

Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

Feb. 17, 2026

No act
 of kindness,
 no matter
 how small,
 is ever wasted.
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3 Utica Rotarians give some 'Backyard Hope'

Three Rotarians (Maggie Reed, Linda Iannone, & Rose Lazoom) volunteered with Backyard Hope on Feb. 7 to assemble hygiene kits and sort clothing that would be delivered to those in need.

Backyard Hope, Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Utica, dedicated to partnering with local school districts and community organizations to support youth and families. -- by Heather Beebe



Rotarians joined other volunteers at Backyard Hope.

February Social is this Thursday

Join your fellow Rotarians on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. at Delta Hotels (the former Radisson) for this month's social. Bring along friends, family, and co-workers!-- by Tina Pavlot

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Editor Robert Stronach



By Joe Abraham

CNY Rotary's District Conference returns in April, conveniently located in Syracuse at the Downtown Marriott. The District Conference Committee made several adjustments to the format, thanks to feedback from fellow Rotarians. Here is a very basic breakdown of the event.

- The conference itself is one day (Saturday, April 11) and full of speakers and breakout sessions. The cost of attendance is \$100. This includes lunch and dinner.
- There are optional activities taking place Friday and Sunday. Friday night - Mingle with Rotarians at a number of restaurants near the hotel. Then on Sunday, there will be four different service projects to choose from, where conference attendees can make a lasting impact.

As I noted before, Saturday is the technically "the conference" but the optional events on Friday and Sunday will surely make it a weekend of fellowship and service. There is a discounted hotel rate at the Downtown Marriott of \$175 a night for a limited time. If you are interested in staying over, book ASAP, as there is a wedding scheduled there that weekend as well.

For more info about planned activities, registration and/or to book a hotel stay, visit this link!

<https://cnyrotary.org/events/conference-2026/>

Rotary social at UCFC game on March 1

By Travis Rabbers

We have a date for our annual Rotary social at the UCFC soccer game in the Biergarten area.

The game at Adirondack Bank Center at Utica Memorial Auditorium will be Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. The game features Empire Strykers vs. Utica FC.

The link to purchase tickets at the discounted group rate is here:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Rotaryclubofutica>





FIFTH ANNUAL
SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA

Save The Date
Friday, June 5th 2026
Stanley Theatre
6:00-10:00PM

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Calendar of Events

2/18	Board Meeting Board of Directors noon Greater Utica Chamber	2/22	Service Hospice dinner at Michael T's
2/19	Social Delta Hotel 5 pm	3/1	Social UCFC game noon The Aud (biergarten)
2/20	Deadline Nominations for "Service Above Self" Awards	3/5	Meeting Capt. Kelly Ross The Salvation Army noon Mid-York Library

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