



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

May 6, 2024

Munson's frontage is transforming over the summer



This landscape architect's rendering shows the transformation taking place at Munson. It was part of John Murphy's presentation at last Thursday's meeting. See PAGE 3.

NY Mills and Notre Dame students joined us again

Some talented students joined us again last Thursday, this time NY Mills' Frank Calhoun (a future physical therapist) and Notre Dame's Sara Aung (who has eyes on the U.S. Navy). See PAGE 2.

Deadline for next newsletter (5/13) is Saturday, May 11 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach



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MEETING RECAP

Rotarians hear from NY Mills and Notre Dame students

By Joe Abraham

Our club was once again joined by some talented senior students at Thursday's meeting, this time hearing from NY Mills' Frank Calhoun and Notre Dame's Sara Aung.

Calhoun, NY Mills' Class of 2024 president, is involved in many community activities, from cleanups and blood drives, to helping coach youth sports. He is a talented athlete himself, excelling in four sports. In indoor track, he has been a section champion for the past two years.

He plans on attending SUNY Brockport (where he will also continue his athletic career) to study kinesiology, before continuing his education at SUNY Upstate, with the goal of becoming a physical therapist. Calhoun noted that he enjoys

volunteering locally, since he has grown up here, wanting to do his part to help his community.

Aung, who played tennis and is a member of the cheerleading team at Notre Dame, said that sports have taught her the importance of teamwork. She is heavily involved in Junior ROTC, calling it a very important part of her life. She said it helped her learn self-discipline and that it is ok to make mistakes, and to learn from them.

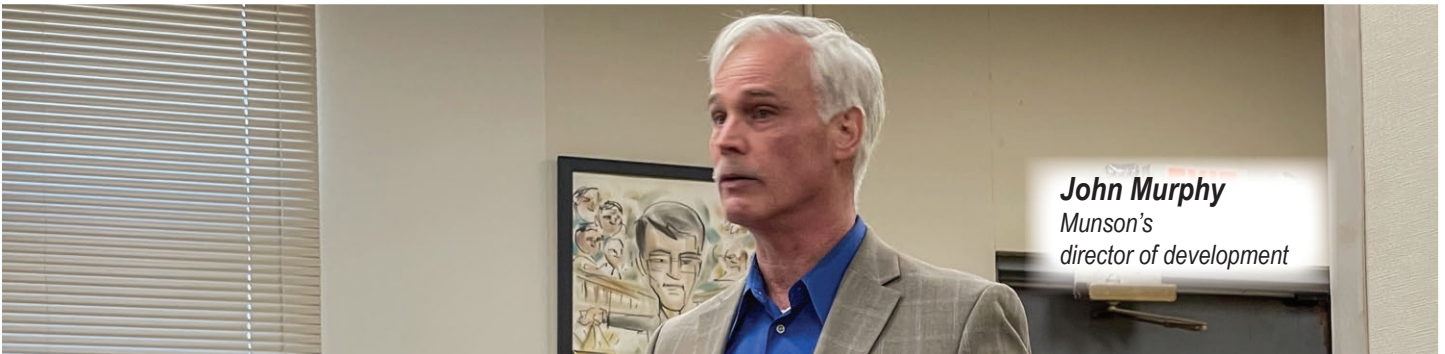
ROTC will continue to be a constant for Aung when she attends Penn State University this fall. After graduating from college, Aung plans to join the Navy, serving in a medical role, and wants to be an inspiration to others.



Calendar of Events

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| 5/15 | Board Greater Utica Chamber
Noon | 6/6 | Meeting Outstanding Educators
noon Five Points Irish Pub |
| 5/16 | Meeting Mary Stronach on Africa
noon Mid-York Library | 6/7 | Service Above Self Gala
6:00 – 11:00 pm The Stanley |
| 5/23 | Club Social Green Onion Pub
5:30 pm | | |

MEETING RECAP



Munson's interior beauty extending outside

By **Bob Stronach**

The Munson, renowned for the beauty of art in its museum, is extending its beauty to a more welcoming exterior as it transforms the Genesee Street frontage from Cottage Street on the north to the historic Fountain Elms on the south side of its property.

John Murphy, the featured speaker at last Thursday's meeting, explained that the transformation was made possible by a grant from Utica's Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The goal, noted Munson's director of development, is to:

- create a more welcoming frontage.
- enhance public access and green space.
- make it community centered and accessible.
- facilitate arts-based programming.
- enhance appeal and safety.

Thus, the project, which started

in April and will be substantially completed by November, features a number of landscaping improvements.

When the current art museum opened back in 1960, trees lined Genesee Street in front of the property. Over the decades they succumbed to disease. Restoring that look with the planting of trees will be one of the more visible features of the project, along with improved access to the property adjacent to Fountain Elms.

MEETING RECAP



From inspirational message to updates and announcements

President Linda Iannone began last Thursday's meeting with an inspirational message.

"My quote today is from Motivational speaker Michael Altshuler," she said. "To get people to hear what you say, speak from the head; to get people to feel what you say, speak from the heart." "Last weekend at the Multi-District Rotary Conference, Ramesh Ferris was our morning speaker and he spoke from the heart. Ramesh is a Polio Survivor who resides in Whitehorse, Yukon. He was crippled by the disease in India and given up for adoption. He was adopted by a family in Alaska.

"He has shared our Rotary End polio message with countless heads of state and other world leaders including:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Former Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki Moon, The Director General of the World

Health Organization Dr. Adhanom Tedros, as well as Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, & His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

"Each week we donate money to the End Polio Now campaign. But when you see firsthand how important it is, it is very inspirational. Toward the end of his talk, he said, 'Team Work Makes The Dream Work'. Together we make a difference."

Announcements

1. Our next meeting will be May 16 where students from Clinton School will again visit us. Our speaker that day will be Mary Stronach. She will be speaking about her recent trip to Africa.

2. The Rotary social will be May 23 at the Green Onion Pub on Genesee St in South Utica.

3. The meeting on June 6 will be at Five Points Irish Pub and will pay tribute to our Outstanding Educators. The cost is \$25/

person and there will be a delicious lunch!

4. Remember to sign up for the Boilermaker Water Station if you plan to work that day. Clyde Vanderpool is the coordinator for this and he can assist you if needed.

5. Tina Pavlot organized a road cleanup day last Saturday and a lot of road clean-up was accomplished. Dave Jones has written to the mayor about a plan to engage some of the businesses in the neighborhoods by the arterial to do their own part in keeping the city clean.

6. The Rotary Gala is shaping up quite nicely. We are still looking for sponsors and we encourage members to sign up soon to insure a seat on the beautiful Stanley stage! I hope you have seen the great ad that Stephen Turnbull put together for airing on WUTR.



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SERVICE ABOVE SELF Gala



- Red carpet
- LIVE music by Soul Injection
- Seated dinner on Stanley stage
- 1 hour of cocktail open bar

When:

Friday June 7th 6-11pm

Where:

The Stanley Theatre
259 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13502

Gala Presented By:



Proceeds to benefit:



Purchase tickets @uticarotary.org



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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Gala



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Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000

- Presenting Name
- 8 Tickets (table included)
- Promotional video on plus.com business
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- Logo & name recognition at event
- Social media thank you

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