



January 23, 2023

Rotarians build 27 beds in 3 hours

Some 38 Rotarians, friends and family spent three hours building 27 children's beds for *Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)* on Saturday, Jan. 14.

It "was a huge success!" declared President Tina Pavlot. "Some of us

will get involved in the delivery of them as well." The beds will be given to families in need.

The service project came right on the heels of donating bedding and pillows and conducting the "Not So

Silent Night" auction to raise money for *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*.

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



Rotarians and friends at work building 27 beds for children in need. More photos / PAGES 4-5.

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

Rotary Club of Utica



*Cheers to a
new year!*

Join us!

**This month's social is at
the Fort Schuyler Club
Thurs - January 26th**

Join life long members and meet
our newer members

Family and friends always welcome

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Calendar of Events

1/25 **Ski Trip | Gore Mountain**
 Bus leaves 7 a.m.

1/26 **Social | Member Mixer**
 5:30 p.m. | Ft. Schuyler Club

2/2 **Program | Oneida County Tourism**
 Noon | Mid-York Library

2/15 **Board Meeting|**
 Noon | Greater Utica Chamber

2/16 **Program | Judge Jawwaad Rasheed**
 Noon | Mid-York Library

Feb. 26 Social: Biergarten for UCFC Game at Adirondack Bank Center. Buy tickets at:

www.empirestatetix.com

GUEST SPEAKER

Make a difference in your community

by Bob Stronach / photos by Tina Pavlot



“I love America.”

That was the first of two statements that provide a glimpse of the life of Hanka Grabovica, a new Rotary member and the guest speaker for the Jan. 19th program meeting.

Immigrating at the age of 16, Hanka noted that she was the first in her family to learn English so she could help her parents and brother navigate the adjustment to life in the United States. War broke out in her native Bosnia when she was 6 years old, thus ending what she described as her “happy life.” The family had to flee the fighting, plunging them into years of fear and insecurity.

But her take-charge attitude as a new teenager in America made her determined to get an education and pursue a career as an educator – not to mention immersing herself in ways to give back to the community. Thus, she has served on various boards, including being president of the Bosnian American Association.

“I’m a person who believes in giving back and making a difference in my community – just like when I needed help when I first came here.”

Her second defining statement is perhaps equally as simple yet telling:

“I love what I do.”

Others

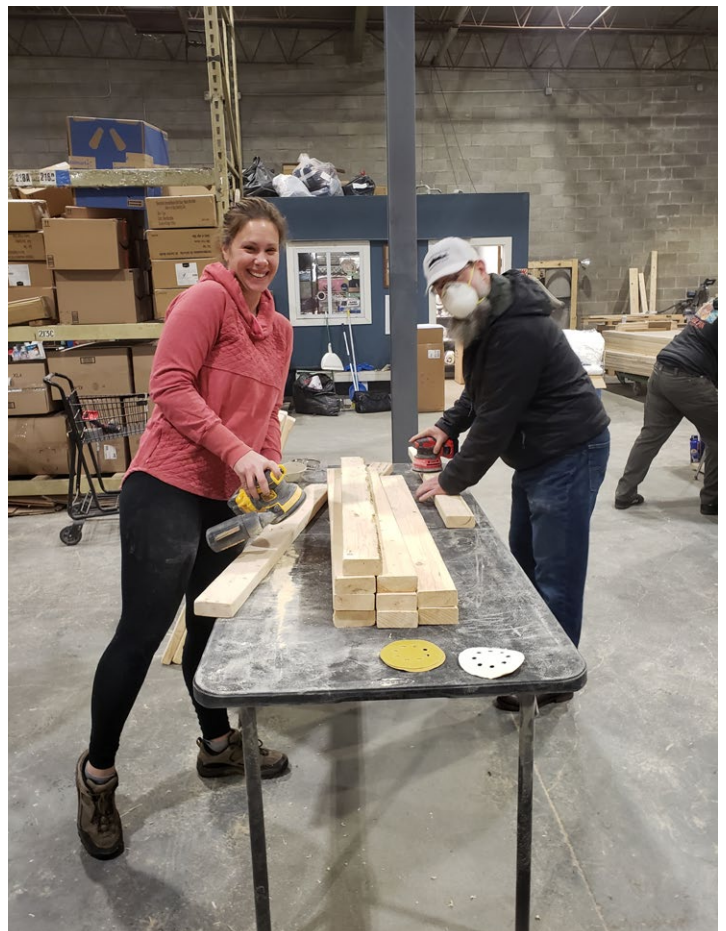
President Tina Pavlot kicked off the 14th meeting of the club’s 107th year with an inspiring message in honor of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.:

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?”



Service project: beds for 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace'

Photos provided by Tina Pavlot



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