



Utica Rotary Hub



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Rotary fundraiser is anything but silent

By Joe Abraham

A little lake-effect snow couldn't stop Utica Rotarians and community members from getting in the festive spirit at Thursday's "Not So Silent Night" Gift Auction.

This year's event raised approximately \$4,200 for Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency.

The event took place at Portofino on the canal.

A special thank you to our presenting sponsor, Passalacqua & Associates, and to everyone who attended and donated gifts. The night was a great success!



Gifts filled tables for the "Not So Silent Night" auction.



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Editor Robert Stronach

'Not So Silent Night' gift auction



Calendar of Events

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

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

1/15 Social | Gore Mt. Bus Trip
6:45 am | Ski, snowboard,
snowshoe or enjoy lodge

'Not So Silent Night' gift auction





More readers wanted! Rotary Readers at Columbus is BACK!

By Heather Beebe

GREAT news to share! We have finally received the green light to start the Rotary Readers program back up at Columbus Elementary located in East Utica. (Right by MVCC)

For those of you that have joined in the last few years- you may not remember this program. But you will love it! For those that remember- I would love to have you back!

The program will work like this- I need to know who would be interested in participating. When I have the list of Rotarians- I will coordinate with the school to get each Rotarian lined up with a teacher that wants to participate. I will do my best to line up readers with teachers based on need and availability. Then each reader can coordinate directly with their matching teacher to arrange a time. This will NOT be a one time fits all situation. Which is great! We are all busy! It will run based on your own individual schedules and how it works best for that teacher and yourself. Your time in the class reading is usually approx 15-20 min. I used to bring my own book each time and I went weekly. If weekly is too much for you, that is absolutely fine. You are welcome to do it monthly, bi-weekly, or whatever ends up working out. We

are looking to start in January and run through the end of the year. And then each October it will restart again through the school year only.

So, if you are interested, please send me these things.

- 1) Your name**
- 2) Best way a teacher can connect with you (cell or email)**
- 2) How often you'd be available**
- 3) If you know a teacher there and want to be matched.** (Many teachers are still in the building from when we did this before)
- 4) Lastly- I will have a volunteer form for you to fill out that stays on file at the school.**

Thank you all in advance for considering this program. Our children are the thread and product of our community. This is a great way to see them, engage with them, be a positive influence, and also give the teacher 20 min of time to do something else. It doesn't sound like much but it is. The teachers I have spoken with are really looking forward to having it back.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rotary Red Kettle raises over \$600

The Utica Rotary Red Kettle collected a total \$615.33, reports Salvation Army Capt. Kelly Ross.

Rotarians took turns "ringing the bells" at the

kettle on Sat., Dec. 6, at Chanatry's Market.

"Thank you, for all the support," adds Captain Kelly. "Merry Christmas!"

Join us for a fun day at Gore Mountain

By PP Tina Pavlot

Join us Thursday, January 15, for our annual bus trip to Gore Mountain!

Rotarians, friends, family and colleagues are all welcome.

Spend a day on the slopes skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, or just enjoying the lodge.

RSVP to our gracious Rotary-Winter-Fun-Day coordinator, Jim Friedel, at jim@fwefh.com.

The cost of transportation is \$85/person. Reserve your spot now! Bus leaves at 6:45 a.m. and returns 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Everyone is responsible for his/her own ski or snowshoe tickets.



You're
Invited!



Annual trip to Gore Mountain
January 15th

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to reserve your seat

