

# Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

Dec. 4, 2023

## It may be a 'quiet' week, yet 'Not So Silent'



One might say it's a "quiet" week for Rotary Club of Utica.

There is no meeting this Thursday.

But in its place is our annual "Not So Silent Night" Gift Auction.

So please join us at the 72 Tavern & Grill at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Bring family and friends to celebrate in holiday cheer while we raise funds for the multicultural and refugee-friendly Midtown Utica Community Center.

**We encourage you to donate a**

**gift or basket worth at least \$50** to be auctioned off. Wrap it in disguise to make it fun, possibly adding a clue or riddle as to what it is. This event is always full of surprises!

**If you can't attend but would like to donate a basket or gift**, contact Chair Travis Rabbers at [trabbers@mtb.com](mailto:trabbers@mtb.com) or President Linda at [ianlinhope51@gmail.com](mailto:ianlinhope51@gmail.com).

And a big thank-you to our presenting sponsor, Mohawk Valley Wellness.

## New Member Proposed: Maureen Ghent

*The board proposes Maureen Ghent for membership to the Rotary Club of Utica. Per by-laws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Treasurer Jill Koch.*

Maureen Ghent is a registered nurse who works at Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL).

An RN for almost 30 years, Maureen has spent most of her nursing career working in the home care field. Her experience includes:

- director of Home Care at Family Home Care in Rome for seven years;
- director of the Homecare Agency at Presbyterian Homes and Ser-

vices for over 10 years;

- managing the licensed Home Care Agency at RCIL for over seven years.

"I enjoy working and sharing my knowledge helping people in their homes," she notes. "I enjoy being part of the community health focus here in Oneida County."

She adds: "I am currently transitioning into a new role at RCIL as a public health Nurse. As an

individual who enjoys working on community projects, I look forward to where this new role will bring me."

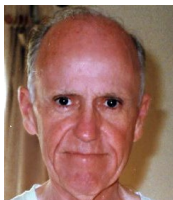
About Rotary, she says: "I am looking forward to working with this group of people to help serve the community in whatever way I can. I truly believe teamwork brings success and I feel like I am part of a great team."

Deadline for next newsletter (12/11) is Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m.; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

Editor Robert Stronach



## RIP Harold Wheeler



PP Jim Turnbull reports the passing of long-time Utica Rotarian Harold M. Wheeler Sr., 91, of New Hartford. He died November 27 at Sitrin Health Care Center. He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

A native of Cranston, Rhode Island, Harold married Dorothy Johnson of Cranston in 1948, and they remained married for over 75 years.

Harold began his career in 1951 as a route driver with Canteen Corporation and went on to purchase a Canteen franchise in Utica in 1974, which he ran until his retirement in 2011.

Harold was a member and served on the boards of several local organizations, including the Masons, the Shriners, The Royal Order of Jesters, the ARC of Oneida County, the American Red Cross, NYSAVA and the Utica YMCA.



Not So Silent Night 2023

**SILENT NIGHT GIFT AUCTION**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 7th**  
**6:00-7:30PM**

**72 TAVERN & GRILL**  
**400 ORISKANY ST W**

**Presented By**

**MOHAWK VALLEY WELLNESS**

**Proceeds To Benefit**

**MIDTOWN UTICA COMMUNITY CENTER**

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>12/7</b>  | <b>Auction   "Not So Silent Night"</b><br><b>6 pm   72 Tavern</b>  | <b>12/21</b> | <b>Meeting  </b><br><b>noon   Mid-York Library</b> |
| <b>12/16</b> | <b>Service   Salvation Army Kettle</b><br><b>12-6   Chanatry's</b> |              |  |
| <b>12/20</b> | <b>Board Meeting</b><br><b>noon   Greater Utica Chamber</b>        |              |  |