



Outstanding Educator Program kicks off this Friday

Submitted by **Bart Gorman, Chair**

At this week's meeting, Rotary Club of Utica welcomes two seniors from New York Mills High School with impressive accomplishments.

Kristen Despina has indicated a college major in biology with a focus in biomedical, and a career path either in orthopedic surgery or a medical career in the military.

Judy Chen has indicated a major in business in college with a double major or minor in Chinese studies combined with improving her Mandarin skills to make bilingual skills a possible asset for her business future.

The Outstanding Educator Program engages students to attend four weekly meetings and an awards ceremony for Outstanding Educator in May. The students nominate an educator that they see as going above self, providing students with opportunities to learn and grow that embodies the humanitarian spirit and exemplifies the Four-Way Test of Rotary.

Students will attend our Zoom Rotary meetings beginning on March 5 and every Friday through April, except for Good Friday, April 2.

March Calendar of Events

- 3/5 **Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom**
- 3/12 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 3/15 Board Meeting | 1 p.m. via Zoom
- 3/19 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 3/26 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom

This Week's Program

Submitted by **Travis Rabbers, Programs Chair**

Tina Pavlot is this year's Telethon Chair for America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk with the American Heart Association. Tina is the Branch Manager of the Consumer Square M&T Bank in New Hartford, NY.



Tina possesses an AAS in Small Business Management from Herkimer County Community College and a BAS in Accounting from Utica College. Tina lives in West Frankfort with her husband, Ryan. They enjoy camping, traveling and craft beer. She is VP of the Rotary Club of Utica and Chair of the Community Action Task (CAT) force of the Catalyst Group with the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce.

Tina will be joined by Christine Kisiel, Executive Director of the American Heart Association. Her goal is to create a collaboration of leaders to create a healthier Mohawk Valley. Christine's focus has been on improving the health of those living in our community by: creating awareness around heart disease and stroke, working with community health partners on blood pressure control, providing educational opportunities, working on access to nutritious food, and work place health initiatives to name a few.



**Deadline for next newsletter (3/8) is Sunday, March 7, at noon;
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