



May 4, 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 (5/7)** when our speaker will be **Taylor Brose**, the Community Manager for [Innovation Collective: Utica](#).



Taylor will be discussing the Innovation Collective’s mission to empower local communities all across the country, and specifically its initiative in Utica. “It’s our hope that if we can empower people at a grassroots level to think, live, act, and play together, then people can begin to start really cool companies together,” says Taylor, adding: “Much of our work is also acting as a community conduit to reference others’ skillsets when we encounter individuals who face problems or hurdles in their own start up endeavors.” Join us Thursday at noon and find out how. **Please see this email in which this newsletter arrived for the Zoom link and password. Invite a friend; SHARE ROTARY!**



A hearty THANK YOU to Rotarian JOHN BARTHOLOMEO of Mohawk Valley Wellness, who spoke to us last week about **“How to stay happy and healthy during challenging times: 5 simple things to do each day to maintain a positive mindset during the quarantine.”** Thanks, John, for inspiring is to keep moving!



Flashback Fotos:



This week, last year, on Facebook (May 4, 2019): “Enjoying the morning with my [#RotaryClubofUtica](#) buds cleaning Kopernik Park and the [#deSalesCenter](#) as part of the [#GreatAmericanCleanup](#) ! Above, clockwise from left: **kneeling:** Dave Jones, Michelle Brandstadt, Jim Day; **standing:** Catherine MacInroe, Joe Caruso, Jill Koch, Samantha Koch, Jonathan Howard, Elizabeth Nassar, Phil Bean, Jennifer DePasquale, Jerry Kraus, John Burdick.



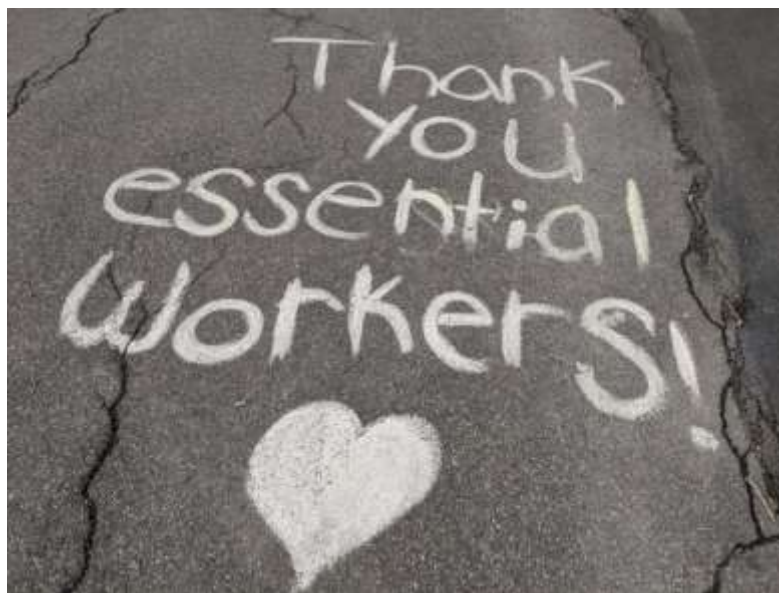
Boilermaker Road Race News



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.



Rotary Peace Fellowships Applications Due May 31

Rotary Peace Fellows study at Rotary Peace Centers located in countries other than their own. Through a rigorous program of academic study and practical training, the Rotary Peace Centers develop leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict resolution in their communities and around the globe. The program relies on Rotarians to help identify potential candidates, with a goal of selecting approximately 50 master's degree fellows and 50 professional development certificate fellows each year.

The Rotary Peace Centers operate in partnership with seven premier institutions of higher learning. These institutions have changed as the program has evolved.

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must [submit endorsed applications](#) to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. General inquiries regarding the fellowship program may be sent to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.



Your Weekly Rotary Lift: Community Folks Doing Good



Chalk Up Another Good Deed for the Daniel Barden Mudfest!

Utica Rotarian **Dan Williams** had to postpone his fundraiser, the [Daniel Barden Mudfest](#), from May 2 to October 31 due to the quarantine, but last weekend he chose to commemorate the event, now in its 8th year, with a “Chalk the Walk” event, inviting folks to chalk an uplifting design and post it on Facebook in a friendly competition. Dan wrote: “Let's fill our communities with love and kindness today while we get some fresh air.” Here’s a few of the great responses he received.



Dan is also selling a special edition tee shirt online (through May 10) to support the **Barden Adventure Scholarship**, which provides for selected students to go on an all-expense paid, 8-day canoe and camping trip through the Adirondacks. Each student will also choose a charity that they feel is deserving, which will be funded through proceeds from the Daniel Barden Mudfest. Click [here](#) for more information.



Keep up the great work, Dan and the Mudfest team!

Happy May Birthday, Dear Rotarians!



May 15: Lisa Wilsey



May 15: Joe Caruso



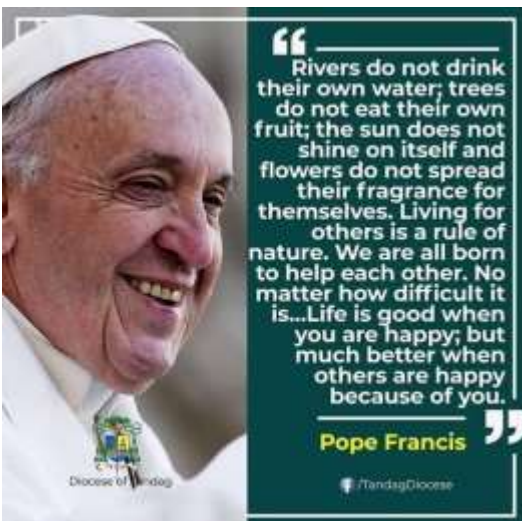
May 23: Mark Foresti



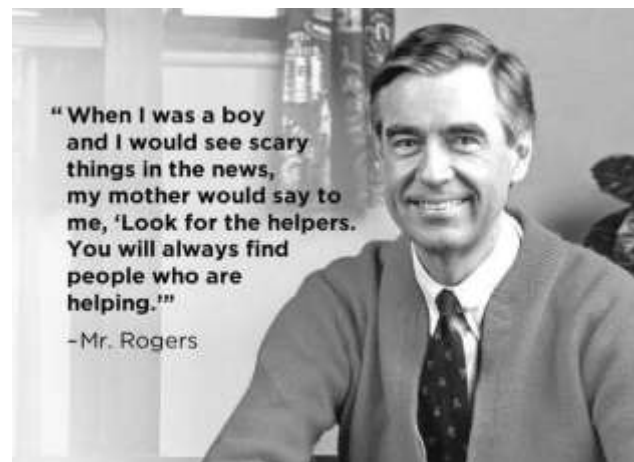
May 23: Dan Murphy



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



(Birthday: December 17th)



(Birthday: March 20th)

Rotary
District 7150



**COVID-19
Response**

**STAY HOME
STAY SAFE**

**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,
Dana Jerrard
jerrarddana@gmail.com**



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



#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.



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!



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 **The Pursuit of Happiness**.

Click [here](#) for details on next week's feature. See you at the movies!

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

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.



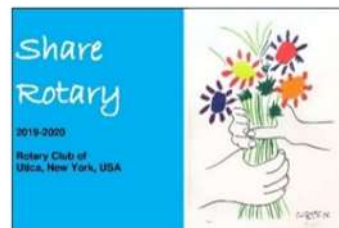
**DIY
No-Sew
Face
Mask**



[Check out the easy instructions on YouTube, here!](#)

Looking forward to “seeing” you (via Zoom) this THURSDAY (5/7) 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!

