



Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

Feb. 2, 2025

RCIL vocational coordinator is this week's speaker



Our program speaker on Thursday, Feb. 5, is Lyn Geigel, vocational services coordinator at the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL).

With RCIL for 21 years, Lyn says she was drawn to the agency by its mission

to empower individuals. What she enjoys most about her role is helping people become as independent as possible.

The rewarding part of her work, she says, is seeing participants achieve their goals and knowing she played a part in their success.



Volunteer for Hospice dinner

By Travis Rabbers

For our February volunteer service project, we're reaching out on behalf of Hospice & Palliative Care. Hospice is looking for volunteers to help bus tables at a spaghetti dinner at Michael T's on Sunday, Feb. 22.

There are two shifts: 2 volunteers from 4 to 5:30 p.m and 4 volunteers from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

If you are interested in helping out, please email me at rabbeta@gmail.com.



Rotary social at UCFC game

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>

Submit news and photos to news@uticarotaryclub.org

Editor Robert Stronach

New Member Proposed: Terry DeLude

The board proposes Terry DeLude for membership to Rotary Club of Utica. Per bylaws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Secretary Matt Schlosser.

Terry DeLude is proud of her family heritage and connection to the Utica area as well as charitable efforts that have become dear to her.

In her words:

“I grew up in an Irish home with my grandparents, Regina and George Burdick. Gram would bring me to Utica every other weekend, shopping and showing me where she grew up, went to school, church and worked.

“My grandfather was a pressman at the Globe before it became the Daily Press, eventually the Observer Dispatch. I was five, impressionable and loved the city, so much life with the hustle and bustle. Fast forward to graduation, time for college, MVCC, and I would visit home on holidays and remained in Utica.

“A short digression, my great grandparents migrated to America in the late 1800s from Ireland and settled in Utica. They were farmers, business owners, had political ties, contributing to the growth of a city where I found roots and grew to love.

“Over the years I’ve taken pride as chair for the Heart Run and Walk, and Relay for Life with various companies where employed. Both these



charities are dear to my heart and for the opportunity to contribute to our community, I’m very grateful. Becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Utica would offer an opportunity to participate in the events they hold close to the community in all aspects of progress.”

Calendar of Events

**2/5 Meeting | Lyn Geigel, RCIL
noon | Mid-York Library**

**2/18 Board Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber**

**2/20 Deadline | Nominations for
“Service Above Self” Awards**

**2/22 Service | Hospice dinner
at Michael T’s**

**3/1 Social | UCFC game
noon | The Aud (biergarten)**

**3/5 Meeting | Capt. Kelly Ross
The Salvation Army
noon | Mid-York Library**

Nominate a deserving person for 'Service Above Self' Award

By *Travis Rabbers*

If you haven't already marked your calendars, make sure you do for our 5th annual Service Above Self Gala!

First, the time is open to nominate an individual for the Service Above Self award. Please go to our website (*see link below*) for more information on the award, past winners and the application. We are asking you to send us your completed appli-

cations by Friday, February 20. This year's gala beneficiary will be Kelberman Center and its Kamp Connections program.

The gala will be Friday, June 5, at the Stanley Theatre from 6 to 10 p.m. Please share the information, and let Stephen Turnbull or myself know if anyone is interested in a sponsorship. Registration links will be coming soon.

<https://uticarotary.org/Stories/rotary-seeks-nominations-for-service-above-self-award-1>

Rotary
Club of Utica

FIFTH ANNUAL
SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA

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

Gala Beneficiary:

 **Kelberman**
The center of excellence for autism

FIFTH ANNUAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA



AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS

PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Presenting Name
- 8 Tickets/Table Included
- Promotional Video Business
- Logo on Stage Outside
- Marquee at Front of Gala
- Name on All Advertising & Promotion
- Social Media Thank You

SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000

- 2 Tickets Included
- Name on All Advertising & Promotion
- Logo & Name Recognition At Event
- Social Media Thank You

CORPORATE TABLE: \$1,200

- Seats 8

GOLD SPONSOR: \$2,500

(Only 4 Available)

- 4 Tickets Included
- Naming Sponsor *(Dinner, Cocktail, Awards or Music)*
- Name on All Advertising & Promotion
- Information Table in Lobby at Event
- Logo & Name Recognition At Event
- Social Media Thank You

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500

- Logo & Name Recognition At Event
- Social Media Thank You

Gala Beneficiary:



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Free day of learning open to all members!

All Rotarians are invited to attend this year's District Learning Assembly (DLA), Saturday, March 7 at Johnson City High School.

This event is designed to prepare club leaders with topics that will support administrative activities, membership growth, Foundation participation, better public image and more. However, you do not have to be a leader to attend and all are welcome to come enjoy the fellowship and learning!

Benefits of attending:

- Three sessions • Lunch with Rotary friends • Opportunity to network and learn

Courses will cover these topics over three breakout sessions:

- Secretary & Treasurer training
- Foundation - overview, grants, and polio
- Membership - growth, sustainability and conflict management
- Public Image - social media beginner and advanced, using The Brand Center
- Using the Learning Center
- Engaging with our Youth Programs
- Community needs assessments for more impactful service

You choose the courses that interest you most or that are applicable to your role in Rotary

Details

Saturday, March 7 from 12-4:30 p.m.

Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds Road, Johnson City

Registration required (see link below)

<https://cnyrotary.org/events/cny-rotary-learning-assembly-2026/>

Utica Rotarian Joe Abraham, CNY Rotary's Public Image chair, will attend and can fit two people in his vehicle if you want a ride. Contact him via Facebook or josephabraham2011@gmail.com.

It will incur a cost for each person attending to have lunch, so please only register if you are committed to attending. This afternoon of learning follows a half-day Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in the morning and each has its own separate registration. Click link below to register for RLI (\$25/person) and make it a whole day of learning!

<https://rlinea.org>