



November 16, 2020

### Get your bids ready for the upcoming Not So Silent Night Gift Auction event

Presented by the Rotary Club of Utica, the Not So Silent Night Gift Auction is an evening for members and their family and friends to come together in the spirit of Rotary fellowship and holiday giving. Proceeds from this event will be donated to a yet to be determined organization. This event will be held in person (limited to 50) and virtually via Zoom.

Attendees, in person or virtually, are encouraged to donate a gift with a value of at least \$20. The gift must be wrapped and include a description providing clues about the gift, including who would be the ideal recipient for the gift. For example, “All ages would enjoy eating this gift!” or “This gift would be enjoyed by a couple looking for a night out.” Wrapped gifts may be dropped off before the event with Stephen Turnbull at Turnbull Insurance or with Travis Rabbers at Delta Hotels by Marriott Utica. If attending the event in person, the gifts may be brought the night of the event.

There are many ways to participate in this event. All are welcome—members and guests, with or without gifts—but it is very important that everyone register for planning purposes, both to ensure adherence to COVID-19 regulations and safety and to ensure ample food and gifts for all to enjoy. If attending by Zoom, consider hosting a Not So Silent Night Gift Auction mini-party with a few family members or friends!

For complete details and to register go to:  
[Not So Silent Night Gift Auction](#)



**Thanksgiving meal delivery drivers needed.**  
Please contact P Israel Acosta at [iacostadelrio@gmail.com](mailto:iacostadelrio@gmail.com)

Deadline for next newsletter (11/23) is Sunday, November 22, at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org)

# This Week's Program

Submitted by Travis Rabbers

**FRIDAY | November 20  
12 p.m. via Zoom**

Frank Mondì, veterinarian and New Hartford Rotary Club member, will be speaking on the topic of Lyme disease.

Dr. Mondì Born was born and raised in Utica. He graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. In 1978 he founded the New Hartford Animal Hospital and Care Center. He is the past President of CNY Veterinary Medical Society and past member of the Executive Board of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society. He is the host of "Pet Talk" on Newschannel 2, and is on the Board of Directors Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame as well as the Board of Trustees Emeritus Utica College.



Dr. Mondì has been married for 59 years, has four children and 11 grandchildren.

## Utica Zoo needs volunteers for holiday event/fundraiser

Utica Zoo is presenting a new family-friendly holiday tradition—Bright Nights at the Utica Zoo! Utica Zoo will be open late to visitors to enjoy new holiday LED light displays, music, carolers, fire pits, and visits from community cultural institutions as well as Santa. The event is a fundraiser to generate lost revenue due to COVID-19.

Utica Zoo is looking for volunteers to help for each of the 21 nights of the event—every Thursday through Sunday from November 27 to January 3 (except Christmas Eve/Day and New Year's Eve) from 5-8 p.m.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Kyla Jacobs, Utica Zoo volunteer coordinator, at 315-738-0472 ext. 44 or by email at [Kyla.Grose@uticazoo.org](mailto:Kyla.Grose@uticazoo.org), or go to <https://signup.com/go/rHSBxCu>.

*November Calendar of Events*

11/16 Board Meeting 1 p.m. | via Zoom

11/20 Weekly Meeting – Lyme Disease  
**FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | via Zoom**

11/27 **NO MEETING**

## Rotary Club of Utica Committees

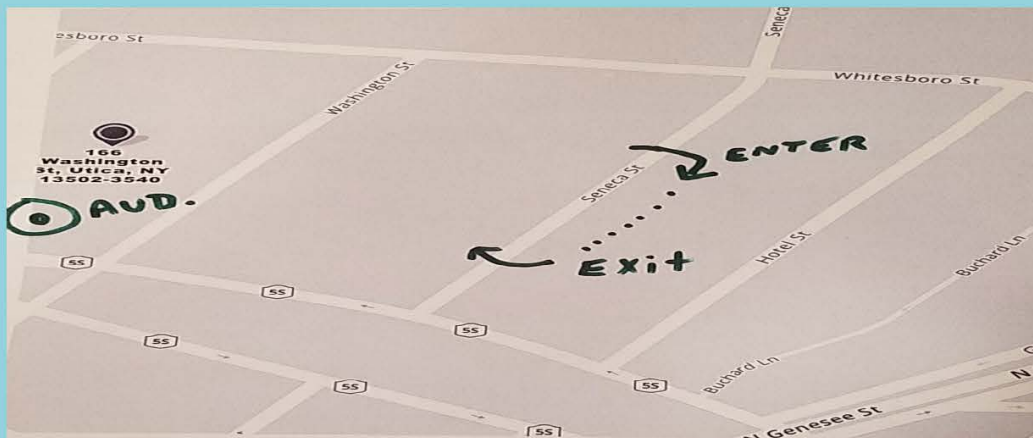
Looking to get involved? Rotary Club of Utica has several active committees. Contact a committee chair to join a committee or contact President Israel if interested in chairing a committee.

- 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**

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working together for our community with a

## DRIVE-THRU Food Drive

December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm  
Seneca Street Utica  
To Benefit The Utica Rescue Mission



Canned Goods, Pastas, Grains, Non-Perishables