



This Week's Program by President Stephen Turnbull

If you were unable to join us last week for our 30th Annual Pride of Workmanship event—it was a HUGE success! Thank you to Roxanne Mutchler and the whole committee for planning such an amazing event for the club and our community at large!

As our world hopefully continues to work out of this pandemic, we know that this has not only provided much opportunity but also struggles for organizations like ourselves.

Since taking over from PP Israel who had a completely virtual Rotary year, I knew this year would in some sense be a “rebuild” year for our club. With that being said it has been truly amazing what our club has accomplished the last few years given our circumstances.

Over the last few weeks I have been approached by a few members with concerns about the direction of our club. Times are different, there is no doubt about it. But I know we can get back to where we were pre-pandemic and continue to “Serve To Change Lives.”

- Why haven't you been attending our meetings?
- Why haven't you been engaged with the club recently?
- What would you like to see changed with the club?
- What would make you more engaged with our club?

These are just a few of the things we would like to hear from you. Please note that this discussion will be moderated by myself, Tina Pavlot (VP) and Michelle Brandstadt (PE) in respect of all our time.

If there are specific concerns or ideas you have that may take some more discussion, please reach out to one of us individually. The purpose of this discussion is to come together as a club and brainstorm ways that we can continue to become re-engaged and involved.

I hope that you all can join us this Friday, October 22, at noon via Zoom.

Register for 3rd annual Pin Down Polio fundraiser

Pin Down Polio is back! Get a team together to raise some fun with Area 2 and 3 Rotary clubs and some money for Rotary's PolioPlus program. Sponsorships are available too. Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter for registration and sponsorship information. Let's help "End Polio Now!"

Calendar of Events

- 10/22 Club Assembly | Noon | via Zoom
- 10/29 Pin Down Polio | 5:30 p.m. | Vista Lanes
World Polio Day 2021 | Syracuse
- 10/30 Conference of Clubs | 8 a.m.
Ramada by Wyndham Liverpool/Syracuse

Deadline for next newsletter (10/26) is Monday, October 25, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org

30th Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards honors six

With over 70 people in attendance, Rotary Club of Utica held its 30th annual Pride of Workmanship Awards program on Friday, October 15, at the Delta Hotel by Marriott. Six individuals were honored for their vocational excellence by club members, coworkers, friends and family.

The 2021 award winners were:

Maria Murad Blais

Assistant District Attorney, Oneida County District Attorney Office • Nominated by DA Scott D. McNamara • Length of service: 6 years

Nominated for working many hours in excess of those required by the County. Maria's commitment to her client (The People of the State of New York) is second to none. She successfully, professionally, and ethically performs her duties at the highest of standards - all while her and her husband raise two young children.

Lieutenant Michael Burline

Utica Fire Department • Nominated by Fire Chief Scott Ingersoll • Length of service: 12 years

Nominated for showing up to every shift ready to give all-out effort. Michael helps increase the safety of workers by planning training drills, is always researching the latest technological advances within the fire service and has successfully secured \$1.5 million in grants for fire apparatus and updating valuable life-saving equipment.

Merill Constantine

Receiving Supervisor, Indium Corporation • Nominated by Rick Short • Length of service: 35 years

Nominated for consistently applying his integrity, dedication, and intelligent hard work to every task he faces. Merill's professionalism and creativity fuel Indium's ability to improve and grow. He leads the way in making insightful, long-term decisions that help the firm do things right the first time. A fiercely proud American, he is a firm believer in taking the road less travelled, the path that requires the extra effort and the hard work that some people seek to avoid.

Mallory Henderson

LPN, Hospice and Palliative Care • Nominated by Dr. Roger A. Breslow • Length of service: 10+ years

Nominated for her outstanding competence and nursing care. Mallory shows great attention to detail and thoroughness and remarkable intuitive skills that years of experience do not guarantee. She helps her clients in their end-of-life journey with a friendly demeanor and positive attitude.

Toan Nguyen

Peer Mentor, Arc Oneida Lewis Co. • Nominated by Jennifer Rabdieau • Length of service: 2 years

Nominated for being the true definition of what a Peer Mentor is. Toan completed his course work at The Arc's CollegeWorks Program at MVCC. He is compassionate, leads by example, and a dedicated employee. He is a strong advocate for the people in the homes as he supports them in their wants and dreams.

Cynthia Timins

Medic, Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps (COCVAC) • Nominated by Chief Thomas Meyers • Length of service: 6 years

Nominated for being a dedicated member of the COCVAC Team and excelling in her education and abilities. Cynthia is a leader among her peers, often taking the time to talk with co-workers to identify problems and offer solutions. She always upholds the most professionalism and takes extensive time with patients and their families.

Many thanks to:

Pride of Workmanship Committee

Stephen Turnbull, President • Roxanne Mutchler, Chair • Israel Acosta • David Bagley • Joe Caruso • Gina Ciaccia • Jennifer DePasquale • Jerry Kraus • Bill Luley • Amy Mielnicki • Dominic Passalacqua • Tina Pavlot • Don Reese • Lou Steppello • Stewart Williams

Chairs Emeriti

Stewart Williams • Lou Steppello • John Wolfe • Norma Montagnino-Gemza

Special thanks to:

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[Click to watch WKTV's coverage of event!](#)

Still time to register for World Polio Day and District Conference of Conference events *by Cheryl Matt, IPDG*

On **Friday, October 29**, we will celebrate **World Polio Day 2021**. This **multi-district event** will kick-off at 4 p.m. with a Mayor's Proclamation on the **steps of Syracuse City Hall** with Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh. The event continues at the **Ramada by Wyndham, Liverpool, New York**. Come for a special evening on conference eve to celebrate World Polio Day, honoring the decades of work Rotary has put into this effort to eradicate a deadly and debilitating disease. Celebrate with Special Guest, Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones as the keynote speaker.

