



February 17, 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 limit waste of food and resources. Click [Lunch Meeting RSVP](#) today! We look forward to seeing you!

Fellow Rotarians: THIS WEEK we're meeting on **WEDNESDAY (Feb. 19th)**, jointly with the Rotary Club of New Hartford, at the usual time (noon) and place (Yahnundasis).

We are honored to welcome as our speaker **Congressman Anthony Brindisi (NY-22)**.

Due to the expected response to this program, please [RSVP your TODAY](#).

WHO WILL YOU BRING? Another great opportunity to bring a guest, and **SHARE ROTARY!** **See you at the Yahnundasis on Wednesday, February 19th!**



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

LAST MEETING (Feb. 13th), Watertown Rotarian **Tom Deuson** shared an eye-opening presentation on [ShelterBox USA](#), 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. **Thank you, Tom, for educating us about this most vital service to humanity, to which many Rotary clubs contribute.**



Welcome, Rotarian! Last Thursday, we were pleased to welcome **Dan Williams** as our newest member of the Rotary Club of Utica! Dan, a third-generation farmer and rancher, lives with his wife Melissa and sons on **Sunnybrook Farm** in Deansboro, where they raise grass-fed beef, and operate another business, **Williams Fence of CNY, Inc.** Dan is also the founder and director of the **Daniel Barden Mudfest**, a 5-mile, 5-K, and Kids mud run in memory of Daniel Barden, who was one of the first-graders killed in the Sandy Hook, CT tragedy in December 2012. It was after presenting to the Rotary Club of Utica at a meeting in January that Dan decided he wanted to join us. **Welcome, Dan!** Dan was sponsored for membership by Stephen Turnbull. Way to go, Stephen!



Job Well Done!

Congrats to Rotarian **John Bartholomeo** who organized the **ChefStrong** fundraiser this past weekend at his business, **Mohawk Valley Wellness**, and raised more than \$7500 for his friend **Brian Donovan** of **The Balanced Chef**. Brian is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor that was successfully removed. The heartwarming outpouring of community support included some Rotarians who participated in a fitness challenge.

Pictured, at right: Brian Donovan, John Bartholomeo; below right: Joe Caruso, John Bartholomeo, Devon Hoffman, David Edelstein; below left: Travis Rabbers.





Congratulations to **Erik Smith**, 2018-19 Rotary Youth Exchange Student to India, who is a recipient of Dickinson College's First Year Seminar (FYS) **Excellence in Writing Award** for his essay on the ethics of deploying military drone and robot technology in combat operations. Erik, a 2019 graduate of Clinton Central High, is currently a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. He is the son of **Ellen and Jim Smith**, who are dear to the

Rotary Club of Utica, especially as the host parents of **Arnaud de Liege**, (*hi, Arnaud!*), our 2017-2018 Youth Exchange student from Belgium. We wish Erik continued success in his studies and beyond.



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. [Tina Pavlot](#) will have tickets for sale during meetings. **Only 15 Tickets left 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 [Israel](#) or [Travis](#) today!



Outstanding Educator Program News

Bart Gorman, Chair; Jessica Merrell (RCIL) and Marie Masca (Total Solutions), committee

Next week, we'll commence the new class for 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. Be prepared to provide a warm welcome to our first students, who will be from **New York Mills High!** There's always room for one or two more on the committee if you'd like to help, especially with the end-of-the-school-year (May 7) awards luncheon. **Contact Bart, Jessica, or Marie for more info.**



Utica Rotary Calendar:

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



- ✚ **Wed., Feb. 19th: Rotary Luncheon: Welcome Congressman Anthony Brindisi (joint meeting with other area Rotary Clubs). NOTE: This meeting is on a Wednesday.**
- ✚ **Sat., Feb. 22nd: Rotary District 7150 Gala Dinner, The Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville**
- ✚ **Sun., Feb. 23rd: On Stage with the Utica Rotary for a Utica City Football Club Game! \$30 pp. See Tina Pavlot for tickets.**
- ✚ **Thurs., Feb. 27th: Tim Reed and Joe Kelly will present on a very special topic.**

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In Search OF... Rotarians or Rotaractors to help produce this weekly newsletter. Your assistance is greatly needed, either as a writer/contributor or editor. Please contact President Joe for more info: JPCaruso12@gmail.com or 518-542-7814. Thank you!



You can support our fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors in their good works outside Rotary, too:

This Weekend: On Friday (2/21), 3 to 6 pm, Utica College Senior **Phil Cruz-Rodriguez** is sponsoring **"Sled Day"** at **Roscoe Conkling Park**, a program of winter fun for family, friends, and community. Bagels, beverages and musical entertainment will be provided. The program is a project of the **Community Bridge Association** of the **Utica College Office of Diversity and Inclusion**. See the flyer that follows for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you this WEDNESDAY (2/19) 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



Roscoe Conkling Park
February 21st
3pm-6:00pm



Community Bridge Association

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Come join us for some winter fun with friends, family and **OUR COMMUNITY!**

Bringing the Handshake City together to shake hands

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