



### Last week to purchase Gala tickets

Just two more weeks to the Inaugural Service Above Self Gala! Tickets, \$125 each, are still available until noon this Friday, June 17.

The Gala will be held Friday, June 24, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the beautiful Stanley Theatre. All proceeds benefit Camp Abilities-Central Association for the Blind (CABVI), a youth development program for children that are blind or visually impaired.

Gala details and ticket purchase, sponsor information, and Camp Abilities-CABVI information can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the Club website at:

[Service Above Self Gala Event](#)

### Still time to register for District Changing of the Guard

This year, District 7150's Changing of the Guard celebrating club and district leaders is back in person on June 30 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Great Swamp Conservancy in Canastota. President Stephen and President-elect Tina are going and hoping you can join them for a fun evening with delicious food and fellowship!

All Rotarians and their guests must register and pay online by June 21st. The rate is \$30 per person to cover the cost of the meal. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

For additional information or to register, click:

[2022 District 7150 Changing of the Guard | District 7150 \(rotary7150.org\)](#)

### This Week's Program

#### Volunteers needed for June 15 Club service project

We're back at RCIL's The Dorothy Smith Center for Advocacy to finish the garden work we started at our last service project. On Wednesday, June 15, from 5-7 p.m., volunteers are needed to help spread mulch as well as some weeding. Please bring rakes, garden gloves, or any other gardening tools.

**Sign up to volunteer at:**

**RCIL Garden Cleanup | Rotary Club of Utica (uticarotary.org)**

**Wednesday | June 15 | 5-7 p.m.  
The Dorothy Smith Center for Advocacy  
1607 Genesee St. | Utica, NY 13501**

### Calendar of Events

- 6/15 RCIL Service Project | 5-7 p.m.
- 6/24 Service Above Self Gala | 6-10 p.m.  
Stanley Theatre
- 6/30 District 7150 Changing of the Guard  
5:30-8 p.m. | Great Swamp Conservancy

**Deadline for next newsletter (6/21) is Monday, June 20, at noon;  
submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org)**

# Service Above Self Gala award recipients announced

by President Stephen Turnbull

As we approach the end of our Rotary year, one of the most exciting things is to honor those in the club who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in our club and community. Additionally, this will be the second year that we have awarded a non-Rotarian community member with the "Service Above Self Award." This is a community member that has demonstrated the true meaning of Service Above Self.

With our Gala coming up in less than two weeks, we wanted to announce our recipients ahead of time to give them the recognition they deserve! We will then honor them at our Service Above Self Gala on June 24. The 2022 recipients are:

## **Service Above Self Award - Sr. Elizabeth Grein, DC (Daughters of Charity)**

In 2018, Sr. Grien spoke to our club about her work at the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees and Historic St. John's Church to help refugees acclimate to American and Utican culture and laws. She briefly described the long process to resettle; that refugees make up 17-20 % of Utica's population; and that refugee resettlement for the country has fallen to 30,000 from a high of 100,000. More information on Sr. Griens amazing work in our community will be presented at the Gala.

## **Paul Harris Fellow - Mrs. Darby O'Brien**

Past president in 2004-2005, Darby now holds the roll of our Club Treasurer, and we are so lucky to have her.

Serving on multiple committees and ALWAYS willing to lend a hand, Darby has always showed us what Service Above Self is about! Over the last few years, we have brought on countless new events and fundraisers and Darby has always made things happen for us and makes sure our finances are taken care of. Additionally, as things have changed over the last year switching back to in-person meetings, our club has not had a formal greeting team re-assembled for the front desk. Darby self-volunteered herself to work the front door at almost every in-person program and goes above and beyond for her fellow Rotarians. Thank you for all you do for our Club, Darby!

## **Quiet Giver Award -Mr. Jerry Kraus**

The Doc! After retiring as the Executive Director of the Stanley Theatre in 2019, Jerry's time has freed up a bit to continue to give back to his community and get more involved with Rotary Club of Utica—and man, has he done just that! Is there an event that we hold that Jerry isn't involved in planning? Jerry has played key roles in the planning of the Service Above Self Gala, the Pride of Workmanship Awards, Holiday Basket Raffle, Highway Clean-Up, the Boilermaker Water Station, and helping to organize the recent Rotary golf outing "Tees For Trees" fundraiser. Jerry is also the catalyst behind the PR of the club, always getting together our press releases and making sure the local media is always present to cover the great things our club does (or, he will call and see why they aren't there!). Thank you for all you do for our club, Jerry!

Please join me in a big congratulations to all of our well-deserved honorees! We will further honor them next week at the Gala. I hope you can join us!



*Sister Elizabeth Grein, DC*



*Darby O'Brien*



*Jerry Kraus*

## June 10 meeting featured Paul Harris Fellow and Chamber executive director

*Story and photos by Robert Stronach*

The last meeting of the 2021-2022 Rotary year featured the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to Michelle Brandstadt and a briefing on the public and behind-the-scenes workings of the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce by its executive director, Kari Puleo.

Stephen Turnbull presided at his final program meeting as president of the Rotary Club of Utica. The meeting took place June 10 at the Mid-York Library on Lincoln Avenue, with Rotarians participating in person and via Zoom.

Additional event photos can be viewed on the club website at: [2022-06-10 Final Meeting of Rotary year | Rotary Club of Utica \(uticarotary.org\)](https://uticarotary.org/2022-06-10-Final-Meeting-of-Rotary-year)





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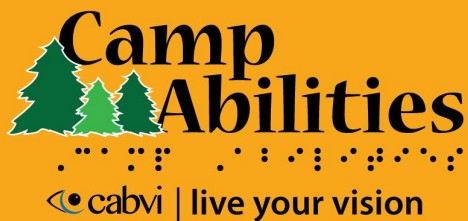
- Red Carpet With Photo
- Music By Soul Injection
- Dinner
- 1 Hour Cocktail Open Bar

**\$125**  
**PER TICKET**

**When:** 6:00pm- 10:00pm, Friday June 24th 2022

**Where:** The Stanley Theatre  
259 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502

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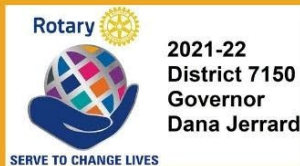


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