

January 2, 2023

## Meet the artist of '4 Elements Studio' art center



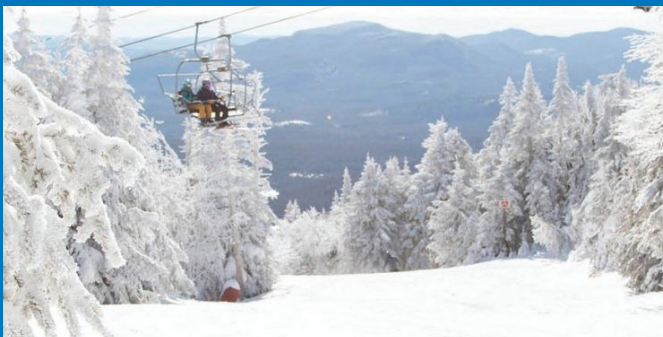
This week's program features Vartan Poghosian, a contemporary ceramic artist, born and raised in Yerevan, Armenia. The program gets under way at noon Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Mid-York Library.

Poghosian attended the Mkhitar Sebastatsi Educational Complex in Yerevan, concentrating in Ceramic Arts and continuing his education through mentorships. After serving in the military, Poghosian immigrated to the United States and settled in upstate New York

where he began teaching and volunteering at art centers and community colleges. Starting as a ceramic studio, he founded the community art center "*4 Elements Studio*" in 2009, offering exhibition space and art classes to children, adults, immigrants and people with disabilities.

During the pandemic in 2020 Poghosian founded Clayville Pottery where he produces most of his original and production ceramic work.

**Thursday | January 5 | Noon**  
**Mid York Library System**  
**1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502**  
**Virtually via Zoom**

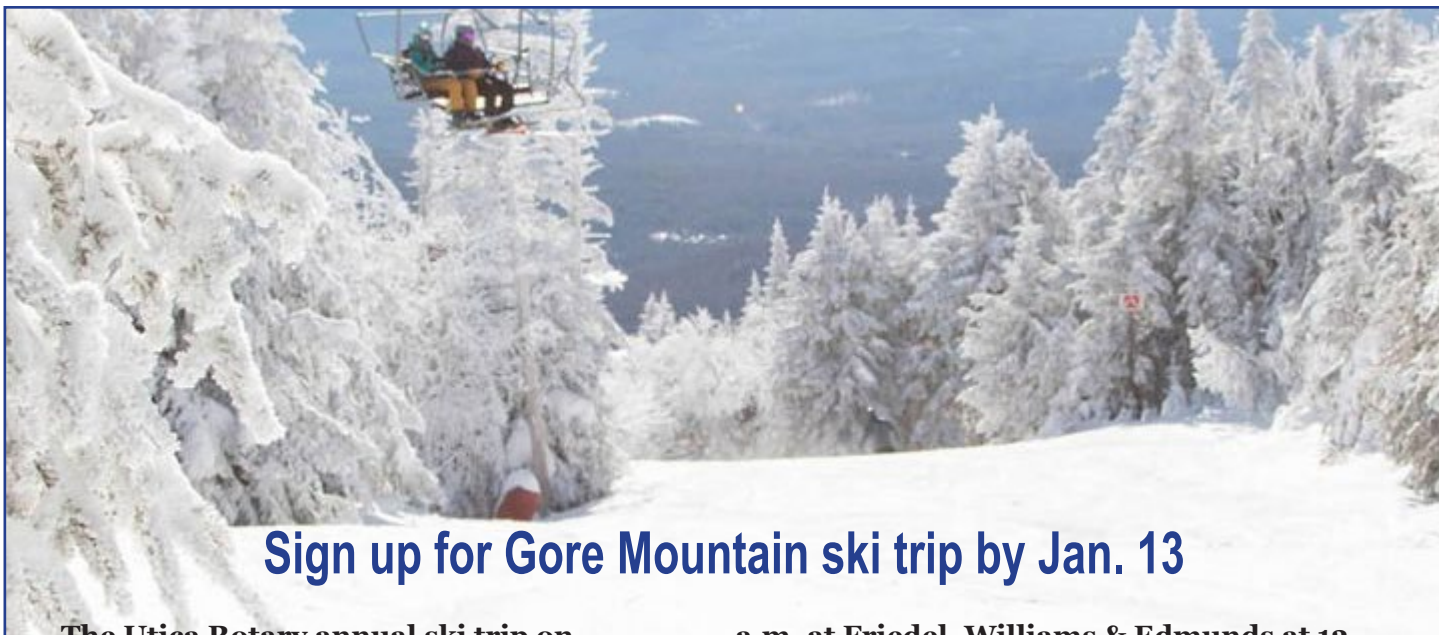


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Deadline for next newsletter (1/9) is Sunday, January 8, at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).



## Sign up for Gore Mountain ski trip by Jan. 13

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](mailto:jim@fwefh.com) or 315-525-3551.

*To sign up and purchase tickets, go to:*

<https://www.uticarotary.org/page/gore-mountain-ski-trip>



## Rotary Club Of Utica Annual Ski Trip!

- Wednesday January 25th, 2023
- Bus leaves Utica 7:00am
- Returns approx. 9:00pm
- \$175 Per Person – Includes:
  - Gore Mtn. Day Pass
  - Bus transportation
  - Guaranteed good time!



**RSVP @ [uticarotary.org](https://www.uticarotary.org) by 1/13/23**

## Calendar of Events

- 1/05** Program | 4 Elements Studio  
Noon, Mid-York Library System
- 1/14** Service Project | Build Beds  
9 to noon, *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*
- 1/18** Board Meeting  
Noon, Greater Utica Chamber
- 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 | TBD  
5 p.m.



## NEW MEMBER

# Holly Saupp is a licensed master social worker

by Tina Pavlot

Holly Saupp was born and raised in New York's Capital District—living in the towns of Glenville, Clifton Park and Delmar (all three of them more than once!) before relocating to the Utica area for a career opportunity with the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL).

Holly is a graduate of Burnt Hills Ballston Lake High School, Union College (BA Sociology) and SUNY Albany (Master of Social Work) and is a New York State Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW).

She began working at Northeast Parent & Child Society—a non-profit

organization based in Schenectady—prior to graduating from Union College and remained with this organization for 20 years.

Holly resides in Clinton with her husband, Eric, and is approaching six years with RCIL and of calling the Utica area “home.”

As a member of the RCIL team, Holly is honored to have the ability to support the agency's mission and vision each day but has also been seeking ways to contribute to our community differently—she looks forward to engaging in meaningful service together with her fellow Rotarians.



## Service project: Help assemble beds on Jan. 14

The Rotary Club of Utica is planning a service project for Saturday, Jan. 14, to actually build beds for *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (SHP) to give to families in need.

The service project comes right on the heels of donating bedding and pillows and conducting the “*Not So Silent Night*” auction to raise money for children's beds.

The SHP production site is in the Meyda Lighting warehouse in Yorkville.

“We plan to be there from 9 to noon, so we're asking Rotarians to come out with family and friends,” Tina said. “We'll produce as many beds as we can.” To volunteer, contact Tina ([cpavlot@mtb.com](mailto:cpavlot@mtb.com)).