



CLUB SERVICE PROJECT - F.T. PROCTOR PARK

Our first year-long service project meetings happens this week—Thursday, August 13 from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, August 15 from 8-10 a.m. The service project meeting is held on two different days to provide more members an opportunity to serve. **Note: these service project meetings serve in place of this week's luncheon program meeting.**

Our first objective in contributing to the restoration and maintenance of F.T. Proctor Park in alliance with the CNY Conservancy will be to groom an approximately 20-yard-long shrub bed (see picture at right). This will entail digging out weeds, pruning the hydrangea bushes in it, installing "weed block" fabric, and redressing the bed with mulch. This will entail light to moderate labor, and it should not require great insight into gardening—the 3-4 essential tasks are fairly straightforward. It will likely require several sessions to complete this project, which will restore a prominent area of the park to proper order.

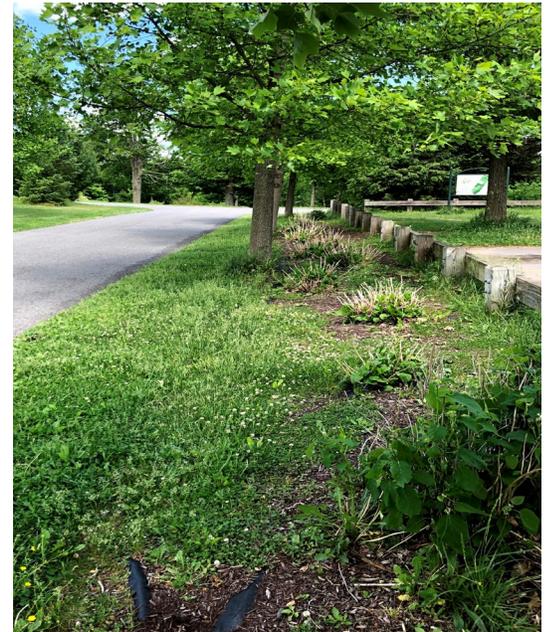
To sign up for one or both volunteer days, use the links below, or go to the club website (uticarotary.org), click on the Calendar tab (in gold bar), then click on the link for the event day. You can sign up as a member, which will require you to login to your Rotary Club of Utica ClubRunner account (need login name and password), or you can sign up as a guest, which won't require you to login. You can also sign up your guests at the same time. (Note: no information collected will be used for any purpose.)

We hope to see you at one or both project days!

Service Project Sign-up Links:

Thursday | 8/13 | 5-7 p.m.

Saturday | 8/15 | 8-10 a.m.



RI nominates woman to be 2022-23 President

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a member since 1997 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. Read more at [Jennifer E. Jones Makes History](#).

**Deadline for next newsletter (8/17) is Sunday, August 16 at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**

7 AUGUST MEETING RECAP submitted by Michelle Brandstadt

Here is what you missed at last week's Rotary meeting!

Song: Israel Acosta / Invocation: Dana Jerrard

Guests: Jill Koch - Stacy Kattato (via Zoom), Joseph Wicks (via Zoom), *plus others, but audio made it difficult to get names*

Announcements:

- P Israel recounted that last week's social meeting was a great time with 15-16 people enjoying food, fellowship, and live music
- P Israel said he learned a lot about Utica through participation in the Walk Against Racism; Joe Caruso provided added city history to the milestone markers
- P Israel talked about the upcoming service project at Proctor Park, and Michelle Brandstadt provided information on how to sign up to volunteer through the club website
- Stephen Turnbull announced that the multi-club Rotary event being planned for Friday, August 21, at the Utica Zoo has been indefinitely postponed due to logistics

Program:

Travis Rabbers introduced Mr. Savneet Singh, President and CEO of PAR Technology Corporation and President of ParTech, Inc. Mr. Singh joined the meeting via Zoom.

Mr. Singh provided a brief history of PAR before describing how he came to be involved with PAR in 2018 and subsequently becoming President and CEO in 2019. To help make PAR successful again, Mr. Singh focused on restructuring the business, dealing with distractions that were limiting PAR moving forward, raising money, and changing the culture at PAR.

When asked what qualities he looks for in employees, Mr. Singh replied that he looks for independent thinkers who make quick decisions, are accountable to their actions, and have empathy.

Mr. Singh was also asked what he thought about the future of business in Utica. Mr. Singh said he felt a drastic commitment to technology is needed in the schools to meet the huge need for technology workers. He also felt that Utica's first-generation immigration population should be considered a great resource for businesses.



COMMITTEE NEWS

Hope House Hygiene Collection

From August 2-22, Norma Montagnino-Gemza is collecting hygiene products for Hope House. Norma is coordinating the collection in conjunction with Herthum Heights Association. Products for men, women and children should be new and in original unopened packages.

Donations may be dropped off at meetings to Travis Rabbers. They may also be dropped off to Norma, 8 Herthum Road (small garage door), Whitesboro; or if you are downtown you may drop off items to Norma at The Bird's Next Vintage Boutique Thrift, 102 Eagle Street on Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. during August 2-22, 2020.

Questions may be addressed to Norma at normamg@yahoo.com.

Products needed:

- Shampoo • Conditioner • Bar Soap
- Liquid Soap • Toothpaste • Tooth brushes
- Mouthwash • Body lotion • Razors
- Deodorant • Shaving Cream • Combs
- Hairbrushes • Sanitary items

Sergeant at Arms Aides

This year's Sergeant at Arms, Deb Burke, plans to have a rotating schedule of people to help with setup and cleanup at meetings. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Deb at 315-525-2855.

Meeting Recap Contributors

Looking for persons willing to write recaps of weekly meetings on a rotating basis. If interested, please contact michelle@fillableformdesigns.com.

Rotary Club of Utica Committees

Looking to get involved? Rotary Club of Utica has several active committees. Contact a committee chair to join a committee or contact President Israel if interested in chairing a committee.

Youth Exchange.....	Deb Burke
Rotoract	Dom Passalacqua
RYLA.....	Jim Day
Interact	Jim Day
Urban Concerns.....	NEED CHAIR
Communication.....	Michelle Brandstadt
Meeting Service	Natalie Brown
Membership.....	Joe Caruso/Ken Williams
Outstanding Educator Awards.....	Bart Gorman
Quiet Giver's Award	Roger Breslow
Pride of Workmanship	Roxanne Mutchler
Veteran's Outreach.....	Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka
Special Needs Party.....	NEED CHAIR
RI Foundation	NEED CHAIR

August 2020 Calendar of Events

- 8/13 Weekly Meeting – Service Project
THURSDAY 5-7 p.m. | F.T. Proctor Park
- 8/15 Weekly Meeting – Service Project
SATURDAY 8-10 a.m. | F.T. Proctor Park
- 8/17 Board Meeting 1 p.m.
- 8/21 Weekly Meeting
FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | TBD
- 8/27 Weekly Meeting – Social
THURSDAY 5 p.m. | Woodland Brewery

Note: please be sure to check the newsletter or the [club website](#) calendar for current meeting information.