

Not So Silent Night Gift Auction and Raffle raises \$2,360 for Thea Bowman

Kudos to the Not So Silent Night Gift Auction committee members for making lemonade (a special get-together and \$2360) out of lemons (COVID-19). Thanks to their resolve to have some holiday fun while making a difference, the first-ever event successfully met both objectives and looks to become a regular event, hopefully in a different format next year—that is, *in person!*

The winners of the Not So Silent Night raffle were:

- First place for a two-night stay at Great Pines Resort: Melanie Costello
- Second place for a Utica Monopoly Board (donated by The Abraham House): Rebecca Calidonna
- Third place for a Rocky the Owl mug and Woodland Farm Brewery gift card: Brandy Davison

Congratulations to the raffle winners & thank you to all who participated in the event!

Members “ring bells” to help Salvation Army

Members Joann Fornino, Travis Rabbers and Roger Frank answered Salvation Army’s request for much-needed help for its Red Kettle campaign on Saturday, December 19. Captain Harrington of Utica Salvation Army was very appreciative.



This Week’s Program

Submitted by Travis Rabbers

**FRIDAY | January 8
12 p.m. via Zoom**

Joanne Moskal is the chief operating officer for [Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.](#) She has been with the organization for 24 years and oversees fundraising, marketing, human resources and operations. Ms. Moskal holds a bachelor’s degree from SUNY. She also serves on the Women’s Fund of Herkimer and Oneida Counties.



Deadline for next newsletter (1/11) is Sunday, January 10, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org

CARING THOUGHTS

Sad News

Our condolences go out to the families of:

Ruth M. Turnbull, 86, mother of Past President James Turnbull IV and grandmother to Stephen Turnbull, passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020, at the Masonic Care Community. Ruth was a long-time member and Past President of the Women of Rotary Utica chapter, and her late husband James B. Turnbull III was a long-time member of our club.

Dr. Herb Sipp, a North Utica Rotary member, passed away on Christmas Day. Herb attended our meetings often, and he always participated by engaging the speakers or selling tickets for his club's fundraising activities.

Long-time Rotarian **Larry DiCesare** on the recent passing of his mother, Helen (Flisnik) DiCesare. She was 93 years old.

Well Wishes

Our best wishes for speedy recoveries go out to Club members **Heather Beebe** and **Devon Hoffman** as well as **Rich Mustee**, husband of former member **Pam Mustee**. All three have experienced severe cases of COVID-19. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Reach Out

Club members are interested in the welfare of other members. We want to celebrate members' good news as well as extend a caring thought or helping hand to those experiencing a medical or personal hardship.

If you, or anyone you know, could use some well wishes, please send the information to [Michelle Brandstadt](#) for an upcoming newsletter.

The latest District 7150 newsletter is available on our Club website at:

[December District 7150 Newsletter](#)

Happy New Year

January Calendar of Events

- 1/8 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
Joanne Moskal, Hospice & Palliative Care
- 1/15 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
Andrea MacDiarmid, MVHS Foundation
- 1/18 Board Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 1/22 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
Lewellyne Blanchard,
Empowered Pathways
- 1/29 Weekly Meeting | 12 p.m. via Zoom
Cheri Citro, CNY Quest/Operation
Sunshine

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
- RYLAJim Day
- Interact..... Jim Day
- Urban Concerns **NEED CHAIR**
- CommunicationMichelle Brandstadt
- Meeting Service..... Natalie Brown
- Membership Joe Caruso/Ken Williams
- Outstanding Educator AwardsBart 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**