



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

July 31, 2023

'Young Scholars' is this week's program with Emily Mixon



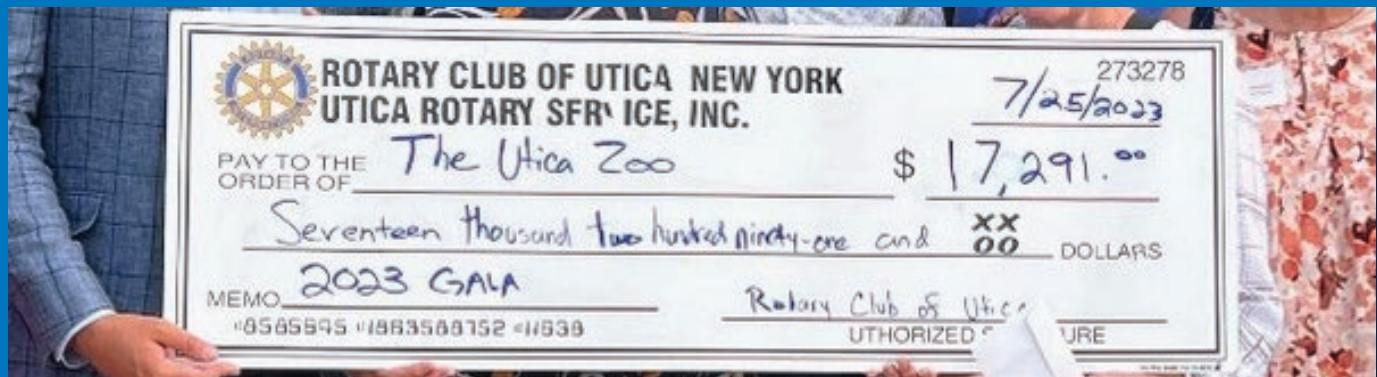
Emily Mixon, the new Mentor & Family Engagement Coordinator for Young Scholars Liberty Partnership Program (LPP) at Utica University, will address the club on Thursday, Aug. 3. The meeting starts at noon at Mid-York Library System headquarters, 1500 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

Emily started at the end of May and is overseeing the mentoring

program. This includes recruiting new volunteer mentors, facilitating their applications and onboarding, matching them with students, and coordinating events and activities for mentor bonding.

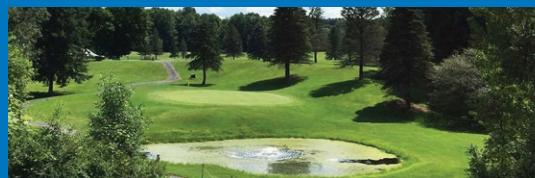
She previously worked in Academic Support Services & TRIO at her alma mater in Vermont, where she earned her master's degree in Foundations of Education.

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Deadline for next newsletter (8/7) is Sunday, Aug. 6 at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

