



August 15, 2022

This Week's Program

Michael Parent is the owner of Utica Club & Jam Vintage USA. Originally from Chazy, New York, he attended SUNY Plattsburgh and graduated in December 2019. Prior to graduating and immediately after, Michael worked at a tech nonprofit. After the start of the pandemic, he took the plunge and opened his first retail vintage clothing store in July 2020. After two years, he moved to Utica to open Utica Vintage Club where he specializes in selling vintage clothing, records, and rare books.

Michael says one of the driving forces behind his love for vintage comes from the nostalgia that a single item can bring—a record with your favorite song, a t-shirt from your favorite vacation destination, or that first edition book you've been searching for. Another reason behind his affinity for vintage goods comes from the sustainability of buying vintage and second-hand. Every time an item is bought, repurposed, or recycled, the item is saved from being sent to a landfill. For example, 85 percent of all clothing produced ends up in a landfill or is burned!

THURSDAY | August 18 | Noon
Mid York Library System
1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502
Virtually via Zoom

Calendar of Events

- 8/17 Board Meeting | 12 p.m.
Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce
- 8/18 Thursday Program: National Vinyl Record Day | 12-1 p.m. | Mid York Library & Zoom
- 8/25 Social Hour | 5 p.m. |
Palm Springs Mini Golf
- 9/1 Thursday Program: United Way
12-1 p.m. | Mid York Library & Zoom

Tees for Trees Charity Golf Tournament hits hole in one

Golfers and tournament organizers could not have asked for a more picture-perfect day to raise funds for Rotary Club of Utica's Urban Tree Project. The details—winners, losers, numbers—were not available as of this writing, but 17 teams vied for various awards and prizes on Sunday, August 14, at Hidden Valley Golf Club in Whitesboro.

Tournament organizer Jerry Kraus will have all the details for next week's newsletter; until then enjoy some photos from the tournament, including a "double" of Jerry (turns out Jerry has a twin!). More photos can be viewed at the Club's website ([click here](#)), with more to be added!

School supply collection starts today!

School supplies for the resident children of People First (formerly Utica Municipal Housing Authority) are being collected from August 15-26. Donations may be dropped off at this week's program meeting (8/18) and next week's social at Palm Springs Miniature Golf (8/25). Contact [Michelle Brandstadt](#) for information.

Needed: pencils/pens/highlighters/markers/crayons/glue sticks/loose leaf paper/folders/notebooks.

Deadline for next newsletter (8/22) is Sunday, August 21, noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org

