



April 6, 2020

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

Live! Thursday (April 9) from Belgium, Hungary, Austria, and Clinton: Former Utica Rotary Youth Exchange Students “Come Back” to Catch Us Up on Their Lives

THIS WEEK (Thursday, April 9, noon), join us for another fascinating online (via Zoom) weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Utica, when we be joined by several **former inbound youth exchange students and a former**



outbound student, who will catch up on their lives since we last saw them, including how their countries/regions/ hosts are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Confirmed to date are **Erik Smith** of Clinton who spent his exchange in India last year, and inbound students **Arnaud Deliege** (Belgium, 2017-18), **Dori Békési** (Hungary 2010-11), and **Florian Anzenruber** (Austria 2000-01). Be sure to join us! Please [Click here](#) for meeting link.

Utica “Gold Standard for Refugee Resettlement”, Says Trinh Truong at April 2 Utica Rotary Meeting

A Rotary Club of Utica audience of 25 listened with rapt attention as Trinh Truong addressed our April 2 meeting. The Proctor High valedictorian, who came to Utica as a refugee at the age of three and was graduated from Yale University with honors in May 2019, “Zoomed” in to the noon meeting from her current home in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (11 pm her time!), where she is a fulfilling a post-graduate fellowship. Trinh spoke about her own refugee experience, and how the Utica community touched her in such a way that she has made refugee resettlement her life’s calling. She believes that the Utica method for resettlement - a “one-stop shop” – is the gold standard for refugee resettlement, and plans to explore the matter further beginning this fall, when she will attend Oxford University to pursue a Master of Science degree in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.



Trinh is known to many of us in the Rotary Club of Utica, having participated in RYLA, and is

Trinh Truong, continued

an alumna of both the OnPoint for College and the Young Scholars programs. She has spent much time coming back to Utica to help our local refugee and immigrant community.

Thank you, Trinh, for a most informative presentation. We are proud to call you Utican!

And our Rotarian of the Month for February is...Travis Rabbers!



About a year and a half ago, Travis Rabbers moved from Michigan to Utica to become the Group Sales Manager for Delta Hotels by Marriott Utica, and almost immediately sought out the Rotary Club of Utica -and in no time, has become an indispensable member. Travis is the first or among the first to volunteer for most any service project, and is active on the Youth Exchange (he was also counselor to our German exchange student), Program, and Gala committees. Earlier this Rotary year, Travis stepped up when we were in need for a Sergeant-at-Arms. But perhaps the thing that clinched it for me was when I asked him to lead us in song at a meeting, and he did! Travis lives the Rotary motto of Service Above Self, and for that, Sergeant, we salute you! Congratulations on a recognition most deserved. To paraphrase [Gilbert and Sullivan](#), he “...is the very model of a modern-day Rotarian!”



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**

Theory of Everything – the story of **Stephen Hawking**. [Click here](#) for details on next week's feature. See you at the movies!

#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.



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.



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



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Oneida County Executive
Anthony J. Picente, Jr. 

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!





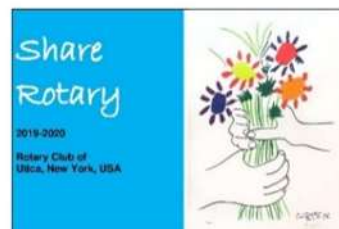
DIY No-Sew Face Mask



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

Looking forward to “seeing” you (via Zoom) this THURSDAY (4/9) 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



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