



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

Jan. 2, 2024

This week's program features Bob Calli

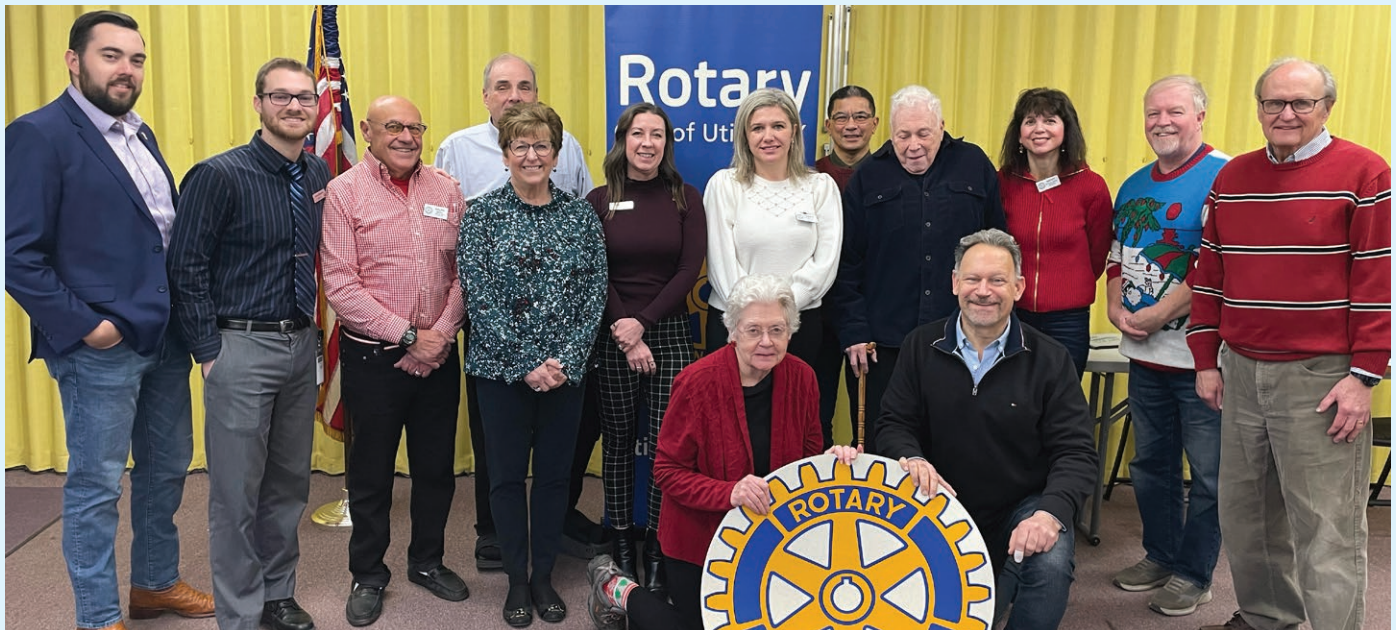


The next meeting on Jan 4th features Bob Calli as the speaker. He is executive director of People First, which is the former Utica Municipal Housing Authority.

As its website explains:

"People First is not just a key. While we have more than 1,000 properties throughout Oneida

County and 3,500 residents, we are more than just a landlord. We are a people-first affordable housing and supportive services agency, headquartered in Utica... providing safe, clean, and affordable housing opportunities to low-income persons while promoting self-sufficiency, upward mobility, and customer satisfaction."



Rotarians gathered for holiday cheer at the last meeting of the year on Dec. 21. See page 2.

**Program | Thursday | Jan. 4 | Noon |
Mid York Library System | 1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica
Virtually via Zoom**

Deadline for next newsletter (1/8) is Saturday, Jan. 6 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

Utica Rotarians reflect on holiday

By Joe Abraham

At our last meeting of 2023, Utica Rotarians gathered in fellowship, enjoying some holiday treats and sharing treasured memories.

A major takeaway from the meeting was that despite coming from different backgrounds and upbringings, we in fact share more similarities than differences. As member Joe Caruso said, quoting the famous

film, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “No man is a failure who has friends.” And as Utica Rotarians, we share tremendous friendship along with a commitment to the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self.”

The club was also joined by a special guest, Midtown Utica Community Center (MUCC) Executive Director Kay Klo. President-Elect

Travis Rabbers, who chaired the Not So Silent Night Gift Auction Committee that benefited MUCC, presented Klo with a check of \$3,830, as the event proceeds were higher than originally expected.

The club’s next meeting is this Thursday at noon at the Mid-York Library on Lincoln Avenue. Hope to see you there!



President-elect Travis Rabbers presents check for \$3,830 to Kay Klo, executive director of Midtown Utica Community Center. The money was raised at the Not So Silent Night Gift Auction.



Save the date for 'Service Above Self' Gala

Nominate a beneficiary

By PP Stephen Turnbull

Our 3rd Annual Service Above Self Gala is being brought to you by The SBS Marketing Group.

Please Save the Date:

**Friday, June 7, 2024, 6 p.m.
at The Stanley Theatre**

We need your help to find a beneficiary for this year. Same as past years, you will email me directly with your nomination and then our committee will discuss and vote who will receive the funds raised from our 2024 event.

Please email me:

- **Your name**
- **Organization you are nominating**
- **Reason for nomination (tell us why they deserve the funds)**

If the reason/description of the nomination is not included, your nomination will not be considered. Tell us about the organization

Nominations are open now - 1/5/2024.

Email them to: stephen@t5insurance.

Calendar of Events

**1/4 Meeting |
noon | Mid-York Library**

**1/17 Board Meeting |
noon | Chamber of Commerce**

**1/18 Meeting |
noon | Mid-York Library**

**1/25 Social |
5:30 | TBA**

**2/1 Meeting |
noon | Mid-York Library**

**2/15 Meeting |
noon | Mid-York Library**

Rotary
Club of Utica



Rotary Club Of Utica Annual Ski Trip!

- Wednesday January 24th, 2024
- Bus leaves Utica 7:00am
- Returns approx. 9:00pm
- \$125 Per Person – Includes:
 - Bus transportation
 - Guaranteed good time!



Gore Mtn.

Must purchase lift
ticket on your own

RSVP @ uticarotary.org by 1/12/24