



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

July 14, 2025

Club assembly this Thursday, July 17

President Roger Breslow is kicking off the new Rotary year with a “club assembly,” starting at noon, Thursday, July 17 in

the Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica. “We will have a discussion of plans for our new Rotary year.” Dr. Breslow noted.

The theme for the 2025-26 year is “*Unite for Good.*” Dr. Breslow is a retired physician whose specialty is internal medicine.

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By Joe Abraham

Members of the Rotary Club of Utica refreshed Boilermaker runners with a seeming endless supply of cups of water.

They were joined by friends from Cicero-based nonprofit Griffin's Guardians and CNY

Quest in manning the Boilermaker Parkway Center water station on Sunday, July 13.

Humidity and high temperatures caused even the most elite runners to take water. The wave of runners continued later into the morning with this additional

challenge from Mother Nature.

Utica Rotary Secretary Matt Schlosser led the effort this year (his first at the helm). He was joined by fellow Rotarians Jerry Kraus, Tracy Page, Joe Abraham, Zemira Sakanovic, Linda Iannone and Chris Viscera.



Volunteers prep the cups of water for the onslaught of runners. Chris and Linda grabbed coffee to keep the Rotary volunteers energized



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Dave Jones gave a “thumbs up” to fellow Rotarians as he pedaled by the water station at the Parkway Center.



Rotarians Joe Abraham, Travis Rabbers, and Yuliya Karpov were at the Boilermaker Expo Saturday, representing SUNY Poly, United Way and NBT, respectively. Travis and Yuliya ran the 15K race.



Reusable bags help environment & Rotary

The Rotary Club of Utica this month is benefitting from the reusable Hannaford Community Bag program. The club will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 bag sold during July at the Hannaford at 1122 Mohawk Street, Utica.



Artificial Intelligence for Rotary: Webinar: Wed., July 16 at 7 pm

This session will explore how AI can enhance club operations, brainstorm on club projects, and amplify outreach efforts. From automating routine tasks to generating fresh ideas, you'll learn practical ways to leverage AI tools to support your club's mission. The session is open to all Rotarians and will include demonstrations of how local clubs use ChatGPT to enhance real-life Rotary projects. (Session will be recorded.)

[Register for the Zoom link here.](#)

Bart Gorman, Dave Jones honored at end-of-year awards night



2024-2025 President Travis Rabbers addresses club members at the Piggy Pat's pavilion.

By Joe Abraham

It was a lovely evening under the Piggy Pat's pavilion, as our club gathered to celebrate the past Rotary year on July 2 and usher in the start of the new one.

This included looking back at the memories and accomplishments that defined the successful year as well as celebrate the leadership of now Immediate Past President Travis Rab-

bers, ending with him being roasted by good friend PP Tina Pavlot.

Our club also honored two exceptional individuals in PP Dave Jones and PP Bart Gorman as our Quiet Giver and Paul Harris Fellow Award recipients.

Dave has been a driving force behind the Urban Tree Planting Project and in securing two peace poles that now grace the grounds

at Proctor High School.

Bart has tirelessly led our Outstanding Educators effort, coordinating visits by local high school students, ending in a celebration of the educators who have impacted them the most.

Our club is off to another great year of service, fellowship and networking opportunities, as Dr. Roger Breslow takes the helm as president.

Calendar of Events

7/16 Meeting | Utica Rotary Board
noon | Chamber of Commerce

8/17 Service | Charity Golf Outing
noon | Hidden Valley Course
in Whitesboro

7/17 Meeting | Utica Rotary Club
noon | Mid-York Library

End-of-Year Awards Night



District Foundation Chair Don Reese (left) presents the Paul Harris pin to Bart Gorman. Dave Jones addresses club members after receiving the Quiet Giver Award.



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