

# Rotary

## Club of Utica

### HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY

### ROTARY THIS WEEK!

January 30, 2023

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS PROGRAM

## 2 Proctor students to address club



**Ciera Duval**

Just in time for Groundhog Day, the Outstanding Educators program features seniors from Proctor High School at this week's regular meeting at noon Thursday, Feb. 2. The students are Ciera Duval and Alana Greer.

Guidance Counselor Brad Gouger describes Ciera as a "student of tremendous character" who "has always wanted to become a teacher," noting that "she has an innate ability to engage with children of all ages." Alana, he says, is an "outstanding young person" who "goes above and beyond in her commitment to her school" and who is "very driven and goal-oriented".

### ABOUT CIERA

Ciera plans to attend a State University of New York college to pursue her teaching degree (having applied to SUNY Oneonta, Cortland, New Paltz, Oswego and Geneseo).

A former East Utica Optimist Student of the Year (twice), Ciera is president of Proctor's Best Buddies program and is a member of the Honor Society. She is active in cheerleading and dance.

### ABOUT ALANA

Alana plans to major in biology with a minor in sociology, with Plan A and Plan B career paths: OB/GYN physician or biology teacher. (She has applied to these colleges: Syracuse, SUNY Buffalo, University of Rochester, Colgate, Hamilton, SUNY Albany, and Northwestern.)

In addition to working as a waitress, student teaching at Historic St. John's Church and teaching dance, Alana plays violin and guitar in the orchestra, is senior class treasurer, plays varsity tennis, is active in the environmental club and science book club, and performs in competitive dance.



**Alana Greer**

## 'Visit Oneida County' to visit Rotary this week



Our program speaker this week is Sarah Calero of Oneida County Tourism (aka Visit Oneida County). Sarah is Director of Communications, TV & Film, and has been with the agency since 2010. While at Marist College, where she obtained a BA in communications/public relations, Sarah spent a semester abroad at Instituto Lorenzo de'

Medici in Italy. She is on the boards of the Bagg's Square Association and the New York State Tourism Industry Association.

**Thursday | February 2 | Noon**  
**Mid York Library System**  
**1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502**  
*Virtually via Zoom*

Deadline for next newsletter (2/5) is Sunday, February 6, at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).



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## 2023 Gala Committee needs your help

*by PP Stephen J. Turnbull*

We need your help! Time to get our 2023 Gala on!

The Service Above Self Gala Committee is starting to plan for the 2023 event. Please join us Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 p.m. for our first meeting at:

The Central Association for the Blind and Visually

Impaired, 507 Kent Street, Utica, NY 13501.

Last year was a great event, and we are ready to make 2023 even better.

Please email me at [stephen@t5insurance.com](mailto:stephen@t5insurance.com) to let me know you will be joining us.

## 72-year member passes

*by PP Stephen J. Turnbull*

It is with sadness that I inform our club of the passing of a long time, dedicated member of The Rotary Club of Utica.

John Dale passed at his home in Vermont at the age of 102. John has been a member of Utica Rotary since 1951. 72 years!

He was a very active member (past president, 1972-73) and Honorary member for years, when he moved with his son and daughter -in- law to Vermont.

Jack lived the Four Way Test and Service Above Self.

“Jack was a good man and a gentleman. He was kind to others and had strong values around home, education, faith, and community”

See the Utica OD for the obit. No services.

<https://www.uticaod.com/obituaries/pnyso412123>

### Calendar of Events

- 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
- 2/26** Social | Biergarten for UCFC Game  
at Adirondack Bank Center.  
Buy tickets at:

[www.empirestatetix.com](http://www.empirestatetix.com)



## Rotarians ski the slopes



*Utica Rotary's annual ski trip took place Jan. 25 at Gore Mountain Ski Resort. Photo by Ryan Pavlot.*