



October 12, 2020

Don't miss this week's program— Pride of Workmanship Awards

The Pride of Workmanship Awards Luncheon, one of our club's signature events, takes place during our regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, October 16, 2020 at noon. The committee is very excited to introduce the awardees, and Jerry Kraus will lead the event as emcee.

The luncheon will be held at Delta Hotel by Marriott Utica in the Utica Junior Ballroom. A buffet lunch for \$15.00 will be served at 11:45 a.m.

This is a hybrid meeting—you can attend in person or view the ceremony online! COVID-19 restrictions limit in-person gatherings to a maximum of 50 people, but there's still room for a few more people to attend in person; **please email Roxanne Mutchler at rmutchler@mvcc.edu.**

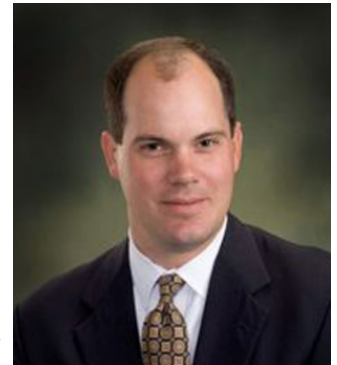
The Zoom meeting link is in the email to which this newsletter is attached.

We hope to see you!

**FRIDAY | Oct. 16 | 12 p.m.
Delta Hotel by Marriott Utica
200 Genesee St.
Utica, NY**

Welcome new member Jim Friedel

The newest member of Rotary Club of Utica is Jim Friedel, who joined in September. Jim was originally a member of the New Hartford Rotary Club in the early 2000s but had to leave due to his work schedule.



He said it was a great experience and truly looked forward to the Wednesday meetings, which allowed him to meet all the members of the club and learn from different speaker's presentations.

Jim requested to become a member of the club to be able to give back to our community. In talking with members of Rotary Club of Utica, Jim learned that our club provides a number of ways to get involved. Jim has already put that desire in action as he has participated in the Kosovo Fire Equipment Project and F.T. Proctor Park Project service days. Jim is sponsored by Stewart Williams.

Jim is a licensed funeral director with the Friedel, Williams & Edmunds Funeral and Cremation Services in New Hartford and Utica. He resides in New Hartford with his wife Jennifer and three children. He loves to spend time with family and friends and enjoys biking, skiing, boating, and hiking.

Welcome Jim!

**Deadline for next newsletter (10/19) is Sunday, October 18 at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**

COMMITTEE NEWS

Volunteers needed for Adopt-a-Highway Project

The fall highway cleanup will take place on Saturday, October 24, from 9-11 a.m. Our portion of the highway is the Arterial in Utica, north bound only from Burrstone to Court Street. This is open to all Area 2 and 3 club members. The more people we have, the faster we can finish the cleanup. Additional details will be provided in upcoming newsletters

Please RSVP by October 19 to stephen@turnbull-insurance.com.

October District Newsletter

The current edition of the district newsletter is available at our club website along with Rotary International news: [District and International News](#).

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
Rotaract.....	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

Register for District Conference happening this weekend

The 2020-21 District 7150 Conference kicks off virtually this Thursday, October 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. Continuing on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, five sessions will be offered each day, ranging from speakers to entertainment. It's all virtual, so you can join in on one or all sessions—you choose!

Some highlights of the conference are:

- Club member Linda Iannone is chairing a Trivia night on Friday, 7-8 p.m., along with Frank Furno (who does the Sunday morning radio show on 92.7 The DRIVE with club member Jerry Kraus)
- Local rock legend Todd Hobin is headlining the music event on Saturday, 7-8 p.m.
- The guest speaker is motivational speaker and Rotarian Michael Angelo Caruso; he'll speak on Friday at 9 a.m.

You can read about all the conference sessions in this month's District newsletter and register at the district website.

[October 2020 District Newsletter](#)

[District Conference Registration](#)

October 2020 Calendar of Events

- 10/16 Weekly Meeting – Pride of Workmanship
FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | Delta Hotel
- 10/19 Board Meeting 1 p.m. | via Zoom
- 10/23 Weekly Meeting – Kelberman Center
FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | TBD
- 10/24 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup | 9-11 a.m.
- 10/29 Weekly Meeting – Social
THURSDAY @ 5 p.m.
Polish Community Club

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

F.T. Proctor Park Service Project completes a big task

The spruce-up of the hydrangea bed taken on as the first task for the club's year-long service project is complete. Members finished the task with this month's service project meetings on Thursday and Saturday, October 8 and 10.

Organization and motivation for this task was led by Deb Burke and President Israel Acosta, both of whom helped at last week's meetings. A big thank you to all members and guests who volunteered!

Member comments about the project include:

"The hydrangea project is complete - for this year! And thanks to Stew Williams lead we even raked then spread compost and mulch on the plant bed at the entrance to parking lot! A HUGE thank you to EVERYONE who helped - whether it was 1 day or multiple days - the Rotary Club of Utica has made a BIG difference in the appearance of Proctor Park. The best part is people noticed! We've had many people from, all walks in life, stop every time we were there to thank us for our hard work and for sprucing up their park! Phil Bean will tell you the Conservancy is eternally grateful too. And with all the work done by Rotary and Conservancy volunteers, the City is now looking to do more in the Park as well! Thank you President Israel for bringing this project to the Club, and thank you, thank you for everyone's hard work and commitment to this great project! You Rotarians rock!"

Deb Burke

"This was a Herculean effort. A lot was accomplished during the summer months and being able to finish the work and see the impact it has in our community is fantastic. Thank you all for all the work and dedication to this project.... you made a difference."

P Israel Acosta

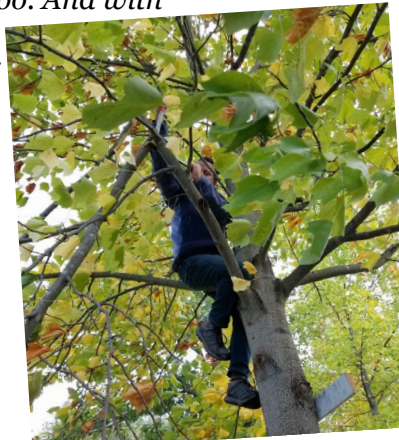
"As a Utica Rotarian and a CNY Conservancy board member, and a Utican, I am both proud and grateful for what Rotary has accomplished in FT Proctor Park. Great work, all!"

PP Joe Caruso

"Belated but no less heartfelt thanks to you all for the hard work and dedication. I am very proud to be one of your number, and I know the many people who use the park are extremely grateful for your efforts and those of other volunteers this summer and fall. We are returning dignity and functionality to historic park and the timing for doing so could not be better. I very much look forward to working with you next year!"

Phil Bean

CNY Conservancy Executive Director



Left: Ken Williams climbing to new heights for Rotary; he was mistaken for a sloth
Bottom: Mulch moving team with Ken being not so slothful



Thursday Work Crew (l to r): Israel Acosta, Deb Burke, Ken Williams, Stew Williams, Michelle Brandstadt, and friends
Karlie Wolfe, Mr. Schmalz, Liam Schmalz



Saturday Work Crew (l to r): Jim Friedel, Israel Acosta, Phil Bean, Travis Rabbers, Karlie Wolfe (friend), Stew Williams, Deb Burke, Joe Caruso