



Before and after pictures of the hydrangea bed at F.T. Proctor Park

First task of the T.R. Proctor Park cleanup to be finished this week

Thanks to the extra efforts of a handful of Rotarians and friends this past week, the task of sprucing up of the hydrangea bed will be able to be completed with this week's service project meetings.

On Thursday, October 1, and Saturday, October 3, Rotarians finished pulling the old weed fabric from the beds, trimmed the hydrangeas, and began spreading the new mulch. Special thanks go to Deb Burke for organizing this extra effort. She and Phil Bean, executive director of CNY Conservancy and fellow Rotarian, both say they have received many positive comments from park users.

(continued on page 2)

RSVP needed for Pride of Workmanship Awards Luncheon

Submitted by Roxanne Mutchler

The Pride of Workmanship Awards Luncheon will be held on our regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, October 16, 2020 at noon. This will be a hybrid meeting—you can attend in person or view the ceremony online!

The luncheon will be held at Delta Hotel by Marriott Utica, 200 Genesee Street, in the Utica Junior Ballroom. A buffet lunch for \$15.00 will be served at 11:45 a.m.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions that limit in-person gatherings to a maximum of 50 people, an attendance figure is required.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by October 9 to rmutchler@mvcc.edu.

Volunteers needed for Adopt-a-Highway Project

Submitted by Stephen Turnbull

The fall highway cleanup will take place on Saturday, October 24, from 9-11 a.m. Our portion of the highway is the Arterial in Utica, north bound only from Burrstone to Court Street. This is open to all Area 2 and 3 club members. The more people we have, the faster we can finish the cleanup. Additional details will be provided in upcoming newsletters

Please RSVP by October 19 to stephen@turnbull-insurance.com.

Deadline for next newsletter (10/12) is Sunday, October 11 at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org

Sign up for this week's service project meetings

(continued from page 1)

For this week's service meetings, the remaining exposed bed will be filled in with mulch and, with many helping hands, we should be able to move on to a new task for the T.R. Proctor Park project.

We are meeting at Frederick T. Proctor Park, which is located at the corner of Culver and Rutger, across from the Willows Restaurant. The entrance is located at the very end of Rutger, in the back of the park. The work site is immediately adjacent to the parking lot.

To sign up for one or both volunteer days, use the links below, or go to the club website (<https://uticarotary.org>), click on the Calendar tab (in gold bar), then click on the link for the event day. You can sign up as a member, which will require you to login to your Rotary Club of Utica ClubRunner account (need login name and password), or you can sign up as a guest, which won't require you to login (recommended method). You can also sign up guests at the same time.

Service Project Sign-up Links:

Thursday | 10/8 | 5-7 p.m.

Saturday | 10/10 | 9-11 a.m.

Check out more photos for this project at:
[F.T. Proctor Park Service Project](#)



Pictured (l to r): Joe Caruso, Tatjana Kulalic (a volunteer Deb met at the park), Travis Rabbers, President Israel Acosta, Deb Burke



Pictured (l to r): Phil Bean, Stu Williams, Tatjana Kulalic, Deb Burke, Tina Pavlot, Jim Friedel (new member), Fran Pugliese, President Israel Acosta

COMMITTEE NEWS

Committees give updates at Club Assembly meeting

Youth Exchange – Deb Burke

The Youth Exchange program is hoping to start back up next year, beginning with taking applications in December. They are not reaching out to the high schools until schools have had a chance to settle in to new and different school year. If you know of a student interested in doing an exchange, please refer them to the committee.

Rotaract – Jennifer DePasquale

The 2020 spring intern whose internship was cut short due to COVID-19 was able to return this fall to continue at Central Association for the Blind and Impaired (CABVI). To date, only one application for 2020-21 internships have been received, but a few more may come in. The committee will meet soon to review.

COMMITTEE NEWS - Committee Updates

Membership – Joe Caruso

A Membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Joe for meeting link if you would like to join meeting.

Social Justice – Joe Caruso

The committee will resume with a meeting to be set up soon.

Interact – Jim Day

Due to COVID-19 challenges in school, the club has not been active.

RYLA – Jim Day

Due to COVID-19 there was no RYLA experience this past summer. Applications for next summer's RYLA conference will be available in March.

Pride of Workmanship – Roaxanne Mutchler

The committee is busy preparing for the upcoming program on October 16. Thanks to members Gina Ciaccia and Carli Sterling, many businesses were contacted for nominations, resulting in five individuals being awarded at this year's program.

Communications – Michelle Brandstadt

The committee had a formation meeting in September to outline the committee's focus and structure. The committee will strive to promote Rotary Club of Utica and Rotary International to the community as well as keep members informed of club activities through email, newsletters, club website, social media, media releases, and advertising.

The committee would like to hear about upcoming committee meeting dates, updates, and events as well as suggestions for information or events you feel Rotarians would like to know. Please provide a reasonable amount of time for notification, creation and/or publication of communication.

Email the Communication Committee at news@uticarotaryclub.org with news. The information will be dispersed to appropriate avenue(s) of communication. *New members are welcome!*

Quiet Givers – Roger Breslow

Quiet Givers will resume in the fall.

Special Projects – Stephen Turnbull

Adopt-a-Highway is scheduled for October 24 at 9 a.m. Pin Down Polio event is still in the works but maybe in a different format than bowling. A few members are working on a club-wide holiday gift exchange. The gala that was cancelled this past June is being planned for June 2021.

Finance – Jim Turnbull

Request for Service Fund donations will go out soon with hopes of wrapping up by Thanksgiving. The goal is \$10,000 to \$12,000. The operating account is in good shape.

Other Committee/Club Updates – P Israel Acosta

P Israel gave an update on the T.R. Proctor Park service project. Chairs may have been found for Urban Concerns and Special Needs Party. A chair is still needed for RI Foundation.

October 2020 Calendar of Events

- 10/5 Membership Meeting 4:30 p.m. | via Zoom
- 10/8 Weekly Meeting – Service Project **THURSDAY** 5-7 p.m. | F.T. Proctor Park
- 10/10 Weekly Meeting – Service Project **SATURDAY** 9-11 a.m. | F.T. Proctor Park
- 10/16 Weekly Meeting – Pride of Workmanship **FRIDAY @ 12 p.m.** | Delta Hotel
- 10/19 Board Meeting 1 p.m. | via Zoom
- 10/23 Weekly Meeting – Kelberman Center **FRIDAY @ 12 p.m.** | TBD
- 10/24 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup | 9-11 a.m.
- 10/29 Weekly Meeting – Social **THURSDAY @ 5 p.m.** Polish Community Club

Note: please be sure to check the newsletter or the **club website** calendar for current meeting information.