



# Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

July 10, 2023

## 'Create hope in the world' kicks off 108th Rotary year



**President Linda Iannone opens the first meeting of the 108th year of the Rotary Club of Utica. SEE PAGE 2.**

President Linda Iannone welcomed Rotarians and guests to the first meeting of the 108th year of Rotary Club of Utica on Thursday, July 6, noting that it is a year “in which we

look to *‘Create Hope in the World’.* She offered an “Inspiring message of the day,” quoting Winston Churchill: “All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a

single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy and hope.”

She recognized some special guests: CNY Rotary President-Elect  
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### JULY 20TH SPEAKER



Sarah Foster Calero, the new director of Oneida County Tourism, will address the club on Thursday, July 20, about her goals.

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Photo by Joe Abraham

Deadline for next newsletter (7/17) is Sunday, July 16 at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

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# First meeting of 108th Rotary year

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**Lizzy Martin and her husband, Scott, and Capt. Jonathan Ross,** the new Salvation Army officer assigned to Utica.

President Linda offered a few announcements:

- This month's Social will start at 5 p.m. July 27 at The Brew Hub on Genesee Street in South Utica.

- As reported at the District Changing of the Guard, Legacy Grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to five clubs for worthwhile projects in the community. Club members are encouraged to think about and recommend a sustaining project that could benefit the community. The board will review all suggestions. The deadline for submitting applications to the district is September 15. Past District Governor (PDG) **Dana Jerrard** noted that District 7150

set aside \$50,000 to provide legacy grants to celebrate the contributions of local clubs serving under the 7150 banner for 33 years -- prior to combining with the Albany and Binghamton districts to form CNY Rotary next year. The project purpose is to address a documented need in the community a club serves. Send suggestions to Linda.

- "We are still looking for helpers on July 14" for the Erie Canal Bicycle Tour which will be stopping in Utica. "The location is on Leland Ave at Roser Communications at 9 a.m. Please bring doughnuts, cookies, granola bars etc. as a snack for the cyclists." Contact Linda if you plan to be there.

- The Rotary Golf Outing will be August 20 at Hidden Valley. "We are seeking a charity that will be the re-

ipient of the proceeds. Please send your suggestions to Jerry Kraus as soon as possible."

**Linda invited Immediate Past President (PP) Tina Pavlot to the podium and presented her with an Award of Appreciation for her term as president.**

**Then Tina awarded a Paul Harris Fellow pin to PP and PDG Don Reese -- his 7th !**

After Oneida County History Center Executive Director Rebecca McLain made her presentation, Linda brought the meeting to a close by reciting the Rotary vision statement:

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*



**PP Tina Pavlot receives her Appreciation Award from President Linda Iannone.**



**PP Don Reese says a few words after receiving his 7th Paul Harris Fellow pin.**





Rotarians packed the meeting room at Mid-York Library System headquarters, both physically and virtually.

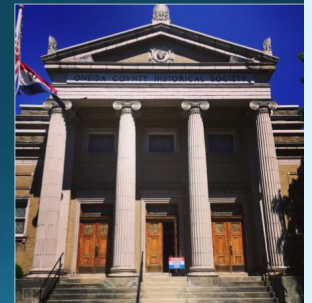
*Special guests included CNY Rotary President-Elect Lizzy Martin (2nd from left), with her husband, Scott (left), and Salvation Army Capt. Jonathan Ross (to Lizzy's right).*



Oneida County History Center Executive Director Rebecca McClain shared the mission of the history center and gave an overview of its many events and activities, including the fact that its facility at 1608 Genesee Street is newly listed in the National Register of Historic Places. She closed by offering a “fun fact” – the history center, then known as Oneida Historical Society, raised funds to complete the building of the Oriskany Monument, which was dedicated in 1884.

