



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

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Kler Gay Gay Moo, a student at Proctor High School, addressed the club last week at the Energy Zone, where the meeting took on the theme of Rotary power and more. SEE PAGES 2-3. Photo by Linda Iannone.

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 21

Students from NY Mills High will address the club on Thursday, March 21, at Mid-York Library.

EASTER BASKETS FOR KIDS

Members meet at 10:30 am Monday, March 25, at Thea Bowman House, Genesee St.

Deadline for next newsletter (3/18) is Saturday, March 16 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach



Last week's meeting about Rotary power and more

With the May 7th meeting taking place at the Energy Zone at the Utica Zoo, President Linda Iannone delivered not uncoincidentally a couple of messages on the theme of power.

"You have this power," she quoted an inspirational message from Rotary District 6690 in Columbus, Ohio. "This power to use language to share your ideas, to touch hearts, and to bring about change in the world. As Rotarians, we have the power to speak and share, to explain and to educate, to inspire and to influence. It is our responsibility to share our talents and ideas and to find meaning in other people's messages. May we use our skills to provide service to others less fortunate and help them to be self-sustaining. May we continue to grow as Rotarians so that we stand in our community as a symbol of those willing to freely put service above self and make this,

our community, and the world a better place to live."

Linda then shared a bit of energy-related Rotary news concerning Nathan Thomas, who was president of the Rotary Club of Raleigh Midtown in North Carolina at age 23 and became a district governor in 2022-23. Nathan founded the nonprofit All We Are, which oversees the Solarize Uganda Now (SUN) Project. In five years, SUN completed 32 LED solar installations at 26 Ugandan schools, two medical clinics, and a women's center, and installed three solar-powered wells. She quoted Nathan: "These communities are going from kerosene lamps or candles directly to renewable energy." The work was done in partnership with the Raleigh Midtown Club; the Rotary Club of Cincinnati; the Rotary Club of Nateete-Kampala; Districts 7710, 9211, and 6670; and others. "While we take pow-

er sources for granted," Linda noted, "there are so many in this world who are still lacking the energy we enjoy. It is incumbent on Rotarians and others to work together to assist others to enjoy the benefits of light and power."

It was the 15th meeting of the 108th year of the Rotary Club of Utica, and it featured a presentation by Proctor High School student Kler Gay Gay Moo and a talk and tour by Rotarian Joe Caruso, who is manager of community relations at the New York Power Authority Visitor's Center – the John S. Dyson Energy Zone.

Kler, an honor student, spoke of his aspirations of business management and serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Joe noted how the Energy Zone was a fully interactive facility that offers a journey into the dynamic world of electricity, past, present, and future!



Last week's meeting took place at the Energy Zone.

Utica Rotary gets in the Zone

By Joe Abraham

Utica Rotarians hit the road last Thursday, with their meeting being held at the NY Energy Zone at the Utica Zoo, where they listened to a presentation and received a tour by our own Past President Joe Caruso. They did all of this while enjoying a delicious lunch provided by President Linda.

The facility offers a thrilling journey into the world of electricity, past, present, and future through several interactive exhibits which cover a wide range of topics, from the history of electricity to the future of the grid. Visitors can build a bulb, a power plant, and solar and wind installations, become a control room operator, and even “fly” a drone



Joe Caruso

over power lines.

The Energy Zone is New York State’s first and only learning center for everything electric brought to you by the New York Power Authority. And this gem is located right in our backyard.

Joe said NYPA was the largest state-owned power company in the US, with 16 electricity-gen-

erating facilities, producing 20% of the New York’s electricity, 80 per cent of which is renewable. Joe said that the Energy Zone was committed to being a good neighbor to the historically underserved and marginalized communities located near its statewide facilities and assets, with programs in Energy Literacy and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education. The Energy Zone is open seven days a week, 10 to 5, admission-free, and its meetings rooms may be reserved by community organizations at no cost.

A special thanks to Joe Caruso and the Energy Zone for their hospitality!



Last week’s meeting included lunch provided by President Linda.

Sign up for the Boilermaker water station

Clyde Vanderpool, who has stepped up to be the coordinator for the Utica Rotary water station at the Boilermaker Road Race, has announced a way for Rotarians and friends to sign up to be water station volunteers.

Rotarians “will once again be running the preeminent water station (everyone says so) for this year’s Boilermaker event,” he notes.

“If you would like to join us in providing this year’s runners with hydration and encouragement as they head down the Parkway please feel free to register at RunSignUp (see link below).”



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

Scroll down to find your committee (WS-Utica Rotary). Click on Volunteer.

If you have used RunSignUp in the past, sign in as Registered User.

If you are new to RunSignUp, fill out New User page.

In both areas fill out all the information

Click on Continue and complete the information on the next page.

Click Submit

Calendar of Events

3/20 **Board Meeting |**
noon | Chamber of Commerce

3/25 **Service | Easter Baskets**
10:30 am | Thea Bowman

3/7 **Meeting | NY Mills students**
noon | Mid-York Library

3/28 **Social | TBD**
5:00 pm |

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF *Gala*



- Red carpet
- LIVE music by Soul Injection
- Seated dinner on Stanley stage
- 1 hour of cocktail open bar

When:

Friday June 7th 6-11pm

Where:

The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13502

Gala Presented By:



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- Logo & name recognition at event
- Social media thank you

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- Seats 8

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