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Special Meeting for PTP Members and Guests Tuesday, April 17, 2018 The United Building



United Building in 1929



Current United Building

From time to time members of Progress Through Preservation of Greater Akron are given the opportunity to take a “before” tour of a building that is about to be restored or adapted. On **Tuesday, April 17** we will have such an occasion when we visit the United Building in downtown Akron. The building is now in the beginning stages of construction to adapt the structure from its current use as office space into an upscale boutique hotel. The developer in charge of the project, Tony Troppe, prefers to call it by its proper name—not boutique but “BLU Tique,” named after its neighbors the BLU Jazz nightclub and the BLU Plate Restaurant.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the building was constructed in 1923 in the Neo-Classical Revival Style to house the United Cigar Store Company. It is located on the southeast corner of East Market and South Main streets. in the Main-Market Historic District. Its notable neighbors include the 1870 Hermes Building, the 1871 Everett Building, and the 1910 Nantucket Building. Once construction is completed, the building will have a new lobby on the first floor and 71 hotel rooms on upper levels. Mr. Troppe stresses that none of the historic aspects of the building will be affected by the project. Upon completion of the hotel, PTP members will again be invited to an “after” tour to see how the adaptive reuse project was completed.

Dinner and Program: We will meet for **dinner at 6 p.m.** at the BLU Plate Restaurant located at 45 East Market St. (across from the United Building). We will order from the menu, described as “Southern fare with Akron flair.” During dinner Mr. Troppe will give us the history of the building and an update on the project. **At 7 p.m. our group will assemble inside the restaurant for our tour;** together we will depart for the tour around 7:15 p.m. **This meeting is limited to PTP members and their guests.**

Parking: Free parking is available in the multilevel garage located behind the restaurant, accessible from North Main street, the first right turn from the corner of Market and Main streets. You can enter the restaurant from the rear through BLU Jazz. Free parking is also available on Main Street. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 12** by calling Alice Christie at 330-864-8364 or emailing achristie@malone.edu, indicating whether you will be joining us for dinner, the tour, or both.