

Hanka Grabovica is this week's speaker

This week's program meeting features Hanka Grabovica, president of Bosnian American Community Association (BACA). The meeting will be held at noon Thursday, Jan. 19, at Mid York Library System, 1600 Lincoln Avenue, as well as virtually via Zoom.

Hanka describes herself as "wife, mother, sister and daughter" as well as an educator and leadership coach.

An educator for over 14 years, Hanka has taught at traditional public schools, public charter schools, and Mohawk Valley Community College. She holds a bachelor's degree with minor in child education and English as a second language, and a master's degree in education leadership.



When not in the classroom, she says, "I enjoy helping and adding value to my community." In addition to working with the Bosnian American community, Hanka says she serves on several boards, including United Way of the Mohawk Valley, Municipal Housing, WCNY/ PBS, and YWCA. She is also a member of NAACP and is "an ambassador for *What's Upstate New York* and *Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce*." In addition, Hanka is a certified trainer, coach and speaker with the John Maxwell Leadership Team.

In her own words: "My experiences in teaching and being a leader are so rewarding, giving me a sense that I am making the world a better place one student at a time."



Learn more about the new CNY Rotary District, coming in 2024. PAGE 3.

Deadline for next newsletter (1/23) is Sunday, January 22, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.



We want your ideas

The Rotary Club of Utica ended 2022 with a strong showing of service projects and other volunteer opportunities. Help us make 2023 a year of "Service Above Self" by offering your ideas for volunteering.

Please send your suggestions to President Tina at <u>cpavlot@mtb.com</u>.

Bring you cheery smiles

Join us for a Member Mixer at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Fort Schuyler Club.

It's an opportunity to warm up the winter weather with some cheery Rotarian mingling – not to mention the chance to meet a number of new members.

Ski trip to Gore Mountain

The Utica Rotary annual ski trip on Wednesday, Jan. 25, consists of a day at Gore Mountain Ski Resort in North Creek.

Cost includes one all-day lift ticket and transportation. Bus loading starts at 6:45 a.m. at Friedel, Williams & Edmunds at 13 Oxford Road, New Hartford.

Please sign up by Jan. 13. Questions? Contact Jim Friedel at jim@fwefh.com or 315-525-3551.

To sign up and purchase tickets, go to: https://www.uticarotary.org/page/gore-mountain-ski-trip



Calendar of Events

- 1/14 Service Project | Build Beds 9 to noon, Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- 1/18 Board Meeting Noon, via Zoom
- 1/19 Program | Bosnian-American Community Association (BACA) Noon, Mid-York Library System
- 1/25 Ski Trip | Gore Mountain Bus leaves 7 a.m.
- 1/26 Social | Member Mixer 5:30 p.m. | Ft. Schuyler Club

A NOTE FROM DG JERRY How to learn more about the new CNY Rotary District



Dear D7150 Members,

As you may know, our three upstate NY districts (7150, 7170, and 7190) will become one district as of July 1, 2024. We are not looking at this as a "merger," but as an opportunity to create something new, called CNY Rotary.

The three districts have put together a steering committee that consists of past, current and incoming leaders from each who are overseeing this transition. That committee then formed working groups that are tasked with developing new committees for key areas of support like Membership, Public Image, and Foundation. Each group is made up of representatives from each of the districts who have experience and knowledge about serving our clubs. The goal for all the groups, and ultimately the goal for the CNY Rotary steering committee, is to create a leadership team that can provide the support, resources, and training all clubs in this new region will need.

If you want to learn more about where we are so far in the creation of the new CNY Rotary, you are invited to attend our upcoming town hall meetings. There is still plenty of work to be done and all members are invited to get involved!

We encourage you to visit the CNY Rotary website (<u>https://cnyrotary.org/</u>) where there are FAQ's and follow our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/cnyrotary</u>) for more information. There are also updates from CNY Rotary in the 7150 NEWS each month. We look forward to addressing any questions you may have.

To sign up for one or more of our Town Hall Events, please go to this link: <u>https://cnyrotary.org/events/</u>.

Rotarily,

Jerry Seguin District 7150 Governor 2022-23

Syracuse invites Utica to its 20th anniversary gala



Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club cordially invites you to our Twentieth Anniversary Gala of Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club Tuesday, February 21 – 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sheraton Syracuse University 801 University Avenue, Syracuse Enjoy the dinner, silent auction, program and entertainment! Tickets: \$50 each to attend or sponsor a guest Please purchase by February 12: Send check to SICRC, PO Box 328, Syracuse, NY 13205 Celebrate our twenty years of community and world service! * Civil Air Patrol * Farm trips for inner city youth * * Hoops for Peace * South Sudan Village Clinic * * Duck Race to End Racism * Books for the World * * RYLA * COVID safety * Dictionaries for third graders * SICRC members remain committed to Rotary ideals, focused on projects that benefit Syracuse's young people. Come party with us or make a tax-deductible donation. We encourage you to sponsor tickets for special guests. For more info: Carole Bildstein 315.466.4623 bildsteincarole7@gmail.com

Dear Tina Pavlot and Rotary Club of Utica, As a Charter member of Syracuse Inner City Rotary, I am proud of the difference that this Rotary has made in this community, especially in the areas of literacy and youth services. Joining my Rotary family in person each week Please join us celebrating our 20th inspires me. Anniversary Gala on February 21, 2023 at the Sheraton Syracuse University. I have attached an invitation, RSVP, and a donation form for sponsorship and I hope to see you there! Thank you for auction items. your consideration. Feel free to call with questions at 315-374-3426. -- Ginny Donohue

RSVP for SICRC 20th Anniversary Gala Please respond by February 12.

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Baseball author at Sauquoit Rotary

For anyone who enjoys baseball or baseball history, the Sauquoit Rotary Club is having a guest speaker on Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 at Orchard Hall. Peter Pagliaro, a former Sauquoit Rotarian, has written a book about the 1947 Utica Blue Sox. Our hybrid meeting starts at 5:30. Please share this with your club members and any others you think might be interested. If anyone would like to join us in person, please let me know ASAP, so that I can let the restaurant know how many to expect. If you'd like to join by Zoom, contact me and I can send the link.

> Janet R. Wilson, President Rotary Club of Sauquoit wilsons1975@gmail.com 315-223-1940

BASEBALL HISTORY COMES TO LIFE!



A BASEBALL SEASON TO REMEMBER

Peter Pagliaro's detailed account of the players and personalities that captivated Utica offers a slice of life that takes the reader back to a nearly forgotten time, viewed through a lens of reverence, respect, and a genuine love of the game.

Read about stars like Hall of Famer Richie Ashburn who came to Utica as a catcher but was quickly moved to center field to utilize his speed. Stan Lopata, Granny Hamner, and other stars all took the field for both Utica and Philadelphia during the late 1940s, and their early stories are captured here like never before.

