



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

April 6, 2026

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Editor Robert Stronach

Adding Rotarian color to Easter eggs

Members of the Rotary Club of Utica joined other volunteers at Thea Bowman House at 309 Genesee Street on March 31 to help children color Easter eggs. The organization also has a facility at 731 Lafayette St. on the campus of St. Joseph &

St. Patrick Church. Thea Bowman provides child care services and universal pre-K, food and clothing pantry, and a summer reading program, and has a community gardening program as well as other services.



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Tina Pavlot

Happy April Anniversaries to the following:

- Yuliya Karpov – 2 years
- Matt Schlosser – 2 years
- Pamela Matt – 17 years

- Catherine McEnroe – 24 years
- Special mention for Dr. Tom Webb who has now served for 50 years!

Brewing ideas: Rotarians get their coffee fix

By Joe Abraham / photos provided by Heather Beebe, Joe Caruso and Joe Abraham

Rotarians gathered Thursday at the Water Street facility of Utica Coffee Roasting Company for their monthly meeting, enjoying a behind-the-scenes look at one of the community's standout businesses.

Owners Heather and Frank Elias led an engaging tour, walking us through the journey of their coffee—from the moment beans arrive to the roasting process and, ultimately, the wide variety of flavors available in their cafés and on shelves

both locally and beyond.

We were also pleased to welcome special guests, DeWitt Rotarian Joe Dhara — who will serve as our district governor for CNY Rotary in 2028–29 — and his wife, Robin.

As a highlight of the visit, members sampled the company's newest flavor, Coconut Tres Leches. For those who preferred a classic, the Adirondack blend was also on hand.



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'Earth Day' highway cleanup on April 11

By Tina Pavlot

Join us for our annual highway clean up, in honor of Earth Day! We'll meet Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. in the parking lot across the street from McQuade & Bannigan at 1300 Stark St., Utica.

Contact me at cpavlot@mtb.com or (315) 717-6652 to sign up!

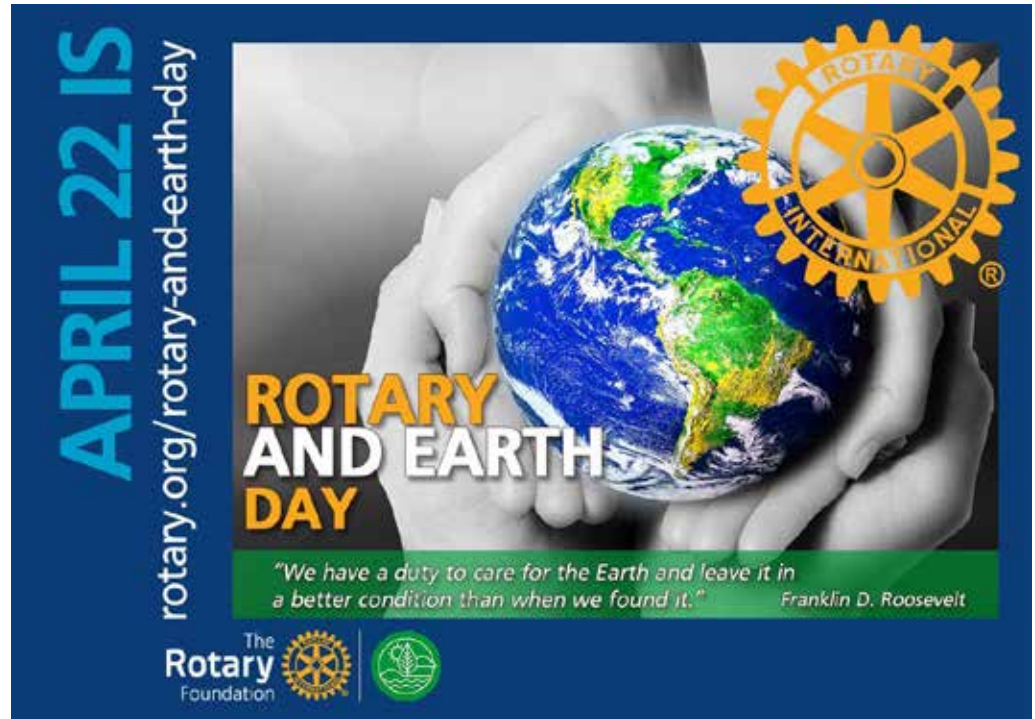
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Rotary International is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

