



Remember to RSVP for Not So Silent Night Gift Auction happening this week!

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. This event will be held in person (limited to 50) and virtually via Zoom, and all proceeds from the event will be donated to the [Thea Bowman House](#).

In addition to the gift auction, a raffle for a two-night stay at Great Pines Resort is being held. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will only be sold online. **The deadline for purchasing raffle tickets has been extended to December 21.**

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](#)

To purchase raffle tickets go to:
[Not So Silent Night Great Pines Raffle](#)



Rotaract Committee selects three interns

Submitted by Dom Passalacqua

The Rotaract Committee is pleased to inform the Club that this year we had fourteen applications for 2021 internships, representing Utica College, SUNY Poly, and Herkimer. We advanced seven candidates to the interview round via Zoom, and from that group have accepted three students into our program for 2021. Our finalists are all from Utica College. Once we have placements finalized, we will introduce our 2021 interns, along with their respective internship sites.

**Deadline for next newsletter (12/7) is Sunday, December 6, at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**

December Calendar of Events

- 12/3 Not So Silent Night Gift Auction
6:00-7:30 p.m. | Delta Hotel & Zoom
- 12/4 **NO WEEKLY MEETING**
- 12/11 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
Lou D'Amore: International Institute for
Peace through Tourism
- 12/18 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoo
Kristy Lenuzza: Speak to Sow
- 12/21 Board Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 12/25 **NO WEEKLY MEETING**

Utica Zoo still in need of volunteers for holiday event

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 holiday LED light displays, music, carolers, fire pits, and visits from community cultural organizations and 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.

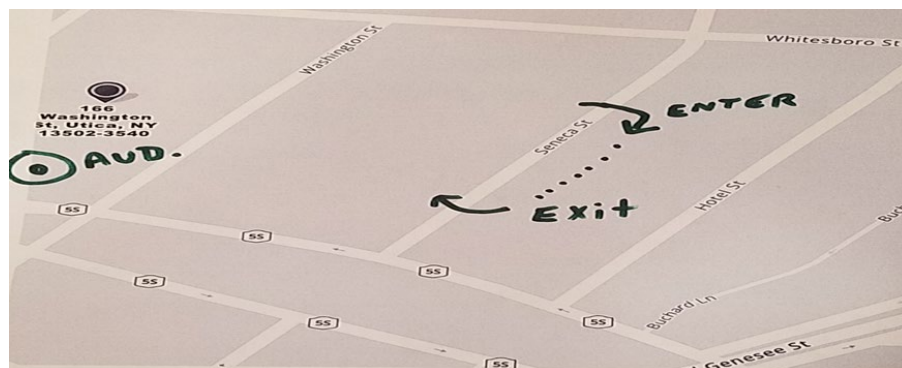
For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Kyla Jacobs, Utica Zoo volunteer coordinator, at 315-738-0472 ext. 44 or by email at Kyla.Grose@uticazoo.org, or go to <https://signup.com/go/rHSBxCu>.

Food drive to benefit Utica Rescue Mission

Greater Utica Sunrise Rotary Club is organizing a drive-through food drive on Wednesday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nonperishables food such as canned goods, pastas, and grains are welcome.

Please see the map for delivery to Seneca Street in Utica.



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**

For the latest Rotary International news, check out its news feed on our Club website at:

[District & International News](#)