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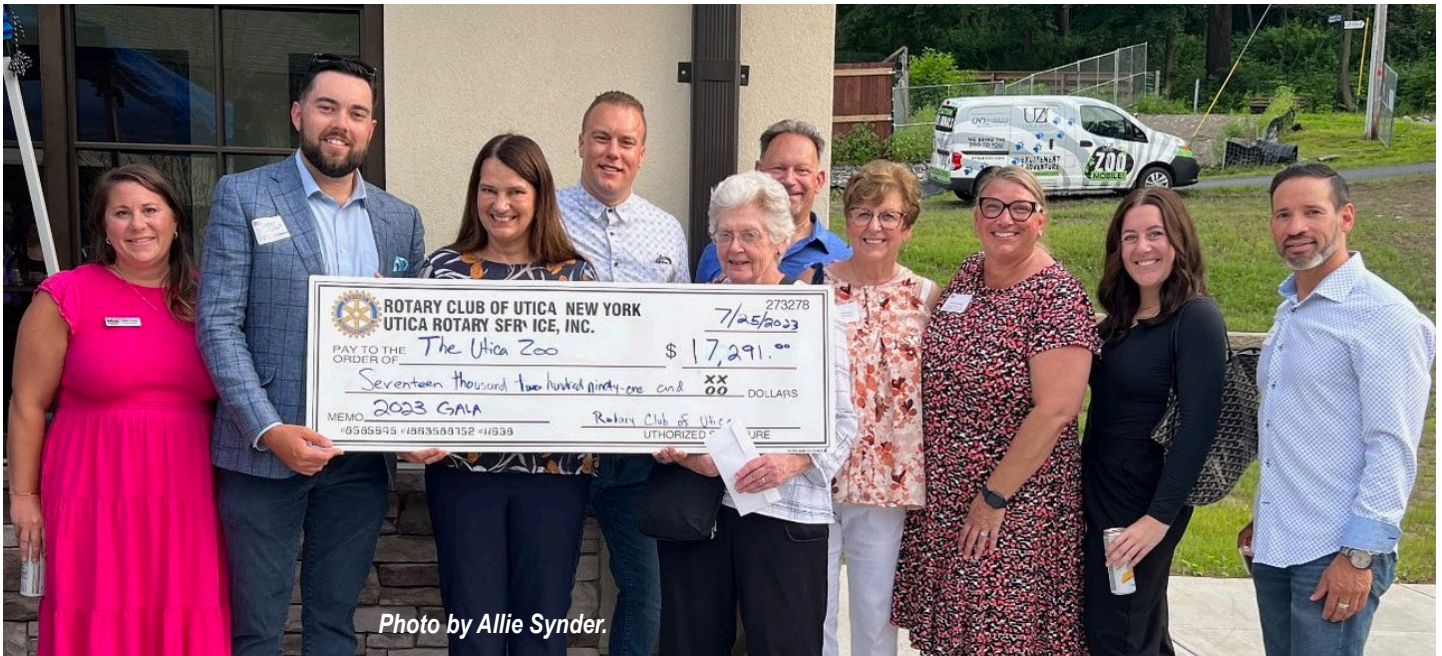


Photo by Allie Synder.

FROM LEFT: Greater Utica Chamber Executive Director Kari Puleo, PP Stephen Turnbull, Utica Zoo Executive Director Andria De Lisle-Heath, and Rotary members Clyde Vanderpool, PP Darby O’Brien, PP Joe Caruso, President Linda Iannone, Holly Saupp, Ashley Paolozzi, and PP Israel Acosta.

Final gala total presented to Utica Zoo

Rotary Club of Utica took advantage of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the Utica Zoo on July 25 and presented zoo officials with a

check representing the final amount raised by the club’s “Service Above Self” Gala. June’s gala raised a total of \$17,291 for the zoo’s Red Panda exhibit. The gala committee once

again thanks all of the sponsors and supporters for helping to make the event a great success. The committee will meet in August to begin planning for 2024.

Calendar of Events

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| 8/3 | Program Emily Mixon
Young Scholars LLP
Noon Mid-York Library | 8/17 | Program Lou LaBella, president
Peace Together Project
Noon Mid-York Library |
| 8/10 | Service Project TBA | 8/20 | Fundraiser Golf Tournament
Noon Hidden Valley |
| 8/11 | Social Adirondack Railroad
Sip & snack while riding the rails
6:30 pm Depart Union Station | 8/29 | Social Hour TBA |
| 8/16 | Board Meeting
noon Greater Utica Chamber | 9/20 | Board Meeting
noon Greater Utica Chamber |
| | | 9/23 | Service Walk to End Alzheimer’s
11 am MVCC |



July's Rotary Social took place at the Beer Hub last week, attracting Utica Rotarians and even a member of Oneida Rotary, reports President Linda Iannone. "Thank you member Colin Hubbell for your hospitality!" she said.

New Member Proposed: Wayne Yaddow

The board proposes Wayne Yaddow for membership to the Rotary Club of Utica. Per by-laws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Treasurer Jill Koch.

Wayne Yaddow grew up in Rome and has lived in Central New York his whole life. He has an undergraduate degree from SUNY Oswego and a master's degree from Emerson College in Boston.

He has always been active in the area's community arts events and in 2020 started Utica Children's Theatre. This performing arts organization is dedicated to developing

students to be well rounded, critically thinking, creative young adults, and able to take an active role in their community.

Yaddow has two children, ages 7 & 18. He says he loves baseball (Let's Go Mets!), and has discovered a love for hiking, which has brought him to some of the most beautiful places in New York State.



