



March 1, 2022

### Outstanding Educator Program welcomes Clinton

This week, Rotary Club of Utica welcomes Clinton High School seniors Erica Racioppa and Joey DeTraglia.

Erica is a member of the school's varsity volleyball team and National Honor Society. She enjoys reading, painting and singing as well as being the volunteer scorekeeper for the JV volleyball team. Erica hopes to major in anthropology or archeology, and she is currently looking at St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont. Erica's counselor, Kelly Zegarelli, describes her as extraordinary, humble, athletic, kind-hearted, intelligent, hard-working, and ambitious.

Joey is a member of the school's cross-country and track teams, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, and LEAP Club. He volunteers with the Mohawk Valley Health System. Joey has been accepted to Clarkson University, RPI, Sienna College, and Union College, and is waiting to hear from several others. Joey's counselor, Jackie Snizek, says Joey is a standout student who exudes positive energy. He is exceptional in his work ethic and intellectual curiosity and is a pure joy to work with due to his nature, inquisitive mind, and driven spirit.



Erica Racioppa



Joseph DeTraglia

### This Week's Program

Our speaker on Friday is Wes Cupp—Sentinel Media Company, Director of Business Development; Rome Country Club, Owner and Operator; Night Windows Realty, Owner; and Professional Speedgolfer.



Wes will be speaking about the new focus of the Sentinel, a sixth generation, locally owned paper. The new plan for the Sentinel is to bring expanded coverage of local news to everyone in the Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison counties. Wes believes strong, true local journalism is absolutely vital to any community's success.

The Sentinel's current subscriber circulation is 7,500, up over seven percent in one month alone since announcing same day delivery to the Utica market on February 1, 2022. Local news and local sports, created by local journalists with sixth generation local ownership is what the Sentinel is all about. The Sentinel strives to be a steward for the community, and Wes is looking forward to chatting about it this Friday.

**FRIDAY | March 4 | 12 p.m.**  
**Mid York Library System**  
**1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502**  
**Virtually via Zoom**

*Correctly worn masks are REQUIRED when in the building, unless you are speaking at the podium or eating and drinking. If time allows, you will be notified of any changes in this policy.*

**Deadline for next newsletter (3/8) is Monday, March 7, at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org)**

## Nominate a cause to receive Service Above Self Gala Proceeds

Planning for this year's Service Above Self Gala is in full swing. The planning committee is hoping to have the best-ever event in June (tentatively 6/24/22). Watch for more details!

The committee is looking to members to nominate an organization to be the beneficiary of all proceeds (after expenses) from the Gala. All that's needed from you is the name of the organization you wish to nominate, along with one or two sentences on why you feel the organization should be selected.

Please send your nomination to P Stephen at [stephen@turnbull-insurance.com](mailto:stephen@turnbull-insurance.com) by Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Stephen will present all of the nominations at an upcoming Gala planning meeting for Gala committee members to make a selection.

The committee looks forward to your nomination!

Service Above Self Gala Committee:

- *P Stephen Turnbull*
- *PE Tina Pavlot*
- *PP Israel Acosta*
- *Michelle Brandstadt*
- *Joe Caruso*
- *Joann Fornino*
- *Devon Hoffman*
- *Linda Iannone*
- *Jill Koch*
- *Jerry Kraus*
- *Scott MacGregor*
- *Darby O'Brien*
- *Ashley Paolozzi*
- *Travis Rabbers*
- *Brett Shippee*
- *Kyle Tuttle*
- *Clyde Vanderpool*

## Calendar of Events

- 3/4 Program Meeting | Friday; 12 p.m. & Zoom
- 3/2 Communications Committee Meeting  
5 p.m. via Zoom | Contact [Michelle B.](#)
- 3/2 Gala Committee Meeting Meeting  
5:30 p.m. via Zoom | Contact P [Stephen T.](#)
- 3/9 [Gore Mountain Ski Trip](#)
- 3/18 Program Meeting | Friday; 12 p.m. & Zoom
- 3/21 Board Meeting | Fort Schuyler Club | 1 p.m.

Ideas for programs and volunteer opportunities are needed. Please pass them along to Programs Chair Travis Rabbers at [rabbe1ta@gmail.com](mailto:rabbe1ta@gmail.com).

## Rotary Club of Utica Committees

Looking to get involved? Rotary Club of Utica has several active committees. Contact a committee chair to join a committee or contact [President Stephen](#) if interested in chairing a committee.

Youth Exchange .....	<b>NEED CHAIR</b>
Rotaract .....	Elizabeth Nassar
RYLA.....	Jim Day
Interact .....	Jim Day
Urban Concerns .....	<b>NEED CHAIR</b>
Communication.....	Michelle Brandstadt
Meeting Service Team.....	<b>NEED CHAIR</b>
Membership .....	Israel Acosta
Outstanding Educator Awards .....	Bart Gorman
Quiet Givers Award .....	Roger Breslow
Pride of Workmanship.....	Roxanne Mutchler
Veteran's Outreach.....	Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka
Special Needs Party.....	<b>NEED CHAIR</b>
RI Foundation .....	<b>NEED CHAIR</b>

Rotary  
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# GORE MTN SKI TRIP --- MARCH 9



**\$150**

**INCLUDES LIFT TICKETS  
AND TRANSPORTATION**

**SIGN UP BY MARCH 4  
LIMIT OF 20**



MEET BUS AT  
FRIEDEL, WILLIAMS & EDMUNDS  
13 OXFORD RD., NEW HARTFORD

- LOADING STARTS AT 6:45 AM
- DEPART AT 7 AM (COFFEE & DONUTS ON BUS)
- ARRIVE AT GORE AT 9:15 AM FOR DAY OF SKIING
- GATHER IN BAR AFTER LAST CHAIR FOR CASH BAR
- LEAVE GORE BY 5:30 PM
- ARRIVE BACK IN NEW HARTFORD AROUND 8:30 PM

**CONTACT JIM FRIEDEL:  
JIM@FWEFH.COM  
315-525-3551**

**Trip Info/Purchase Tickets: <https://uticarotary.org/page/gore-mountain-ski-trip>**