



Rotary This Week!

Utica, NY, USA

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Next program meeting at CABVI

Our next program meeting is Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Vision Health and Wellness Center of the Central Association for the

Blind and Visually Impaired. The center is located at 408 Elizabeth Street, Utica. Karen Romeo will be presenting and offering tours.

Deadline for next newsletter (9/30) is Saturday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m.; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org.

Editor Robert Stronach



TAKE ACTION: www.uticarotary.org

Program speaker: Mid-York has great online services

By Travis Rabbers

Kathryn Smith, who is the Coordinator of Training and Member Library Services at Mid-York Library System, gave a wonderful presentation on all the online resources available via the Mid-York Library website.

Kathryn provides training to library staff, directors and trustees on library services, and she took this time to educate us as well on the new digital services.

These digital services include: Access to a live tutor, creative learning videos offering tutorials, practice exams and test prep for

various professions, consumer reports to review information on retail products, and references to find research on all kinds of topics. Library members are also able to download e-books and audiobooks. In addition to the website, there is also a Mid-York Library App.

IN OTHER meeting news and announcements:

• **Maureen Ghent** won the trivia question and the gift card to Portofino, which is our next after-hours social gathering on Thursday, 9/26.

• **The Pride of Workmanship committee** has voted on six award winners, who we will recognize at the Pride of Workmanship awards luncheon on Thursday, 10/24. Purchase tickets at <https://uticarotary.org/page/pride-of-workmanship>

• **We encourage you to volunteer** next weekend, Sunday the 29th, for Past President Israel Acosta's *Real Riders Wear Pink* event, in support of the American Cancer Society." Please use this link to sign up: [Riders Wear Pink Volunteer Registration](https://bikesignup.com) (bikesignup.com)



Calendar of Events

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| 9/26 | Club Social Portofino
5:00 pm | 10/17 | Club Social Utica Curling Club
5:30 pm |
| 9/29 | Service Riders Wear Pink | 10/24 | Event Pride of Workmanship
noon Irish Cultural Center |
| 10/3 | Meeting Karen Romeo, CABVI
noon at CABVI | 10/24 | World Polio Day |
| 10/5 | Service Utica Rotary team to
Walk to End Alzheimer's | | |

Utica Rotary presents \$2,928 to 'Feed Our Vets'

Members of our Rotary Club of Utica recently visited Feed Our Vets on Broad Street in Utica to present a check from our recent annual golf outing.

Golf tournament director Jerry Kraus, along with Club President Travis Rabbers and Past President Linda Iannone, presented *Feed Our Vets* Executive Director Rich Synek

with a check for \$2,928.

“We had a great day for the golf outing and being able to make this donation to help Feed Our Vets makes it even greater,” Jerry noted. “Thanks to all who helped with this event. This is a very worthy local organization that has grown substantially, with humble beginnings in 2009.”



Rotary golf outing chair Jerry Kraus presents check to Rich Synek, executive director of Feed Our Vets. FROM LEFT: Joe Ancona (Feed Our Vets), Linda Iannone, Rich Synek (Feed Our Vets), Jerry Kraus and Travis Rabbers.

A Rotary Reaffirmation in Toronto

By Joe Abraham

I had the privilege to spend the latter half of last week in Toronto at the Action Zone Summit, as one of several representatives from CNY Rotary.

As the district's news editor, I followed the public image track, learning and conversing with Zone 28/32 peers on best practices relating to branding and telling the Rotary story in general.

Throughout the event, I heard from several incredible speakers including our RI Director Chris Etienne, RI President-Elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo, and Past RI President Jennifer Jones.

While the speakers were amazing, and I certainly acquired new skills, what I will remember most is the fellowship the Summit provided. I was able to become closer with CNY Rotary



Joe with fellow CNY Rotary reps including President Lizzy Martin.

peers and make friends from across NY, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, Ontario, Calgary and British Columbia.

Events like these always reaffirm, as if there were any doubt,

that Rotarians are my people!

I am grateful to CNY Rotary for this experience and can't wait for all the good we'll continue to do in our communities and the impact it'll have in the world we live.



Joe Abraham with fellow Young Leaders across the Zone.

A Rotary Reaffirmation in Toronto



Joe with CNY Rotary DEI Chair Pam Baxter, Glenville Rotary Past President Guillermo Trujillo and Uche Okugo, a Canadian Rotarian, at a Peace Pole Dedication in Centennial Park.



Friday's dinner had a Superhero theme! Joe and fellow CNY Rotary member Denise DiNoto had an similar idea.



A couple of Public Image Joes! Joe with Bowmanville, Ontario Rotarian Joe Solway, whom he now dubs "Canadian Joe."