

Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

Jan. 6, 2025

2 from Indium to address club on Thursday

This week's program on Thursday, Jan. 9, will feature Nate Discabage and Erica Spado from Indium Corporation. The meeting starts at noon at Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

Nate is the talent acquisition supervisor at Indium Corporation. He is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University; outside of work, Nate enjoys sports, travel, and going to movies.

Erica is the senior marketing communications specialist at Indium's headquarters in Clinton. She is a SUNY Cortland graduate with a master's in New Media Journalism. Erica enjoys renovating her



old farmhouse, volunteering, and spending time with her family, pets, and cheering on the Buffalo Bills.

MEMBER MINUTE: Think Rotary Foundation

by Tina Pavlot

Have excess funds after this holiday season? Consider a donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

The Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality

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education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

How the Foundation makes help happen:
rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation

Deadline for next newsletter (1/13) is Saturday, Jan. 11 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

TIDBITS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Travis Rabbers

The Rotary Red Kettle volunteers raised \$404 for the Utica Salvation Army's Christmas campaign, reported Capt. Kelly Ross.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 30 with Joseph Chevrette, senior consultant at Inizio.

Following meeting: Thursday, February 6 with Hilda Jordan, CEO of HMJ Consulting.

Volunteer project: We will be volunteering at the **Feed Our Vets** center, located at 502 Broad St, Utica, NY 13501. They are open on the third Saturday of the month from 8 to 11 a.m., so we will

be volunteering on *January 18* and *February 15*. Volunteers will help with stocking shelves and bagging items. We will need four volunteers for each Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering for either day, please let me know.

After-hours social is on Thursday, January 16 at "It's A Utica Thing" Kitchen and Bar beginning at 5 p.m.

Board meeting is on Wednesday, January 15.

Rotary ski trip is Thursday, January 23.

RIP: Past President Norm Kolb

By PP Jim Turnbull IV

PP Norm Kolb passed away on December 26, 2024 in Virginia at the age of 86. Norm was a long-time member of Utica Rotary and was president of the club, 1987-1988.

Norm was a Paul Harris Fellow. He has been an honorary member for years, supporting the Service Fund and keeping in touch via our newsletters.

Shirley, his wife of 47 years, passed in February of 2020. Both Norm and Shirley were extremely active in our local community, contributing years of service to many organizations. Shirley was honored with a Paul Harris fellow by our club. She was a long-time member of Women of Rotary and had served as president.

Both Norm and Shirley lived their lives fully in the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self."

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From his obituary

Before retiring, Norm had been general manager and then president of L-K Distributors in New Hartford.



And before coming to the Utica area and marrying Shirley, Norm had studied theology at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto, was ordained a priest, and taught at the seminary. He also had served as assistant chaplain at the Newman Center at the University of Toronto for four years before resigning from the Basilian Fathers.

Reserve a spot for a fun day at Gore Mountain

By Tina Pavlot

Join us Thursday, January 23, for our annual bus trip to Gore Mountain!

Rotarians, friends, family and colleagues are all welcome. Spend a day on the slopes skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, or just enjoying the bar and food in the lodge.

RSVP to our gracious Rotary-Winter-Fun-Day coordinator, Jim Friedel at jim@fwefh.com. The sooner the better please, as we need a head count for bus transportation.



Calendar of Events

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| 1/9 | Meeting Nate Discavage & Erica Spado, Indium Corp.
noon Mid-York Library | 1/18 | Service 'Feed Our Vets'
8-11 a.m. |
| 1/15 | Board Greater Utica Chamber
noon | 1/23 | Social Rotary Ski Trip
to Gore Mountain |
| 1/16 | Social 'It's a Utica Thing' Restaurant
5 p.m. | 1/30 | Meeting Joseph Chevrette,
Inizio
noon Mid-York Library |