## Oneida County History Center

- Founded in 1876
- Mission
  - Collect, preserve, promote history and cultural heritage
- 501 c-3 not for profit
  - Community supported, donor funded
  - No annual government funding
- Volunteers
  - 2 1/3 staff members
  - 10-20 regular volunteers
  - Board of Directors



## OCHC Collections & Research Library



- Collections:
  - 250,000+ documents
  - 10,000+ images
  - Thousands of artifacts
- Collecting since 1876

## History Center YouTube channel



- 46 Videos
- 218 subscribers
- 1,400 hours of video watched, 19,765 views as of Dec. 2022





# Rotarians help refresh Boilermaker runners



*Rotary volunteers showed up as early as 6 a.m. on Sunday, July 9, to be ready to serve refreshing water to runners in the Boilermaker 15K Road Race, Photo by Linda Iannone.*



*Rotary volunteers set up water station on the Parkway and hand out drinks, Photos by Linda Iannone and Joe Abraham.*



The online *Daily Sentinel* featured Utica Rotary's water effort, noting that "hundreds of abandoned water cups, tossed away by Boilermaker runners, lined the sides of the Memorial Parkway."

The Rotary Club of Utica was one of the groups that volunteered to pass out water and ice, the paper reported, and quoted Rotary water station coordinator Drew

Deblasiis that volunteers began their work at 6 a.m., setting up tables, getting bags of ice and filling up the cups of water.

"It's nice to get out and help the community out, and see all the racers," he told the reporter. "It's pretty cool." He thanked the City of Utica for its help in cleaning up all of the abandoned cups.



# Ride the scenic railway while sipping a favorite beverage

By Linda Iannone

Hop Aboard! Rotarians, join us for a fun evening on the Adirondack Railroad Beer and Wine Train. The Beer and Wine train is available for a fellowship evening on Friday, Aug 11.

We will have access to the Dome Car which seats 44. We need a full car and the railroad is allowing us a discounted rate of \$50 per person. Adding to the fun will be a performance by Shawn (Big Sexy) Smith, Heather's husband. Bring friends, neighbors and family. Rotarians from other clubs are welcome to join in!

Please contact Jim Turnbull at [james@turnbull-insurance.com](mailto:james@turnbull-insurance.com) to make your reservation. Deadline is July 21.



Look for registration and sponsor forms on <https://uticarotary.org>



## Summer golf outing returns Sunday, Aug. 20

By Jerry Kraus

Get ready "Fore!" our Rotary Club's summer golf outing, coming up on Sunday, August 20, at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Whitesboro.

This outing includes lunch (noon), a scramble format (1p), dinner after golf (chicken or steak), plus door prizes, team photo, a chance at a 2-year lease from Steet Ford, and more, all for just \$95 per golfer.

Teams can be 4-women, 4-men or a mix.

Sponsor/'good luck golfers' signs are also available for just \$100 each.

The funds raised this year will be used for a yet-to-be-determined community/non-profit project.

A few volunteers will also be needed to help watch our 'hole in one' contest hole, etc.

If interested in playing or volunteering, contact Jerry Kraus ([jkrausutica@aol.com](mailto:jkrausutica@aol.com)).

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## Suggest a worthy cause

We are looking for suggestions for a worthy cause to benefit from the golf tournament. Last year it was "Tees for Trees" for the urban tree planting project.

Please send your suggestions to Linda Iannone at [ianlinhope51@gmail.com](mailto:ianlinhope51@gmail.com) by July 10.

# ROTARIANS CAN HELP REFRESH CANAL CYCLISTS

The Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour enlists the help of local organizations to provide snacks at various rest stops along the 8-day trek.

**They are looking for help with the morning stop in Utica on Friday, July 14th, asking for donuts to be provided.** It's not

only a way to support the cyclists, but also an opportunity of fellowship. To volunteer, contact Linda Iannone at [ianlinhope51@gmail.com](mailto:ianlinhope51@gmail.com).



## Calendar of Events

**7/14** Service | Cycle the Erie Canal  
9 am | provide doughnuts

**7/20** Program | Sarah Foster Calero  
director, Oneida County Tourism  
Noon | Mid-York Library

**7/27** Social | The Beer Hub  
5 pm | 2643 Genesee St, Utica

**8/3** Program | TBA

**8/10** Service Project | TBA

**8/11** Social | Adirondack Railroad  
Beer & Wine Train

**8/17** Program | Lou LaBella, president  
Peace Together Project  
Noon | Mid-York Library

**8/20** Fundraiser | Golf Tournament  
Noon | Hidden Valley

**8/29** Social Hour TBA