



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

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Leanne Hahn to discuss foster care program

Our program speaker this Thursday is Leanne Hahn from Cayuga Centers.

“I am currently the Foster Home Recruiter and Licensor for our Treatment Family Foster Care Program in the Mohawk Valley,” she explains, noting: “I started my professional career years ago and discovered a passion for helping children and families in need. I have been fortunate to have worked in different aspects of human and

family services over the years and have continued to learn and grow in my knowledge and passion for helping others in my community. I joined the Cayuga Centers team in December of 2022.”

The meeting gets underway at noon at Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

Past District Governors Don Reese and Dana Jerrard will also speak, briefing the club on the CNY Rotary Foundation’s Legacy Celebration.



Leanne Hahn

Utica Rotarians plant 40 trees around city

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MEMBER MINUTE by Tina Pavlot

CNY Rotary is now offering monthly membership webinars so new members can learn more about Rotary. [Member Orientation Webinar | CNY Rotary](#)

Deadline for next newsletter (11/11 is Saturday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach



Tree-mendous effort leads to milestone

By Joe Abraham

Some 29 Utica Rotarians and friends broke up into groups to plant another 40 trees across the city on Saturday, as part of the Urban Tree Planting project, a cooperative program with The Unitarian Universalist Church, Rotary Club of Utica, and the City of Utica Parks Department.

Following Saturday's success, the project has now planted an impressive total of 100 trees since its inception.

"Thank you to all of our volunteers for their incredible work," said PP Dave Jones, who leads our club's involvement in this project. "Driving down James Street and seeing the newly planted trees filled me with pride, knowing that future generations will benefit from our efforts. It's service like this that makes me proud to be a Rotarian. Great job, everyone!"

The Urban Tree Planting Proj-

ect offers trees (delivered and planted) to homeowners in the City of Utica at no cost. Homeowners must care for the trees for at least five years.

This grant-funded initiative aims to enhance property values, improve air quality by reducing carbon emissions, provide shade to lower summer heat, and contribute to reducing crime in urban areas.



URBAN TREE PLANTING PROJECT



Utica Rotary represented at area visit

By Joe Abraham

Last Tuesday, CNY President Lizzy Martin came to town for her Areas 2 and 3 visit in conjunction with a fundraiser called Pints for Polio, which took place at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit.

October 24 is World Polio Day, and around this time of year many clubs organize fundraisers to support RI's efforts to eradicate this horrible disease.

The area visit was a fun time, as Rotarians enjoyed fellow-

ship, good food and karaoke. They were from the following clubs - Greater Utica Sunrise, North Utica-Whitestown, Rome, Utica, Hamilton, New Hartford, Oriskany Falls, and Sauquoit. A portion of the alcohol sales was also donated to the cause.

Another highlight from the evening was a special appearance by the Purple Pinkie (photo below right), the alter ego of Sauquoit Rotarian Randy

Wilson, a true champion in RI's fight against Polio.

Utica Rotary was well-represented at the event, with President Travis Rabbers, Treasurer and PP Darby O'Brien, PP Dave Jones, PDG Don Reese, PDG Dana Jerrard, PP Jim Turnbull, PP Linda Iannone, PP Joe Caruso, PP Ken Williams, Irene D'Onofrio, and myself, in attendance.



New Member Proposed: Virat Khane

The board proposes Virat Khane for membership to the Rotary Club of Utica. Per by-laws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Secretary Jill Koch.

Virat Khane is a graduate student at Utica University in the MBA program for health care administration and management.

He comes from India where he worked as a clinical administrative coordinator at Dr. S.I. Srivastava Nursing Home in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh. Before that he worked as a pharmacist at New Kuber Hospital in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Virat graduated from Uttaranchal University with a Bachelor of Pharmacy, Pharmaceuticals and Drug Design in May 2022.

He describes himself as “a dedicated clinical administrative coordinator with two years of experience in the healthcare industry.”

He adds: “Through my work, I have successfully increased patient satisfaction



by 99% implementing efficient scheduling practices. I am committed to providing exceptional administrative support and contributing to the overall success of the clinical team.”

Calendar of Events

11/7	Meeting Leanne Hahn, Cayuga Centers Don Reese & Dana Jerrard noon Mid-York Library	11/21	Meeting Tour of Wynn Hospital led by Patricia Charvat 11:30 am
11/12	Service ‘Flags for Heroes’ takedown 9:30 am Memorial Parkway	12/5	Meeting Mid-York Library noon
11/14	Social Grow Brewery 5 pm Memorial Parkway	12/11	Event ‘Not So Silent Night’ auction 6-7:30 Fort Schuyler Club