



November 9, 2020

Rotaract intern thanks Club for opportunity

Submitted by Dominic Passalacqua

Rotaract intern Alexandra Drake recently completed her internship with Central Association for the Blind (CABVI). Alexandra was originally placed at CABVI in January 2020 but had to suspend her internship in March when the pandemic hit. She was able to go back in September to complete the internship.

Dear Rotary Club of Utica,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring my internship with the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Thanks to your sponsorship I was able to expand my knowledge and gain personal experience with individuals with visual impairments. My entire experience at CABVI was extremely eye opening and rewarding. This internship allowed me the opportunity to work alongside their Occupational Therapist to assist with preschool vision screenings. I was also able to work as an assistant in the Adaptive Sports and Recreation department. The various interactions at CABVI allowed me to better understand different aspects of visual impairments and I was able to make connections with individuals in the local community. My experience would not have been possible without your generous sponsorship. Thank you for this opportunity!



Update on Scare Away Polio—\$910 raised

Submitted by Stephen Turnbull

The final tally for donations from the Scare Away Polio walk at F.T. Proctor Park is \$910. The donation will be sent to The Rotary Foundation for its polio eradication efforts.



Special Needs Holiday Party cancelled this year

Submitted by Amy White

Due to COVID-19 and CDC guidelines that prohibit large gatherings, Amy White and The Arc have mutually decided to pull the plug on this year's party. Amy states that "if we were to proceed we would have to cut the guest list dramatically and nobody wants to be the one who picks and chooses who would get an invite. Plus it's just not worth the risk."

Deadline for next newsletter (11/16) is Sunday, November 15, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org



TAKE ACTION: www.uticarotary.org

This Week's Program

Submitted by Travis Rabbers

**FRIDAY | November 13
12 p.m. via Zoom**

Linda Stewart is the Mentoring Coordinator at Utica College. Linda joined the Young Scholars program in February, 2008, as Administrative Assistant and retired from that position in March, 2016. She was appointed as the part-time Mentoring Coordinator in March, 2016. In this newly created position, Linda focuses her efforts on recruiting individuals in the community to be mentors for Young Scholar's 350+ students. She works with the Executive Director in developing a marketing strategy and timeline for recruitment efforts. Other duties include implementing special events and participating in grant writing to expand mentor funding



**Thanksgiving meal delivery drivers needed.
Please contact P Israel Acosta at iacostadelrio@gmail.com**



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**
- Communication Michelle Brandstadt
- Meeting Service Natalie Brown
- Membership..... Joe Caruso/Ken Williams
- Outstanding Educator Awards..... Bart Gorman
- Quiet Giver's Award.....Roger Breslow
- Pride of Workmanship Roxanne Mutchler
- Veteran's OutreachMary Ann Hallak-Serwatka
- Special Needs Party**NEED CHAIR**
- RI Foundation.....**NEED CHAIR**

November Calendar of Events

- 11/13 Weekly Meeting – Young Scholars
FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | via Zoom
- 11/16 Board Meeting 1 p.m. | via Zoom
- 11/20 Weekly Meeting – Lyme Disease
FRIDAY @ 12 p.m. | via Zoom
- 11/27 **NO MEETING**