

Polio Plus Society gains another member

At the April 1 meeting, PDG Randy Wilson of Rotary Club of Sauquoit presented PDG Don Reese with a certificate honoring him as a charter member of the Polio Plus Society of Rotary District 7150.

The PolioPlus Society is a District program to promote individual giving to PolioPlus. Members of the Society agree to give \$100 per year toward polio eradication until polio is wiped out of the world.



Volunteers needed for Sauquoit Creek Cleanup

Our second service project this month is the cleanup of Sauquoit Creek. This project is held in conjunction with New Hartford Rotary Club and Sauquoit Rotary Club.

Specific details are unknown. Last year's project started at 10 a.m. and ended with a luncheon starting at 12:30 p.m. Tentatively, we will meet at the Washington Mills Athletic Park, 3695 Oneida Street, New Hartford. Please bring a face mask, work gloves, sturdy shoes and small plastic bags; once filled they will go into a large heavy duty green bag.

Sign up to help on the Club website at: [Sauquoit Creek Cleanup](#), or contact [Dave Jones](#).

This Week's Program

Volunteers needed for Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

This Saturday, April 9 from 9-11 a.m., is our monthly service project—the club's biannual Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup.

Our area to clean up is the east side of Route 12 (arterial) between Court Street and Burrstone Road. We will all meet at 9 a.m. in the McQuade and Bannigan parking lot by the railroad tracks, next to the arterial. Please wear gloves and closed-toe shoes. Safety hardhats and vests and pickers will be supplied.

Sign up to help on the Club website at:

[Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup](#)

Point of Contact: [P Stephen Turnbull](#)

April Calendar of Events

- 4/9 Service Project | Saturday | 9-11 a.m.
Rt. 12 Highway Cleanup
- 4/15 Program Meeting | Friday | 12 p.m. & Zoom
Mid York Library System
- 4/18 Board Meeting | Monday | 1 p.m.
Fort Schuyler Club
- 4/21 Club Social | Thursday | 5 p.m. | CABVI
- 4/23 Service Project | Saturday | TBD (a.m.)
NH Rotary Sauquoit Creek Cleanup
- 4/29 Program Meeting | Friday | 12 p.m. & Zoom
Mid York Library System

**Deadline for next newsletter (4/12) is Monday, April 11, at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**

Service Above Self Gala to benefit Camp Abilities-CABVI

The Inaugural Service Above Self Gala is Rotary Club of Utica's opportunity to honor deserving individuals--members and nonmembers--for their community service as well as raise funds for a worthy cause.

This year's beneficiary of the Service Above Self Gala proceeds is Camp Abilities of Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI). Camp Abilities-CABVI is a youth development program for children and teens that are blind or visually impaired where they discover what they CAN do. The camp engages kids who have low vision to remain physically active by:

participating in leisure activities, engaging in physical education classes, using technology, and developing independent living skills that will last a lifetime. To learn more about this CABVI service visit [Camp Abilities-CABVI](#) website or, even better, hear what the campers have to say about the camp by watching a terrific CABVI video on the Club website: [Camp Abilities-CABVI video](#).

Gala details and sponsor information can be found on page 4 and 5 of the newsletter (kudos to Devon Hoffman for the great-looking posters!) or on the Club website: [Service Above Self Gala Event](#).

Six Utica Rotary members represented the club at the 2022 Super Saturday District 7150 Assembly Training

On Saturday, April 2, members traveled to VVS High School to meet other District 7150 members for a full morning of general sessions and break-out sessions on various topics. Rotary Club of Utica members present at the meeting were DG Dana Jerrard, PDG Don Reese, PP Joe Caruso, PE Tina Pavlot, VP Michelle Brandstadt, and PEN Linda Iannone.

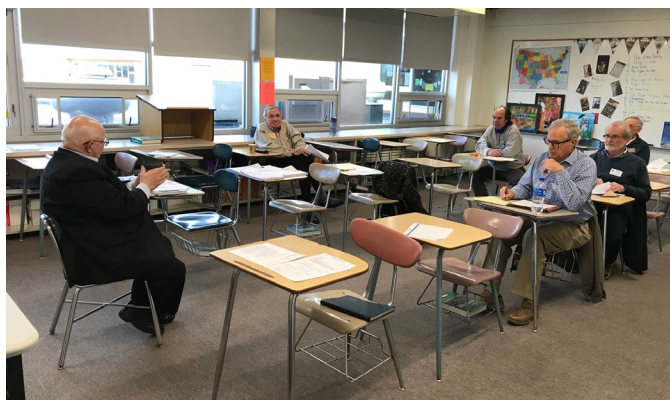
Upon arrival, participants enjoyed a delicious breakfast, including the famous VVS maple syrup, prepared and served by VVS Rotary and VVS Interact. We next gathered for the first general session, where DG Dana provided an introduction to the day as well as introduced DGE Jerry Seguin, who gave an explanation of how next year's Rotary theme, "Imagine Rotary," came to be. Updates were given on Rotary Leadership Institute by PDG Deb Glisson, youth programs by PDG Phyllis Danks, and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and Polio by PDG Don Reese.

