



### Outstanding Educator Program kicks off this Friday

At this week's meeting, Rotary Club of Utica welcomes two seniors from New York Mills High School to kick off the club's Outstanding Educator Program.

Ciara Lape is a member of the school's varsity field hockey and basketball teams and serves as this year's senior class president. Ciara plans on attending MVCC in the fall for general studies to narrow down a career path for herself.

Noah Diskin is a member of the school's varsity basketball, cross-country and baseball teams and serves as this year's senior class vice president. Noah is currently undecided on a major but plans to apply to several colleges including LeMoyne, Utica College, MVCC, SUNY Polytechnic, Hamilton, and Colgate.

The Outstanding Educator Program engages students to attend four weekly meetings and an awards ceremony for Outstanding Educator in June. The students nominate an educator that they see as going above self, providing students with opportunities to learn and grow that embodies the humanitarian spirit and exemplifies the Four-Way Test of Rotary.



Ciara Lape



Noah Diskin

### This Week's Program

Steve McMurray is the Vice President and General Manager at NewsChannel 2, a position he's held since March 2014. Prior to taking over as GM, he was the News Director at the station for almost 10 years. He also anchored the Live at Five Newshour and NewsChannel 2 at 6:00 with Kristen Copeland.



Prior to coming to WKTV, Steve worked at WUTR NewsChannel 20 in Utica for more than seven years, serving as the News Director and 5 p.m. anchor for two and a half of those years. He also held the Sports Director position for four years before making the jump to news full-time.

Steve is a Frankfort native and graduated from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Broadcast Journalism.

**FRIDAY | February 4 | 12 p.m.**  
**Mid York Library System**  
**1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502**  
**Virtually via Zoom**

*Correctly worn masks are REQUIRED when in the building, unless you are speaking at the podium or eating and drinking.*

**Deadline for next newsletter (2/8) is Monday, February 7, at noon;  
submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org)**

# Volunteers needed for February 12 service project

Four Rotarians are needed to help at the Morrow Warming Center, an overnight shelter for homeless people, on Saturday, February 12, from 6-9 p.m. Volunteers will assist with preparing and serving food as well as cleaning up afterwards. The Morrow Warming Center is located at Cornerstone Community Church, 500 Plant Street, Utica.

If more than four people volunteer, the shifts can be broken down. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Travis Rabbers at [trabbers@mtb.com](mailto:trabbers@mtb.com).

The shelter is also in need of food and clothing (list below), which can be delivered to the church after 12 p.m. most weekdays. Financial donations are also accepted. Please call (315) 735-8586 for information.

- \*Milk (powdered, canned, boxed, fresh)
- \*Bread
- \*Sugar
- \*Lunch meat
- \*Sliced cheese
- \*Peanut butter
- \*Jelly
- \*Granola bars
- \*Sandwich crackers
- Peanut butter cups
- \*Pop-top Vienna sausages
- Individual fruit cups
- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Chicken (any form that can be frozen)
- Ground meat
- Hot dogs
- Mac & Cheese
- Breakfast sausages
- Butter
- Cooking oil
- Pasta & sauce (dried, canned)
- Basic cooking supplies, spices, flour, canned gravies or sauces
- We also take prepared casseroles, soups, cookies, muffins, etc.
- Anything that can be thrown in the freezer
- \*\*Men's jeans and sweatpants
- \*\*Warm gloves, scarves
- \*\*Men's boots; 8-13
- \*Men's underwear and thermal underwear; small- extra large
- \*Belts
- \*Warm, heavy socks
- Men's coats; small-extra large
- Men's long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts; small-extra large
- \*\*Backpacks
- \*\*Sleeping bags
- We are good on blankets, but we do go through them
- Pillowcases and single fitted sheets
- \*\*Vinyl disposable gloves; medium, large, XL
- \*Deli paper
- \*Brown paper lunch bags
- \*Plastic Sandwich bags
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- \*Dryer Sheets
- Sponges
- \*Freezer bags and containers
- \*Freezer paper
- \*\*Large food-safe plastic buckets w/lids
- \*Large stock pot with lid
- \*Large food processor
- \*Quality set of frypans for commercial cooking

\*\*Need ASAP | \*Regular use or would be very nice to have

**Vote for Utica Rotary Officers & Board of Directors**  
 Contact Secretary Jill Koch if you did not receive the link to vote: [jillk@cabvi.org](mailto:jillk@cabvi.org)

Ideas for programs and volunteer opportunities are needed. Please pass them along to Programs Chair Travis Rabbers at [rabbe1ta@gmail.com](mailto:rabbe1ta@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam: David Shumway

David Shumway, a member of our club since 1986, passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

David was a very active member for decades, and he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1994.

A full obituary can be found at <https://www.fwefh.com/obituaries-and-services/david-shumway-utica-ny>.



*Calendar of Events*

2/4 Program Meeting | Friday; 12 p.m. & Zoom  
Steve McMurray, WKTV

2/12 Service Project | Saturday 6-9 p.m.  
Morrow Warming Center

2/18 Program Meeting | Friday; 12 p.m. & Zoom  
Pastor Mike, Morrow Warming Center

2/24 Social | Thursday; 5-7 p.m. | Swifty's