

Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

March 9, 2026

Utica Rotarians have heart

At least four Utica Rotarians participated in the 2026 America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk Treadmill Challenge. The event and expo, which took place at Utica University on Friday, supports the American Heart Association.

Completing Treadmill runs were Past President Stephen Turnbull, PP Travis Rabbers, and Utica Rotarian Yuliya Karpov. Also treadmill walking were Utica

Rotarian Joe Abraham and his colleague Michael Aiello who represented SUNY Poly at the event. Several other club members participated in the Heart Run and Walk on Saturday morning.

Utica Rotary's Ralph Imundo and wife Maryann gave Expo participants a real treat with a special dance performance. They caught up with Yuliya and Travis afterwards. *(More photos, page 2)*



Stephen Turnbull.



Utica Rotarians and their friends and family at Saturday's Heart Run and Walk

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Editor Robert Stronach

Rotarian road trip to Johnson City

by Joe Abraham

District Learning Assembly was held at Johnson City High School on Saturday afternoon.

Five Utica Rotarians attended the event, which offered workshops on a number of

topics from secretary and treasurer training, to membership, public image, and service.

Overall, it was a great day of fellowship and learning!



Utica Rotarian Joe Abraham can add taxi service to his resume, as he, PP Darby O'Brien, Treasurer Rebecca Cavoli and New Hartford Rotary's Mia Debernardis carpooled.



Utica Rotary is well represented on the district leadership team. FROM LEFT: CNY Rotary Secretary Dana Jerrard, Public Image Chair Joe Abraham, and Foundation Chair Don Reese.

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HEART RUN EXPO: Rotarian Joe Abraham with SUNY colleague Mike Aiello. Rotarian Ralph Imundo and wife Maryann met up with Rotarians Travis Rabbers and Yuliya Karpov after performing a special dance at the Expo.



CNY Rotary’s District Conference returns in April to Syracuse at the Downtown Marriott.

- The onference itself is one day (Saturday, April 11) and full of speakers and breakout sessions. The cost of attendance is \$100 (includes lunch and dinner). *(The club will reimburse the \$100 registration fee.)*

- There are optional activities taking place Friday and Sunday (including service projects).

There is a discounted hotel rate at the Downtown Marriott of \$175 a night for a limited time (book by March 10). If you are interested in staying over, book ASAP.

For more info about planned activities, registration and/or to book a hotel stay, visit this link!

<https://cnyrotary.org/events/conference-2026/>

Calendar of Events

3/18 Board Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

4/11 Conference | CNY Rotary District
Downtown Marriott, Syracuse

3/19 Club Social | Utica Improv
5 pm | Uptown Theater

4/15 Board Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

4/2 Meeting | at Utica Coffee
300 Water Street

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Salvation Army's Impact on community

When the Salvation Army first came to Utica in 1885, its meetings drew such crowds of curious people that riots broke out, related Capt. Kelly Ross, co-director of the Utica Salvation Army.

But today the organization is immersed in the community.

It runs a soup kitchen, food pantry, mobile canteen feeding hungry people on the street, and an ice cream cart visiting neighborhoods and schools, explained Captain Kelly, who has been a Salvation Army officer for 15 years alongside her Rotarian husband, Capt. Jon Ross.

Youth programs reange from after-school activities in athletics, arts and crafts – with local youth winning prizes in area and regional competitions in dance and music.

The Christmas Red Kettle campaign, supported by Utica Rotary “bell ringers”, raises funds to support year-round operations.

This past holiday season the Utica Salvation Army assisted 250 families and provided toys and clothing to more than 500 children. Utica Rotary donated \$500 to that effort.

-- by Bob Stronach



Photos by Heather Beebe

Social outing going improv

Join us Thursday, March 19th at 5 pm for this month's social!

Owners Briana and Devin Mahoney, along with Board Member and Rotarian Catherine McEnroe, will host us at Utica Improv (Uptown Theatre for Creative Arts) at 2014 Genesee Street in Utica.

Bring along friends, family, and co-workers and feel free to observe or partake in some improv.

-- by PP Tina Pavlot



A promotional poster for the 'Fifth Annual Service Above Self Gala'. The top section features a yellow background with the text 'Rotary Club of Utica' and the Rotary logo. Below this is a blue silhouette of a city skyline with mountains in the background. The main text reads 'FIFTH ANNUAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA'. A white box with a yellow border contains the text 'Presenting Sponsor:' followed by the 'CLIFF'S LOCAL MARKET' logo, which is an oval with a wood-grain texture and the text 'ESTABLISHED 1961'. At the bottom of the white box, it says 'Friday, June 5th 2026 | Stanley Theatre | 6-10 PM'.

FIFTH ANNUAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF GALA

Friday, June 5 • 6 to 10 p.m.
The Stanley Theatre

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BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500

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Friday, June 5th 2026
Stanley Theatre
6:00-10:00PM

Gala Beneficiary:

