

# Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

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## From thoughts of peace to internships to history



President Linda welcomes one of the three young speakers.

Last week's meeting not only featured Children of the American Revolution, but also a Rotary scholarship intern. But before they were introduced, President Linda Ianonne kicked off the meeting with an inspirational message from Dalai Lama XIV:

*"World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion."*

She also made a few reminder announcements:

- **The March 7<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be at The Energy Zone which is located by the Utica Zoo, and hosted by Joe Caruso.

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## EXCITED ABOUT THE GALA

Gala Chair Stephen Turnbull, left, and President Linda Ianonne, right, discuss the "Service Above Self" Gala in a Facebook video, along with RCIL's Mary Borgnano and Kyle Tuttle of the SBS Marketing Group (the gala's presenting sponsor). RCIL's "Arts for Many Hearts" program will benefit from the funds raised by the gala, which takes place Friday, June 7 at the Stanley Theatre.

Deadline for next newsletter (3/4) is Saturday, March 2 at 3 p.m.; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

Editor Robert Stronach

## MEETING RECAP

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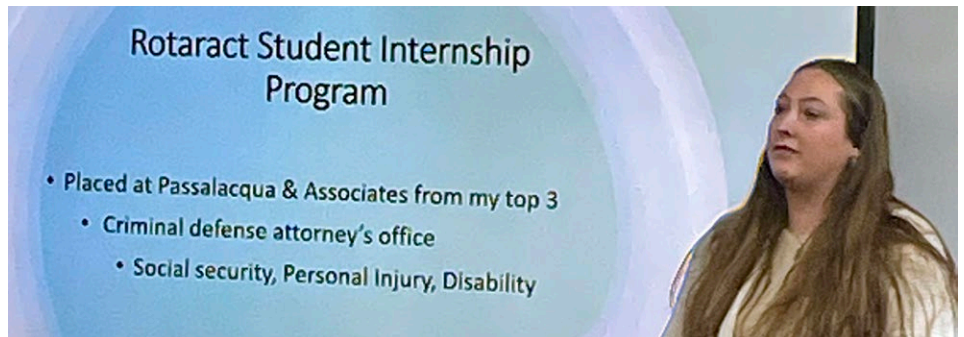
“We will have a brief meeting and a tour of the facility. We will also hear from our outstanding students from Proctor High.”

• **THE SOCIAL** on Thursday, Feb 29, will be at Piggy Pat’s at 5:30 p.m. “Feel free to bring partners and guests.”

• **WE NEED** a few more Rotarians on Monday, March 25 to help carry the cases of juice into the gym and place in each Easter bag. “I can meet the Rotarians in the Genesee Street entrance of Thea Bowman at 10:30-10:45 a.m., located in the former De-Sales building. This is our service project for the month of March.”

• **OUR CLUB** was still seeking a water station coordinator for the Boilermaker Road Race. **[Afterwards, Linda reported that Clyde Vanderpool stepped up to fill that role.]** Also, anyone who volunteered last year should have received an email to return this year. If you are new to this and would like to sign up, let Linda know.

**LINDA THEN** asked Rotarian Dom Passalacqua to speak about the Rotary Internship program and introduce Kelsey Carter, the recipient of the Intern Scholarship. Kelsey worked at Passalacqua and Associates for her internship and plans to attend law school and possibly return to this area.



**Kelsey Carter, recipient of internship scholarship**

Her experiences were varied in the office and she found a passion for criminal law. Kelsey is busy: she works three jobs, is president of the Rotaract Club at Utica University, plays basketball for UU, and volunteers her time, all while maintaining a near perfect GPA.

**LINDA INVITED** Maryanne Imundo up to the podium “to introduce our young speakers.”

Hank and Louie Petras and Melissa Wohler gave a personal historical family background and a glimpse into American history that they have studied as members of the Children of the Ameri-

can Revolution (CAR). (Hank and Louie are grandchildren of Rotarian Ralph Imundo and nephews of Rotarian Clyde Vanderpool.)

“Their dedication and interest in history is admirable,” noted President Linda. “They not only acquire knowledge of American history in general, but they are able to research their own genealogies and their place in American history.”

The object of CAR is to study and promote American history, especially as it relates to American Independence, and to promote respect for the flag of the United States of America.



**YOUNG SPEAKERS: Melissa Wohler with Hank and Louie Petras.**



## A ROTARY MOMENT IN TIME

# Utica Rotarians learn about WWII air power

By Bob Stronach

It was Jan. 23, 1941.

World War II was raging, with Germany controlling most of continental Europe. And the United States was still ten months away from plunging into the fray (thanks to Japan's pending attack on Pearl Harbor).

Nevertheless, the war was on the minds of Utica Rotarians, and with air power playing a key role, perhaps it's not surprising that the club's International Night featured two prominent speakers on the subject.

The printed program reveals that it was a formal affair, held at Hotel Utica, with a multi-course dinner featuring crabmeat cocktail, cream of tomato soup, an entrée of "steak minute, French fried potatoes and green beans in butter," all topped off with "café sundae" and coffee.

A theme emblazoned across

one of the program's pages proclaimed: "He profits most who serves best." It was the original Rotary motto (adopted in 1911).

Club President Burt D. Hawks presided, with Rotarian R.S. Snyder (a dentist) giving the invocation, and Utica Mayor Vincent R. Corrou welcoming everyone. There was even a musical interlude between the speakers.

First up was Air Marshal William Avery Bishop, director of recruiting for the Canadian Royal Air Force, who briefed Rotarians on the "Winged Warfare Over Britain."

Next was some insight on the "Status of the U.S. Air Corps Expansion Program," offered by Brig. Gen. Herbert A. Dargue, assistant chief of the Air Corps.

By the way, Billy Bishop was the top Canadian and British Empire flying ace of World War I. Dargue,

a West Point graduate (1907), was one of the original 24 Army aviators (1913).

It appears that at least one Rotarian walked away with a souvenir -- the night's printed program bears the signatures of the air marshal and general.



## New Member Proposed: Joanne Moskal

*The board proposes Joanne Moskal 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.*

Joanne Moskal is the chief operating officer for Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. With a 29-year tenure within the organization, her career spans 39 years in healthcare, leadership, and banking. Joanne earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, and Economics with a minor in Human Resources from SUNY Empire.

In her capacity as COO, Joanne oversees diverse responsibilities including marketing,

public relations, development, human resources, and operations. Her vision is focused on organizational growth and fostering a culture of compassion and collaboration within the healthcare community.

With a passion for enhancing the quality of care and support provided to patients and their families, Joanne says she remains steadfast in her commitment to advancing the mission of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.



## Super excited about the 3rd annual gala

“We are SUPER excited” about the “3rd Annual Service Above Self Gala, presented again by our friends at The SBS Group!” announced gala committee chair Stephen Turbull.

The gala takes place June 7 at the Stanley Theatre, with funds from the event going towards Re-

source Center for Independent Living (RCIL) for the “Arts at Many Hearts” Adult Social Day Program.

RCIL’s Mary Borgnano noted that the program involves “arts of all kinds -- dancing, painting, drumming – for caregivers and their loved ones.”

Stephen added: “We are so excited to make this 3rd year our best year yet and our committee has been hard at work since July to make this happen!”

“You can secure your tickets and sponsorships in the links” on the Utica Rotary website, he said. “Don’t wait, this event will sell out!”

### Calendar of Events

**2/29 Social |  
5:30 pm | Piggy Pat’s**

**3/7 Meeting | talk & tour  
noon | Energy Zone  
at Utica Zoo**

**3/20 Board Meeting |  
noon | Chamber of Commerce**

**3/28 Social | TBD  
5:00 pm |**



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# SERVICE ABOVE SELF *Gala*



- Red carpet
- LIVE music by Soul Injection
- Seated dinner on Stanley stage
- 1 hour of cocktail open bar

**When:**

Friday June 7th 6-11pm

**Where:**

The Stanley Theatre  
259 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY 13502

**Gala Presented By:**



**Proceeds to benefit:**



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# SERVICE ABOVE SELF Gala



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- Information table in lobby at event
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- Logo & name recognition at event
- Social media thank you

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- Seats 8

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