4 p.m. - Mayor's Proclamation on the steps of Syracuse City Hall. ([Map](#))

5 p.m. - Cash Bar

6 p.m. - Dinner

7 p.m. - Keynote Jennifer Jones

Limited Seating - \$50/person

Register by October 25

at: <https://rotary7120.myeventscenter.com/event/2021-Empire-Multi-District-World-Polio-Day-54655>

Then on **Saturday, October 30**, our **District Conference of Clubs** will be held at the Liverpool Ramada by Wyndham - Register at: <https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=63e11b60-7831-449e-8dee-50a573eeaae5>

- A hearty breakfast and stick-to-your-ribs kind of lunch
- Socialize in the House of Friendship and reconnect with Rotary pals
- Meet two sister clubs - Fulton, NY & Fulton, MO - and hear about how the pandemic brought them together for a global project
- Honor four of our local clubs that will celebrate their 75th anniversary this year
- Get to know the mission of the District 7150 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Enjoy a virtual reunion with past Youth Exchange students
- Share club stories of successes, challenges overcome and get inspired

Consider taking advantage of the discounted hotel dates for a little Rotary getaway with the World Polio Day Gala Friday evening (separate registration above) and the conference the next day. Immerse yourself in Service Above Self for a day and a half, then be home in time for dinner on Saturday!

Current Covid-19 restrictions will be observed.

More information about World Polio Day and Conference of Clubs at:

<https://rotary7150.org/page/district-conference-2021>

History Center inducting two Rotarians *by Bob Stronach*

Jack Behrens, former Rotary Club of Utica member, is being inducted into the Oneida County Historical Hall of Fame on October 27. Jack, who died earlier this year, was a retired professor of public relations and journalism at Utica College and the author of 24 books and thousands of magazine articles.

At the same time, the Rev. Dr. Mary Webster, past president of New Hartford Rotary, is being inducted as a "Living Legend." Mary is the retired pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Hartford and an alcohol/addiction counselor.

The inductions take place during the History Center's Hall of Fame dinner, scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, at Valentino's Banquet Hall in Washington Mills. For more info, go to <https://www.oneidacountyhistory.org/>.



Rev. Dr. Mary Webster



Jack Behrens

Winter coat collection underway for area teens *by Elizabeth Nassar*

For many years, I have worked with The Underground Café, an organization focused on refugees and underserved teen populations. The Underground Café Teen Center aspires to transform the experiences and perceptions of teens in Utica by creating venues for leadership, civic engagement, and creative expression.

Programs include the following and all are free to the students and families in the Utica area:

- After school tutoring
- School breaks and summer programming
- Leadership and resiliency skills
- Service learning projects



Additional information may be found at <http://www.usshealthystudents.org/>.

The year before the pandemic, I went to the Café on one of the coldest January days where the temperatures were below zero and discovered a dozen students there without coats. When I asked the director why no one had coats she told me that this was an ongoing issue and they just didn't have any funds to help. I put out a Facebook post and was able to get over 30 coats for the Café.

Last year the Café was closed due to Covid, but now they are reopened the need is great. I would like to ask Rotary members to donate their gently used winter coats so we can make sure teens in Utica are warm this winter.

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.



Pride of Workmanship Awards Program on October 15, 2021

3rd Annual Pin Down Polio!

With Area 2 & Area 3 Rotary Clubs

Date: Friday, October 29th

WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

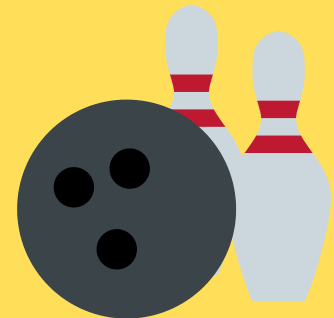
Location: Vista Lanes - 550 Oriskany Blvd
Yorkville, NY 13495

Time: 5:30pm Registration
6:00pm Start!

Cost: \$25 per person

- 3 games of bowling
- shoes included!
- 4-6 people per team

**** Bar and grill will be open ****



**All proceeds
to benefit
PolioPlus!**

Registration Deadline, 10/25/2021

To secure a lane for your team or inquire about sponsorship opportunities please contact:

Stephen Turnbull :

stephen@turnbull-insurance.com

or 315-735-9201

Stephen Karboski: stevekarbo9@gmail.com

or (315)-520-6079





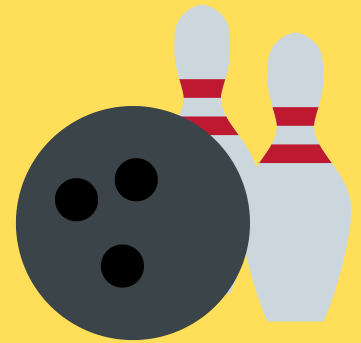
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With Area 2 & Area 3 Rotary Clubs

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Strike Sponsor: \$500(2)

- Team of 6 with shoes included!
- Name on all advertising
- Ability to provide banner to be displayed at the event
- Promotion video @ place of business



- Lane Sponsor: \$100

- Sign displayed over a lane
- You own the lane!

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Sponsorship Deadline, 10/20/2021

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