

Utica Rotary Hub



Utica, NY, USA

Sept. 28, 2026

'Gift of Life' is topic for this week's program meeting

Rotarian Milan Jackson will discuss the "Gift of Life of Central New York" at our monthly meeting this Friday, Oct. 2 (noon, Mid-York Library, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica). He will be joined by his wife, Sheila, also a Rotarian.

While serving in the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines, Milan joined Rotary in 1984 as a member of the Angeles City West Cub, then became a member of The San Fernando La Union Club in northern Luzon. When stationed back in the states in 1987, he joined the Bedford, Mass., Rotary club. As a founding member of the Gift of Life New England in December 2000, he served as host family coordinator with his wife. They moved to Cobleskill, NY in 2012, transferring



to the Cobleskill Rotary Club and becoming involved in CNY Rotary's Gift of Life (then called Gift of Life District 7190). Gift of Life of CNY is committed to providing hope to children with heart disease from developing countries.

Utica Rotary to honor 6 at Pride of Workmanship Awards Luncheon

By JOE ABRAHAM

Rotary Club of Utica will bestow Pride of Workmanship Awards on six individuals for their dedication, commitment, and exemplary service in their respective fields. The awards luncheon is on Thursday, Oct. 15, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Five Points Public House and Events Center in Utica.

This year's honorees are:

• **Zenobia Cole** – MV Community Action Agency.

- **Patrick Garrett** – Utica City School District
- **Dan Ianno** – Mohawk Valley Community College
- **Lt. Brendan Kain** – Utica Fire Department
- **Christopher Lenahan** – Oneida Co. Sheriff's Office
- **Karen Nole** – Bank of Utica

Tickets to the awards luncheon are \$30. To purchase a ticket, or learn more about the event, visit <https://uticarotary.org/page/pride-of-workmanship>

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Editor Robert Stronach

HELP PLANT TREES ON OCT. 24

By **DAVID JONES**

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 Valleyview Rd.).

This will be our 6th year -- we have already planted more than 150 trees.

We need all hands on deck! Rain or shine!

We will plant approximately 50 trees this year on Blandina and Lenox Streets. Bring gloves, shovels, and rakes. Email me to sign up: Davidjones0422@gmail.com



Calendar of Events

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| 10/2 | Meeting Milan Jackson, speaker
noon Mid-York Library | 10/21 | Visit Area Clubs, CNY Rotary Pres.
5:15-8 Orchard Hall, Sauquoit |
| 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
 MVCC Utica campus | | |

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