

October 10, 2022

This Week's Program

HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROJECT



This week we participate in a service project to clean up a portion of the Route 12 Arterial in downtown Utica. Our biannual Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup is on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. Our area to clean up is the east side of the arterial between Court Street and Burrstone Road.

We have high-visibility vests and hard hats (required by the DOT) as well as grabbers. Please wear gloves and closed-toe shoes/boots.

We will all 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 the cleanup!

To volunteer, please email PP Stephen Turnbull by noon Friday, October 14, at stephen@t5insurance.com.

Big 'Welcomes' to Heather, Jerry

A couple of big welcomes highlighted the Oct. 6th meeting of the Rotary Club of Utica.

President Tina Pavlot introduced new member Heather Agricola Evans, who is vice president of development at the Arc Oneida Lewis and co-owner, with her husband, of Sin City Cigar Club.



Also, members gave a standing-ovation welcome to District Governor Jerry Sequin, who briefed the club on the district's focus on child health care, literacy, and the environment, especially clean water and tree planting.

Bowl to Pin Down Polio

Get a team together to raise some fun and money with Area 2 and 3 Rotary clubs for Rotary's Polio-Plus program. Sponsorships are also available. Pin Down Polio is set to roll on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. at VISTA Bowlig Center in New York Mills. The cost is \$30 per person for a five to six person team. Contact PP Stephen Turnbull to sign up: stephen@t5insurance.com.



Deadline for next newsletter (10/17) is Sunday, October 16, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Come out for urban tree planting Nov. 5

by Michelle Brandstadt

Thanks to the efforts of Dave Jones (district grant) and Jerry Kraus (golf tournament), the club was able to purchase 27 trees for the Utica Rotary Tree Planting Project, which is in its second year.

The trees will arrive in Utica on Thursday, Nov. 3, and the city will auger the holes on Nov. 4. The trees will be planted at 26 homes throughout Utica on Saturday, Nov. 5. We need volunteers, pick-

up trucks and trailers. All volunteers will meet at the Utica Parks Department, 233 Valley View Road, on Saturday, November 5, at 9 a.m. Like last year, with enough volunteers we should be done by noon. There is NO RAIN DATE! Please bring gloves, rakes and shovels.

Rotarians, family and friends are welcome. Please confirm availability and equipment with Dave Jones at: davidjones0422@gmail.com.



You Don't Want To Miss Our

31st Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards Luncheon

**Thursday, October 20, 2022
Noon (arrive by 11:45 a.m.)**

Fort Schuyler Club
254 Genesee St. | Utica, NY

\$15 per person
***** RSVP by October 13 *****
to rmutchler@live.com

Menu

Baked Ziti, Roasted Red Potatoes w/Rosemary,
Grilled Vegetables, Mixed Garden Salad

*Please join us to honor this year's amazing
Pride Of Workmanship award recipients!*

Open to the Public
Bring a friend and be inspired!



**Pride of
Workmanship**

College students may apply for internships

Paid internships are being offered to area college students by the Rotary Club of Utica. Applications are being accepted now for the spring and fall academic semesters of 2022-23. **Deadline for applying is Nov. 1, 2022.**

Full-time college students vying for Rotaract Internships should be adaptable to working in a virtual or hybrid environment, as required by the current business and public health environment. Through paid internships with local businesses, students will be able to apply their academic knowledge in a professional setting and gain skills that will be invaluable to their future careers. In addition, area businesses will be able to evaluate students for possible future employment, thereby creating the opportunity to keep some of our best and brightest minds in the Mohawk Valley.

Applications must be submitted electronically, and are available at uticarotary.org (click on Rotaract).

If your business would like to participate, please contact the Rotaract committee at: internship@uticarotaryclub.org



Meet our newest member

by Tina Pavlot

Heather Agricola Evans is the vice president of Ddevelopment at the Arc Oneida Lewis and co-owner, with her husband, of Sin City Cigar Club.

Shortly after graduating from college with a business degree and a minor in Spanish, she began a career as a medical device rep, and spent approximately 15 years in the operating room and hospitals across the Northeast as a representative and manager for well-known companies such as J&J, Arthrex, and Stryker Orthopedics. In that time, she learned the value of driving behavior and product adoption via consensus building, listening, and education, a skill set that is applicable across various careers and personal ventures.

