

Rotary This Week!

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Utica, NY, USA

April 1, 2024

Utica Rotarians chased by mob



A group of Utica Rotarians were chased out of their meeting at the Mid-York Library last week by an angry crowd of citizens who claimed the group was doing too much good work in the community, local authorities reported. An eyewitness said several people were shouting that they “didn’t want such positivity in the neighborhood.”

“All their talk about service above self is crazy,” one protester yelled. “Who would want to be part of a group that makes their community better through service projects and outstanding fellowship!”

Five-letter blues stalls the internet



The worldwide web shut down this past week because of what could be described as some of the worst Wordle-playing in the game’s relatively young history. This occurred after three Utica Rotarians -- President Linda Iannone, Jerry Kraus and Joe Abraham -- failed to guess a correct word for the entire week. Wordle League Commissioner Kraus, who took a break from the Senior PGA Circuit in Florida to offer a brief comment, is begging other club members to join to restore honor to Utica Rotary among the greater Wordle community.

“There’s no way to describe it other than the five-letter blues,” said Kraus.

Guess who got 9 holes-in-one

Utica Rotarian Jerry Kraus made the Guinness Book of World Records for having nine holes-in-one in a single round of golf! Somehow he convinced Guinness that Palm Springs mini golf was a sanctioned PGA golf course!



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Matt King



Aiden Soika

Xin chào! Hello!

This week's guest speaker is Utica Rotarian Clyde Vanderpool, who will share some of his experiences from his recent travels to Vietnam.

He hopes to impart some of the history, culture, and current relations between our two countries.

"Khi ăn quả nhớ người trồng cây; Uống nước trong nhớ ai đào giếng: When eating fruit, remember who planted the tree; when drinking clear water, remember who dug the well." From: Từ Thức Gặp Tiên ("Từ Thức and the Goddess")



Clinton students to visit

Bart Gorman, Outstanding Educators Program chair, announced that Clinton High School students Matthew King and Aiden Soika will visit our club this Thursday, April 4, during a regular program meeting at Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

Both students are members of the National Honor Society and are varsity athletes (Matt plays baseball, basketball and soccer while Aiden plays hockey and basketball.) Aiden wants to study law enforcement and Matt, finance.

Members make the difference

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**Program | Thursday | April 4 | Noon |
Mid York Library | 1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica**

Virtually via Zoom

Yes, the meeting is on April 4

(not April 11 as mistakenly announced)

Deadline for next newsletter (4/8) is Saturday, April 6 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

MEMBERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Meet Tina Pavlot

By Joe Abraham

A series of fortunate events in the summer of 2018 brought PP Tina Pavlot to the Rotary Club of Utica.

“I was googling volunteer organizations in Utica because I wanted to get more involved,” she recalls. “Rotary didn’t pop up but shortly after I was introduced to Rotary by PP Stephen Turnbull and it was perfect timing!”

Tina hit the ground running and has been a very active club member, attending most club meetings, events and service efforts. In less than four years with the club, she was asked to serve as president, which she did in the 2022-23 Rotary year.

As immediate past president, she continues to serve on the club’s Board of Directors, in addition to chairing the Membership Committee.

Rotary isn’t the only thing that keeps her busy, as she is Vice President | Senior Branch Manager at M & T Bank, where she also serves on their Upstate NY Advisory Council and Central NY Charitable Committee.

She is also an executive board member at the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Small Business Council (through the Chamber), and is a member of the Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful Committee.



Tina’s not the only member of her family in Utica Rotary, as her sister Laura is also a member. Her parents, siblings and husband Ryan have also assisted with past club service projects as well.

Needless to say, Utica Rotary is grateful Tina’s paths crossed with Stephen and that she found her way to our club!

Social outing at the Bunker

Utica Rotarians had fun at The Bunker last Thursday evening, President Linda Iannone reports.

“Sharing food, friendship and golf tips were the highlight of the social hour. We had two prospective new members join in!”



Thea Bowman Easter bags



ROTARIANS WITH EASTER BUNNY: Linda Iannone, Jennifer DePasquale, Nick Passalacqua, Kathy Johnson, Norma Montegnino-Gemza, Travis Rabbers and Zemira Sakanovic.

The Easter Bunny visited Thea Bowman House and distributed bags filled with toys and candy to very excited children. The Easter Bag Brigade coordinated the event and the Easter Bunny received a lot of hugs. Utica Rotarians assisted by providing juice boxes for the kids and helping to pass out the bags.

Participating Rotarians included: President Linda, President-elect Travis Rabbers, Jennifer DePasquale, Kathy Johnson, Zemira Sakanovic, Nick Passalacqua and Norma Montegnino-Gemza who helped organize our group

HIGHWAY / EARTH DAY CLEANUP

This year we're incorporating our biannual highway cleanup with our Earth Day cleanup! It's Saturday, April 27 at 9 a.m. We meet in McQuade & Bannigan parking lot at 1300 Stark St., Utica.

To sign up, contact Tina Pavlot at cpavlot@mtb.com or 315-731-5204.



Calendar of Events

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| 4/4 | Meeting Clyde Vanderpool on Vietnam and Clinton students
noon Mid-York Library | 4/27 | Service Highway Cleanup
9 am |
| 4/17 | Board Meeting
noon Chamber of Commerce | 5/2 | Meeting NY Mills students
noon Mid-York Library |
| 4/18 | Meeting
noon Mid-York Library | | |

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF *Gala*



- Red carpet
- LIVE music by Soul Injection
- Seated dinner on Stanley stage
- 1 hour of cocktail open bar

When:

Friday June 7th 6-11pm

Where:

The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13502

Gala Presented By:



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Hosted By:



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SERVICE ABOVE SELF Gala



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