

# Rotary This Week!



Utica, NY, USA

Sept. 18, 2023

## This week's speaker to color us pink

Our program speaker on Thursday, Sept. 21, is Melanie Francis, associate director of development at the American Cancer Society. She will be discussing how "Real Men Wear Pink."

Melanie manages a portfolio of community-based campaigns and events for the Cancer Society, including ResearchHERS, Men Wear Pink, and DetermiNation Endurance events. Responsibilities include promoting and educating the community about their many programs and services.



## Tree-planting volunteers meet at 9 a.m. Oct. 28

By Dave Jones

**Regarding the Urban Tree Planting on Oct. 28, we should meet at 9 a.m. (not 10).**

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation, our Rotary Club will plant 40 trees on Saturday, Oct. 28. This will be the most trees we have planted in the project's three-

year history. We need volunteers! We will meet at 9 a.m. Oct. 28 at the Utica Parks Department at 233 Valleyview Road.

We need at least 4 trailers and 4 pickup trucks to expedite our planting project, which usually gets done by 1 p.m. Please contact me at [davidjones0422@gmail.com](mailto:davidjones0422@gmail.com).

**Program | Thursday | Sept. 21 | Noon**  
**Mid York Library System | 1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica**  
**Virtually via Zoom**

## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

By Joe Abraham

A special thanks to everyone who has signed up to be a part of Utica Rotary's Walk to End Alzheimer's team on Saturday, Sept. 23 at MVCC. Just a reminder - if you'd like to participate, you do not have to fundraise, but registration is required (and free). To register, visit [alz.org/CNYwalk](http://alz.org/CNYwalk).

The walk begins at 11 a.m., but an expo featuring local sponsors, photo areas, etc. begins at 10 a.m. They are going to have all walkers park in Parking Lot One.

My cell is 252-532-2293. If you text me once you arrive, we'll meet up so we can all walk together and get some team photos! Also, feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Deadline for next newsletter (9/25) is Sunday, Sept 24 at noon; submit to [news@uticarotaryclub.org](mailto:news@uticarotaryclub.org).

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# VVS Club invites Rotarians to its Pins for Polio

By Beryl Brodsky

Hello fellow District Rotary Members!

I am writing on behalf of our VVS Community Rotary Club. We are hosting *Pins for Polio*, a fundraising event to raise money for the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Fund.

This event is on October 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sherrill Community Activity Center. It will feature bowling, concessions, a basket raffle, 50/50, and plenty of Rotary fellowship.

We will be having a Rotary Club tournament as well. Clubs will compete in teams of four. The team with the most points at the end of the night will win the first ever *Pins for Polio Tournament*.

We are reaching out to ask that you spread this information to your club members and also encourage you to create a team and join us on October 6.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and let us know if you have any questions. Contact our club president, Samantha Netzband at [samnetzband@outlook.com](mailto:samnetzband@outlook.com) or 315-271-1248, .

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to see you there.



## Calendar of Events

9/20	Board Meeting noon   Greater Utica Chamber	10/19	Meeting   PDG Randy Wilson <i>Polio Plus</i> noon   Mid-York Library
9/21	Meeting   Melanie Francis Am. Cancer Society " <i>Real Men Wear Pink</i> " noon   Mid-York Library	11/2	Meeting   DG Elise Hereth noon   Mid-York Library
9/23	Service   Walk to End Alzheimer's 11 am   MVCC	11/15	Board Meeting noon   Greater Utica Chamber
9/23	Rotary Leadership Institute VVS High School	11/16	Meeting   PDG Don Reese <i>Rotary Foundation</i> noon   Mid-York Library
10/5	Meeting   Steve Darman <i>Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition</i> noon   Mid-York Library	11/15	Service   'Artists Works in Progress'   Sculpture Space
10/18	Board Meeting noon   Greater Utica Chamber		