

Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

August 19, 2024

Rain postpones golf outing to Sunday, Aug. 25

Due to rain on Sunday, the planned Rotary Golf Outing was rescheduled to Sunday, August 25, at Hidden Valley in Whitesboro.

In the meantime, Golf Chair Jerry Kraus announced that *Feed Our Vets* would be the beneficiary of this year's tourney.

For information about golfing or helping with sponsorships or door prizes, please contact Jerry at JKrausUtica@aol.com.



Rotary Business

SERVICE CLEANUP

This month's service project will be a clean-up of downtown on Saturday, Aug. 24. Utica Rotarians will meet at the Observer-Dispatch building on Oriskany Street East at 9 a.m. Bring gloves and gardening clippers if possible.

SOCIAL OUTING

Our monthly social is at Cavallo's in the Village of New Hartford on August 29 at 5 p.m. Utica

Rotarian Matt Schlosser's first beverage is mostly covered after he was the closest at guessing the answer to President Travis Rabbers' monthly trivia question, which had members guessing how many medal events take place at the Olympics. The answer? Well over 300.

NOMINATE WORKERS

The Pride of Workmanship is returning on October 24 and the committee is seeking nominations. Please share the form on

our website with your friends, family and local organizations, as the nomination deadline is September 13.

SERVICE WALK

Our club has a team in this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 5 at MVCC. Contact josephabraham2011@gmail.com if you're interested in participating and he will share details on how to register. Donations to the team fundraiser are also appreciated.

Deadline for next newsletter (8/26) is Saturday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

MEETING RECAP

Leading the local beautification movement

By Joe Abraham

GreenUtica, formerly known as the Central New York Conservancy, is a nonprofit organization that has preserved, beautified, and promoted Utica's parks and natural environment for over two decades. They rebranded in 2023 to "better align with its mission to develop programs and events that enable us to lead the preservation and beautification of Utica's parks and natural environment to enhance quality of life."

Executive Director Gina Pearce joined our club at last Thursday's meeting, educating members on the organization and its work in our local community. The organization is centered around five core values: community, preservation, education, fun and beauty.

Strategic objectives include leading Utica's beautification



Gina Pearce

movement; Growing organizational capacity in three areas: revenue, staff and volunteers; Developing programs, partnerships and volunteer efforts that result in accessible, well-maintained and clean parks and green

spaces for all Utica residents; and through programming and promotion, maximize the features and investments in the local park system to promote park usage and park-related tourism.

From leading park restoration efforts, creating gardens and planting flowers on the parkway, GreenUtica has had a great impact in our wonderful city. They've also supported other organizations' efforts, including our club, helping fund our Urban Tree Planting Project, which following this fall's campaign, will have planted 100 trees in Utica.

GreenUtica is always looking for volunteers and donations, which makes their invaluable efforts possible.

For more info about them, visit <https://www.greenutica.org/>.

Calendar of Events

8/21 Board Meeting
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

8/24 Service | Clean up downtown
9:00 am

8/29 Club Social | Cavallos
5:00 pm

9/5 Meeting |
noon | Mid-York Library

10/5 Service | Utica Rotary team to
Walk to End Alzheimer's
at MVCC

10/24 World Polio Day