Can't join us Saturday? Create your own event at [Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful](#) (link below) (garbage bags and gloves can be provided) and

remember to submit your results and a group photo after. What our club does for the environment is important, as is partnering with community advocate, [Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful](#).

[Link to Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful](#)



Calendar of Events

4/11	Conference CNY Rotary District Downtown Marriott, Syracuse	4/16	Social Old School Bar & Grill 5 pm 600 Culver Ave.
4/11	Service Earth Day Highway Cleanup 9 am	5/7	Meeting Pam Baxter CNY Rotary DEI chair noon Mid-York Library HQ
4/15	Board Meeting Board of Directors noon Greater Utica Chamber		

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Wear Something Cool, Promote Rotary, Too.

Check out our Utica Rotary merchandise at the online store:

https://maxsprintshopstores.com/rotary_club/shop/home

STRIKING OUT POLIO AT YANKEE STADIUM

Rotary International is bringing the fight to end polio to Yankee Stadium with a special fundraising event on Saturday, May 2 at 1:35 p.m., featuring the New York Yankees vs. the Baltimore Oriole.

The event, part of Rotary’s global “End Polio Now” campaign, aims to raise funds for Polio-Plus, a program dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide. For every ticket sold, \$25 will be donated directly to the cause, with 100% of those contributions supporting eradication efforts. The Gates Foundation will also match donations at a

2-to-1 rate, significantly amplifying the impact.

Ticket options start at \$70 per person and include a limited-edition Yankees x Rotary “End Polio Now” hat. Attendees will not only enjoy a day at the ballpark but also contribute to a global health initiative working to eliminate a disease that once affected millions.

Proceeds from the event will help Rotary and its partners continue their decades-long mission to eradicate polio, bringing the world closer to a polio-free future. Get Tickets Now:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Rotaryinternational8>


**Join Rotary International at
Yankee Stadium to
End Polio Now!**

New York Yankees  **Baltimore Orioles**


Saturday, May 2nd at 1:35pm

Let's Strike Out Polio!

This year, we are hosting a fundraising event at Yankee Stadium benefiting PolioPlus! For every ticket sold to this event we fundraise \$25 with 100% of those donations going to the PolioPlus. Additionally, the Gates Foundation graciously committed to match \$2 for every \$1 raised. There is a range of ticket options, starting at \$70 per person. Included in every ticket purchase is your donation and a limited-edition Yankees x Rotary/End Polio Now Hat.




**Scan Here
For Tickets**



To purchase tickets for this game, you can either scan the QR code on the page, or use the link below to purchase.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Rotaryinternational8>

**For any questions regarding this event:
Email: jntenor@yahoo.com**

Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

Tickets to the Gala are \$150 and include a delicious dinner from Portofino, one-hour open bar, live music by the band, *Last Left*, and a live auction. For more info, visit <https://uticarotary.org/page/service-above-self-gala-1>



Rotary
Club of Utica

FIFTH ANNUAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA

Friday, June 5 • 6 to 10 p.m.
The Stanley Theatre

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CORPORATE TABLE: \$1,200

- Seats 8

GOLD SPONSOR: \$2,500
(Only 4 Available)

- 4 Tickets Included
- Naming Sponsor *(Dinner, Cocktail, Awards or Music)*
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- Information Table in Lobby at Event
- Logo & Name Recognition At Event
- Social Media Thank You

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500

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

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Presented By:



Friday, June 5th 2026
Stanley Theatre
6:00-10:00PM

Gala Beneficiary:



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