



January 13, 2020

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

Fellow Rotarians, RSVP today 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 provide our gracious meeting hosts at the Yahnundasis with a number and limit waste of food and resources. Click [Thursday Meeting Lunch RSVP](#) today! We look forward to seeing you!

THIS WEEK (Jan. 16), we will welcome as our speaker **Dan Williams**, who will present on the **Daniel Barden Mudfest**. Now in its 8th year, the 5-mile, 5-K and Kids mud run is in memory of Daniel Barden, who was one of the first-graders killed in the Sandy Hook, CT tragedy in December 2012. Another great opportunity to **bring a guest**, and **SHARE ROTARY!** **See you (at the Delta Hotel) on January 16th!**



LAST MEETING (Jan. 9), Drs. Ellen and James Smith, parents of **Erik Smith**, our 2018-19 outbound Youth Exchange Student to India, and host family to our Belgian exchange student, Arnaud, presented on their extraordinary **trip to India** at the end of their son's year. Thank you, Jim and Ellen, not only for your fascinating and entertaining presentation, but for playing a significant role in the **Rotary Youth Exchange** program. Namaste!



Looking for a Few Good Rotarians New to Rotary and looking for an avenue to service? Been with Rotary awhile but want to re-engage? Have we got opportunities for you! Looking for committee chairs or committee persons for the following: 1) Urban Affairs Committee; 2) Weekly Program Committee; Weekly Set-Up Committee; 3) Outstanding Educators Committee. Contact Joe at JPCaruso12@gmail.com

Please look to the Rotary Club of Utica [Facebook page](#) and/or [website](#) for a more complete recap of previous meetings.

Jerry Kraus, December Rotarian of the Month!

Apparently, Utica Rotarian Jerry Kraus couldn't stay away from us for the entire winter. Jerry, who left in December to winter in Port St. Lucie, Florida, was back in town last Thursday with greetings (and a club banner) from his friendly Florida Rotary hang out (*It didn't hurt that he could attend two Comets games during his visit*). We returned the favor by naming him Utica Rotary's Rotarian of the Month for December. A stalwart of our public relations, Pride of Workmanship and now program committees, Jerry participates in everything from park clean-ups, fundraisers, and socials, all in the name of Rotary. Thanks, Jer, for all you do – and we look forward to your return in April!



Upcoming Events: *Great opportunities to invite a guest and SHARE ROTARY!*

PLEASE NOTE: On January 16, we again will be meeting at the Delta Hotel (formerly Radisson) at 200 Genesee Street in Downtown Utica. Please be sure to RSVP with the link at the top of this newsletter, or we cannot promise you lunch. Thank you.

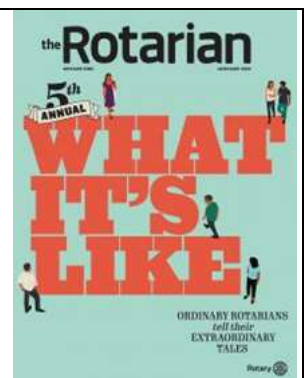
- ✚ Thurs., Jan. 16th: Rotary Luncheon Presentation: “Daniel Barden Mud Run” with Dan Williams (at Delta Hotel)
- ✚ Thurs., Jan. 23rd: *Shhh! It's a surprise!* (But we're back at the Yahnundasis)
- ✚ Thurs., Jan. 30th: – Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)-by Chuck Tomaselli of the New Hartford Rotary Club.
- ✚ Thurs., Feb. 6th – Shelterbox, with Tom Deuson
- ✚ Sat., Feb. 8th: Super Saturday Rotary Training, VVS School (see flyer on pg. 4)
- ✚ Sat., Feb. 22nd: Rotary District 7150 Gala Dinner, The Craftsman Inn, 7300 E Genesee St, Fayetteville

I read it in the Rotarian!

Have you read your issue of **the Rotarian** magazine lately? You receive it every month as part of your membership, and it is a fine compendium of worthwhile reading—a little about Rotary in particular, a little about life in general. My recommended article for this week is from the **January 2020 issue**: “[What It's Like: Ordinary Rotarians Tell Their](#)



Extraordinary Tales”, including: Evading capture in WWII; Making it through a hurricane; Donating (or Receiving) a kidney to (from) a friend; Canoeing the Mississippi from source to sea; Meeting a future monarch; Taking a risk after a life-changing diagnosis; and from our own **DG Randy Wilson and Janet Wilson of the Sauquoit Club: [Hosting Two Generations of Youth Exchange Students.](#)** [Read these](#)—and other great stories—today—and every month!



From President Joe:

Dear Rotarians: Since August, we've enjoyed the great fellowship of David Edelstein, who moved to Utica recently to start his career in sports broadcasting as sports director at WUTR. His enthusiasm for Rotary is palpable, and it has strong roots: He was involved in RYLA at his high school in New Jersey – and continues to help them to this day – and later joined Rotaract at Syracuse University. He's indicated interest in helping out with our Club's RYLA and Rotaract programs. Following is an inspiring piece from David; please read and enjoy, and remember to thank him for his service to Rotary when next you see him. YIRS - Joe

“Over the past several years, I have been involved with Rotary in my home district, District 7490 in northern New Jersey. Now having moved to Utica for my first full-time job, I have felt welcomed by the members of the Rotary Club of Utica, as well. This past weekend, I was given this football jersey by a Past District 7490 Governor. It is a symbol that all of us involved in Rotary are on the same team, working together for the same goals of Service Above Self, no matter where we are. Even if we are spread apart by distance and even if we don't even know each other, we are all part of Team Rotary. Rotary Connects The World.” **YIRS – David Edelstein**



“Super Saturday” Rotary Leadership Training

Please join us for our one-day District 7150 **“Super Saturday”** Training event at no cost! This training event will be on February 8th from 7:30-12:20 at VVS High School, 5275 State Route 31, Verona, NY. It is open to all Rotarians but **mandatory for officers and officers-elect**. Please see flyer below for more details.



Looking forward to seeing you Thursday noon at Rotary!
(remember, we're meeting at the Delta Hotel this week).

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

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"Super Saturday" will essentially be Pre-PETS (president-elect training), District Training Assembly and Grants Management all rolled into one Saturday morning! The event will include mandatory Pre-PETS training for incoming presidents and a District Training Assembly for incoming Club Officers and Chairs including Secretaries, Treasurers, Foundation Chairs, Membership Chairs, and Public Image Chairs. There will also be Grants Management Training and general training for any interested Rotarians. There will be something for everyone!

The event **includes a networking breakfast** and a session on how to make your Club's meetings more interesting. There will also be **childcare provided**.

**** IMPORTANT: Every Rotarian will enjoy this event. However, it's imperative that incoming Club officers and chairs attend as well as members doing grants applications for their clubs this year. If any of them cannot make this training, the Club should register and send a replacement. ****

Our District leadership team values your time. We've been working hard to set up quality training that you will find worthwhile. We want to give every Club the tools it needs to be effective, efficient, and enjoyable.

Use the link below to register today! Please register by February 5 so we can plan for the breakfast.

The Link to register is: [Register: SUPER SATURDAY](#)
Questions? Contact DGE Cheryl Matt at cherylmatt7150@gmail.com or 315-420-9210