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Utica Rotary Hub



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Rotarians help set up 'Flags for Heroes'

by TINA PAVLOT

Rotarians joined volunteers and local ROTC students in setting up flags for The Good News Foundation's 12th annual *Flags For Heroes*.

Service Above Self is more than a Rotary motto. It's a value we see reflected throughout our community. *Flags For Heroes 2026* is a beautiful example of that spirit, honoring active-duty military members, veterans, fallen service members, and first responders who have dedicated themselves to serving others.

As Rotarians, we're especially moved by the values this event represents: service, gratitude, community, and coming together for something bigger than ourselves.

Proud to see our community recognize those who truly embody *Service Above Self*.



Rotarians Tina Pavlot, Gina Trzepacz-Timpano and Terry DeLude.

Utica Rotarians at Foundation Luncheon

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Rotary Club of Utica

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New Member Proposed: Juli Palamara

The board proposes Juli Palamara for membership to Rotary Club of Utica. Per bylaws, club members have five days to submit a written objection to Secretary Matt



Juli Palamara a NYS Licensed Funeral Director at Friedel, Williams and Edmunds Funeral and Cremation Services and a 2022 Mortuary Science graduate from American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service.

Raised in Canastota attending Canastota Central Schools, Juli currently resides in New Hartford with "my husband Isiah, our cats, and dog Appa."

In her spare time, she says, "I love camping with family and friends, swimming, puzzles, crocheting, reading."

She adds: "I'm very excited to have the opportunity to join Rotary. I've grown up in a family that is heavily involved in the Canastota community, and volunteering is something I find great pleasure and purpose in. Being newer to the Utica/New Hartford area, I am also excited to have the opportunity to meet new folks!"

Calendar of Events

11/12 **Service | Flags for Heroes takedown**

11/19 **Social | Mangia Macrina**
5:30 pm | 470 French Rd, Utica
Reserved Rotary seating; complimentary salad with purchase of fav pizza & beverage

12/9 **Service | "Not So Silent Night" Auction**
6-8 pm | Portofino's Restaurant

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Wear Something Cool, Promote Rotary, Too.

Check out our Utica Rotary merchandise at the online store:

https://maxsprintshopstores.com/rotary_club/shop/home

MEETING RECAP: REVITALIZING CORNHILL

by TINA PAVLOT

Jessica Amber King of the The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties hosted our monthly program at the Cornhill Empowerment Center.

Exciting things are happening in Utica's Cornhill neighborhood!

Did you know that the Cornhill neighborhood has a population of nearly 14,000? Some 25 not-for-profits also call it home.

The Cornhill Revitalization Project is bringing together community partners to create new opportunities and renewed vibrancy, with 100+ new apartments, 40,000 square feet of commercial space, and two newly constructed impact centers.

It's inspiring to see continued investment in our community and in the people who make Utica such a special place. Learn more about the project here: https://www.revitalizecornhill.com/





Last week's program meeting had "a great turnout!" reports President Heather Beebe. "It was an excellent meeting. "We even got a photo" of the group holding images of "Patrick Johnson and Rev. Franklin Up-thegrove, a former Rotarian."

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE: SHARE CORNHILL MEMORIES

by TINA PAVLOT

The Cornhill Revitalization Project is looking to collect neighborhood history. They hosted us last week for our monthly program. Many Rotarians had fond memories to share! The Cornhill Art and History committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m. Please consider attending and sharing your memories at their next meeting, November 18.

Cornhill Empowerment Center
230 James Street, Utica
Parking available behind the building







'Not So Silent Night' Auction coming Dec. 9

Our 7th annual "Not So Silent Night" Gift Auction will take place Wednesday, December 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Portofino Restaurant in the upstairs event space.

This is a live auction. People are encouraged, but not required, to bring a wrapped gift that we then auction off to the highest bid. The wrapped gift should include a clue and the value. The clue can be something along the lines of "this is for a couple and a night out" or "this is for a family with kids."

This year all funds raised will benefit our own Rotary Club of Utica, so we would love to see everyone attend! There is no cost to attend, and please invite anyone you would like. The restaurant does need to know how many plan to attend, so please use the link below to register. The restaurant will offer a limited food menu.

Link to register

https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.

Utica Rotarians at District's Foundation Luncheon

by JOE ABRAHAM

Utica Rotary was well represented at the district's Foundation Luncheon at the Roselawn in New York Mills on Saturday. Pictured are Utica Rotarians Mia DeBernardis, President-Elect Joe Abraham, PPs Don Reese, Dana Jerrard, Linda Iannone and Ralph Imundo.

Don is in the final year of his term as the district's Foundation chair, during which time fundraising efforts have had great success. Don and district leadership, paired with the generosity of Rotarians across CNY, had raised over a million dollars in seven weeks for the Foundation during the inaugural year of CNY Rotary in 2024-25.

November is Foundation Month in Rotary. Not only is the money in the Foundation used to support many causes, a good percentage comes back to the district and to clubs in the form of grants, supporting meaningful initiatives.

Also pictured is Don addressing the crowd, and Dana, CNY Rotary Secretary and International Service Chair, who served in an emcee role for the event (page 1 photo).





Utica Rotary PRESENTS:

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Boots on the Ground with Utica Rotary

A virtual Fundraiser

In support of Mother Marianne's Boutique, we are collecting boots OR a tax deductable donation so we can buy them. **You pick!**

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