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Utica Rotary plants Peace Poles at Proctor High

Thanks to Rotary Club of Utica, Proctor High Poles on May 12 on the Hilton Avenue side of the school.

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"There are more than 200,000 Peace Poles across the globe at schools, parks and public spaces. And now, two of them have found a home at Proctor High School

in Utica. Together, they convey the message "May School unveiled two Peace Peace Prevail on Earth" in 15 different languages."

The initiative was brought to life by Utica As WKTV News Channel Rotary and is rooted in a tradition that began after World War II, aimed at offering a symbol of hope and reconciliation.

> **Club President Travis** Rabbers joined school staff and students for the Continued on page 2.





Deadline for next newsletter (5/26) is Saturday, May 24 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org. Editor Robert Stronach





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ceremony, along with Past President David Jones, who noted: "I hope it's a sign we can prevail through all our conflicts. All students and adults, we don't always agree on everything, but the peace pole can serve as a byway to start discussion."

Jones said he was glad to hear that Proctor students translated the peace pole messages into their native languages.

"We are honored to partner with the Rotary Club of Utica to bring these Peace Poles to our school community," Superintendent Dr. Christopher Spence told WKTV.

"They will serve as powerful, visible reminders that peace, understanding, and respect are values that unite us all—both here in Utica and across the globe."



Dave Jones presents Peace Pole Project certificate to Superintendent Christopher Spence, indicating that 10 trees would be planted in the African continent in honor of Proctor High School. Photos by Jennifer Dougherty.



PEACE POLES



Superintendent Christopher Spence and Dave Jones unveil the first of two Peace Poles. Photo / Jennifer Dougherty. BELOW: Rotarians Joe Caruso, Dave Jones, Heather Beebe and Travis Rabbers, at one of the Peace Poles.



RSVP for Outstanding Educators Awards Luncheon in June

By Travis Rabbers

One of our favorite annual events is the Outstanding Educators Awards, where we gather to hear from local students as they celebrate the wonderful educators at their schools.

The event will be Thursday, June 5 beginning at 12 p.m. It will take place at the Irish Cultural Center in their event room. There will be a lunch buffet provided. Please plan to arrive early as we expect to begin promptly at noon.

The cost for the lunch buffet is \$25. I am including a

link to register and pay through the site below. If you would like to attend and pay at the door with cash or check, please email me to let me know.

We need to give a head count to Irish Cultural Center by May 29, so please register or email me before then.

Outstanding Educators Event

https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=bf-8c9c30-b01f-4525-a7df-23ce4f6ada3f

MEETING RECAP by Travis Rabbers

As our Rotary year comes to an end, this was the last meeting at the library as both our meetings next month will be offsite. Our two students from Clinton High School returned just in time after finishing an exam earlier in the morning.

We discussed several of our upcoming events, including the highway clean-up, Outstanding Educators, Service Above Self Gala, Rotary Awards Night and the summer golf tournament. Make sure to check your email and the newsletter for registering or volunteering.

Sarah Militano from Paradigm Consulting came prepared with information and statistics on retirement, specifically pertaining to Rotary Club members. She

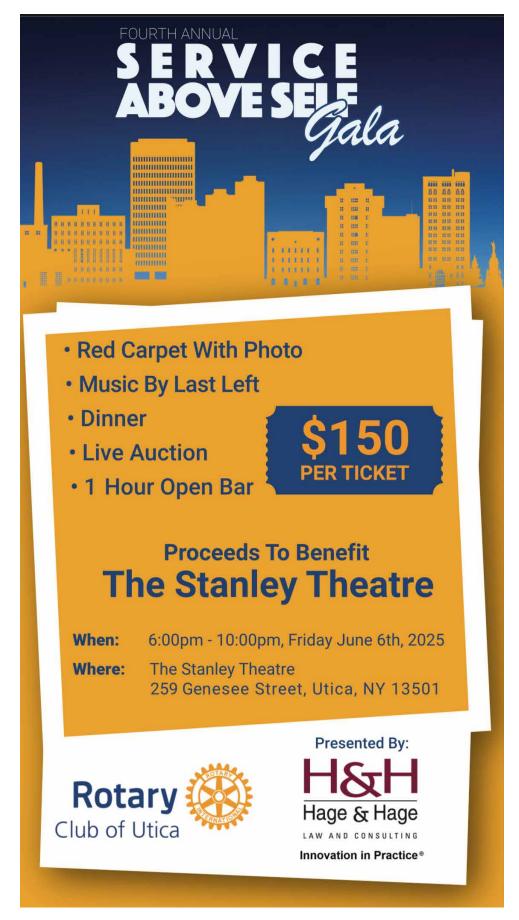


reviewed commonly asked client questions as well as a few misconceptions people have. She shares the same as our Rotary Club in terms of helping people and finding what is best for them.

Calendar of Events 6/12 **Meeting | Tour and talk** 5/21 **Meeting | Rotary Board** noon | Greater Utica Chamber noon | Children's Museum Celebration | End of Rotary Year 6/5**Meeting | Outstanding Educators** 7/2 5:30 pm | Piggy Pats pavilion **Awards Luncheon** noon | Irish Cultural Center **Service | Charity Golf Outing** 8/17 noon | Hidden Valley Course 6/6 Gala | 'Service Above Self' Gala in Whitesboro **Stanley Theatre**

Epic Day of Service: Highway Cleanup





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