

Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

March 17, 2025

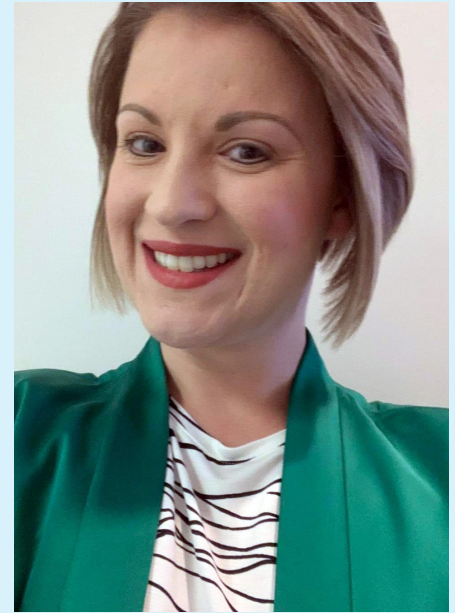
We'll see and learn about N. Utica Community Center

Our meeting this Thursday will be at North Utica Community Center, where Director Kelsey Meredith will share what the community center offers and is working on in the coming months.

She has 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector, including serving as an executive director with the Salvation Army and other roles leading others. Kelsey has received recognition and awards for

excellence in service and support to her community throughout the years. She loves programming and teaching as well as being a mother and wife.

The North Utica Community Center is located at 50 Riverside Dr., Utica, 13502. This will be an in-person only meeting; no Zoom. President Travis Rabbers plans to have tomato pie, cookies and bottled water for refreshments.



Announcements

by President Travis Rabbers

- Member Matt Schlosser is taking over as Boilermaker Water Station coordinator.
- Upcoming meeting: Thursday, April 3 with Leslie Raney to discuss the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell (Library).
- Following meeting: Thursday, April 17 with Gabriel Hage from Hage & Hage LLC (Library).
- Volunteer project: Sleep in Heaven only Peace, Tuesday, March 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. for community bed build. Also, Saturday, March 22, 9 to 11 a.m. for bed delivery.
- April volunteer project: TBD, working with Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful on Earth Day cleanup project.
- After hours social (venue change): Thursday, March 27 beginning 5 p.m. at Nostro Bar & Lounge.
- Board meeting on Wednesday, April 16.

Deadline for next newsletter (3/24) is Saturday, March 22 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

Proctor students join us this week

By Bart Gorman

Proctor students Bu Soe Paw and Linh Ly (l-r at right), along with Guidance Counselor Marge Costanza, will join Rotarians on March 20 when we meet at North Utica Community Center.

Bu Soe is actively involved with the Future Educators Club, Art Club, Photo Club and Environmental Club. She has participated in NJROTC for four years and served as public affairs officer while engaging in numerous community service events.

Bu Soe is described by her school counselor as a “remarkable young woman with tremendous character who has challenged herself by taking one of the most rigorous course loads, including Honors, Advanced Placement, and Mohawk Valley Community College Dual Enrollment courses.

Linh Ly is active in Yearbook Club, Key Club, Student Council, Athletics, and National Honor Society. She has received the Presidential Award from MVCC, the Linguistic Award for Chinese class, and is on the



Principal's List. She plans to go to University at Albany to study biochemistry and then attend medical school. She would like to become an anesthesiologist.

Linh is president of Student Council and is currently a student representative who attends the Utica City Board of Education meetings. Linh's school counselor describes her as working tirelessly to manage a difficult caseload and taking many Honors, Advanced Placement and Mohawk Valley Community College Dual Enrollment Courses. She volunteered to assist Student Council in operating the student thrift store on weekends and she works at a local Chanatry's Supermarket.

Calendar of Events

3/18	Service Sleep in Heavenly Peace 5-7 pm bed build	3/27	Social Nostro Bar & Lounge 5 pm
3/19	Meeting Rotary Board noon Greater Utica Chamber	4/3	Meeting Leslie Raney on bicentennial of Lafayette's farewell noon Mid-York Library
3/20	Meeting Kelsey Meredith, director of North Utica Community Center noon at the N. Utica Community Ctr	6/6	Gala 'Service Above Self' Gala Stanley Theatre to benefit the Stanley
3/22	Service Sleep in Heavenly Peace 9-11 am bed delivery		

NEEDED:
Committee members for Rotaract program and leader for Easter Bag Brigade.

Spreading the Green from Utica to Boston



“Irish” members of our Rotary Club spread the green from Utica to Boston over the weekend.

Greater Utica Chamber’s Catalyst Group (above) had a float in Utica’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday, with members Tracy Page, President Travis Rabbers and Devon Hoffman participating. Member Matt Schlosser headed over to Massachusetts to smartly show off his Boston-slanged “Wicked Smaht” shirt for that city’s parade.



Joe and Dana

Utica Rotarians at district level

Utica Rotary PP Dana Jerrard, who is CNY Rotary’s secretary, and Utica Rotarian Joe Abraham, who is the district’s news editor and incoming public image chair, attended Empire Multi-District PELS on Saturday.

While there, they interacted with club leaders across the state, as everyone prepares for the upcoming rotary year under RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo, whose message of focus is “Unite for Good.”