

Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

Jan. 26, 2025

Rotary presents \$4,000 to MVCAA

Utica Rotary Past President and “Not So Silent Night” Gift Auction Chair Travis Rabbers, Treasurer Rebecca Cavoli and member Yuliya Karpov were on hand last Tuesday to present Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) with a check for \$4,000, representing proceeds from December’s gift auction.

“We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rotary Club of Utica for their wonderful generosity,”

MVCAA declared on its Facebook page.

“...Members of the Rotary visited us today to deliver the check in person, and their commitment to community service continues to inspire us. We are grateful for their partnership and for the many ways they help strengthen our mission.”

The Utica Rotary auction was sponsored by Passalacqua and Associates.



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Editor Robert Stronach

Nominate a deserving person for ‘Service Above Self’ Award

By Joe Abraham

The Rotary Club of Utica, now in its 111th year of service to the community, is presenting its annual “Service Above Self” Gala, to be held on Friday, June 5, at the majestic Stanley Theatre in Downtown Utica. At the event, the Utica Rotary will honor a deserving individual for community service, nominated by the community at large. This year’s Gala, a black-tie event, will raise funds for the Kelberman Center.

Anyone in our community is welcome to nominate someone for this award, and the Rotary “Service Above Self Award” committee will review the nominations and select the winner who will be an honored guest at the Gala. Past winners are the late Patrick Johnson (2021), Sister Elizabeth Greim (2022), the late James Hamer (2023), Felix LaBella (2024), Michelle McCarrick Truett (2024), Earle

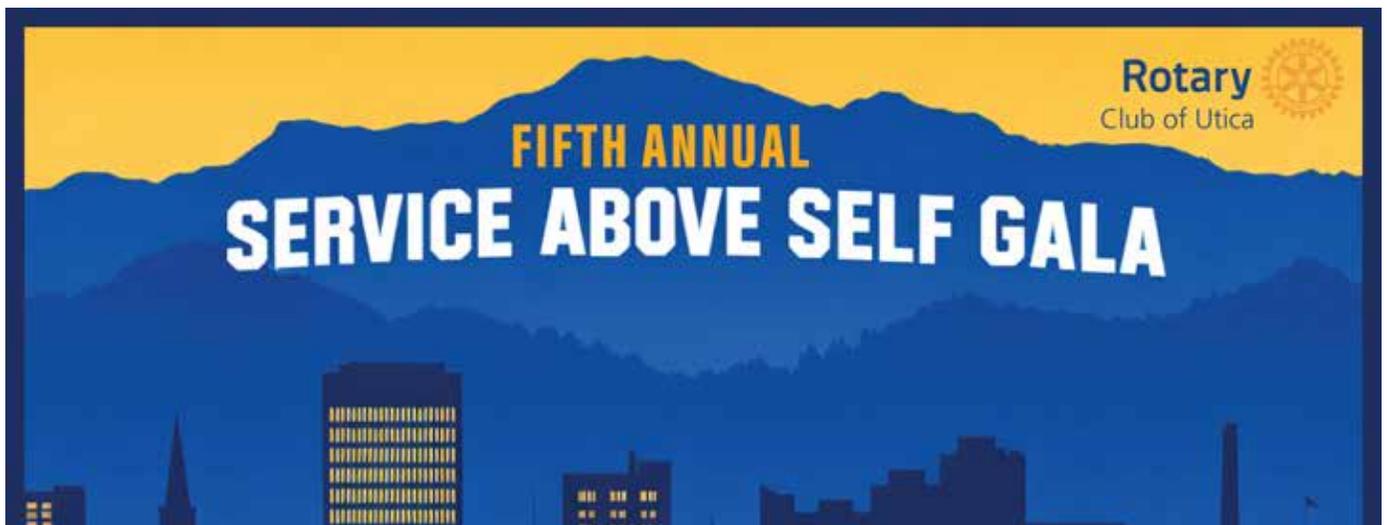
Reed (2025) and Peter Loftus (2025).

“Our community is strengthened by people who selflessly go above and beyond to support others,” said Joe Caruso, a member of the Rotary Club of Utica. “Our mission is to celebrate those individuals who motivate all of us to aim higher.”

Criteria for the nominees are as follows. The individual(s):

- Is not a current member of a Rotary Club
- Can be any age, from youth to senior citizen
- Serves the community in any one of a variety of areas, including youth or senior services, environmental services, civic services, the arts, sports, etc.

Nominations are due to Utica Rotary by Friday, February 20 by email (jpcaruso12@gmail.com) or mail. (See [nomination form](#) for info.)



Calendar of Events

2/4 Meeting | Lyn Geigel, RCIL
noon | Mid-York Library

2/19 Board Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

2/20 Deadline | Nominations for
“Service Above Self” Awards

3/5 Meeting | Capt. Kelly Ross
The Salvation Army
noon | Mid-York Library