

Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

April 24, 2023

Meeting notes: from our common home to NJROTC



Tina Pavlot

In a tribute to Earth Day, President Tina Pavlot opened the 20th meeting of the 107th year of Utica Rotary with the comment that “the Earth is what we all have in common.”

Before turning the podium over to the speakers, she noted that:

- our Service Above Self Gala on June 9th is already a third sold out!

- **our Outstanding Educator’s Awards will be held June 1 at the Yahnundasis.**

- on Saturday (April 15), we picked up litter at Washington Mills Athletic Park in honor of Earth Day. We had a great crew of 14 (Rotarians, family, friends and UU students).

- our social this month is Thursday, April 27, at Nail Creek starting at 5 p.m.

- **the first program of May is on the 4th with former member Carol Jubenville who will speak to us about spiritual wellness.**

- Saturday, May 13, is our next volunteer project: Spring cleanup along the arterial.

She turned the podium over to Outstanding Educators Program Chair Bart Gorman,

who introduced Notre Dame High School juniors Isiah Sexton and Maggie Trinkaus. He noted that Isiah would address the club now and Maggie at the May 4th meeting.

Immersed in Naval Junior ROTC, Isiah touted the fact that “community service work is a highlight of the program.” Collectively the cadets are expected to complete 5,000 hours of volunteer service. He himself has completed 350 hours. As vice president of the Student Council, Isiah said he sees himself as providing a voice for the student body. He also plays varsity baseball. Asked how he manages all his involvement, he said: “I have a great group of friends who help me kind of keep on track... We work together.” He looks forward to a career in the U.S. Navy and plans to apply to Annapolis.

After program speaker Michelle Smith gave her presentation (see Page 2), Tina brought the meeting to a close by reciting “our vision statement:” ***Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves, or Together People Create Change.***



Isiah Sexton & Bart Gorman



Deadline for next newsletter (5/1) is Sunday, April 30 at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

VA seeks caregivers for Foster Home program



Michelle Smith

The Syracuse VA is in the process of launching a Medical Foster Home program to provide a home environment, instead of facility placement, for veterans who can no longer take care of themselves on their own.

“We’re building it from the ground up,” Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator Michelle Smith told Rotarians at the April 20th meeting.

“We’re currently actively recruiting caregivers to start the program.”

Caregivers would receive compensation for opening their homes to a veteran or a veteran and spouse and providing supervisory care. Support would be provided by the VA Medical Home Care team. Some experience or training may be required.

Caregivers have to meet certain requirements, including being licensed by NY State, with the VA helping to walk them through the process.

For more information, contact Michelle at the Syracuse VA at 315-425-4400 ext. 51086.

Calendar of Events

- 4/27** Social | Nail Creek Pub & Brewery
5 pm | Varick Street, Utica
- 5/4** Program | Rev. Carol Jubenville
Noon | Mid-York Library
- 5/13** Service | Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup
9 am | Route 12 arterial
- 5/19** Board Meeting |
Noon | Greater Utica Chamber

Creek cleanup

New Hartford and Sauquoit Rotaries invite Utica members to join an Earth Day cleanup along Sauquoit Creek from 10 to 2, Saturday, April 29. Contact Dave Jones at davidjones0422@gmail.com.

Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on arterial

The biannual Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, May 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. Our area is the east side of Route 12 (arterial) between Court Street and Burrstone Road. High-visibility vests and hard hats (required by the DOT) will be provided as well as grabbers. Please wear gloves and closed-toe shoes/boots.

We will meet at 9 a.m. in the McQuade & Bannigan parking lot by the railroad tracks, next to the arterial. The more people we have, the faster we can finish! To volunteer, please email PP Stephen Turnbull at stephen@t5insurance.com.



Volunteer for the Rotary water station

Rotarian Drew DeBlasiis has stepped up to chair the Rotary water station for the Boilermaker Road Race on Sunday, July 9. He is looking for volunteers to help hand out water to runners as they pass the Parkway Rec Center. Contact him at: atddeblasiis1@mtb.com or (315) 955-4628.

Also, volunteers are required to register with the Boilermaker. Below are instructions for registering.

Go to Boilermaker.com. Find and click on Volunteer. Scroll on page and find Returning Volunteer and click where indicated. You will be on RunSignUp.

Or click on the link below to go directly there.

Scroll down to find your committee (WS-Utica Rotary). Then click on Volunteer.

(If your committee is password protected, the password is: boilermaker)

If you have used RunSignUp in the past, sign in as a Registered User. If you are new to RunSignUp, fill out the New User form.

In both areas fill out all the information

Click on Continue and complete the information on the next page. Click Submit.

Your Coordinator will be notified that you have registered.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/NY/Utica/Boilermaker>

New Members Proposed: Irene D’Onofrio & Tracy Page

The board proposes Irene D’Onofrio and Tracy Page for membership to the Rotary Club of Utica. Per bylaws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Treasurer Jill Koch.

Irene D’Onofrio is a dedicated supporter of our community and spends countless hours volunteering with the Chamber of Commerce business community.

She has over 20 years’ experience in marketing and business development. Prior to her current position as account executive at Sentinel Media Co., she was vice president of Business Development at Thrasher Marketing.



Born and raised in the Utica area, she is a graduate of TR Proctor High. She attended Kirkland College and Utica College of Syracuse University. She has two sons. Her spare time is enjoyed with family and friends, short trips and antiques.

Tracy Page is executive director of Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange, a construction trade association.

She has a strong background in marketing, business and construction management. Her management consulting firm, TM&S Building Associates, LLC, just celebrated its 9th year. Tracy has almost 30 years of experience in the industry.



She has an AAS in Journalism from SUNY Morrisville and a bachelor’s in Business Administration, graduating Magna Cum Laude from SUNY Poly. Tracy volunteers on several boards. She was the first female builders exchange director in NYS.

Tracy lives in Rome and enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

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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 9th 6-10pm

Where:

The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13502



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- Seats 8

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