



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

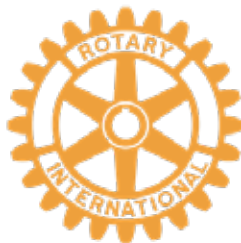
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Meeting featured updates

Utica Rotarians gather for a photo after last Thursday's meeting. While there was no speaker, club members gave updates on various committees.

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Reusable bags benefit Rotary

During the month of July 2025, Rotary Club of Utica earned \$110 in the Hannaford Reusable Bag Program.

“At Hannaford, we strive to make this partnership as impactful as possible,” notes Lizzy

Russell, bag program manager.

“We are proud to say that since its inception, the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program has supported 6,580 nonprofit organizations and donated \$3,672,396 to local

communities.”

“...We appreciate everything you do to make the community we call home a better place. You truly make a difference each and every day! Thank you for being such a fantastic nonprofit partner...”

Women's Fund offers grants

Applications are now open for the Women Investing in Women Grants, reports Past President Tina Pavlot, who serves on the fund committee. Deadline is Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

- Up to \$5,000 for your business
- Applicants must be at least 51% women-owned.
- Must be doing business in Herkimer or Oneida Counties

- Must have been in existence for at least one year with plans to improve/expand.

Learn more about this grant opportunity and apply at womensfundhoc.org

Nominate a member for advancing women in Rotary

The Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award honors one member of a Rotary or Rotaract club each year for actively working to advance women in Rotary. The award is named after Sylvia Whitlock, the

first female Rotary club president, who went on to lead change for women around the world through Rotary. Any member can nominate another member in good standing for this award in August each

year. Don't miss your chance to recognize the amazing work being done to advance women in Rotary in your area. Nominate someone for the [Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award](#).

Calendar of Events

8/17 Service | Charity Golf Outing
noon | Hidden Valley Course
in Whitesboro

8/20 Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

8/21 Meeting | Patrick Becher, MVWA
noon | Mid-York Library

9/4 Meeting | Anna D'Ambrosio, Munson
noon | Mid-York Library

9/17 Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

9/18 Meeting | Ray Durso, Genesis Group
noon | Mid-York Library

New Member Proposed: Travis Brownell

The board proposes Travis Brownell for membership to Rotary Club of Utica. Per bylaws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Secretary Matt Schlosser.

Travis Brownell is the founder of a newly launched real estate and investment business, which, he says, is driven by a passion for growth and community engagement.

“Over the past nine years,” he says, “I’ve dedicated myself to learning—both professionally and personally—by approaching every experience as an opportunity to absorb knowledge and improve. Along the way, I’ve had the privilege of meeting men-



tors and peers who have inspired and supported my journey.”

H adds: “What draws me to the Rotary Club is its strong reputation for service and connection. I believe we find the most value in life when we can provide value to others, and this organization embodies that mission. I’m eager to contribute my energy, ideas, and support to the Rotary community while continuing to grow alongside like-minded individuals.”

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Originally from Middlebury, Vermont, Kyle E. Mitchell recently joined the Utica area community and brings a strong passion for public service and nonprofit leadership. A graduate of Utica University’s honors program with a degree in political science, Kyle is currently pursuing a master’s degree in public administration.

Kyle serves as assistant director of Hope House in Utica. He has more than five years



of experience in the non-profit sector, including roles in food service, administrative support, and emergency shelter operations. He previously worked with the Charter House Coalition in Vermont, a 24/7 shelter.

Kyle says he loves hitting the trails for a good hike, exploring new sights around town, soaking up the outdoors with a little adventure, and sharing laughs and good times with family and friends.



Utica Rotary charity golf outing • Aug. 17 • noon •
Hidden Valley Golf Course

To play or volunteer, contact Jerry Kraus at JKrausUtica@aol.com.

