

# Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

Aug. 21, 2023

## Sunny day & 18 foursomes add up to a great golf tourney

It was a great turnout for Utica Rotary's Golf Tournament on Sunday, Aug 20, with a full field of 18 foursomes enjoying a sunny day on the Hidden Valley course. The golfing was sandwiched between a kickoff lunch and a celebratory dinner.

Utica and Sauquoit Rotarians

along with many friends of Rotary joined together to raise money for Thea Bowman House.

First place winners were the foursome of Dave Abdou Jr., Dave Abdou Sr., District Attorney Scott McNamara, and Rotarian Jerry Kraus (who also was the tournament chair).

They shot 61, 10 under par.

President Linda Iannone sold the 50/50s and organized the door prizes. Rotarian Joe Abraham was the foursome photographer, and Rotarians Dave Jones and Jennifer DePasquale stood watch at the Hole-in-One Prize hole.



### WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Join the Sept. 23rd Service Project  
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### Thank you !

My heartfelt thanks to all of you and the Rotary Club of Utica for my *Service Above Self* award this year. It was greatly appreciated, especially from such a fine organization as Utica Rotary. It was truly a fun evening.  
*Sincerely, Jim Hamer*

Deadline for next newsletter (8/28) is Sunday, Aug. 27 at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

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# Utica Rotary's charity golf outing



*First place winners: Dave Abdou, Jr., Dave Abdou Sr., D.A. Scott McNamara, and Rotarian Jerry Kraus.*



*Rotarians MaryLou Reape and Darby O'Brien (center) got their foursome together.*





## 'Lending a Hand' appears a pervasive theme

President Linda Iannone kicked off the Aug. 17th program meeting with a nod to 2003-2004 Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyabge, who took on the theme, "Lend a Hand." "As Rotarians," he said, "we must open our eyes to see those around us who cannot afford shelter, health care, food, and other essentials."

That thought provided Linda perfect segue: "Today our speaker will tell us how his group is 'Lending a Hand' in our community."

She introduced Louis LaBella Sr., co-founder of Peace Together Project, who noted that they wanted to inspire others to do something unexpected and kind. Among their efforts:

- Providing CARE bags for the homeless and

WARM items in colder weather.

- Providing PEACE Posse stuffed animals to children in crisis.

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Also at the meeting, President Linda:

- recognized two new members, Capt. Jonathan Ross and Wayne Yaddow.
- welcomed a special visitor, former Youth Exchange student Sara Majzik.
- announced that the speaker on Sept. 7 would be Hawa Juma, who is the director of Community Engagement at Midtown Utica Community Center (MUCC).



**FROM LEFT: Sara Majzik, Speaker Louis LaBella Sr. from the Peace Together Project (PTP), PTP Board Member Regina Bonacci, members Norma Montegnino-Gemza, Linda Iannone, Brymer Humphreys, Wayne Yaddow and Jerry Kraus.**



**FROM LEFT: Jack Altdoeffer, Sara Majzik, Linda Iannone, and Brymer Humphrey. Jack and Brymer were both active in the Youth Exchange program during Sara's stay.**

# Opportunity for young professionals and budding leaders

Sept. 27-Oct 1, 2023  
Toronto, Ontario  
**LEARNING TO LEAD**

DGE/DGN arrive Sept. 27, all others Sept 28



Are you a young professional or someone who would like to be a Rotary leader?

Rotary Zones 28 and 32 are offering a “Learn-to Lead” conference at the end of September, and “it’s a perfect opportunity to ‘future-proof’ our club and district,” notes President Linda Iannone. The conference features two separate programs at the end of September in Toronto:

- The **Young Professionals** program is for any Rotarian under the age of 40 (or close, we’re not checking I.D.) looking to network with other YPs and see Rotary outside of their club/district.

- The **Future Leaders** program is for any Rotarian, regardless of age, looking to understand what leadership opportunities are available outside of their club.

Here is a taste of what to expect.

- District Committees and how to become actively involved; honing leadership skills while developing capable committee members for the district.
- The Rotary Foundation: developing grant projects; learning how to access TRF District Grants

and Global Grants; understanding DDF Rotary Direct

- Finding your voice in an organization of leaders through our Toastmasters alliance
- Communicating Across Generations - we have 5 different generations working together – we will learn to communicate better with each other.
- Meet Rotary senior leaders and be inspired by their journey in Rotary leadership

Please take a moment to consider whether you might benefit from this opportunity.

These programs begin Thursday, September 28 and conclude Sunday, October 1. Registration fee is \$575.00 (Canadian dollars), and the daily hotel rate at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre is \$175.00 (CAD) plus tax. *President Linda says Utica Rotary will cover the registration fee for approved attendees, but not the hotel costs.*

Register at the [Zones 28/32 website](https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/):

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## Utica Rotary to 'Walk to End Alzheimer's'

Our club will be participating in the Utica/Rome Walk to End Alzheimer's event at MVCC on September 23. The expo begins at 10 a.m., while the opening ceremony starts at 11 a.m. The walk itself follows and is relatively quick.

The Rotary Club of Utica, NY team goal of raising \$1,000, reports Rotary coordinator Joe Abraham. While fundraising is encouraged, it DOES

NOT cost anything to participate in the walk, but registration is required. To register and join our team, click on the "Join Our Team" box at the link below. The walk is a rain-or-shine event.

If you have any questions about the walk or registration process, feel free to email, call or text Joe at [josephabraham2011@gmail.com](mailto:josephabraham2011@gmail.com) or 252-532-2293.

REGISTER: [https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=16734&pg=team&team\\_id=824429](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=16734&pg=team&team_id=824429)

## Leadership Institute: for Rotarians new and experienced

Save the date If you wish to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute on Sept. 23. Your registration is paid by the club. Please let President Linda Iannone know.

The Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast (RLIN-EA) is holding its District 7150 training event on that fourth Saturday in September at VVS High School, 5275 NY-31, Verona, NY 13478. Parts I, II, III, and graduate course; Cost is \$75 for Rotarians, \$50 for Rotaractors.

Please note that leadership skills are valuable in

every area of your life - not just for Rotary, so consider this a life skills training for very little money!

RLI Part I is for first-time attendees, and Parts II & III are for those who have previously attended the preliminary session(s). The Graduate course is for those who have completed all three of the Parts. The Graduate course may be attended as often as desired since the graduate topics are new each year.

Even though the word, "Leadership," is in the name, this is a great learning opportunity for new Rotarians, too!

## Calendar of Events

**8/24** Social | Saranac Biergarten  
5:30 pm |

**9/7** Meeting | Hawa Juma/MUCC  
noon | Mid-York Library

**9/20** Board Meeting  
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

**9/23** Service | Walk to End Alzheimer's  
11 am | MVCC

**9/23** Rotary Leadership Institute  
VVS High School

**11/15** Service | 'Artists Works in Progress'  
| Sculpture Space