



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

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A Rotary 'megateam' at Alzheimer's walk

By Joe Abraham

Utica Rotarians were joined by friends from VVS Rotary and Auburn Rotary at Saturday's Alzheimer's Association Utica/Rome

Walk to End Alzheimer's at Mohawk Valley Community College.

The megateam called Rotarians

Against Alzheimer's raised over \$800 and cracked the top 10 for most funds raised leading up to the event by a group.



A Rotary megateam featuring Utica, VVS and Auburn Rotarians participated in Saturday's walk. MORE / PAGE 5.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-Elect Heather Beebe introduced Karlie Wolfe, who was a featured speaker last

week. Karlie serves on the executive committee for Riders Wear Pink, an October event that

raises awareness and funds for breast cancer.



Calendar of Events

10/16 Meeting | Pride of Workmanship
noon | Awards Luncheon
Irish Cultural Center

10/25 Service | Urban Tree Planting Project
| in East & West Utica

10/22 Visit | CNY Rotary President's Visit
5:30 pm | Halloween fellowship
Orchard Hall, Sauquoit



WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER



New Member Proposed: Chris Flynn

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

Chris Flynn, a realtor with Pavia Real Estate, is a central New York native who began his real estate career in Las Vegas in 2018 and returned to Upstate New York in 2020. He holds a B.A. from SUNY Oswego and an M.S. from Utica University.

A licensed broker and certified in project management with a focus on stakeholder management, Chris is also trained in Lean Six Sigma process improvement techniques. He maintains an FAA Part 107 Drone Operator certification (sUAV), allowing him to offer clients marketing and property evaluation tools.

Noting that he heard about Rotary through the Chamber of Commerce, he said: “I am interested in joining a community that continues to improve our area, to meet like-minded people and to grow a professional network.”



Volunteer for our urban tree planting project is on Oct. 25

By Dave Jones

Our annual tree planting project will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 25. Rotarian Volunteers will meet at the Utica Parks Garage at 233 Valley View Road at 9 a.m.

New this year: We will be planting 37 containerized (not bare root) trees on Oswego and Mary Streets only. We will not need trailers. The trees will be delivered to all the home addresses via the city Parks Department.

We will be loading tree mulch into our vehicles at the Parks Garage.

-Proctor High School students, who live either on or near Oswego or Mary Streets, will be assisting us in the planting. They will be attending to the care of these trees for the next two years.

Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, a utility knife or box cutter and appropriate clothing for the weather.

All volunteers should contact Jerry Kraus: JKrausutica@aol.com before October 22 to sign up.

Remembering Angela VanDerhoof

In sharing the sad news of the passing of long-time Rotarian Angela VanDerhoof, Past Treasurer Darby O'Brien reports that Angela joined Rotary in 1990 and was our president in 2012-2013. She received our club's first Quiet Giver's Award in 2004 and a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2013.

In addition, President-Elect Heather Beebe pulled an old write-up on Angela, created to honor her in August 2017 when the club was running the "Rotarian of the Week" series.

Here it is.

Week 8 of our Utica Rotarian of the Week profile series turns the spotlight on a club past president, Angela VanDerhoof. Angela was born in Utica to a "very large, loving Italian family in east Utica", with close houses making for a close-knit neighborhood. As a child of World War II, Angela caught the volunteer bug early on, participating in many drives and collection for the war effort. Time outside the classroom was spent in a wide range of activities, from drama club, math club, Red Cross club to summer splashing at Buckley pool in Utica.

On the academic front, Angela was an over-achiever and role model. She left school at age 16 to attend college, the first of her family generation to do so. Considering that her mom had 13 siblings and dad had 7, with oodles of cousins, this was quite an accomplishment. At Alfred U. Angela attended the Washington Semester, a specialized program in government, was a dorm RA, and sorority sister. The world opened up for her in college, as Angela met people from many cultures and places not known to her. This journey of discovery has continued throughout her career and volunteer experience.

Lest you think that young Angela spent all her waking hours at Alfred huddled in a library carrel, she will concede that she and her fellow sorority sisters would on occasion use the accepted public transportation of the time (hitchhiking) to seek parties serving legal beverages. You see, Alfred was a Seventh Day Adventist town, and proper weekend entertainment

required creativity.

After a stint as a History and English teacher at Proctor High (her alma mater), Angela was called to what would become the cornerstone of a long career of service to a population in need. "I thought I knew a lot about the demands of earning a living, raising a family etc - and I did. But, I never really knew about the breadth of same faced by individuals with disabilities and the challenges of their family members." As CEO of the ARC, Angela led a transformation of that agency and the level of service available to individuals with disabilities and their families. She will be the first to admit that the organization's success was made possible with a team approach – "no one person can do it" – but certainly without Angela's leadership over the years the ARC would not likely have the depth and breath of programs serving thousands in our region.

For 55 years Angela VanDerhoof has brought her expertise to local, regional and national boards of directors, and volunteered for many organizations. Upon her retirement five years ago, she served out her terms on all, with the exception of Utica Rotary. How lucky we are to have PP Angela VanDerhoof as a Utica Rotarian.

Noted Heather: "We must recognize now how lucky we have been to have her ripple effects continue to pass through the working hands of many of our current Rotarians of whom she was such a great mentor. "



Walk to End Alzheimer's

photos by Joe Caruso & Joe Abraham



Utica Rotarians Matt Schlosser, Joe Abraham, Rebecca Cavoli, and Kathy and Joe Johnson.



VVS Rotarians PDG Elise Hereth, President Olivia Furman and Laurie Furman enjoyed the beautiful weather while Utica Rotarian Travis Rabbers (right), a member of the event committee, was tasked with picking up signs as walkers passed by.





PUMPKIN RUN **5K** FOR POLIO

Stride towards a polio-free future!
This event will raise money for Rotary International's efforts in vaccinating children against polio. To learn more, visit RI's website:

rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio

We look forward to seeing you for a fun run/walk!

Please note - to utilize all possible funds for polio prevention, this event will not be professionally timed.

PROUDLY HOSTED BY:



SUNDAY

26 OCTOBER, 2025

9AM

**REGISTER
TODAY!
\$15**



5k & 1 mile routes available



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