



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

Aug. 3, 2026



Alzheimer's Association on tap for Aug. 6 meeting

Lisa McCarthy, program manager with the Alzheimer's Association Central New York Chapter, will be the guest speaker for our August 6th meeting, providing a brief overview of the all the free care and support services available through the organization. The meeting starts at noon this Thursday at Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

Lisa will also highlight the reasons why the Walk to End Alzheimer's (Saturday, October 17, on the MVCC Utica campus) is an essential component to helping the organization raise



funds for research, prevention and treatment, as well as provide care services for people living with Alzheimer's and their families.

Utica Rotary is once again fielding a team to walk at the event and will be joined by other clubs in the area as well. President Elect Joe Abraham, who will be leading the August 6 meeting, is the team captain. Prior to introducing our guests, he will give a quick update on CNY Rotary's plans for the nine walks across our region of the state.

Wield a paint brush for Kelberman kids

By TRAVIS RABBERS

Here is a volunteer opportunity from the Kelberman Center. **On Thursday, August 27 at 8 a.m.**, Kelberman will be giving its **Promise Preschool** classrooms a fresh coat of paint before welcoming students back for the new school year.

The center is hoping to gather about 15-20 volunteers that morning and will provide paint, supplies, and lunch! If interested, please contact Selma Lupardo at 315.731.7099, or selma.lupardo@kelbermancenter.org

Happy August Anniversaries

Member	Years of Service
Dominic Passalacqua	29
Don Reese	37
Jennifer DePasquale	11
Jonathan Ross	3
Scott MacGregor	5

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Editor Robert Stronach

Utica Rotary to field team for Alzheimer's Walk

By JOE ABRAHAM

I am excited to once again captain our club's Walk to End Alzheimer's team. The Utica/Rome walk will take place on October 17 on MVCC's Utica campus.

We will be joined by CNY Rotarians from across the region. As of today, I know VVS (Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) and Little Falls Rotary Clubs will field teams. There are also talks of the district making Green and Purple CNY Rotary tie-die

shirts available and bringing Rotary banners so we can show a unified presence against this horrible disease.

I have officially launched our [Utica Rotary team page](#). Please consider registering as a member of the team. Donations are also appreciated. It should be noted that if you register as a team member, fundraising is optional and not required!



Utica and VVS Rotarians at last year's walk at MVCC.

Calendar of Events

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| 8/6 | Meeting Program: Alzheimer's Assn.
noon Mid-York Library | 8/21 | Social Adirondack Scenic Railroad
tickets here: Utica Beer & Wine Train
https://adirondackrr.com/utica/beer-wine-train/ |
| 8/19 | Meeting Board of Directors
noon Greater Utica Chamber | 8/23 | Service Annual Charity Golf Outing
noon Hidden Valley in Whitesboro |

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SINCE ITS INCEPTION, GALA RAISED \$80,000 \$14,300 donation to provide scholarships for campers

By JOE ABRAHAM

The Rotary Club of Utica's annual Service Above Self Gala, held this past June and sponsored by Cliff's Local Market, raised \$14,300 for Kelberman's Kamp Connections, helping expand access to summer camp experiences for children and teens of all abilities.

"Each year, our Service Above Self Gala is an opportunity to turn Rotary's commitment to serving others into meaningful action," said Utica Rotary Past Presidents and Gala Co-Chairs Stephen Turnbull and Travis Rabbers. "We're incredibly proud to support Kelberman's Kamp Connections and the life-changing experiences it provides for children and teens of all abilities. This year's success reflects the generosity of our sponsors, volunteers and community members who share our commitment to making a

difference."

"We are incredibly grateful to the Utica Rotary for their generous support of Kamp Connections," said Kelly Carinci, Interim CEO/ Executive Director of Kelberman. "This gift will help provide scholarships, and meaningful recreational activities for our campers, creating opportunities to build friendships, develop new skills, and enjoy a summer experience where everyone feels included and valued."

Since its inception, the "Service Above Self" Gala has raised nearly \$80,000, supporting not only Kelberman's Kamp Connections, but also the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI), Utica Zoo, Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), and the Stanley Theatre.



Kamp Connections campers (from kelbermancenter.org).