



May 17, 2022

Rotary Club of Utica requests nominations for "Service Above Self" Award

At the Inaugural Service Above Self Gala on June 24, Rotary Club of Utica will honor deserving individuals for their community service. These individuals are nominated by the community at large.

Anyone in our community is welcome to nominate someone for this award, and the Rotary "Service Above Self Award" committee will review the nominations and make a selection. The winners will be honored guests at the Gala and receive an award.

"Many people go out of their way to help others, but few are recognized for the basic elements of kindness and caring that motivates them," says Joe Caruso, Rotary Club of Utica member. "Here's an award that does that. Our goal is to celebrate those who inspire the rest of us to be better versions of ourselves."

Criteria for the nominees are as follows. The individual(s):

- Is not a current member of a Rotary club
- Can be any age, from youth to senior citizen
- Serves the community in any one of a variety of areas, including youth or senior services, environmental services, civic services, the arts, sports, etc.
- Cannot have received monetary or other compensation for the service for which they are being honored

Nominations are due to Rotary Club of Utica by Friday, May 27, by email or mail. The nomination form is located on page 4 of this newsletter.

This Week's Program

This week is the Club's monthly social at Woodland Farm Brewery. Woodland Farm Brewery is Oneida County's first farm brewery with a focus on lagers, barrel-aged beers, and beer that tastes like beer! The taproom is family friendly with plenty of indoor and outdoor seating. Their kitchen offers fresh and delicious pub fare and comfort food, as well as New York State hard ciders, wines, and spirits.



We've also been invited to stay and participate in Thursday Trivia starting at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY | May 19 | 5-7 p.m.
Woodland Farm Brewery
6002 Trenton Rd. | Utica, NY 13502

Nominations Sought for Quiet Givers Award

The Quiet Giver Award seeks to recognize those Utica Rotarians who make significant contributions to the success of Rotary and to the community and who do so unselfishly and with humility placing service above self.

Please email nominations to Roger Breslow (breslock@roadrunner.com).

**Deadline for next newsletter (5/24) is Monday, May 23, at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**

Plan to attend Outstanding Educator Awards Program

The Outstanding Educator Award presentation event is scheduled for June 3, 2022 at Yahnundasis Golf Club beginning at 11:45 a.m. Please join us to honor area high school students and the teachers they have selected as the educators that inspire them and demonstrate the characteristics of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

A build-your-own salad buffet will be served at a cost of \$20.

For planning purposes, we respectfully ask that you let us know if you will be attending the awards program and if you will be purchasing the lunch buffet. Club member Nick Passalacqua has offered to pay for the lunches of the first 20 registrants! Please use the link below to RSVP by May 24, 2022.

Outstanding Educator Awards Program:
<https://forms.gle/87g1nud7KQ34Nn5L7>

Please contact Outstanding Educator Awards Program Chair Bart Gorman (bartgorman@roadrunner.com) with questions.

In Person! 2022 District 7150 Changing of the Guard

This year, District 7150's Changing of the Guard celebrating club and district leaders is back in person and will be held at the Great Swamp Conservancy in Canastota. The event is open to all Rotarians, and all outgoing and incoming leaders are especially encouraged to attend. It will be a fun evening with delicious food and fellowship!

Registration is required. All Rotarians and their guests must register and pay online by June 21st. The rate is \$30 per person to cover the cost of the meal. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

For additional information or to register, click:

[2022 District 7150 Changing of the Guard | District 7150 \(rotary7150.org\)](https://www.rotary7150.org/2022-District-7150-Changing-of-the-Guard)

**Rotary District 7150
58th Annual Changing of the Guard
June 30, 2022 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Great Swamp Conservancy
8375 N Main Street
Canastota, NY 13032**

Gala tickets on sale now—limited sitting available

The Inaugural Service Above Self Gala will be held Friday, June 24, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the beautiful Stanley Theatre. The Service Above Self Gala committee is working hard to bring members and the community an unforgettable red-carpet event complete with awards, delectable food by A Moveable Feast by O'Connors, and incredible dance music by Soul Injection. The best part of the Gala is that all proceeds will benefit Camp Abilities-Central Association for the Blind (CABVI), a youth development program for children that are blind or visually impaired.

