



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

Nov. 6, 2023

Utica Rotary salutes our veterans



By Joe Abraham

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Utica Rotary President Linda Iannone started Thursday's meeting by asking for a moment of silence for our veterans as Veterans Day is right around the corner. We thank all veterans for their service to our country.

Several members of our club will be assisting in the Flags for Heroes effort along the Parkway, volunteering to take them down

on Monday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. Flags and rebar will be loaded onto a truck and transported to The Good News Center. There will be a hot lunch available for all volunteers after the group is done unloading flags. It's quite the effort, and more volunteers are always welcome.

If interested, email President Linda (ianlinhope51@gmail.com).
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District governor puts focus on the future

District Governor Elise Hereth visited Utica Rotary Nov. 2, discussing Rotary's areas of focus as well as what's in store for the new consolidated district. See Page 3.

photos by Joe Abraham

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

Editor Robert Stronach

Meeting recap: Utica Rotary salutes veterans

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Remaining on the subject of veterans, our club was delighted by the presence of Utica Rotarian Bob Dellecese and his partner Joanna Longo. Bob thanked the club for the warm welcome, and referenced some of his recent health challenges. We're glad he is feeling better and it was so great to see him and Joanna!

MEETING BRIEFS

- President Linda shared a passage from the November issue of the Rotary magazine that read, "While we, as Rotarians, are seeking new members all the time, it is important that we engage our members to participate in our service projects. What we should not overlook is that we can also promote volunteerism for non-members. It may lead to membership, but often, people look to engage in a one-and-done project. How do we attract those volunteers? First, identify areas of concern in the community and promote it to other organizations or businesses. Make it a hands-on experience that has tangible benefits and make it fun. Last, make it convenient for people during times that are different from working hours."

- OUR SOCIAL OUTING for the month will take place on November 15 at the Sculpture Space, where an event we are sponsoring is being held. We'll get to meet with artists and encourage fellow Utica Rotarians to invite prospective members to attend.

- THE "NOT SO SILENT NIGHT" Auction and Party Committee recently met to

review nominations as to whom the event should benefit. The chosen recipient was *Midtown Utica Community Center*. The event will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at 72 Tavern at the Adirondack Bank Center. Stay tuned for more details!

- Our club will participate in a SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING on December 16 at Chanatry's. We are looking for members and their families to volunteer for at least one hour. President Linda will have a sign-up sheet for the Dec. 16th event. *There's a press conference scheduled for November 16 at the Stanley Theatre announcing this year's Red Kettle Campaign.* President Linda has been chosen as the campaign's Honorary Chairperson. The Salvation Army is also looking for volunteers to help pack food boxes for seniors for the holidays.

- OUR NEXT MEETING is November 16 and Utica Rotarian/Past DG Don Reese will be speaking about the Rotary Foundation. There will be NO meetings on November 23 or 30, in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Dr. Roger Breslow gives his club news update

DG outlines RI priorities, exciting future

By Joe Abraham

District Governor (7150) and Vernon-Verona-Sherill Rotarian Elise Hereth was the guest speaker at Thursday's meeting. She shared some of Rotary International President Gordon McInally's areas of focus, as well as what lies ahead in the district's future, most notably the coming together of multiple districts to form CNY Rotary.

With each RI President comes a unique vision and focus for the good Rotary can do in the world. Some of the areas outlined by RI President Gordon McInally, as described by DG Elise, include promoting peace in the world, continuing to work towards the eradication of Polio, and a focus on Mental Health, eliminating the stigma associated with it.

Speaking of the latter, DG Elise shared a story of her husband's recent stroke. Thankfully he has since recovered, but she explained how important the support she received from family and friends was during the process. She encouraged Utica Rotarians to check in on friends and neighbors; just asking how they are doing can have a big impact.

CNY ROTARY

DG Elise reminded Utica Rotarians of the upcoming launch of CNY Rotary (7180) and shared what the new district's vision will be: "CNY Rotary unites, educates, and inspires people in our communities to take action and create lasting change."

Baldwinsville Rotarian Lizzy Martin



Utica Rotary President Linda Iannone and District 7150 Governor Elise Hereth. Photos by Joe Abraham.

will serve as CNY Rotary's first president (a change from DG), followed by Moravia Rotarian Robert Balk, who will lead the district in the 2025-26 Rotary Year. CNY Rotary is currently searching for a president for the 2026-27 Rotary year. DG Elise said one of the advantages of a larger district are stronger committees, and she encouraged Utica Rotarians to consider joining one.

She concluded her remarks by sharing a vignette by American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead, who believed that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thigh bone) that had been broken and then healed. When people experience that, they need someone to bring them food and water, as well as bind their wounds.

Reflecting on this view of civilization, of helping someone through a difficulty or challenge, DG Elise said, "That's what Rotary does."

MORE MEETING PHOTOS



DG Elise Hereth speaks with Past President Dana Jerrard prior to Thursday's meeting. Photos by Joe Abraham.



President Linda hangs the banner given to her by DG Elise Hereth following her presentation.

Not So 2023

SILENT NIGHT

GIFT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 7th
6:00-7:30PM

72 TAVERN & GRILL
400 ORISKANY ST W
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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Calendar of Events

11/15 Board Meeting
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

11/16 Meeting | PDG Don Reese
Rotary Foundation
noon | Mid-York Library

11/15 Board Meeting
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

11/15 Social | 'Artists Works in Progress'
| Sculpture Space

11/16 Kickoff | Salvation Army Kettles
2 pm | press conf. at Stanley

12/7 Auction | "Not So Silent Night"
6 pm | 72 Tavern

12/16 Service | Salvation Army Kettle
12-6 | Chanatry's

12/20 Board Meeting
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

ART IN ACTION.



Phil Peters • Mrin Aggarwal • Austin Sapien • Omid Skekari • Nneka Kai

You're Cordially Invited to Our Open Studio Event

Please join us for an extraordinary evening as we open our studio doors to the public, featuring the talented artists of Sculpture Space's Fall 2023 artist residency program.

Date: Wednesday, November 15th

Time: 5-7 PM

Location: 12 Gates Street, Utica, New York
Admission is free, and all ages are welcome.

WORKS IN PROGRESS- This is not your ordinary gallery exhibition; it's a chance to see the artists creative process, in studio, and through their eyes.

Thank you to **The New York State Council on the Arts, The Bank of Utica, and Saranac Brewery** for helping to make this event possible.

And a very special thank you to tonight's gracious hosts the **Rotary Club of Utica.**

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One Artist At A Time