

June 1, 2020

What have you done today to make you feel proud?



JOIN US VIA ZOOM for our weekly Rotary Club of Utica meeting at noon on **Thursday (June 4th)** when we will join with our **outstanding student guests to celebrate their Outstanding Educators!** This annual awards program is the perfect near-ending to the Rotary year – a afternoon of inspiration, received from both the inspiring educators we celebrate and the grateful and enthusiastic students who honor them.

This is also a multi-club event: **Rotary Club of Utica** will host students and educators from Clinton, New York Mills, Notre Dame and Proctor high schools, while the **New Hartford** club will host New Hartford High, and the **North Utica / Whitestown** club will host Whitesboro high school.

Please see the email in which this newsletter arrived for the Zoom link and password. Invite a friend; SHARE ROTARY!

LAST WEEK, members of the local Toastmasters International club, **CNY BizTalkers**, presented their **“Transforming Your Elevator Pitch to a Million Dollar Message”** workshop.

Toastmasters is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization founded in 1924. Its members attend club meetings where they learn how to be more confident speakers, communicators and leaders. Toastmasters International and Rotary International are partnering to help members grow professionally and make a difference in their communities.

Thank you, **CNY BizTalkers**, for your timely information and gracious invitation to join you in the future, and Rotarian **Tina Pavlot**, for bringing this fine program to us!



Upcoming Weekly Rotary Meeting Programs:

6/18: Club Changing of the Guard



Accent Magazine Features Rotary Club of Utica

The Rotary Club of Utica was featured in the June issue of **Accent Magazine**, which debuted with the Sunday (5/31) issue of the Utica Observer-Dispatch.

The article is a fine tribute to our club's 105-year history, paying special attention to services such as Youth Exchange and Urban Concerns, and signature events such as Pride of Workmanship and the Outstanding Educator Awards program. It is an especially poignant reminder of the fine community works of Utica Rotarians, past and present.



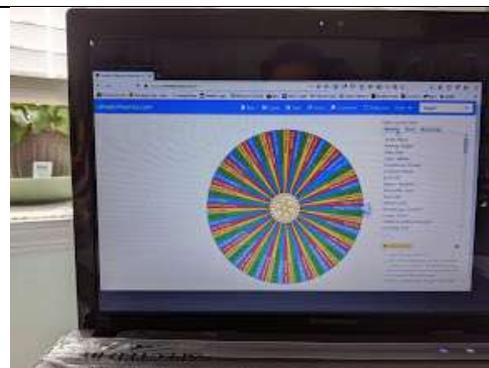
The article was beautifully written by **Maryann Vanderpool-Imundo**, whose husband, **Ralph Imundo**, is a Rotarian and past president of the club. Maryann's own connection with Rotary began when she was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Australia.

In this issue, Rotary shared the company of other community treasures like (fellow G.U.S. Rotarian) **Judith H. Reilly**, executive director of St. Margaret's Retreat House and also Emmaus House; entrepreneur **Juanita Bass**; master gardener **Joanie Gorton** for her work with the **Thea Bowman House**; and ICAN/Children's Museum CEO **Steven Bulger**. What a marvelous community to be a part of! *Thank you, Maryann*, for your fine tribute, and *thank you, Utica Rotarians* for living the Rotary International motto of "**Service Above Self.**"

Congratulations, Service Fund Contributors/Prizewinners!

Round and round the wheel goes – where it stops, nobody knows! Well, now we do! As a thank you for Rotarians who contributed to the service fund, we held a raffle; those who contributed \$160 were entered once on the "Wheel of Fortune", and those who contributed \$200 or

more were entered twice. Kudos to **PP Jim Turnbull** who found a digital wheel, entered the eligible names, and did his best Vanna White to spin the wheel. **PP Linda Allen** won the grand prize (gift certificate to the Cooper Inn in Cooperstown), while **PP Jill Koch, Mary Lou Reape, and PP/PDG Don Reese** picked from among the next three prizes: a Chester's Flowers gift certificate, dinner for two at Fort Schuyler Club, and a shirt and mug from the club's "New York Tough / "Quarantine Adventures" contest. An additional drawing for a mug went to **PP Pam Matt**. Congratulations, winners, and thank you to all service fund contributors for your contributions! You make possible the charitable work we do in the community.





