



# Rotary This Week!

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## Rotarians know their Boilermaker trivia!

Program speaker Vikki Townsend of the Boilermaker Road Race (below) conducted a trivia contest at the June 15th meeting and awarded Boilermaker hats to all these winners. Photos by Linda Iannone and Tina Pavlot.



Deadline for next newsletter (6/26) is Sunday, June 25 at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

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# President Tina presides over her final meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, KUDOS AND TRIVIA

President Tina Pavlot presided over the 23rd and final meeting of the 107th year of the Rotary Club of Utica on Thursday, June 15 – and being a banker, she couldn't resist a good "balance sheet" metaphor for the inspiring message of the day.

"A good balance sheet for your life is distributing it into three 8-hour sections. 8 hours of good sleep, 8 hours of hard work and the other 8 spent on the Fs, Hs and Ss of life. Family, friends and faith. Health, hygiene and hobby. And soul, service and smile."

She offered a few announcements and kudos:

- Since our last program we held our monthly social at the Saranac Biergarten. Many Rotarians, friends and family attended.

- Our Outstanding Educators' Award program was held at the Yahnundasis. It was a wonderful event with so many in attendance that we actually ran out of seats. Many thanks to Bart Gorman who orchestrated everything and did so with such grace!

- Our 2nd annual Service Above Self gala at the Stanley was able to raise \$14k for the Red Panda Exhib-

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- Our social this month is Thursday, June 22, and involves playing mini-golf and enjoying ice cream at Palm Springs in Marcy.

Noting that the Paul Harris Fellow recognizes individuals who have donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, **Tina took the opportunity to recognize Past District Governor Dana Jerrard.**

"Dana truly embodies our values, contributing to the success of our club as well as the Rotary Founda-

tion. Today we honor Dana who is now a PHF +8."

Tina then invited Rotarian and Boilermaker Volunteer Director Cindy Dardano to the podium to introduce the program speaker, runner/fitness professional Vikki Townsend.

Cindy offered a bit of history. The first Boilermaker Road Race took place July 16, 1978, spearheaded by Earle Reed of Utica Boilermakers.

Vikki pointed to the effort to get youngsters involved, to keep running "fun", and to provide access to first time runners. She also offered a Boilermaker trivia quiz, handing out hats to winners. For example, did you know that eight people have run in all 45 races?



Program speaker Vikki Townsend

## Volunteer for the Rotary water station

Rotarian Drew DeBlasiis is chairing the Rotary water station for the Boilermaker Road Race on Sunday, July 9. He is looking for volunteers to help hand out water to runners as they pass the Parkway Rec Center. Con-

tact him at: [ddeblasiis1@mtb.com](mailto:ddeblasiis1@mtb.com) or (315) 955-4628. Also, volunteers are required to register with the Boilermaker. Click on the link below, then scroll down to find your committee (WS-Utica Rotary). Click on Volunteer.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/NY/Utica/Boilermaker>

# This week's social: mini-golf and ice cream

*By Jerry Kraus*

The Rotary Club of Utica's June Social Meeting will take place at Palm Springs Mini Golf in Marcy on Thursday, June 22, at 5 p.m.

Kookie's Q is also on location under the pavilion with burgers, BBQ, ice cream and plenty more.

It's free miniature golf for Utica Rotary members, compliments of Palm Springs owner Brian Kney!

Come out for the mini-golf, or come out for dinner and ice cream... or come out for both!

Palm Springs is set back off of Rt. 49 in Marcy, at the intersection of Maynard Drive. The street address is 9411 Maynard Drive in Marcy.

Dress comfy casual and let's get puttin' a round of mini-golf!





# ROTARY CLUB OF UTICA HELPS AT HEART RUN TELETHON



*Utica Rotarians staffed the phone stations on Friday, June 16, at America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk Telethon.*

## Calendar of Events

**6/21** Board | Meeting  
Noon | Greater Utica Chamber

**6/22** Social | Mini-Golf  
5 pm | Palm Springs, Marcy

**7/6** Program | Rebecca McLain, exec dir  
Oneida County History Center  
noon | Mid-York Library

**7/9** Service | Boilermaker water station  
| Parkway Recreation Center

**7/14** Service | Cycle the Erie Canal  
| provide doughnuts

**7/20** Program | TBA  
Noon | Mid-York Library

**7/27** Social | The Beer Hub  
5 pm |

**8/3** Program | TBA

**8/10** Service Project | TBA

**8/17** Program | Lou LaBella, president  
Peace Together Project  
Noon | Mid-York Library

**8/29** Social Hour TBA



# ROTARIANS CAN HELP REFRESH CANAL CYCLISTS

*By Linda Iannone*

It's an opportunity for some fun volunteering. The Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour is next month. It's an 8-day long bike tour along the canal path, which goes right through many of our communities.

The tour enlists the help of local organizations all along the route to

provide snacks at various rest stops and they are looking for help with the morning stop in Utica on Friday, July 14th, asking for donuts to be provided.

Clubs in the Rochester district are helping with some of the rest stops in their region. It's not only an oppor-

tunity to support the canal's event, but it sounds like a fellowship opportunity with the riders and members would be invited to come mingle with them on their rest stop. It's not just dropping off donuts, ya know?

To volunteer to help out, contact Linda Iannone at [linspj@aol.com](mailto:linspj@aol.com).

You can learn more about the event here: <https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour>

