



# Rotary This Week!

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## Raise your Rotary IQ at the Leadership Institute



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**Nate Discavage and Erica Spado brought Indium's story to the club last Thursday. See Page 3.**

Deadline for next newsletter (1/20) is Saturday, Jan. 18 at 3 p.m.; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

Editor Robert Stronach

# RAISE YOUR ROTARY IQ AT 'ROTARY LEARNING INSTITUTE'

By Matt Adler, RLI Site Chair

I understand the critical importance of improving our Rotary IQ. **A knowledgeable Rotarian makes for an engaged Rotarian.**

With that in mind, I urge Rotarians to attend the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) event on March 1, 2025, in Johnson City, NY.

Our current CNY Rotary President, Lizzy Martin, along with the Executive Board, strongly believes in the value of this program. As such, we have asked the District Leadership to subsidize this event and they have agreed to reduce costs for all Level 1 participants to \$25, even if you are repeating the course. The fees for Level 2 and Level 3 will be \$40, and the Graduate Program will cost \$40. This will be an incredible day of Rotary fellowship, education, and idea-sharing.

RLI is a multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary Clubs through quality leadership education.

**THINK OF IT AS THE ROTARY LEARNING INSTITUTE.**

The current recommended curriculum for 2025 has the following course sessions:

## **PART I**

The Purpose and Structure of Rotary  
Engaging members  
The Rotary Foundation Goals and Programs  
Practice Ethical Behavior  
Project Implementation  
Effective Communications

## **PART II**

Rotary Opportunities  
Making a Difference  
Attracting Members  
Targeted Services  
Public Image and PR  
Insightful Planning at the Club Level

## **PART III**

Vocational Service/Expectations  
International Service  
Building Connections  
Rotary Action Groups

## **GRADUATE COURSE**

The course varies each year to provide Rotarians with continued education.

This year's topic: Increasing Our Impact

Our district will be holding the RLI workshop on Saturday, March 1 at The Johnson City Senior High School, 666 Reynolds Road, Johnson City NY 13790 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with breakfast and lunch provided by the Owego Kitchen..

**Register for the event here:** <https://rlinea.org/>

(Once on the site, on the left side click on "more info" under RLI NEA Seminar - Dist 7170 - Johnson City High School March 1st, 2025)

If you need help with your login info, please email Janet Tenreiro at [janettenreiro@gmail.com](mailto:janettenreiro@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [Mbadler@stny.rr.com](mailto:Mbadler@stny.rr.com)



*Small group discussions at the Rotary Leadership Institute.*



# Rotarians Learn of Indium's Impact

By Joe Abraham

The Rotary Club of Utica held its 12th meeting of its 109th year on Thursday, Dec. 9, featuring guest speakers Nate Discavage and Erica Spado from Indium Corporation.

Nate is the Talent Acquisition Supervisor at Indium, overseeing recruitment, internships, and community talent pipelines. He previously worked at the Resource Center for Independent Living. Erica is the Senior Marketing Communications Specialist at Indium, where she helps strengthen the company's brand and community relationships. She has a background in journalism and corporate communications.

Founded in 1934, Indium is a premier materials refiner, smelter, manufacturer, and supplier to the global electronics, semiconductor, thin-film, and thermal management markets. Products include solders and fluxes; brazes; thermal interface materials; sputtering targets; indium, gallium, germanium, and tin metals and inorganic compounds.

The company bears the name of the 49th element on the periodic table, which is known for bonding well with other metals.

In addition to being a successful company, they believe firmly in having a positive impact in their local community, where you'll often find their employees volunteering in different initiatives. They also assisted in disaster relief efforts in Rome after the recent tornado.

## Club Announcements

- President Travis Rabbers welcomed new members! Jennifer Hagen, Karima Wines and Patti Demma who were all in attendance, either in-person or on Zoom.
- Joseph Chevrette, senior consultant at Inizio, and Hilda Jordan, CEO of HMJ Consulting, will be our guest speakers on January 30 and February 6, respectively. The latter takes place at ThINCubator.
- Our club will be volunteering at *Feed Our Vets* on January 18 and February 15. A special thanks to the eight Rotarians taking part in the effort!
- Our Rotary monthly social outing will take place on January 16 at *It's a Utica Thing! Kitchen and Bar*.
- The Rotary Ski Trip is on January 23! Space is limited so RSVP to Jim Friedel at [jim@fwefh.com](mailto:jim@fwefh.com) ASAP.
- We are still in need of Rotaract Committee members, as well as a water station coordinator for the Boilermaker. Contact President Travis if you're interested!
- It's official! The Stanley Theatre, which has been the home of our Service Above Self Gala, will be this year's beneficiary. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

## Building a Stronger Community Together

- Thank you to the Utica Rotary Club for your commitment to serving our community.
- Indium Corporation shares your vision of building stronger, more vibrant communities.

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Club of Utica



# Reserve and pay for a spot now for a fun day at Gore

By Tina Pavlot

Join us Thursday, January 23, for our annual bus trip to Gore Mountain!

Rotarians, friends, family and colleagues are all welcome. Spend a day on the slopes skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, or just enjoying the bar and food in the lodge.

RSVP to our gracious Rotary-Winter-Fun-Day coordinator, Jim Friedel at [jim@fwefh.com](mailto:jim@fwefh.com). The sooner the better please, as we need a head count for bus transportation.

Purchase tickets at Gore for skiing, snowshoeng, cross-country skiing. The cost is \$100 for roundtrip bus transportation. Payment may be made via Venmo at:

<https://account.venmo.com/u/Jim-Friedel-1>



## Calendar of Events

1/15 Board | Greater Utica Chamber  
noon

1/16 Social | 'It's a Utica Thing' Restaurant  
5 p.m.

1/18 Service | 'Feed Our Vets'  
8-11 a.m.

1/23 Social | Rotary Ski Trip  
to Gore Mountain

1/30 Meeting | Joseph Chevrette,  
Inizio  
noon | Mid-York Library

2/6 Meeting | Hilda Jordan  
HMI Consulting  
noon | ThINCubator