

# Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

Jan. 5, 2025

## 'Melanoma' is topic for first meeting of 2026

The first program meeting of 2026 will be this Thursday, January 8, starting at noon at the Mid-York Library System headquarters, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

It will feature a Zoom presentation on the topic, "Melanoma: Early Detection and Treatment."

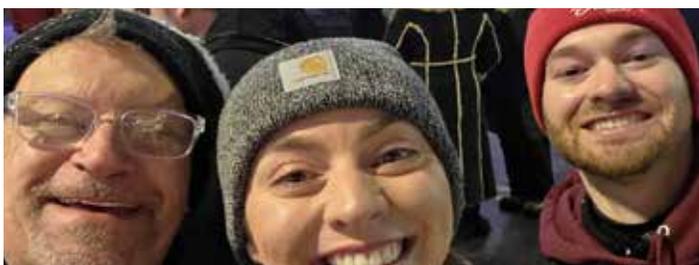
The presenter will be Stephen Fine, president of the Melanoma Education Foundation.



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# Holiday donation towards helping 500 kids

It was in the middle of the Utica Salvation Army's Christmas effort to provide gifts for 500 children and food for their families when Utica Rotarians showed up at the Clinton Street center to donate \$500 to the operation.

After Rotarians adopted a Red Kettle for a day, collecting more than \$600, the Rotary Club of Utica Board of Directors decided to approve the additional

donation. Representing the club at the check presentation were President-Elect Heather Beebe, Treasurer Rebecca Cavoli, and Board Member Bob Stronach. Accepting the check was Capt. Kelly Ross, co-director of the Utica Salvation Army.

Captain Kelly is scheduled to be the program speaker for the club's meeting in March.



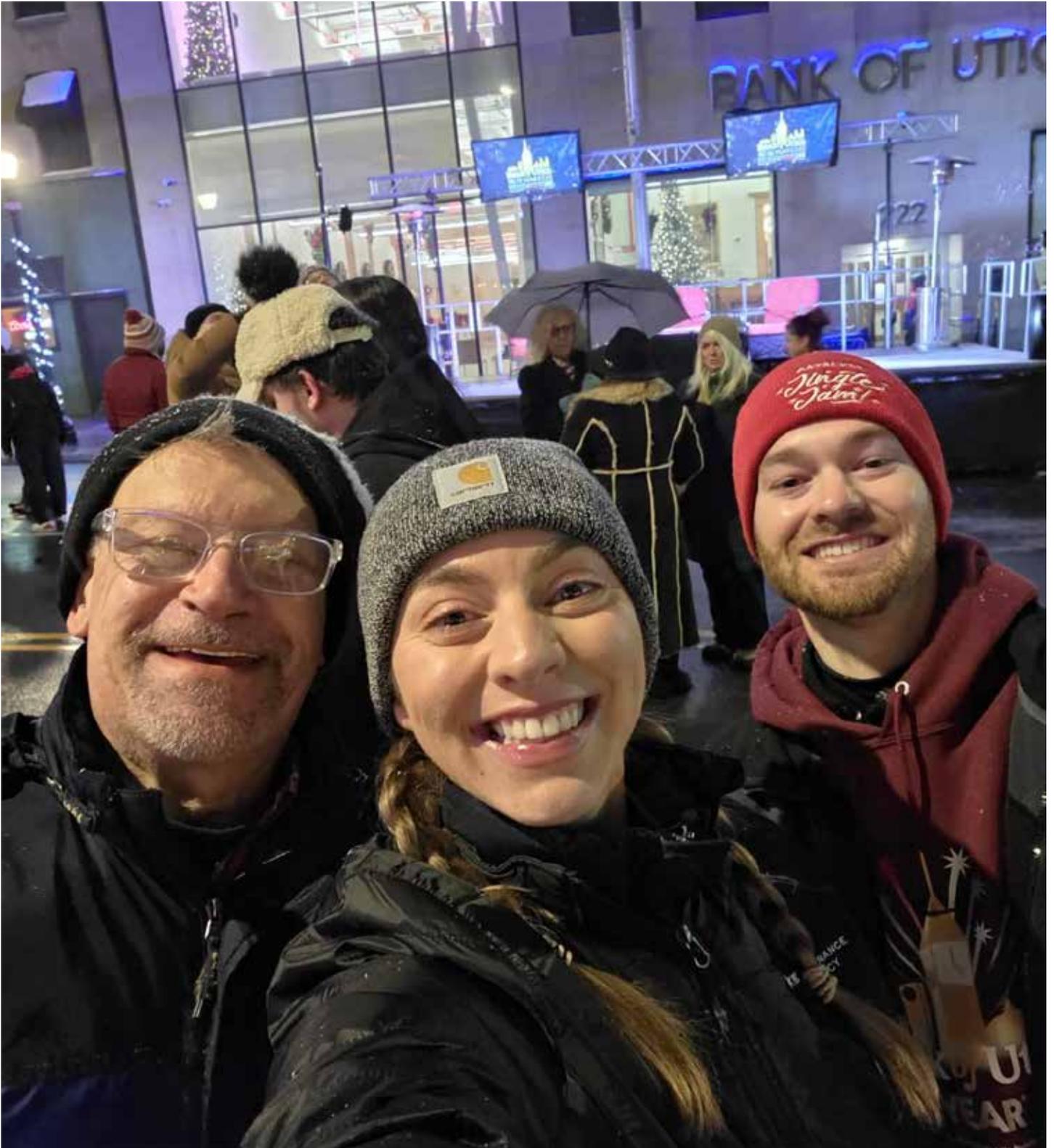
## Calendar of Events

1/8 Meeting | Stephen Fine  
noon | Melanoma Education  
Foundation

1/21 Board Meeting | Board of Directors  
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

1/15 Social | Gore Mt. Bus Trip  
6:45 am | Ski, snowboard,  
snowshoe or enjoy lodge

## Rotarians help ring in new year at downtown festivities



Utica Rotarians take in Downtown New Year's Eve festivities. Yuliya Karpov and Travis Rabbers volunteered at the event with the

Catalyst Group, pouring beers and coffee for patrons, while Joe Caruso made sure to stop by to offer well wishes.

# 'Service Above Self' Gala to Benefit Kamp Connections

By Joe Abraham

Join us for the Fifth Annual Rotary Club of Utica *Service Above Self* Gala on Friday, June 5, at the historic Stanley Theatre. This year's beneficiary is Kelberman Center's Kamp Connections, a program dedicated to creating meaningful summer experiences for children and teens of all abilities.

Kelberman Center is a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive, lifelong supports for individuals with autism and other intellectual and

developmental disabilities, helping individuals and families thrive within an inclusive community.

Kamp Connections is for youth ages 5–21, offering a structured, welcoming environment where campers of varying abilities come together to build friendships, confidence, and social skills through shared activities.

More details about the event and beneficiary will be shared in the weeks ahead.

**Rotary**  
Club of Utica

**FIFTH ANNUAL**  
**SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA**

**Save The Date**  
**Friday, June 5th 2026**  
**Stanley Theatre**  
**6:00-10:00PM**

Gala Beneficiary:

 **Kelberman**  
The center of excellence for autism

# Join us for a fun day at Gore Mountain

By PP Tina Pavlot

Join us Thursday, January 15, 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 lodge.

RSVP to our gracious Rotary-Winter-Fun-Day coordinator, Jim Friedel, at [jim@fwefh.com](mailto:jim@fwefh.com).

The cost of transportation is \$85/person. Reserve your spot now! Bus leaves at 6:45 a.m. and returns 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Everyone is responsible for his/her own ski or snowshoe tickets.



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to reserve your seat

