



Utica Rotary Hub

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Service project: assisting with 'Flags for Heroes'

by **TINA PAVLOT**

Rotary Club of Utica will once again assist with *Flags for Heroes* on the Parkway.

Here are details for set-up and take-down.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Park at the Parkway Rec Center and meet at the middle tables on the field for instructions on unloading, unraveling and posting of flags.

Volunteers are needed again from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12. Park at the Parkway Rec Center and meet at the middle tables on the field to start taking down flags and loading onto a truck to be transported to The Good



News Center, where flags need to be unloaded and brought into the building. The latter would take an additional 30-45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to stay for a brunch, just need to know how many will be joining about a week before, so they can plan on having enough food.

To sign up, please email Irena at irena@thegoodnewscenter.org.

Register for Pride of Workmanship luncheon

Don't forget to make a reservation for our "Pride of Workmanship Awards" on Thursday, Oct. 15, at Five Points Public House & Events Center in Utica. The noon luncheon will honor six area employees. For tickets (\$30), visit uticarotary.org/page/pride-of-workmanship

Volunteer to plant trees on Oct. 24

Utica Rotary's Urban Tree Planting Project takes place. Saturday October 24, starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Utica Parks Department (233 Valley View Rd.). To volunteer, email David Jones at Davidjones0422@gmail.com

Happy October Anniversaries

Member	Years of Service
Chris Flynn	1
Colin Hubbell	4
Jim Friedel	6

Submit news and photos to news@uticarotaryclub.org

Editor Robert Stronach

New Member Proposed: Andria Heath

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

Andria Heath, who is seeking to transfer from Mohawk Valley Rotary Club (Herkimer), is executive director of the Utica Zoo, a position she has held since June 2011. Under her tenure, the zoo executed major components of its “Dream Big” Master Plan. This has included securing public funding (such as \$2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act) for a brand-new welcome center, expanding visitor infrastructure, and upgrading signature animal habitats like the North American river otter and beaver exhibits.

Before transitioning to wildlife and zoological management, Andria built a career in non-profit executive leadership. She served as executive director for the American Red Cross of the Mohawk Valley for 14 years, from 1997 to 2011.

Involved in regional tourism and economic growth, she serves on the Oneida County Tourism Board of Directors.

Andria first joined Herkimer Rotary in 1997.



Calendar of Events

10/15	Event Pride of Workmanship Five Points Public House	10/24	Service Urban Tree Planting 9 am Meet at Utica Parks Dept
10/17	Service Walk to End Alzheimer's 10 am MVCC Utica campus	11/3	Service Flags for Heroes set-up 8:30 am Memorial Parkway
10/21	Visit Area Clubs, CNY Rotary Pres. 5:15-8 Orchard Hall, Sauquoit	11/6	Meeting Monthly program noon Mid-York Library HQ

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM MEETING

Rotarian Milan Jackson brought the "Gift of Life of Central New York" to the Rotary Club of Utica last Friday, Oct. 2.

A member of Cobleskill Rotary Club, Milan explained how the district program is committed to providing life-saving pediatric cardiac care to children in need from developing countries.

Photos by Joe Abraham

