

Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

Dec. 18, 2023

Doing good in the spirit of the season



PP Tina Pavlot (right) volunteered at the Red Kettle with her sister and niece while Norma Montagnino-Gemza and PDG/PP Don Reese took another shift. More photos, page 2.

By Joe Abraham

Over a dozen Utica Rotarians and friends rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Chanatry's for eight hours on Saturday (from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). During each one-hour shift, they offered a smile and some pleasant conversation as shoppers entered and departed the popular local grocery store, with many donating generously.

"Our efforts resulted in collecting \$1,026, half of which will be matched," noted President Linda Iannone. "Great job Rotarians!!"

She added: "It was a beautiful day for Utica Rotary to greet shoppers at our annual bell ringing. The Red Kettle was a popular spot as we enjoyed seeing many friends."

Linda is the honorary chairperson of this season's Red Kettle Campaign. With roots dating back to the late 1800s, public contributions to the Red Kettle Campaign have helped enable the Salvation Army to continue its year-round efforts of "helping those who would otherwise be forgotten."

Volunteers included Wanda Bruchis, Club Treasurer Darby O'Brien, President Linda, Joe Abraham, PP Jim Turnbull, Sam Koch, Vice President Travis Rabbers, President-elect Elizabeth Nassar, Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka (joined by her husband), PP Tina Pavlot (joined by sister Lynn and niece Shelby), Bart Gorman, Clyde Vanderpool, Norma Montagnino-Gemza, PDG/PP Don Reese, Dave Jones and his Young Scholar mentees, Jose Martinez and Kare Ramahar.

**Program (Holiday Party) | Thursday | Dec. 21 | Noon |
Mid York Library System | 1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica
Virtually via Zoom**

Deadline for next newsletter (1/8) is Saturday, Jan. 6 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach



TAKE ACTION: www.uticarotary.org

Doing good in the spirit of the holiday



Save the date for 'Service Above Self' Gala

Nominate a beneficiary

By PP Stephen Turnbull

We are back and better than ever with our 3rd Annual Service Above Self Gala, brought to you by The SBS Marketing Group. Our committee has been hard at work this entire summer/fall planning our 2024 event.

Please Save the Date:

**Friday, June 7, 2024, 6 p.m.
at The Stanley Theatre**

We need your help to find a beneficiary for this year. Same as past years, you will email me directly with your nomination and then our committee will discuss and vote who will receive the funds raised from our 2024 event.

Please email me:

- Your name
- Organization you are nominating
- Reason for nomination (tell us why they deserve the funds)

If the reason/description of the nomination is not included, your nomination will not be considered. Tell us about the organization

Nominations are open now - 1/5/2024.

Email nominations to: stephen@t5insurance.com

Gore Mountain annual ski trip

The Utica Rotary annual ski trip consists of a day at Gore Mountain Ski Resort in North Creek.

Cost covers transportation. Purchase lift ticket there. Bus loading starts at 6:45 a.m. at Friedel, Williams & Edmunds at 13 Oxford Road, New Hartford.

Contact Jim Friedel at jim@fwefh.com or 315-525-3551 to sign up or for more information. You can sign up and purchase tickets at uticarotary.org (by 1/12/24).

Newsletter taking a holiday break

Rotary This Week is taking a break for Christmas and New Year's.

The newsletter will be back in your email boxes the week of Jan. 8, 2024.

Calendar of Events

- 12/20 Board Meeting**
noon | Greater Utica Chamber
- 12/21 Meeting |**
noon | Mid-York Library
- 1/4 Meeting |**
noon | Mid-York Library

Bring your holiday spirit

to the next meeting at noon Thurs., Dec. 21.

“All are invited to bring a little treat or a dish for others to sample,” says President Linda Iannone. “In lieu of a speaker, members are asked to share a holiday memory or a story of their heritage celebrations!”

“Hope to see you there to share in holiday fellowship and festivities!”

Rotary
Club of Utica



Rotary Club Of Utica Annual Ski Trip!

- Wednesday January 24th, 2024
- Bus leaves Utica 7:00am
- Returns approx. 9:00pm
- \$125 Per Person – Includes:
 - Bus transportation
 - Guaranteed good time!



Gore Mtn.

Must purchase lift
ticket on your own

RSVP @ uticarotary.org by 1/12/24