



March 8, 2022

It doesn't get any better than this—Rotarians and Utica City Football Club!

Join your fellow Rotarians in the Miller Lite Biergarten for this month's Club Social with Utica City Football Club (UCFC) at the Adirondack Bank Center on **Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m.**

- Open to all Rotarians and guests
- UCFC vs. Florida Tropics
- The Miller Lite Biergarten allows you to watch the game from field level, right up against the boards!
- **Tickets are \$40** General Admission for the Miller Lite Biergarten; food (buffet) and fountain drinks included with ticket.
- Tickets must be paid for 1 week prior to event. P Stephen Turnbull will contact all registrants with payment instructions.
- **RSVP by 3/18/2022**

Register online at: [UCFC Rotary Social](#)

Point of Contact: [Stephen Turnbull](#)



This Week's Program

Volunteers Needed

This week is the Club's monthly service project. We'll be helping out at The Root Farm on Saturday, March 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to assist with syrup and work in the greenhouse. Please dress warmly and wear close-toed boots.



About The Root Farm

The Root Farm is focused on learning and healing for people of all ages and abilities through the power of equine, agricultural and recreational experiences.

Located on over 100 acres in Sauquoit, New York, The Root Farm is an innovative complex that features an equine-assisted therapy center, a diverse agriculture center, an accessible challenge course and rock wall for individuals of all abilities, and much more. Our property provides educational, recreational, therapeutic, vocational, and volunteering experiences.

Please sign up to volunteer at:
[THE ROOT FARM SERVICE PROJECT](#)

Point of Contact: [Travis Rabbers](#)

SATURDAY | March 12 | 9:30 a.m.- Noon
The Root Farm
2860 King Road | Sauquoit, NY 13456

Deadline for next newsletter (3/15) is Monday, March 14, at noon;
submit to 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 on June 24, 2022. 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 and the program that would benefit from the donation.

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

New Board members announced for 2022-23

At last week's meeting, Secretary Jill Koch announced the results of election for new Board members.

First Jill thanked the nominating committee lead by Ralph Immundo. The committee presented 10 candidates for the five positions on the board.

The voting was really close, with Jill at one point requesting more members vote to break a tie. In all, 69 members voted, which is a great turnout!

Jill also thanked the following board members who have served their three years and will be coming off the board in June: Heather Beebe, Roger Breslow, Elizabeth Nassar, and Don Reese.

The members that will start their board service in July 2022 are: Tom Webb, Bart Gorman, Jim Day, Bret Shippee, and Jennifer DePasquale. Nick Passalacqua has agreed to serve an additional two years to fill in for the vacancy when Linda Iannone becomes Vice President.

Thank you all for serving!

Calendar of Events

- 3/12 Service Project | Saturday | 9:30 a.m.-Noon
The Root Farm
- 3/18 Program Meeting | Friday | 12 p.m. & Zoom
Mid York Library System
- 3/21 Board Meeting | Monday | 1 p.m.
Fort Schuyler Club
- 3/27 Club Social | Sunday | 2 p.m.
UCFC at Adirondack Bank Center

Club welcomes two new members

Caitlin Matwijec-Walda and Kyle Tuttle were welcomed into Rotary Club of Utica at last week's meeting.

Caitlin is an operations analyst with Total Solutions in Clinton as well as the co-owner of superofficial, a cafe set to open in downtown Rome this spring. Caitlin is a graduate of University of Dundee, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design (Scotland) with an MFA in Arts and Humanities and an undergraduate of State University of NY Oswego with a BA in English and American Studies. Caitlin volunteers at the Rome Capitol Arts Complex, is a Notary Public (commissioned in Oneida County), and enjoys history, reading, women/gender studies, and dogs!

Kyle was born and raised in New Hartford. He graduated from New Hartford High School and went on to SUNY Poly to pursue a degree in accounting and business management. Kyle works at Smart Business Solutions, a business consulting company located in New Hartford.

Kyle joined Rotary to become more involved and give back to the local community.

Kyle is pictured with P Stephen Turnbull.

