

# What have you done today to make you feel proud?

Fellow Rotarians, RSVP<u>today</u> for this week's Rotary meeting with the link that follows below to confirm a) that you are attending; b) whether you wish to order lunch; and c) whether you will be bringing a guest. In this way, we can limit waste of food and resources. Click <u>Thursday Meeting Lunch RSVP</u> today! We look forward to seeing you!

**Fellow Rotarians:** THIS WEEK (Feb. 13, noon), we'll be back at the Yahnundasis for our Rotary Luncheon, when **Tom Deuson** will present on **ShelterBox**, an international disaster relief charity that provides emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.



Please plan on ordering lunch and <u>RSVP your lunch order</u> <u>today</u>.

WHO WILL YOU BRING? Another great opportunity to bring a guest, and SHARE ROTARY! See you at the Yahnundasis on February 13<sup>th</sup>!

Please look to the Rotary Club of Utica <u>Facebook page</u> and/or <u>website</u> for a more complete recap of previous meetings.

LAST MEETING (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>), we met off-site at the **de Sales Center** in downtown Utica, where Jane Domingue, Executive Director of <u>The Thea Bowman House</u> spoke to us about this phenomenal non-profit that provides child day care, universal pre-K and after school programs to low-income, at-risk children and families in the hope of breaking the cycle of poverty through a structured program of educational and social enrichment. They are soon to inaugurate a new 24-hour day program for children whose parents work late and early shifts. *Thank you, Jane, Sandy Wright, and staff* for provide this vital community service!



#### **Utica Rotary Calendar:**

Great opportunities to **invite a guest** and **SHARE ROTARY!** 

- **4** Thurs., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>: Rotary Luncheon: ShelterBox, with Tom Deuson
- Wed., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Rotary Luncheon: Welcome Congressman Anthony Brindisi (joint meeting with other area Rotary Clubs). NOTE: This meeting is on a Wednesday.
- Sat., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Rotary District 7150 Gala Dinner, The Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville
- Sun., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>: On Stage with the Utica Rotary for a Utica City Football Club Game! \$30 pp. See Tina Pavlot for tickets.



**IT'S NEW, IT'S BLUE, IT'S UTICA CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**, Utica's own professional indoor soccer team!

Rotary Club of Utica members will be on sitting on the stage of the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium enjoying a UCFC home game, on Sunday, February 23rd at 2 pm. Join us!

**\$30/person** includes your game ticket and food. Beverages can be purchased at The Aud

and brought onto the stage. Cash or check made out to the Rotary Club of Utica. <u>Tina Pavlot</u> will have tickets for sale during meetings. Only 40 Tickets and they will go fast! Get yours today. And bring a friend. Share Rotary!

# What's Your thing?

Do what you wanna do! Rotarians are people of diverse interests and talents. Share yours in your own program at a weekly meeting. For more information, contact <u>Israel</u> or <u>Travis</u> today!

### Outstanding Educator Program News

Last week, we announced that **Bart Gorman** is taking on the chairmanship of this signature Rotary Club of Utica program, through which we welcome students from area high schools as guests at our weekly meetings, so that they may learn about Rotary as we learn about their hopes and aspirations. Then, towards the end of the school year, the students select the outstanding educator from their schools, and we will honor these educators with a luncheon on May 7. We're

happy to announce that Rotarians Jessica Merrell (RCIL) and Marie Masca (Total Solutions) are joining Bart for this committee. There's always room for one or two more if you're reading this and would like to help. Many hands make light work. *Meanwhile*,

thanks, Bart, Maríe, and Jessíca for carrying on this great Utica Rotary tradition!











And in Sick Bay...

Our best Rotary get-well-soon wishes to John Burdick (*left, during a Kopernik Park clean-up this spring*), and to Jim Day (*right, with wife Debbie on New Year's Eve*). John and Jim, we hope you're feeling better every day, and we look forward to your return.

You are missed!



#### You can support our fellow Rotaríans in their good works outside Rotary, too:

Benefit for Brian Donovan Saturday, February 15, 9 to 11 am Mohawk Valley Wellness, 9647 River Rd, Marcy



Event to Honor Sr. Thea Bowman Wednesday, February 12, 4 to 6 pm De Sales Center, 309 Genesee Street, Downtown Utica

Please Join Us



You are cordially invited to honor Sister Thea Bowman as a woman of prayer, of song, and story.

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday noon at the Yahnundasis for our Rotary Club of Utica weekly luncheon!

In Rotary Service, Joe Caruso President, 2019-2020 Rotary Club of Utica, NY USA