“Quarantine Adventures”: **Rotary Club of Utica Unveils Novel Fundraiser to benefit the MVCCOVID-19 Fund; Apparel, mugs feature logo design by Rotarian Devon Hoffman**

UTICA, NY - In an effort to support the Mohawk Valley COVID-19 Fund, The Rotary Club of Utica is selling its **“NEW YORK TOUGH”** t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, and mugs. The fund is a joint venture of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. and the United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica. The shirts are available on the [Rotary Club of Utica Online Store](#).

The shirts are emblazoned with an image designed by graphic artist and Rotarian, Devon Hoffman, and includes five “word art” messages placed within the outline of New York State, including: “New York Tough”; “Stop The Spread”; “Save Lives”; “One Day At A Time”; and “Together We Can”.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Utica is sponsoring an online contest, ***Quarantine Adventures***. Participation in the Quarantine Adventures Contest is open to anyone who has purchased one of RCU’s “New York Tough” items, and posts a photo of themselves posing with the item, either in front of a Utica area landmark, performing a handstand/headstand challenge, or doing something equally attention-getting, to the Rotary Club of Utica Facebook page facebook.com/uticarotary. Those without Facebook can email the photo to Info@UticaRotaryClub.org.



A Rotary Club of Utica committee will review the submissions and post the finalists. The public can then “vote” on their favorites by “liking” them, and at the end of the contest, the top three photos will each receive a gift certificate to a Utica area business.

The Rotary Club of Utica is selling the “New York Tough” items through their online store; sales and the contest will run through June 30.

Winners will be announced during July 4th weekend. The Rotary Club of Utica encourages creativity but advocates for the participants to proceed with safety in mind.

For more information, contact the Rotary Club of Utica at Info@UticaRotaryClub.org or visit their Facebook page.



Fellow Rotarians: The Salvation Army is in need of ten volunteers to help with each of three upcoming food giveaways at its location on 14 Clinton Place in Utica:

- June 3, Wednesday, 11-2 p.m.
- June 10, Wednesday, 11-2 p.m.
- June 24, Wednesday, 11-2 p.m.

All pertinent COVID-19 safety procedures and protocols will be observed. Please contact Michelle Brandstadt (michelle@fillableformdesigns.com) to volunteer.

Thank you and stay healthy! Michelle Brandstadt, chair, Urban Concerns Committee



Fresh Produce Giveaway!

The Salvation Army of Utica, the Food Bank of CNY, and Smith Packing are partnering to provide **free, fresh produce** to members of the Utica, Rome and Mohawk Valley areas of Central New York.

Dates:

- Wednesday, June 3
- Wednesday, June 10
- Wednesday, June 24



Time: Distributions start at 12 p.m. until food is gone.



Location:

The Salvation Army of Utica
14 Clinton Pl.
Utica, N.Y. 13502

No registration, intake form, or income requirement necessary.



Happy June Birthday, Dear Rotarians!



Do you have a June birthday and we've missed you? Apologies! Please contact Joe today at JPCaruso12@gmail.com.

Boilermaker Road Race News



By now, you've probably heard that the Boilermaker Road Race has been postponed to **September 13th, 2020**. Rotary Club of Utica Boilermaker Water Station chair **Mary Joan Foresti** would like all Rotarians interested in staffing the water station, located on Memorial Parkway by the tennis courts, to email her (mj4st@yahoo.com) as soon as possible with your name, home address, and phone number. Openings are limited, so contact MJ, ASAP! We had a great time at last year's race.



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 Concerns Committee; 2) Weekly Program Committee; Newsletter. Contact any committee chair, board member, or Joe at JPCaruso12@gmail.com



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 [Travis](#) today!



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

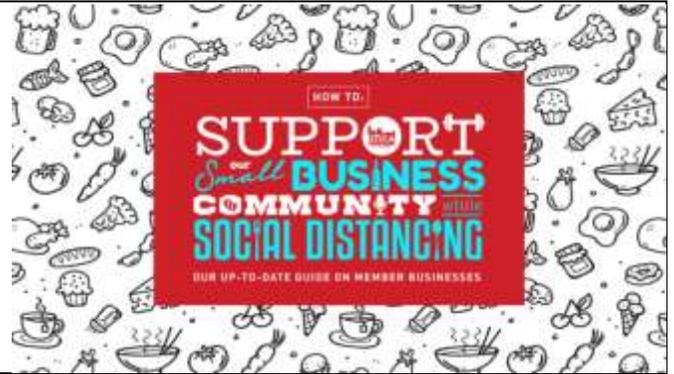


If it's Monday, It's Rotary Movie Night!