Tickets are \$125 each or a table for eight can be purchased at a reduced price of \$900—that's a savings of \$100! Seating is limited so you are encouraged to get your tickets early.

Tickets can be purchased by going to the Gala event page. You can pay using a PayPal account or by credit card. After your purchase, please wait a few seconds to be redirected to the event's registration page to register yourself and any guests. If you are part of a table or part of a sponsoring group, please indicate the name of your organization or names in your party in the Tag Text or Comments section.

Gala details and ticket purchase, sponsor information, and Camp Abilities-CABVI information can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the Club website at:

[Service Above Self Gala Event](#)

Be sure to check out the Gala sponsors at the end of this newsletter. The support from these individuals and organizations is truly appreciated!

Calendar of Events

- 5/19 Club Social | Thursday | 5 p.m. | TBA
- 5/27 Program Meeting | Friday | 12 p.m. & Zoom Mid York Library System
- 6/3 Outstanding Educator Awards Program Yahnundasis Golf Club | 11:45 a.m.



'Service Above Self' Award Nomination Form

At its June 24th **Service Above Self Gala** celebration on the stage of the majestic Stanley Theatre in Downtown Utica, the Rotary Club of Utica will honor one or more deserving individuals for their community service. Anyone in our community is welcome to nominate someone for this award, and anyone (*not a current Rotary member*) can be considered for the award.

The idea behind the award is simple: many people go out of their way to help others, but few are recognized for the motivating elements of kindness and caring. Rotary's goal is to celebrate those who inspire the rest of us to be a better version of ourselves.

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Nominations are due to the Rotary Club of Utica by **May 27th**, by email or mail. A committee of Rotary Club of Utica members will review the nominations and select the winner(s). The winners will be our honored guest at the June 24th Rotary gala and receive the award.

Rotary Club of Utica's "Service Above Self" Award Nomination Form

THANK YOU for taking the time to submit your nomination for the Rotary Club of Utica's Service Above Self Award. Nominations must be received by **FRIDAY, MAY 27th**. They may be emailed (jpcaruso12@gmail.com), or mailed to Rotary Club of Utica, PO Box 8586, Utica, NY 13505.

Name of person making the nomination: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Name of the nominee (person being nominated): _____

City/Town/Village: _____

Activity or activities for which the person is being nominated: _____

Essay describing the nominee: (Please describe in 500 words or less how this person demonstrates kindness and caring in their service to members of our community. You can continue on the back of this form or add another sheet)

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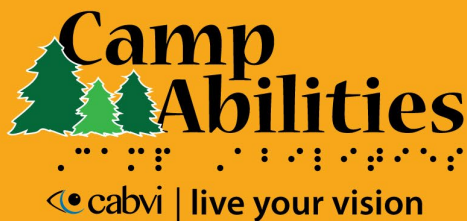
- Red Carpet With Photo
- Music By Soul Injection
- Dinner
- 1 Hour Cocktail Open Bar

\$125
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When: 6:00pm- 10:00pm, Friday June 24th 2022

Where: The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502

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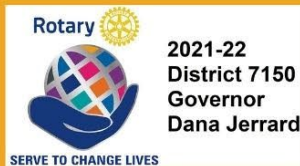


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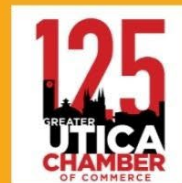
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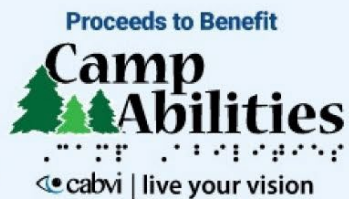
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