Dear Members and Friends,
You are cordially invited to attend the April Program featuring

New York: Capital of The World

by Peter Laskowich

New York as Focus of World Affairs

More than any other place on earth, the world trades in New York City: stocks and bonds on Wall Street, political thought at the U.N., jewels in the diamond district, fashion in the garment center…

The resources making this possible are here because of a series of natural features so telling that, at a time when the city's population numbered 30,000, George Washington said New York was destined to dominate the hemisphere. His prediction was understated.

New York shapes the world and is in turn shaped by it. Among the results are the rectangular street grid, the proximity of the financial district to the South Street Seaport, the extreme value of Manhattan land, the high cost of everything, and the perpetual re-creation of the built environment.



In the early 1800s Napoleon said that Paris that so central to global affairs that anyone wishing to accomplish any significant thing needed to be there. Two centuries later one might say the same of New York.

Refuge for the immigrants, early motion-picture center, originator of the skyscraper, nerve-center of commerce and culture-an understanding of the world today begins with this great city.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 3:30-5:30pm

Church Center for the United Nations

777 1st Avenue at E 44th St., 10th Floor New York, NY 10017 (entrance on 44th St.)

Refreshments will be served for you to chat with old friends and make new ones.

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Biography of

Peter Laskowich

Peter Laskowich indulges in his passion for New York by giving classes, lectures and

tours of its history.

Among the organizations that have sponsored his presentations are the Gotham Center, Columbia University and the Museum of Natural History. His commentary has been featured on radio and on television, and his course "Understanding New York City" proved especially popular at NYU's Osher Center.



Mr. Laskowich is now writing a book on New York history - specifically the connections between the history of New York and that of baseball. He is a registered New York City tour guide, a former nonprofit director and a member of the California bar.

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