Every Monday night (8 pm), District 7150 Rotarians are invited to pop up the corn and join in to a virtual movie party – a Netflix Party – with their fellow Rotarians. This week, Rotarians enjoyed **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (with Johnny Depp). [Click here](#) for details on next week's feature. See you at the movies!

FROM THE GREATER UTICA CHAMBER:

With mandated closures and restrictions to slow the spread of COVID-19, a variety of businesses are experiencing a drastic change to their daily business operations. We've been working hard to help our Members during this time. [Click here](#) for more information.



#Take Out the Virus (!)

So proud of our **Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce** and local businesses who have pledged themselves to reimburse their employees for buying takeout meals, and thus helping sustain our great local restaurants in this challenging time of social distancing. And thanks Rotarian **Joann Fornino** of Casa Imports, a founder/funder of this endeavor, for bringing this to our attention! Click [here](#) for more information.



Looking forward to "seeing" you (via Zoom) this THURSDAY (6/04) noon, from the comfort of your own home, for our next Rotary Club of Utica online weekly meeting!

In Rotary Service,
Joe Caruso
President, 2019-2020
Rotary Club of Utica, NY USA



Please forward this email/newsletter to friends and colleagues whom you would like to SHARE ROTARY!



A message from:
Dana Jerrard
District Governor Nominee (2021-22)
RI District 7150

Dear Fellow District 7150 Rotarian,

We have established a District 7150 COVID-19 Response Fund for the purpose of rapidly reimbursing clubs that have initiated COVID-19-related projects in their communities. The District Finance Committee has agreed to seed this fund with known surpluses from the 2020 International Convention and PDG accounts. This, along with several major personal donations from District leaders, gives us a very good start toward our goal of \$10,000 for the fund.

In "traveling" around the District via Zoom, I have found many clubs stepping up to meet the needs of those adversely affected by the pandemic. Food banks, backpack meal programs for students, nursing homes, facemasks, hygiene products..... the needs are real and D7150 Rotarians are finding a way to help.

In addition to these unplanned expenses, many clubs have had to cancel or postpone major fundraisers. This fund is designed to quickly reimburse clubs for their unforeseen expenses related to COVID-19. The more we raise, the more we can help our fellow Rotarians.

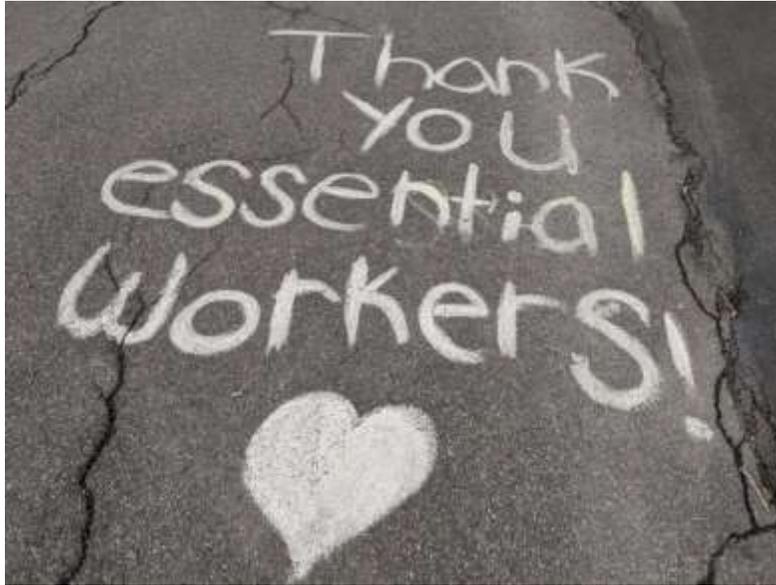
Please consider a donation to the COVID-19 Response Fund, and give at the level you feel is appropriate. Click the Donate button below to go the donation page.

Because the District is not registered as a 501(c)(3) with the IRS, these donations are not tax deductible.

Thank you for your consideration. I am convinced that we will emerge from this crisis a more connected and effective Rotary district.

Yours in Rotary Service,
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