



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

Dec. 1, 2025



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December boasts electrifying and service-oriented Rotary experiences.

Our program meeting this Thursday, Dec. 4, is a field trip to the New York Energy Zone, adjacent to the Utica Zoo, where we'll explore the history and work of electric power. "We will conduct our regular meeting and then be able to enjoy the facility and tour it at our leisure," reports President-elect Heather Beebe.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, we'll be "Doing the Most Good" by manning the Salvation Army Red Kettle at Chanatry's Market on French Road. A full slate of volunteers has signed up to "ring" the bells from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., taking one-hour shifts each, reports PP Travis Rabbers.

The big Rotary event of the season is the "Not So Silent Night" Gift Auction from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at Portofino Restaurant on the canal. The Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency will benefit from this year's fundraising auction. PP Travis Rabbers encourages: "Bring a wrapped gift with a clue attached to it (example: this is a gift for a couple enjoying a night out) "that we will auction off to the highest bidder. You can bring any guests you would like, there is no cost to attend. The more the merrier! This year I am asking anyone planning on attending to register (*using the link on Page 3*). This will help us get a head count for Portofino, who will be offering an appetizer menu."

We'll Zoom in the new year with Melanoma Foundation

Since the first Thursday in January falls on New Year's Day, our first program meeting of 2026 will be on Jan. 8, starting at noon at Mid-York Library headquarters, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica. It will feature a Zoom presentation on the topic, "Melanoma: Early Detection and Treatment." The presenter will be Stephen Fine, president of the Melanoma Education Foundation. In addition to its primary activity of educating health teachers and their students, the foundation initiated virtual presentations to Rotary Clubs in 2022 and, since then, has conducted over 340 presentations for U.S. and Canadian clubs.



Stephen Fine

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Rotary
Club of Utica 

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 11TH
6:00-8:00PM**

**Portofino
Restaurant & Events
16 Harbor Lock Road
Utica, NY**

Presented By:



Proceeds To Benefit:



It's free to attend, but bring a gift for the auction. [Register at this link.](#)

Calendar of Events

12/4 Meeting | NY Energy Zone
noon | adjacent to Utica Zoo

12/17 Board Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

12/6 Service | Salvation Army Red Kettle
9 to 3 | Chantry's Market

1/8 Meeting | Stephen Fine
noon | Melanoma Education
Foundation

12/11 Service | 'Not So Silent Night'
6 pm | gift auction at Portofino