



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

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Rotarians Against Alzheimers

By Joe Abraham

I am excited to once again captain our Walk to End Alzheimer's efforts, and this year, we are attempting to raise the bar even higher. I have reached out to clubs in CNY Rotary's Areas 2 and 3 (New Hartford, Whitestown/North Utica, Sauquoit, Greater Utica Sunrise, Rome, Oriskany Falls and Hamilton) about forming a

local Rotary super team.

I have named the team, "Rotarians Against Alzheimers." The Utica/Rome Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. at MVCC's Utica campus on Sherman Drive. The walk is very short and not physically demanding. The ceremony before the walk is incredibly moving. My reason for

being involved with this cause is my late Uncle Vinny, who battled this horrible disease for over seven years.

I hope you will consider joining the team [at this link](#). In addition to registering to participate in the walk, you can choose to fundraise. It is optional and not required!

Golf outing raised \$3,000

The annual Utica Rotary golf outing raised "nearly \$3,000," reports golf chair Jerry Kraus. "It was another success!"

The funds will benefit Hospice & Palliative Care. The tournament was held Aug. 17 at Hidden Valley in Whitesboro.

Sept. service project

A September volunteer opportunity is gardening for Thea Bowman House, Saturday, September 13th from 9 to 11 am.

To sign up email PP Israel Acosta at iacostadelrio@gmail.com.



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Last Thursday's program



Patrick J. Becher, executive director of the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA), was the program speaker at last Thursday's meeting.

Calendar of Events

8/28 Social | Michael T's
5 pm | Seneca Turnpike
New Hartford

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: Katie Keating

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

Kathryn (Katie) Keating has lived in the Utica area most of her life and has had her hand in community service since a very young age. Making a difference for others has always been a passion of hers, thanks mostly to the influence of her grandparents, Barb & Ed Paparella. While Katie has worked for and/or with many local agencies, fundraising committees, individuals, etc., she is looking forward to further diversifying her community service efforts with Rotary; she says she's excited to meet some new like-minded locals and to learn from them, while hoping to inspire others along the way.

Katie's Bachelor's Degree is in Child & Family Studies. She currently works full time in finance



for Enterprise Lease Solutions in Syracuse, co-manages Five Points Pub in Utica, and occasionally still fills in for past employers, all while finding room to be a lead singer in a band (or two!). She “loves animals, music, children, and collaborating with others for special projects.”

Katie notes: “I’ve spent a lot of time volunteering for various organizations and events, planning and managing fundraisers, and working in the human services field in the past. My grandfather, Ed Paparella, was maybe the proudest member of Rotary there could have been. I would like to continue his mission in serving our community through his favorite organization, in his honor.”

Club seeks nominations for Pride of Workmanship Awards

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