



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

July 17, 2023

Aug. 20th program: What's in store for area tourism



Sarah Foster Calero, who spoke to the club back in February, returns July 20th as the new director of Oneida County Tourism. She will speak on her goals in the new position.

The program starts at noon at

Mid-York Library System headquarters, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica. Sarah previously was director of communications and TV/film. The Vernon native joined Oneida County Tourism after graduating from Marist College.

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AUG. 3RD SPEAKER



Emily Mixon, the new mentor & family engagement coordinator for Young Scholars (LPP), will address the club on Thursday, Aug. 3.

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Utica Rotary is teaming up with Adirondack Railroad on Friday, Aug. 11, for a fun evening of sipping beverages, munching on sandwiches and snacks, and enjoying entertainment while riding the rails from Utica to Remsen and back. To reserve a spot, contact coordinator Jim Turnbull at james@turnbull-insurance.com.

Deadline for next newsletter (7/24) is Sunday, July 23 at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach



TAKE ACTION: www.uticarotary.org

Rest stop for canal cyclists

By Linda Iannone

On Friday, July 14, Utica Rotary helped with refreshments at the 750-mile Erie Canal Trail Ride.

This ride began Sunday, July 9 in Buffalo and ended Sunday, July 16 in Albany.

Some interesting facts:

The oldest rider is 84 and the youngest is 3 who rode on the back of his dad's bike! The average age is 63 and cyclists came from 40 states and Canada.

I met a fellow Rotarian from out of state and heard some great stories!

Thank you to Heather Evans (and husband Dennis) and *Chef's Express* and *Holland Farms Bakery and Deli* for their delicious donations.



Ride the scenic railway

By Jim Turnbull

The Rotary Adirondack Railroad Train Excursion from Utica to Remsen Station (and back) is set for Friday, August 11, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Board the train from 6 to 6:30 p.m. from Union Station. Depart at 6:30 p.m.

We will piggy back on the Wine/Beer train. Rotary will have use of its new Dome Car, with seating for 44.

The cost of \$50 per person includes wine/beer sampling, and the club will supply sandwiches and snacks. (Thank you, Jim Day!)

Adding to the fun evening will be entertainment by Shawn (Big Sexy) Smith, Heather's husband.

Bring friends, neighbors and family. Rotarians from our other clubs are invited and welcome to join in!

You will need pre-paid tickets for the event. Please contact me at james@turnbull-insurance.com or 315-794-7690 to make your reservation and order tickets. Deadline is July 28.

Look for golf event 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).

Make an impact as worker or educator chair

Every year the Rotary Club of Utica honors workers and educators. The Pride of Workmanship and Outstanding Educators programs are among the club's most visible and prestigious endeavors, especially with the positive impact on the community at large.

We profusely thank the individuals who do an outstanding job of coordinating these programs. One is stepping down and the other will be stepping down. So we need a new Pride of Workmanship chair for the current Rotary year and a new Outstanding Educator chair for 2024-2025.

If interested, please contact President Linda Iannone at ianlinhope51@gmail.com

Here is what each position entails:

Pride Of Workmanship Chair. This individual will work with the public relations committee to ad-

vertise to local businesses for this award. The committee will review all applications and select 2-4 individuals who demonstrate outstanding qualities. The Pride of Workmanship Award is designed to acknowledge an employee, irrespective of age or vocation, who, in the eyes of his or her employer, displays outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to his or her job.

PURPOSE:

- To promote Vocational Service.
- To encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- To provide employers with an opportunity to recognize employees

who display those qualities which are worthy of an award.

- To encourage favorable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement.

Outstanding Educator Chair. This individual will work with the current chair to take over as chair for 2024-25. It involves working with school guidance counselors to select outstanding students who demonstrate commitment to academics, extracurricular activities and community. This award will also work with the students to select the recipients for the Outstanding Educator Award.



Calendar of Events			
7/20	Program Sarah Foster Calero director, Oneida County Tourism Noon Mid-York Library	8/11	Social Adirondack Railroad Sip & snack while riding the rails 6:30 pm Depart Union Station
7/27	Social The Beer Hub 5 pm 2643 Genesee St, Utica	8/17	Program Lou LaBella, president Peace Together Project Noon Mid-York Library
8/3	Program Emily Mixon Young Scholars LLP Noon Mid-York Library	8/20	Fundraiser Golf Tournament Noon Hidden Valley
8/10	Service Project TBA	8/29	Social Hour TBA