Breakout session topics included Public Image, Assistant Governor Training, Club Secretary Training, Treasurer Training, Membership Training (given by District membership Chair Joe Caruso), TRF and Grant Management Seminar (given by District Rotary Foundation Chair Don Reese), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Youth Exchange.

The morning ended with a final general session led by PDG Marv Joslyn, who invited everyone to participate in an interactive discussion (i.e., game) on ways to improve the "Rotary Experience" for members and perspective members.



Pictured (l-r): Linda Iannone, Tina Pavlot, Michelle Brandstadt, Joe Caruso



PDG Don Reese leading The Rotary Foundation and Grants Management Seminar

John Maxwell Team Global Youth Initiative teaches children how to lead

submitted by Maria Maier

Half a million young people will be served this April through The Maxwell Leadership Certified Team Global Youth Initiative. The series of events is being held worldwide during the month of April in large cities and small villages internationally, and Central NY area needs to be part of it.

The John Maxwell Team Global Youth Initiative is an international movement comprising hundreds of free community events with topics ranging from leadership development to anti-bullying, self-esteem and more to help the youth in communities around the world thrive.

John Maxwell team members all over the world that are joining hands in doing this in April.

The goal is to reach the youth in the community and teach them that it's never too early to become a great leader now. As Nelson Mandela said, "the youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow."

Youth will be engaged in age-appropriate facilitated discussions on four main topics such as

positive self-image, good character, attitude and choices. Older children will also have an opportunity to identify their key individual strengths, areas for personal growth, and examples of career paths that utilize their strengths.

Today's youth need to know that they matter. Leadership starts within themselves and that they need to believe in themselves and that they are special and that they are valued, that they matter, no matter who they are, they are valuable.

If you are interested in having Maria speak/facilitate an event at a youth serving organization, you can contact her at: 315 272-3911.

Editor's note: Maria asked that we share this link so that those in attendance at last week's program meeting can give her feedback via a survey here: <https://forms.gle/7To3cxNkygCnBk8c8>.

A flyer on Global Youth Initiative is also included at the end of this newsletter.



April 1st Program Meeting at Mid York library System



Maria Maier Presenting on April 1st



*Outstanding Educator Program Chair
Bart Gorman and Bart Gorman & Clinton
High School Student Erica Racioppa*

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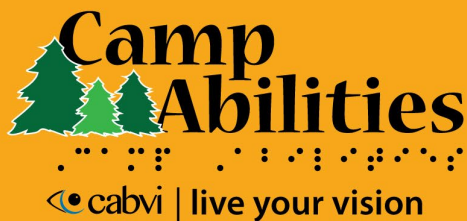
- Red Carpet With Photo
- Music By Soul Injection
- Dinner
- 1 Hour Cocktail Open Bar

\$125
PER TICKET

When: 6:00pm- 10:00pm, Friday June 24th 2022

Where: The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502

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Presenting: - \$2,500

- 8 Tickets To Gala (Full Table)
- Promotional Video at Place of Business
- Logo on Stanley Theater Outside Marquee Night of Event
- Logo & Name On All Advertising & Event Material
- Social Media Thank You

Gold: - \$1,000

- 4 Tickets to event
- Logo & Name On All Advertising & Event Material
- Logo & Name Recognition at Event
- Option to Hang Banner at the Event
- Social Media Thank You

Silver: - \$500

- 2 Tickets To Event
- Logo & Name On All Advertising & Event Material
- Logo & Name Recognition at Event
- Social Media Thank You

Bronze: - \$250

- Logo & Name Recognition at Event
- Social Media Thank You

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CHILDREN AGE 10-13YO AND 14-18YO

**JOHN MAXWELL TEAM GLOBAL YOUTH INITIATIVE
TEACHES CHILDREN HOW TO LEAD**

contact Maria Maier
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