wonderful opportunity to share the evening with Oneida chamber members while highlighting an issue that impacts us all."

The event is free to Oneida Chamber and Employer Alliance members, as well as anyone interested in learning more about these organizations. Advance reservations are necessary. To make a reservation, contact The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care at [pamela@employeralliance.com](mailto:pamela@employeralliance.com), or call (518) 462-2296. Reservations can also be made through the chamber at [office@oneidachamberny.org](mailto:office@oneidachamberny.org) or (315) 363-4300.