



January 27, 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!



ESRAG

ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP

Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action

Group (ESRAG) assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in planning, implementing and evaluating service projects, building awareness, and inspiring action. These projects promote environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to mitigate climate disruption. **THIS WEEK (Jan. 30)**, we'll hear from Architect Chuck Tomaselli of the Rotary Club of New Hartford, who will speak about his efforts to bring District 7150 on board for this endeavor, and how we as Rotarians can get involved. Another great opportunity to **bring a guest**, and **SHARE ROTARY! See you (at the Yahnundasis) on January 30th!**



LAST MEETING (Jan. 23rd), we welcomed **Al Heywood** from the [Adirondack Railway Preservation Society](#) (ARPS) who spoke about the history of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad and its value to the community, including economic impact. Thank you, Al, for a most informative and entertaining presentation! Also attending the meeting, as guest of President Joe, was local

artist and preservationist **David "RC" Oster**, well-known for his intricate drawings, created free-hand in ink, of landmarks, old homes, mills, barns and trains, from the Tug Hill to the Southern Tier, and western Adirondacks scenery. RC presented Al with the gift of a print of one of his recent train drawings, which Al said he would display in a place of honor in ARPS's new offices. Thanks for your generosity, RC!





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 40 Tickets and they will go fast! Get yours today. And bring a friend. Share Rotary!**



Utica Rotary Calendar:

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



- ✚ **Thurs., Jan. 30th: – Rotary Luncheon: Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)-by Chuck Tomaselli of the New Hartford Rotary Club.**
- ✚ **Thurs., Jan. 30th: Utica Rotary Gala Planning Committee, 5:30 M&T Bank main branch**
- ✚ **Thurs., Feb. 6th – Rotary Luncheon: Thea Bowman House, with Exec Dir Jane Domingue presenting. At deSales Center, 309 Genesee St., Utica.**
- ✚ **Sat., Feb. 8th: Super Saturday Rotary Training, VVS School (see flyer on following page)**
- ✚ **Thurs., Feb. 13th: Rotary Luncheon: ShelterBox, with Tom Deuson**
- ✚ **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, 7300 E Genesee St, Fayetteville**
- ✚ **Sun., Feb. 23rd: On Stage with the Utica Rotary for a Utica City Football Club Game! \$30 pp. See Tina Pavlot for tickets**

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!



Adopt Me! The Outstanding Educator Committee needs you! Today! This signature program hosts students from area schools at our weekly Rotary meetings and provides a platform for the students to honor their school's outstanding educator. **If you don't do it, we won't have a program this year.** Contact Joe (jpcaruso12@gmail.com).

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

Welcome, Rotarians! Please give a warm welcome to our two newest members of 2020, **John Bartholomeo** and **Doug Walters**.

John, sponsored by Stephen Turnbull, is head coach and co-owner (with his wife, Jenifer) of [Mohawk Valley Wellness](#) in Marcy. He recently provided a most inspirational and enthusiastic program for the club, and apparently, was also inspired to join in the good work of Rotary.



Doug, Also sponsored by Stephen Turnbull, is Chief Investment Officer at [Strategic Financial Services, Inc.](#) Doug and Jackie and children live in Clinton and recently hosted our German Exchange student, Felix.

Welcome, John and Doug! We're looking forward to spending time with you and your families for fun, fellowship and service.

"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.

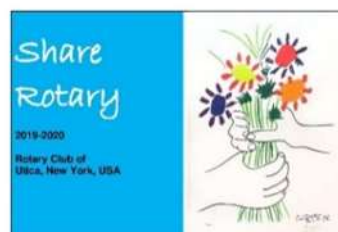


Looking for a Few Good Rotarians: New to Rotary and looking for an avenue to service? Been with Rotary awhile but want to re-engage? Have we got opportunities for you! Looking for committee chairs or committee persons for the following: 1) Urban Affairs Committee; 2) Weekly Program Committee; Weekly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

Contact Joe at JPCaruso12@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday noon for our Rotary Club of Utica weekly luncheon at the Yahnundasis!

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