



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

March 3, 2025

We'll hear from Human Technologies CEO

Our guest speaker this Thursday, March 6, is Carl Reistrom, president/CEO of Human Technologies, the Utica-based enterprise that employs people with disabilities. The meeting starts at noon at Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

Carl has over 25 years of progressive management and

leadership experience in various industries within both for-profit and not-for-profit sectors

Established in 1954, the not-for-profit employs 330 people throughout New York state, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and northern Virginia, and generates over \$40 million in annual revenues.



Students from 2 schools join us this week

By Bart Gorman

New York Mills students Alexa Grande and Abigail Paulus, along with their Counselor, Ellen Diskin, will be with us this Thurs-

day, March 6. Also joining us are Notre Dame students Jenna Herran, Scott Yourdon and Counselor Carla Zupancic, who were

unable to be with us on February 6 due to weather cancellation of our meeting.

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Easter Brigade needs fill-in coordinator

By Travis Rabbers

We need someone to take the lead on the Easter Bag Brigade project while Norma Montagnino-Gemza recovers from a health issue. If interested, please contact me at trabbers@mtb.com or Norma at normamg@yahoo.com.

The coordinator would pur-



chase and deliver items to Thea Bowman (309 Genesee St., Utica) by 9:30 on the morning

of event (Friday, April 11) and have our volunteers place them in the Easter bags. We could use a couple of more volunteers to help stuff and distribute the bags to some 150 children.

This event involves other donations from the community and is run by Rosemary Bonacci.

Deadline for next newsletter (3/10) is Saturday, March 8 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach

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Alexa Grande serves as NY Mills senior class president and Student Council executive secretary. Following graduation she plans to major in biochemistry in college.

Abigail Paulus as senior class vice president. She is a member of the Student Council and serves as Student Council historian as well as the National Honor Society treasurer. She plans to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Their counselor, Mary Lourdes Tangorra, says Alexa and Abigail have consistently demonstrated qualities of leadership, community involvement, and a strong commitment to service.

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Notre Dame's Jenna Herran, Scott Yourdon and

Counselor Carla Zupancic were unable to join us on February 6 due to weather cancellation of our meeting. They will be with us March 6.

Notre Dame's Jenna Herran is involved in Student Council and Campus Ministry, and plays varsity basketball. She is also active in Navy Junior ROTC. Her counselor noted: "She lives and breathes the saying, 'Leadership by Example'."

Scott Yourdon has been on the Principal's List every quarter since 9th grade. He is active in both varsity cross country and baseball. He serves as a volunteer fireman with Deerfield Fire Company. Scott is very active in the NJROTC.

His counselor says: "Scott's character, integrity, accountability, and professionalism is above approach as he has embraced the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment."

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Rotarian Hanka Grabovica, president of the Bosnian American Community Association, was at Utica City Hall last Thursday to celebrate the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to witness a raising of the Bosnian flag. She was joined

by Mayor Michael Galime and Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon for the celebration, which took place a few days before that nation's March 1st independence day.

Calendar of Events

3/6	Meeting Carl Reistrom president of Human Technologies noon Mid-York Library	3/22	Service Sleep in Heavenly Peace 9-11 am bed delivery
3/18	Service Sleep in Heavenly Peace 5-7 pm bed build	3/27	Social Killabrew Saloon 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 noon North Utica Community Ctr		