



**“Imagine Rotary”**

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PO Box 526102, SLC, UT 84152 Thursday Noon, **In Person meeting and Zoom**

**OPENING – 12:15 PM**

**Conducting** President **Brandon**  
**Pledge and 4-Way** TBA  
**Thought** TBA  
**Sergeant at Arms** Barry **Bank**  
**Music** Merrill **Smith**

**G. Weldon Gilcrease III**  
**Cultural Heritage of China**

organizations, Universities, and Hospitals around the U.S.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**WELCOME SONG**

*Welcome to Sugar House Rotary,  
We're mighty glad you are here  
We'd like to sing you a long song  
But a wrong song might appear  
So sit you down and make some  
Friends today . . . RIGHT HERE*

**BIRTHDAYS**

Troy Neerings 2-14  
Errol EerNisse 2-15  
EJ Passey 2-19  
Tom King 2-25  
Jeff Driggs 2-25

**THE BIRTHDAY SONG**

**Fellow Rotarians, we're glad  
you're here,  
For we understand your birthday  
dates are near;  
So if it's past, today, tomorrow,  
Here's a phrase we'll gladly  
borrow:  
Happy birthday to you!**



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Dr. G. Weldon Gilcrease III is a University of Utah Associate Professor of Medicine. He is the Program Director of the fellowship training program and Director of the Liver Tumor Clinic at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. He serves as Deputy Director for Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH), an organization nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize.

He has won numerous teaching awards in his academic career for his passion and enthusiasm for engaging students in medicine.

He delivers the same passion in speaking about Chinese culture to service

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, February 9:** Dr. Weldon Gilcrease will share his passion for ancient China and wisdom on humanity.

**Friday, February 17:** Off Broadway production of Robin Hood. 12366 S 900 East, Draper UT. 7:30 curtain. \$14 tickets. Sign up with David Baranowski.

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, February 23:** Highland High Family Support Program – Mindy Smith and several students.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, March 9:** Club assembly/business meeting. Delivery to Highland High School the goods we have collected for the pantry.

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 23:** Anna Zielinski, Sugar House Rotary Scholarship recipient from Westminster College. Daniel Lewis, Westminster University Vice-president for Institutional Advancement.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, April 13:** George Sutton, Utah Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Ret. Subject: Cryptocurrency.

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, April 27:** Teacher appreciation award ceremony at Columbus Community Center.

# Robin Hood



Showing that this Maid Marian does not need to be rescued, Alisa Woodbrey strikes a pose with actors Ed Gilmore and Eric Jensen in the Off Broadway Theatre Co. production of "Robyn Hood." (Photo courtesy of Off-Broadway Theatre Co.)

This month, Off Broadway Theatre Co. is bringing back a company favorite to the stage of Draper Historic Theatre, "Robyn Hood." The classic story of Robin Hood and his Merry Men, Maid Marian and the villainous Sheriff of Nottingham is given a comical twist with song parodies, improvisation, swordplay, dad jokes and a bit of Utah satire thrown in as well. The rollicking production will be presented Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings Feb. 3-25.

"This was one of our very first shows," said Off Broadway Theatre Co. Artistic and Technical Director Eric Jensen. "It's one of the funniest ones." Jensen originally co-wrote the script with local actor and Channel 4 weatherman Bob Bedore in the 1980s for Layton Arts Council. Bedore is one of the actors who will play the Sheriff of Nottingham as the production is double cast.

Over the years, the company has presented "Robyn Hood" many times, always changing up the script with new

improvisations. "We have a script, and we try to follow it," said Alisa Woodbrey, who plays Maid Marian. "But we have some kings of improv here so you never know what's going to happen. That's part of the fun."

With grim headlines in the news, the company decided to bring back "Robyn Hood" this season. "It's such a break from reality," Woodbrey said. "Even in rehearsals we spend most of the time laughing. If we're laughing, the audience is really going to enjoy it!"

Ane Genessy, who has taken on the role of Maid Marian's friend, Lady Akbar ("It's a trap!") said that the script has "taken pieces of movie Robin Hoods like the Kevin Costner version, 'Robin Hood: Men in Tights' and Errol Flynn and put it all together."

Like Flynn's classic take on Robin Hood, there are sword fights in this production. Chris Kennedy learned sword fighting for the stage by taking up a lightsaber years earlier in the Off Broadway Theatre Co. production, "Star Ward." Kennedy is in the lead role as Robyn Hood. "There are at least three sword fights," he said. "We go from a basic sword fight to doing a comedy version. We'll surprise you with our third one which is a little more extravagant."

Having been involved in Off Broadway Theatre Co. productions since 2010, Kennedy has performed in "Robyn Hood" three times over the years. "It's different every time. Come to see the first show and the last and see the changes. It's a fun show for everyone—it has lots of slapstick that kids will love," Kennedy said.

As the story of "Robyn Hood" takes place in Merry Olde England, the actors have assumed British accents. Ed

Gilmore, as the Sheriff of Nottingham, comes by his naturally. The actor grew up in England, in the town of Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Grimsby is a little less than a two-hour drive from Nottingham. He has also performed in other Off Broadway Theatre Co. productions, most recently as the mayor in "The Frightmare Before Christmas."

"The Sheriff and his henchmen want to defeat King Richard and take over England," he explained. Gilmore is having fun with the role. "This is the first time that I've gotten to play the villain," he said. "It's a lot different. I'm experimenting with different characterizations. You can ham it up a lot more, especially with the fun group we've got here."

All of the actors spoke of how much they enjoy the camaraderie of the cast. "This cast is awesome," Ane Genessy said. "It's been such an honor to be a part of it. They know how to play off each other."

Ane's son, Brady Genessy, is playing Will Scarlet, one of the Merry Men. "It's so fun—it's great!" he said. "Being goofy is always fun."

"If you see the actors having fun, you'll enjoy yourself too," Gilmore said.

Woodbrey remarked with a smile, "Is there any better way to spend an evening?"

Off Broadway Theatre Co. will present "Robyn Hood" on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings, Feb. 3-25, on the stage of Draper Historic Theatre. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Draper Historic Theatre is located at 12366 S. 900 East. For tickets, visit [theobt.org](http://theobt.org).