



WALK WITH ROTARY CLUB OF UTICA TO SCARE AWAY POLIO

On Saturday, October 31, Rotary Club of Utica is hosting the Walk to Scare Away Polio in recognition of World Polio Day, which was October 24. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the F.T. Proctor Park oval.

Complete details are located on page 3 of this newsletter. Special thanks to Rotarian Devon Hoffman for creating the event flyer and social media image.

Please note that preregistration is required as noted on the flyer (page 3). Costumes are encouraged!



RAINY DAY FOR ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROJECT DOESN'T KEEP THESE ROTARIANS FROM SHINING

Rotary Club of Utica members as well as Past District Governor Randy Wilson participated in the Area 2 and 3 Rotary Clubs' Adopt-a-Highway program on Saturday, October 24, despite the rain. Thanks to all who came out to help!

Pictured (left to right): Stephen Turnbull, Tina Pavlot, Joe Caruso, P Israel Acosta, new member Kyle Carins, PDG Randy Wilson, Travis Rabbers



**Deadline for next newsletter (11/2) is Sunday, November 1, at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**



COMMITTEE NEWS

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS OF ROTARIANS AND ROTARY EVENTS

The Communication Committee is actively publicizing Rotary Club of Utica on its website and social media, with media releases to local papers, and through the club and district newsletters. We don't have an official photographer so, please, send us photos you take at club events or of members in action to use in these publications. Photos can be sent to news@uticarotaryclub.org. To view photos of past events, go to <https://uticarotary.org/page/photos>.

October 2020 Calendar of Events

- 10/29 Weekly Meeting – Social
THURSDAY @ 5 p.m.
Polish Community Club
- 10/31 Walk to Scare Away Polio
9 a.m. – Noon
- 11/6 Weekly Meeting – TBD
FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | via Zoom

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

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

This Week's Program

This month's social meeting is at the Polish Community Club of Utica, and it couldn't fall on a better day as it's the club's Polish Food Night. Plan to meet with fellow Rotarians (we have a table reserved) to enjoy good conversation and great food, such as kielbasa, Pierogi (potato/cheese, cabbage, blueberry, sweet cheese), golombki, kapusta, potato pancakes, mushroom stew, and more!



THURSDAY
Oct. 29 | 5 p.m.
Polish Community
Club of Utica
810 Columbia St.
Utica, NY 13502

SCARE AWAY POLIO WALK

On Saturday, October 31,

Rotary Club of Utica is hosting the Walk to Scare Away Polio in recognition of World Polio Day, which is October 24. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the F.T. Proctor Park oval.

The walk is being held to raise awareness, funds, and support to end polio. Rotary International reports that polio is "a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today. When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent, and just three countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan."

In support of eradicating polio in the three countries, Rotary Club of Utica is encouraging walkers to walk three loops, one for each country where Polio still exists. If you can't walk all three loops (.7 miles each loop), organize a group of friends and or family to do half, one loop each, or whatever. In the end it doesn't matter—the intent is to raise awareness that Polio still exists and to help fund eradication.

Walkers can also check out what Rotary Club of Utica has accomplished through its F.T. Proctor Park service project meetings since August—the event starts and ends in front of the hydrangea beds lining the parking lot. We also want this to be about fellowship so encourage friends and family to walk with you, and all are welcome to wear costumes!

There is no fee to participate in the walk, but free-will donations will be accepted the day of the walk. If you can't make the walk, donations can be made at the Rotary Club of Utica web page set up for this event. All donations collected go to The Rotary Foundation Fund for eradicating polio. A big bonus is that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match donations 2-to-1, for a total yearly contribution of \$150 million.

Due to New York COVID-19 restrictions individuals and groups **MUST** preregister for the walk, and we are required to limit the number of registrations per hour. In addition, individuals must wear face coverings when they are in public and are within six feet of distance from other individuals who are not family members or in the individual's group.

For more information and donation and registration links go to:

uticarotary.org/page/scare-away-polio

Group 1: 9-10 a.m.

Group 2: 10-11 a.m.

Group 3: 11 a.m.-Noon



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