



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

Aug. 17, 2026



2nd Social at 7 Hamlets Brewing

by JOE ABRAHAM

There are not one, but TWO club social activities this month.

For those who were able to snag tickets for the Beer and Wine Train on Friday, August 21, featuring a performance by the legendary Shawn Smith, before it sold out, we hope you have a fabulous time!

If you were like me and couldn't secure tickets in time, there's good news. Our club will also get together at 7 Hamlets Brewing Company in Westmoreland on Thursday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m. No tickets, no reservations—just come out, grab a drink or a bite to eat, and enjoy good company with fellow Utica Rotarians.

We hope to see you at one, or maybe both, of these gatherings. Cheers to a fun August.



**Service project
to provide
back-to-school
supplies**

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PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

Club accepting nominations until Sept. 11

By JOE ABRAHAM

The Rotary Club of Utica's Pride of Workmanship Awards return this fall, and the club is now accepting nominations from the community for its 2026 award recipients.

The Pride of Workmanship Awards recognize employees below the management level who demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility and pride in performing their jobs well. Eligible nominees must have at least three years of service with their employer and must be nominated by a colleague. Award recipients are individuals who consistently exceed expectations through the quality of their work and their commitment to the overall well-being and success of their organization or business.

Since 1990, the Rotary Club of Utica has recognized outstanding employees throughout the community through the Pride of Workmanship Awards. **This year's awardees will be**

honored at a luncheon at Five Points Public House and Event Center on Oct. 15, with additional event details to be announced.

Pride of Workmanship recipients exemplify excellence in the workplace and demonstrate:

- Commitment to their employer, outstanding competence and consistency of effort
- Enthusiasm, initiative and commitment to their co-workers as team players
- Professionalism, creativity and a willingness to go above and beyond their job description
- An understanding of this year's award motto, "Where Pride Meets Performance."

The deadline for nominations is September 11, 2026. Nomination form is available at <https://uticarotary.org/page/pride-of-workmanship>. Submissions should be sent to Joe Abraham at josephabraham2011@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

8/19 Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

8/20 Social | 7 Hamlets Brewing
5:30 pm

8/21 Social | Adirondack Scenic Railroad

8/22 Event | United Games
12-4 | T.R. Proctor Park

8/23 Service | Annual Charity Golf Outing
noon | Hidden Valley in Whitesboro

10/17 Service | Walk to End Alzheimer's
| MVCC Utica campus

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT

The Center needs school supplies for students

By JOE ABRAHAM

As an additional service project for the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Center. This effort was brought to my attention by one of our club members, and it's great way for us to provide some extra support to local students as they prepare for the new school year. Please see the flyer below for more information on the supplies the Center is seeking.

If you're out and about shopping over the next week, please consider picking up an item or two to contribute. Every donation, big or small, will help.

I'll be happy to collect supplies at our social on Thursday at 7 Hamlets. President Heather can also collect donations on Friday at the Adirondack Railroad Beer and Wine Train social outing. We will then deliver the supplies to the Center during the last week of the month before its end of August deadline.

On a side note, if you bring any door prizes for our Annual Golf Outing to Thursday's social at 7 Hamlets, I can collect those as well and get them to Jerry Kraus.



The flyer is titled "BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE" in large, bold, black and yellow letters. It features several colorful illustrations: a red apple with a green leaf in the top left, a blue folder in the middle left, a pair of red-handled scissors in the bottom left, and three crayons (green, orange, and purple) in the top right. A yellow pencil is in the middle right. The text on the flyer reads: "To assist students of all ages, we are gathering a variety of supplies." followed by a list of items in two columns. At the bottom, it says "Deliver Supplies: The Center 201 Bleecker St. Utica, NY 13501 Monday- Thursday 8AM- 4:30PM" and "OTHER WAYS TO HELP: Make a monetary donation online or via Check written to The Center for school supplies".

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

To assist students of all ages, we are gathering a variety of supplies.

- Backpacks
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks / Elmer's glue wide
- Spiral notebooks (college-ruled)
- Composition books
- Binders
- Binder Paper
- Binder dividers
- Index cards
- Construction paper
- Child scissors
- Markers (wide/thin)
- Pencils
- Mechanical pencils
- Sharpener
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Protractor
- Rulers
- Calculators

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