



Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

May 11, 2026

Meet outstanding students this Thursday



Join Utica Rotary for a special meeting on Thursday, May 14 at noon at the Mid-York Library and meet outstanding students from Utica area high schools. Rotarians will learn about their accomplishments and goals, and they will learn a little about Rotary!

These same students will be charged with selecting an outstanding educator from their school who will be honored at Rotary's Outstanding Educators Awards Luncheon on

Thursday, June 4, at the Irish Cultural Center in Utica.

"The Outstanding Students and Educators Program is a time-honored tradition and one of the most inspirational programs that Utica Rotary has to offer," said PP Joe Caruso, program chair. "Please show your support for these students, and this time-honored Utica rotary tradition by attending these very special meetings. You'll be glad you did!"

Strike Out Polio Day at Yankee Stadium



Utica Rotarian Joe Abraham joined Rotarians from across the Northeast at Yankee Stadium. PAGE 3.

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MEETING RECAP

Differences help make Rotary thrive

By JOE ABRAHAM

CNY Rotary DEIB Chair Pam Baxter joined Utica Rotarians on Thursday, sharing her rotary journey, as well as a powerful message.

She encouraged Utica Rotarians to think about who is “sitting at their table,” what groups are represented and which groups are not. She also challenged our club to think of a way to bring those groups to the table. Another important point was

that DEIB goes far beyond what it is stereotyped to be. We all have differences, our religions, our occupations, our experiences. If we were all the same, we would not thrive and that’s part of what makes Rotary so special.

We thank Pam for her time and imparting this wisdom on our club!



Calendar of Events

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| 5/14 | Meeting High School students Outstanding Educators noon Mid-York Library HQ | 6/4 | Luncheon Outstanding Educators noon Irish Cultural Center |
| 5/16 | Service Volunteer for Autism Walk 9 am at SUNY Poly
Contact: Selma.Lupardo@Kelbermancenter.org | 6/5 | Gala 'Service Above Self' Dinner Dance 6 pm Stanley Theatre |
| 5/20 | Board Meeting Board of Directors noon Greater Utica Chamber | 8/23 | Service Annual Charity Golf Outing noon Hidden Valley in Whitesboro |

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It was 'Stike Out Polio' day at Yankee Stadium

Rotarians from across the Northeast attended the Yankees-Orioles game May 2 at Yankee Stadium, where a portion of the proceeds (matched by the Gates Foundation) benefitted RI's efforts to eradi-

cate Polio. Utica Rotarian Joe Abraham was among those in attendance.

Over \$20K was raised for PolioPlus!



Yankee Stadium paid a tribute to Star Wars in anticipation of Star Wars Day during Rotary's 'Strike Out Polio' Day. INSET: Utica Rotarian Joe Abraham with CNY Rotary President Bob Balk.

Tickets to the Gala are \$150 and include a delicious dinner from Portofino, one-hour open bar, live music by the band, *Last Left*, and a live auction. For more info, visit <https://uticarotary.org/page/service-above-self-gala-1>



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The Stanley Theatre**

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