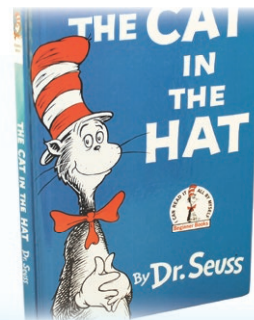


Rotary THIS WEEK!



Utica, NY, USA

February 27, 2023

Guest speaker is advocate for senior citizens

by Holly A. Saupp

Our program speaker this Thursday, March 2, is **Katie Montague** from the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL). She is RCIL's Senior Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Coordinator for NY's Region 9.

Katie has been an advocate for over 30 years. Starting with family court working with pregnant and parenting adolescents, she then worked as the director of advocacy at the Peacemaker Program where she ran the volunteer-based Court Appointed Special Advocate Program and the Child Custody Advocate Program. Katie recruited, trained and managed over 70 vol-



unteers during her time there.

Just prior to joining RCIL, Katie worked at the Family Advocacy Center and provided advocacy for children with disabilities in educational settings. Katie worked closely with the students, families and members of the Committee on Special Educa-

tion to develop the best education for the success of each child.

Katie loves to empower people with knowledge and self-advocacy skills as well as provide training for families, residents, facility staff and the community on the ombudsman program and resident rights. From starting her career supporting infants, children and adolescents and now advocating for the rights of older adults, Katie has certainly had a rewarding career!

This week's program | Thursday | March 2 | Noon
Mid York Library System
1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502
Virtually via Zoom

Proctor High students return this week

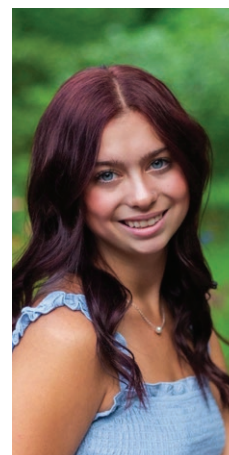
by Bart Gorman

Cierra Duval and Alana Greer, students from Proctor High School, return for our Rotary meeting on Thursday, March 2 (*just in time for Dr. Seuss Day*).

Their visit is part of the Outstanding Educators Program. Cierra Duval will be called on to speak this time. During their first visit (via Zoom)

on Feb. 2, Alana addressed the club. Cierra plans to attend a State University of New York college to pursue her teaching degree.

An East Utica Optimist Student of the Year (twice), Cierra is president of Proctor's Best Buddies program and is a member of the Honor Society. She is active in cheerleading and dance.



Cierra Duval



Alana Greer

Deadline for next newsletter (3/6) is Sunday, March 5, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.



TAKE ACTION: www.uticarotary.org

Service: Help out at Morrow Warming Center on March 9

The next service project for Rotary Club of Utica involves helping to feed the homeless and those at risk of homelessness from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at the Morrow Warming Center.

Four to six volunteers are needed

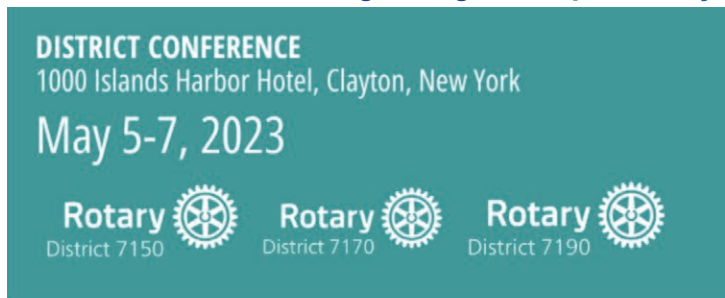
to “prepare tables, cook, serve, clean up, and work the donation room,” notes President Tina Pavlot.

“Clothing donations are always appreciated as well. Gloves and hair nets are provided; face masks are optional.”

The Morrow Warming Center is located in the basement of Cornerstone Church at 500 Plant Street in Utica.

To volunteer, reach out to Rotarian Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka at mahallak-serwatka@nbtbank.com.

To register, go to <https://rotary7150.org/page/conference-2023/>



It's the first conference for all three districts that are the future CNY Rotary. Make it a weekend getaway for the full experience or drive up Saturday morning for an overnight event. The weekend will include opportunities to learn new ways to serve our communities, great food and drink, and time to connect with one another. There are discounted packages for kids and teens, so bring the whole family. Register early for the best rate and contact

the hotel directly to book your room. **Early bird registration ends Feb. 28, 2023.** Registration covers cost of meals and conference materials.

Full Event includes Friday night festivities: \$180/person (\$205/person after deadline)

Sat & Sunday only: \$155/person (\$180/person after deadline).

Plus discounted rates for youth and children!

Calendar of Events

- 3/2** Program | RCIL Ombudsman Program
Noon | Mid-York Library
- 3/9** Service | Feed Utica's hungry
6-9 pm | Cornerstone Church
- 3/15** Board Meeting|
Noon | Greater Utica Chamber
- 3/16** Program | TBD
- 3/23** Social | TBD
- 4/6** Program | Munson-Williams rebrand
Noon | Mid-York Library

