



# Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

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## Rotarians learn about riveting 'Real Life Rosies'

By Joe Abraham

With Dr. Roger Breslow presiding over the first official meeting of the 2025-26 Rotary year, our club welcomed Yawa Zewou, a Workforce Develop-

ment Specialist at the Manufacturers Association of Central New York (MACNY). More specifically, Zewou discussed MACNY's Real Life Rosies pro-

gram, which supports training and skill development of women looking to pursue careers in manufacturing through pre-apprenticeship. *Continued / P. 2*

## Utica Rotary golf outing swings into summer



By Jerry Kraus

Things are looking good for our annual Rotary Club of Utica's Golf Outing coming up on Sunday, August 17, at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Whitesboro.

This year our proceeds will benefit the good work of Hospice. The field for golfers is almost filled and my list of volunteers is also looking good.

What we could use are a few

more Tee-sign sponsors (\$100 each & can be businesses or personal) and a few door prizes for our golfers. If anyone would like to help, please contact me at [JKrausUtica@aol.com](mailto:JKrausUtica@aol.com).

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## MEETING RECAP: 'Real Life Rosies'

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Real Life Rosies® is New York's first direct-entry program focused on preparing women for careers in advanced manufacturing. Offered at no cost, the program provides hands-on training in areas such as CNC machining, robotics, safety, hand tools, and lean manufacturing, while also supporting participants with job-readiness resources including assistance with clothing, transportation, and childcare. Open to individuals 18 and older who are eligible to work in the U.S., the program includes up to \$1,000 in milestone-based incentives, guaranteed interviews with up to six local employers, and the opportunity to earn na-

tionally recognized certifications like CMfgA and OSHA 10.

Real Life Rosies isn't just a MACNY program. It's in collaboration with Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC); The Workforce Development Board, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida Counties, Inc.; and community partners, with funding from Empire State Development's Office of Strategic Workforce Development.

We thank Yawa for spending time with our club. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.macny.org/women-in-the-workforce/>.

## Dr. Breslow rings in Rotary year

*By Joe Abraham*

Dr. Roger Breslow rang the Rotary bell for the first time in his 2025-26 year as Utica Rotary president last Thursday. He brings decades of commitment to fellowship and community service.

He first joined Rotary in the fall of 1980, inspired by the late Arthur "Jack" Mahoney, business manager at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group, who regular-

ly attended meetings with several physicians. One week, Jack invited Dr. Breslow to join him as a guest, with F.X. Matt as the featured speaker. Seeing many familiar faces at the meeting, Dr. Breslow was soon proposed for membership by Jack, and, as he says, "the rest is history."

Since then, he has served two terms on the club's Board of Directors and has fond memories

of meeting international visitors, especially students, as well as delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to shut-ins.

As president, Dr. Breslow looks forward to guiding the club in continuing its longstanding tradition of community service, fostering fellowship through informative programs, and encouraging steady membership engagement.





## July's social is at 5 Points Public House

*By Tina Pavlot*

Join us Thursday, July 24th for our monthly social, this month at 5 Points Public House, starting at 5 p.m.

Oneida County Restaurant week concludes this

Thursday at 5 Points Public House. Join Rotarians, friends and family in the celebrations

Click at right to learn more about restaurant week leading up to our

Rotary social hour: [Oneida County Restaurant Week | Unleash the Feast This July - What's Upstate NY](https://whatsupstatenyc.com/explore-upstate/restaurant-week/)

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## Calendar of Events

7/24 Social | 5 Points Public House  
5 pm |

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





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- Cost: Registration, lodging and meals will be reimbursed; attendees are responsible for travel expenses
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