For the past two and a half years she has been employed at the Arc Oneida Lewis, and while her responsibilities are widespread -- including grant writing, podcasting, business development and "B2B" sales, donor cultivation and retention, fundraising and even part-time bakery manager -- she feels she has hit



her stride professionally and is immensely proud of the role she plays in helping individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities live their fullest lives. Concurrently, she co-owns Sin City Cigar Club, a non profit membership club for individuals who enjoy fine cigars and good conversation, in South Utica. This club allows 24/7 access for members to watch sports, play cards, conduct business, and enjoy the company of other members, all while enjoying a cigar.

Heather completed Leadership Mohawk Valley in June 2022, and is eager to engage more deeply with the community, and knows joining the Rotary and having that fellowship with like-minded individuals will make a difference in the Mohawk Valley.

Heather is a mother to a blended family of five children. She enjoys the outdoors, long walks and running with her dog, and spending time with her family. She is a huge Syracuse basketball fan, and as a former player, a lifelong lacrosse fan.

Come see our favorite caped crusader on Oct. 13

The Stanley is presenting a screening of the original Batman movie (1989) on October 13 at 6:30 p.m. and is offering free admission to Utica Rotary



members and families! (Doors open at 5:30.)

There will be free popcorn, a cash bar, and a costume contest (so come dressed as your favorite Batman character).

Contact Linda Iannone at

Liannonestanley@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Starring Michael Keaton as the caped crusader, this film – directed by Tim Burton – features Jack Nicholson as The Joker and Kim Basinger as Vicki Vale.

Calendar of Events

- 10/15 Service Project | Highway Cleanup | 9-11 a.m.**
- 10/19 Board Mtg. | 12 p.m. & Zoom Utica Chamber of Commerce**
- 10/20 Pride of Workmanship Awards 11:45 a.m. | Fort Schuyler Club**
- 10/26 Social | Pin Down Polio | 5-7 p.m. VISTA Bowling Center**
- 11/03 Program: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Noon, Mid-York Library System**

District Guv brings message of service

by Bob Stronach

"It's a great honor to be here" with such "a dynamic club," District Governor Jerry Sequin told Rotary Club of Utica members during his visit on Oct. 6.

He pointed to a number of past district governors coming from Utica and he hailed the service projects that club members tackle. He specifically mentioned the adopt-a-highway cleanup, the urban tree planting, and raising over \$5,000 for the Utica Zoo,

In addition to the usual topics that district governors like to emphasize, such as supporting the Rotary Foundation's charitable efforts and promoting the district conference, he said he wanted to talk about the district's focus on the environment (especially clean water and tree planting), child health care, and literacy.

"In a large portion of the world," child health care "is a serious issue," he said. The district is looking to partner with a Missouri district with a project to improve prenatal and early child health care in Tanzania.

Also, he was proud of the district working with Rotary Foundation to purchase and deliver clean water and other supplies to families in the Ukraine.

Regarding the third area the district wants to bring into focus, he noted: "Literacy in Central New York is still running around 19 percent. That's unacceptable." He added: "To be able to read and write opens so many doors."



Jerry also urged clubs to attract younger members – new blood brings new ideas – and to support one another's efforts, noting that the district can help publicize club events and activities.

After his talk, Jerry took a few moments to brief the club on the plan to merge three districts (Albany, Binghamton and our district) into one large Central New York district, probably by 2024.

Help make auction 'Not So Silent' by Tina Pavlot

Brett Shippee will chair the "Not So Silent Night" gift auction in December again this year, but he needs our help!

Those of us who have attended the last few years know how much fun it is, but if you're newer to the club, please reach out to learn more. All are encouraged to attend the event, but if you're interested in helping to organize it, please reach out to Brett at brett@upallc.com asap.

The "Not So Silent Night" gift auction is an evening for members and their family and friends to come together in the spirit of Rotary fellowship and holiday giving. All proceeds from this event benefit a charity.

