



October 26, 2021



2021 Pride of Workmanship Award Winners

(l-r) Lt. Michael Burline, Mallory Henderson, Cynthia Timins, Toan Nguyen, Merrill Constantine and Maria Murad Blais

Help keep area teens warm this winter

Rotary Club of Utica member Elizabeth Nassar has organized a winter coat drive for area teens. Elizabeth is requesting donations of gently used winter coats to help the teens of The Underground Café, an organization focused on refugees and underserved teen populations. Elizabeth has worked with the organization for a number of years. She says "The Underground Cafe Teen Center aspires to transform the experiences and perceptions of teens in Utica by creating venues for leadership, civic engagement, and creative expression." Additional information may be found at <http://www.usshealthystudents.org/>.

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.

This Week's Program

This week's social meeting is the 3rd Annual Pin Down Polio fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for Rotary International's Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

While registration for bowling has closed, we still invite everyone to stop in to visit and cheer on friends and members from Area 2 and 3 Rotary Clubs. The bar and grill will be open.

Donations to the Rotary Club of Utica Service Fund for Polio can be made at the door or online at <https://uticarotary.org/page/pin-down-polio>.

Please take note of the event's Lane Sponsors on the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

3rd Annual Pin Down Polio

**Friday | Oct. 29 | 5:30 p.m.
Vista Lane Bowling Center
550 Oriskany Blvd. | Yorkville, NY**

Grocery gift cards for refugees still needed

This year, district clubs are collecting \$25 gift cards to local grocery stores (Aldi, Price Chopper, Tops or Wegmans) to support Afghan refugee families relocating in CNY. All collected cards will be delivered the day of Conference of Clubs. The gift cards may be given to President Stephen Turnbull by dropping them off to P Stephen at Turnbull Insurance (600 French Rd., New Hartford) or at Pin Down Polio on October 29. You may also email michelle@fillableformdesigns.com to arrange pick-up of the cards. **The deadline for card collection is October 29.**

Deadline for next newsletter (11/2) is Monday, November 1, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org

Volunteers needed to help plant trees

The \$2,000 netted from the Tees for Trees golf tournament held in August has been used to purchase 17 trees for 15 Utica families. The City of Utica will be doing all the hard work, but volunteers are still needed to roll the trees into the dug holes, stake, and mulch. This work will take place in November. If you would like to help, please email Dave Jones at davidjones0422@gmail.com for more information. He will notify everyone when the planting day and time is set.

Several committees need chairpersons

Four club committees are in need of chairs— Meeting Service Team, Youth Exchange, Urban Concerns, Special Needs Holiday Party, and Rotary Foundation.

Responsibilities for the Meeting Service Team Committee Chair include recruiting volunteers and creating a weekly schedule for members to staff the reception desk and introducing the visiting Rotarians and guests. In addition, the chair makes every effort to ensure that the scheduled members are present or find a replacement.

The Youth Exchange Committee Chair is responsible for facilitating the recruitment and hosting of young people, aged 15-19, studying abroad from a few weeks to a full year as an international student and hosted by local Rotary clubs and host families.

This Urban Concerns Chair is responsible maintaining and scheduling club events as well as assisting event chairs with event details. The chair for the Special Needs Holiday Party is responsible for organizing the holiday party held for community members of The Arc Oneida-Lewis Chapter in December each year.

The role of the Rotary Foundation Committee and Chair is to develop and implement a plan to support The Rotary Foundation through participation in grant projects and activities and financial contributions.

For more information on these committees and chair responsibilities, please contact P Stephen Turnbull.

Calendar of Events

- 10/29 Pin Down Polio | 5:30 p.m. | Vista Lanes
- 10/30 Conference of Clubs
- 11/5 Program meeting – Christian Heilmann
- 11/12 Service project – Flag for Hero’s flag pickup at 9:30 a.m.
- 11/19 Program meeting – Adam Pawlick
- 11/25 Service project – Thanksgiving meal delivery
- 12/16 Not So Silent Night Gift Auction

Rotary Club of Utica Committees

Looking to get involved? Rotary Club of Utica has several active committees. Contact a committee chair to join a committee or contact President Stephen if interested in chairing a committee.

- Youth Exchange **NEED CHAIR**
- Rotaract..... Elizabeth Nassar
- RYLA Jim Day
- Interact..... Jim Day
- Urban Concerns **NEED CHAIR**
- Communication Michelle Brandstadt
- Meeting Service Team **NEED CHAIR**
- Membership..... Israel Acosta
- Outstanding Educator Awards Bart Gorman
- Quiet Givers Award..... Roger Breslow
- Pride of Workmanship Roxanne Mutchler
- Veteran’s Outreach Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka
- Special Needs Party **NEED CHAIR**
- RI Foundation..... **NEED CHAIR**



3rd Annual Pin Down Polio!

With Area 2 & Area 3 Rotary Clubs

Date: Friday, October 29th

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
- We NEED TEAMS!

** Bar and grill will be open **



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Registration Deadline, 10/25/2021

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