

# Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

May 8, 2023

## Program notes: from gala to awards

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, QUIET GIVER, OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

President Tina Pavlot kicked off the May 4th program meeting with an “inspiring message of the day.”

In recognition of Small Business Week, she quoted: “Your smile is your logo; your personality is your business card; how you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark.”

SHE MADE SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our **Service Above Self Gala** on June 9th is already a third sold out! Nominations for the Service Above Self award are due by Monday (May 8).
- At our gala this year we will once again honor two outstanding individuals with a **Paul Harris** and **Quiet Givers Award**.

Paul Harris founded Rotary. The Paul Harris Fellow recognizes individuals who have donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. It has been a tradition in our club to also award a member of our club who truly embodies our values, contributing to the success of our club. The Quiet Givers award is for those who have good attendance and are active in programs and projects. Both

truly embody Service Above Self. ***It is my honor to announce that this year’s Paul Harris Fellow goes to Bob Stronach and the Quiet Givers Award to Tom Webb.***

- Our **Outstanding Educators Awards** will be held June 1st at the Yahnundasis
- Our **service project** this month is Saturday, May 13th. We’ll be doing our annual spring cleanup along the arterial. Please contact PP Stephen Turnbull to sign up.
- Our **next program** will be Thursday, May 18th. We’ll hear from Chip of **Health Friends Incorporated** as well as our **Rotaract student, Thaw**.
- Our **social event** this month will be Thursday, May 25 at the Saranac Biergarten where hopefully we can enjoy the outdoors.

Tina turned the podium over to Outstanding Educators Program Chair Bart Gorman, who introduced Notre Dame student Maggie Trinkaus. After that, Tina introduced program speaker Rev. Carol Jubenville. *See PAGE 3.*



Deadline for next newsletter (5/15) is Sunday, May 14 at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

Editor Robert Stronach





## Volunteer for the Rotary water station

Rotarian Drew DeBlasiis is charging the Rotary water station for the Boilermaker Road Race on Sunday, July 9. He is looking for volunteers to help hand out water to runners as they pass the Parkway Rec Center. Contact him at: [ddeblasiis1@mtb.com](mailto:ddeblasiis1@mtb.com) or (315) 955-4628.

Also, volunteers are required to register with the Boilermaker. Below are instructions for registering.

Click on the link below.

Scroll down to find your committee (WS-Utica Rotary). Then click on Volunteer.

If you have used RunSignUp in the past, sign in as a Registered User. If you are new to RunSignUp, fill out the New User form.

In both areas fill out all the information

Click on Continue and complete the information on the next page. Click Submit. Your Coordinator will be notified that you have registered.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/NY/Utica/Boilermaker>

### Calendar of Events

- 5/13 Service | Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup  
9 am | Route 12 arterial
- 5/17 Board Meeting|  
Noon | Greater Utica Chamber
- 5/18 Program | Health Friends Inc.  
Noon | Mid-York Library
- 5/25 Social | Saranac Biergarten  
5 pm |
- 6/1 Program | Outstanding Educators  
Noon | Yahnundasis Golf Club

### Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on arterial

The biannual Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup will be on Saturday, May 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. Our area is the east side of Route 12 (arterial) between Court Street and Burrstone Road. High-visibility vests and hard hats (required by the DOT) will be provided as well as grabbers. Please wear gloves and closed-toe shoes/boots.

We will meet at 9 a.m. in the McQuade & Bannigan parking lot by the railroad tracks, next to the arterial. The more people we have, the faster we can finish! To volunteer, please email PP Stephen Turnbull at [stephen@t5insurance.com](mailto:stephen@t5insurance.com).



## 'I'm the mother of Jesus'

Mary, the mother of Jesus, visited the club on Thursday, May 4.

Actually, her name is Maggie Trinkaus, and she related how she played Mary during a campus ministry event.

"I'm the mother of Jesus; it's a big role," she laughed.

As part of the Outstanding Educators Program, Maggie visited from Notre Dame Jr.-Sr. High School, along with fellow junior, Isiah Sexton.

In addition to playing three varsity sports, and traveling around the northeast on a

softball team, Maggie is the supply officer for the Naval Junior ROTC program, which means, "I'm in charge of over \$750,000 worth of government equipment."

She hopes to get into St. John Fisher College and pursue a career in pediatrics as a nurse practitioner or physician. She's open to doing that in the U.S. Navy.

Maggie was selected to be master chief of the JROTC contingent next fall, and Isiah was chosen to be the NJROTC commanding officer.



## Journey: an ecumenical video series

"I'm honored to meet you foks," program speaker Rev. Carol Jubenville told the Notre Dame students immediately after being introduced by President Tina Pavlot. "You're amazing."

Rev. Carol, Methodist pastor, has devoted much of her ministry to spiritual wellness of the elderly. Concerned about isolation of residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, Rev. Carol spearheaded an effort to bring moments of spiritual messages to individuals and groups via video and web.

An ecumenical effort without regard to denomination,

the project became known as "The Journey – Shepherding God's People." It consists of a free series of 15-minute video discussions between her and Fr. John Buehler, former pastor of Historic St. John's Church, along with a blog and a Bible study centered around a scriptural passage mentioned in their video discussion.

The project is funded by the St. Joseph Pastoral Care Board, with money donated by the Carmelite Sisters after St. Joseph Nursing Home in Utica was sold.

"The program is growing. We're in 28 counties right now."

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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 9th 6-10pm

**Where:**

The Stanley Theatre  
259 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY 13502



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