Utica Rotary is joining the ‘Walk to End Alzheimer’s’

By Joe Abraham

As President Linda recently mentioned, our club will be participating in the Utica/Rome Walk to End Alzheimer’s event at MVCC on September 23. The expo begins at 10 a.m., while the opening ceremony starts at 11 a.m. The walk itself follows and is relatively quick.

I’m excited to take the lead on this effort as this cause is very close to my heart. I’ve participated in a few walks and polar plunges benefitting the Alzheimer’s Association in recent years, doing so in honor of my Uncle Vinny, who now resides in Sitrin and is battling the disease. I believe we all probably know someone who has suffered or is currently suffering from this disease. In fact, a recent article noted that NY has the second highest prevalence of Alzheimer’s in the United States. I hope you will consider participating in the walk, joining many Rotarians across the globe who have joined the fight to combat Alzheimer’s in their communities.

The Rotary Club of Utica, NY team page has officially been launched! All teams are suggested to have a fundraising goal of \$2,000. I set our team goal at \$1,000 to start, and can always lower or increase that amount. There are individual fundraising incentives as well. For example, you get a 2023 Walk to End Alz’s t-shirt if you raise \$100.

While fundraising is encouraged, it DOES NOT cost anything to participate in the walk, but registration is required. To register and join our team, click on the “Join Our Team” box at the link below.

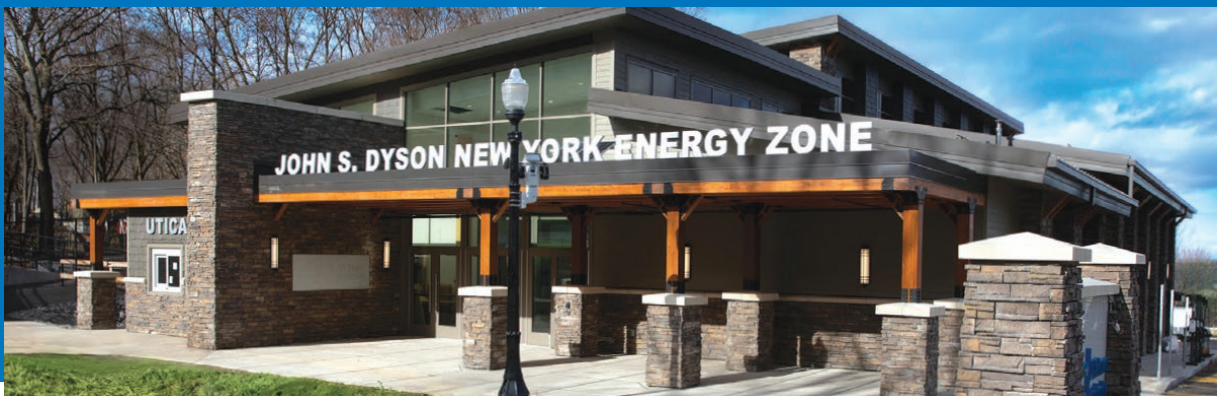
For details and FAQs about the walk, click on the *info* link below. It includes some important info regarding child participants (who need to fill out a waiver), pets, etc. The walk is a rain-or-shine event.

If you have any questions about the walk or registration process, feel free to email, call or text me at josephabraham2011@gmail.com or 252-532-2293.

REGISTER: https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=16734&pg=team&team_id=824429

INFO: https://act.alz.org/site/TR?sid=23932&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=16734

UTICA ELECTRIFICATION INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP



We hear the NY Energy Zone next to the Utica Zoo is a fun, “electrifying” experience. Rotary members will have a chance to check it out and, at the same time, attend an electrification informational workshop from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Learn about the various opportunities, programs, rebates and tax incentives available for all things electric. Seating limited, registration encouraged but not mandatory. Call 315-736-3394 X265 or email ba433@cornell.edu.

Golf outing to benefit Thea Bowman House

Proceeds from this year's Rotary Golf Outing will benefit The Thea Bowman House, a local organization serving low-income, at-risk children and families in the Utica community for over 30 years.

The Rotary Club of Utica Golf Outing takes place Sunday, August 20 at Hidden Valley in Whitesboro, starting at noon. The tournament is a scramble format, with all levels of golf skills invited.

Tee sign sponsors are still needed (\$100) along with door prizes (gift cards, etc.). If you would like to sponsor, donate or volunteer, contact Jerry Kraus at: JKrausUtica@aol.com

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



Summer golf outing returns Sunday, Aug. 20