

Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

April 28, 2025

Masonic Medical Research on Tap for May 1

Our guest speaker this Thursday, May 1, is Zachary Nordstrom, a development officer - regional liaison for the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI). The meeting starts at noon at Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

BMMRI is an independent medical research institute located on Bleeker Street in East Utica. MMRI's mission is to conduct high-quality basic biomedical and clinical

research that could lead to medical cures and treatments of tomorrow.

In Zac's first month at MMRI he launched the Ambassador program which enlists volunteers from around the state to spread awareness of MMRI's research. If you are interested in championing a local charity, touring MMRI, or donating please reach out to Zac at znordstrom@mmri.edu or go to www.mmri.edu.



Rotarians enjoyed April's social outing at Milano's Restaurant last Thursday.



Deadline for next newsletter (5/5) is Saturday, May 3 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

NY MILLS, PROCTOR STUDENTS TO VISIT

by BART GORMAN

Students from two schools, New York Mills and Proctor, will join us on May 1.

New York Mills students Alexa Grande and Abigail Paulus along with Counselor Ellen Diskin will be with us.

Alexa serves as senior class president and student council executive secretary. Following graduation she plans to attend college and major in biochemistry.

Abigail serves as senior class vice president. She is a member of the Student Council and serves as Student Council historian as well as the National Honor Society treasurer. She plans to attend college to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree.

Their Counselor, Mary Lourdes Tangorra, states that she is confident that both students will bring enthusiasm, dedication and a fresh perspective to the Rotary Club,

while gaining an invaluable experience that will support their personal growth. They have consistently demonstrated qualities of leadership, community involvement, and a strong commitment to service.

Proctor students Bu Soe Paw and Linh Ly along with Guidance Counselor Marge Costanza will also join the meeting.

Bu Soe is active in Future Educators Club, Art Club, Photo Club, Environmental Club, and NJROTC. Bu Soe is described by her counselor as a “remarkable young woman with tremendous character who has challenged herself by taking one of the most rigorous course loads” including Honors, Advanced Placement and Mohawk Valley Community College Dual Enrollment courses.

Linh Ly is active in Yearbook Club, Key Club, Student Council, Athletics, and National Honor Society. She received the Presidential Award from MVCC and Linguistic Award for Chinese class. She plans to study biochemistry at University at Albany and attend medical school (and become an anesthesiologist). Linh is Student Council president and is a student representative to the Utica Board of Education. Linh’s counselor describes her as working tirelessly to manage many Honors, Advanced Placement and Mohawk Valley Community College Dual Enrollment courses. She she works at a local Chanatry’s Supermarket.

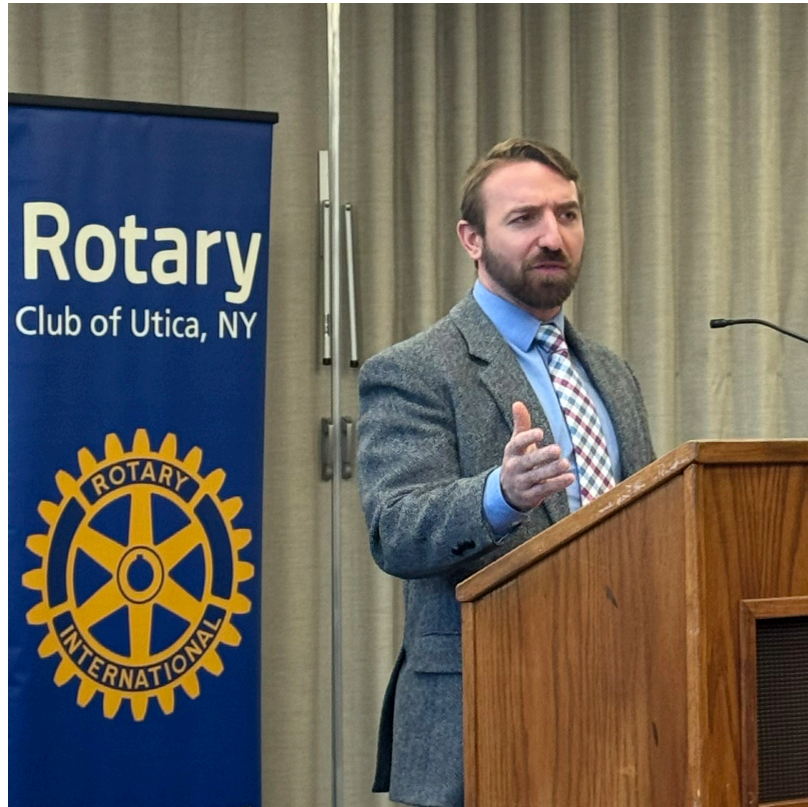


Candids from April 17th Meeting

The club meeting on April 17 featured Gabriel Hage from Hage & Hage, the presenting sponsor for our “Service Above Self” Gala.

He was introduced by President Travis Rabbers.

Also visiting were students from Clinton High School, who were introduced by Outstanding Educator Chair Bart Gorman.



RIP Steve Knight

By PP JIM TURNBULL

Long time member Steve Knight passed on April 12.

Steve was a decade's long member of Utica Rotary and has been an Honorary member for years, supporting the club's Service Fund and keeping in touch with our newsletters.

All are invited to call Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 5 tp 7p.m. at Owens-Pavlot & Rogers Funeral Service, 35 College St., Clinton, NY.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Church in Clinton. He will be buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.



PP Ken Williams found Rotary on Jekyll Island, GA.

Update on the June Gala

By JOE ABRAHAM

Our Fourth Annual Service Above Self Gala, presented by Hage & Hage LLC, and benefitting the historic Stanley Theatre, is quickly approaching!

Tickets are \$150 and include a delicious dinner by Portofino, one hour of open bar and musical entertainment by local band Last Left.

One notable difference to the program this year is that we will only be honoring our Service Above Self Award recipient (s) at the event. The Quiet Giver and Paul Harris Fellow recognitions

will take place at an end-of-year club gathering tentatively planned for later in June. This means more time to connect and dance with friends at the Gala!

If you have not yet purchased your tickets to the Gala, please do so at your earliest convenience so our committee can get an accurate count of attendees and plan accordingly.

We hope to see you on the Stanley Stage on June 6. For ticket and sponsorship info, visit <https://uticarotary.org/page/service-above-self-gala-1>

Calendar of Events

**5/1 Meeting | Zachary Nordstrom from MMRI
noon | Mid-York Library**

**5/3 Service | Walk for Autism
9-12 | SUNY Poly**

**5/15 Meeting | Sarah Militano from Paradigm Consulting
noon | Mid-York Library**

**5/17 Service | Lupus Walk
9 am | Masonic Care Community**

**5/21 Meeting | Rotary Board
noon | Greater Utica Chamber**

**6/5 Meeting | Outstanding Educators Awards Luncheon
noon | Irish Cultural Center**

**6/6 Gala | 'Service Above Self' Gala
Stanley Theatre
to benefit the Stanley**

**7'17 Service | Charity Golf Outing
noon | Hidden Valley Course
in Whitesboro**

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FOURTH ANNUAL
**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**
Gala

- Red Carpet With Photo
- Music By Last Left
- Dinner
- Live Auction
- 1 Hour Open Bar

\$150
PER TICKET

Proceeds To Benefit
The Stanley Theatre

When: 6:00pm - 10:00pm, Friday June 6th, 2025

Where: The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501

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