



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT STEPHEN TURNBULL

Fellow Rotarians,

What an amazing weekend for Utica Rotary! I am happy to report that we raised \$2,865 for our Pin Down Polio event. Thank you to North-Utica Whitestown, New Hartford and Rome Rotary clubs for joining us in the cause! With the match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this will be \$8,598 raised for Polio Plus! Photos to come!



Following this great event, eight Utica Rotarians traveled out to Syracuse to support our own Governor Dana Jerrard for our annual District Conference. Thank you to PDG Don Reese, PP David Jones, PP Ken Williams, PP Joe Caruso, PP Jim Turnbull, PE Tina Pavlot and Heather Beebe for joining us all for a great day of fellowship. Kudos to Governor Dana for having the Rotary International President Elect, Jennifer Jones, come speak at the conference! As the soon to be first EVER female Rotary International President, it was an honor to hear her speak in our own backyard.

As we look ahead, I have some exciting news to share with the club! Something we have been working on at a board level recently has been a home for our Friday meetings. I am happy to share with you, with great help from our own Darby O'Brien, the Mid York Library System has opened their doors to us for our Friday meetings. This is a great location for us that provides many benefits that will allow us to serve our members in a much better and consistent manner.

So, going forward we will plan our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at the Mid York Library location. As a club, we understand that some members cannot make our in-person meetings and are still not yet 100% comfortable attending in person. This location will provide us a great opportunity to provide a Zoom capacity for all of our Friday programs.

We will be able to park in the Mid York parking lot on either side of the building. They advise to not park on the street. One of the gates on either side of the building will be open to parking at all times for our meeting. Mask are REQUIRED when in the building, unless you are speaking at the podium, or eating and drinking.

**1st & 3rd Friday Program Location:
Mid York Library System | 1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502**

Please join us on Friday, November 5th, to hear New Hartford native Chris Heilmann, former Chairman and CEO of Merrill Lynch Trust Company and recently retired Vice Chairman of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, share his vivid experiences as he escaped the World Trade Center on 9/11. As we remember the 20th anniversary of this tragic event, you will find Chris's first-hand account both informative and interesting.



If you have any questions on the above information, please reach out to me!

YIRS, Stephen J. Turnbull

**Deadline for next newsletter (11/9) is Monday, November 8, at noon;
submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org**

Volunteers needed to help plant trees on November 16

Proceeds from the Rotary Club of Utica Tees for Trees golf tournament held in August have been used to purchase 17 trees for 15 Utica families. These trees need to be planted before the weather turns too cold. The City of Utica will auger the holes and leave mulch and stake wires, but volunteers are needed to plant the trees, stake, and mulch.

Planting will take place on Tuesday, November 16, starting at 9 a.m., rain or shine. Three teams of three to four persons are needed. With at least nine volunteers, planting should be done by noon.

Volunteers will meet at 922 Saratoga Street, at which time they will be given an orientation on planting and then break into three groups to plant about five trees at three residences. No heavy lifting is involved; volunteers should bring gloves, rake, shovel, and mallet or hammer.

If you would like to help, please email Dave Jones at:

davidjones0422@gmail.com

Help keep area teens warm this winter

Rotary Club of Utica member Elizabeth Nassar has organized a winter coat drive for area teens. Elizabeth is requesting donations of gently used winter coats to help the teens of The Underground Café, an organization focused on refugees and underserved teen populations. Elizabeth has worked with the organization for a number of years. She says "The Underground Cafe Teen Center aspires to transform the experiences and perceptions of teens in Utica by creating venues for leadership, civic engagement, and creative expression." Additional information may be found at:

<http://www.usshealthystudents.org/>

Donations of a clean, gently worn coat can be made before November 15 to Elizabeth Nassar, 207 Hartford Place, Utica; at a Rotary meeting; or at Turnbull Insurance, 600 French Road.

Calendar of Events

- 11/5 Program Meeting | Noon & Zoom
Christian Heilmann; 9/11 account
- 11/12 Service Project | 9:30 a.m.
Flags for Heroes flag pick-up
- 11/19 Program Meeting | Noon & Zoom
Adam Pawlick; Utica Comets
- 11/25 Service Project | TBD
Thanksgiving meal delivery

Internship application deadline extended

Rotaract Committee Chair Elizabeth Nassar announced that the deadline to apply for Rotaract college internships is extended to November 15, 2021.

Paid internships are being offered by the Rotary Club of Utica, in partnership with area businesses. Applications for the spring and fall semesters of 2022 must be submitted electronically. The application form is available at uticarotary.org/page/internship-application.

For additional information, contact the Rotaract Committee at:

<https://uticarotary.org/page/contact-rotaract>

Volunteers needed to pick up Flags for Heroes flags

One of this month's scheduled club service projects is to pick up and load 1,000 flags and pieces of rebar that were installed along Utica's Memorial Parkway for Flags for Heroes 2021. Volunteers are needed on Friday, November 12, at a to be determined time in the morning. To volunteer please contact P Stephen at stephen@turnbull-insurance.com.

The Good News Center invites everyone to the Flags for Heroes 2021 Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, November 6, inside the Parkway Center starting at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony will recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the 30th Anniversary of Desert Storm and the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. After the ceremony, everyone will walk out to the field for a candlelight blessing, a 21-gun salute, and the playing of Taps.



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