

Rome Rotary Club News



President: Steve Mercurio
President- Elect :
Vice President: Carla Till
Past President: Nancy Neiley

Club established 1919
Club 4856 zone 29

Treasurer: Dave Burke
Secretary: Jeannie Packer
Dist 7150 Gov Cheryl Matt
ADG : Judy Reilly

Announcements:

January 19 2021



Next week's program will be presented by Bruce Hairston (Rome YMCA) "YMCA: Overview & update before Covid, today, and future."

Followed by

Pres. Steve will send out **Zoom contact information** for all meetings until groups can meet again.

Feb. 2: Lisa Matte from Jervis Library.

Feb. 9: Don Schlueter on Canalfest donor salesmanship.

Feb. 16: Miranda Sherrock from Rome Historical Soc. " RHS during the pandemic "



Board of Directors meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:30PM**. Location: These meeting are going to **Zoom**. Information should be forthcoming for the **February 15** Zoom connection.



The Thursday night Fellowship Rotary dinner meeting

Our once a month meetings are held at different restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of each month at **6:00PM**. The Fellowship Dinner will resume with El Jarocho on Floyd Ave. on **February 18**.



50/50

(Draw the queen of hearts to win the pot or Joker to win half)
Will resume with on site meetings

Remembering our Rotarians: holidays, etc

Donna Occhipinti is in room **516**. Cards & visits: **Bethany Gardens**, 800 Chestnut St. Rome, NY 13440. **Sept. birthday**

Mary Winberg: 1700 Lincoln Lane, Rome NY 13440. Cards & visits. **August birthday**

Shirley Waters: Rm. 252 Woodgate Unit/Health Care Pavilion, **Masonic Care Community** of NY, 2150 Bleecker St., Utica NY 13501. **Oct. birthday**.



Rotary Readers: Bellamy Elementary School

If you are interested in this program, please contact Jeannie Packer at: thepackers@twcny.rr.com or phone (315) 336-0675 to sign up. This includes reading with an elementary student once a week for a half hour at Bellamy Elementary School. The chair is waiting for details on a virtual reading with the children.



Club Program Scheduling



Pete Costianes invites members to suggest at least one possible program in the coming Rotary year with contact information. Pete's phone: (315) 337-1409 or email: petercostianes@gmail.com **Peter needs programs.**



The Youth Exchange . Co chairs are Nancy Neiley and Sam Pendergrast. There will be no Youth Exchange for the 2021-2 year.

Rotary Foundation: the gift of \$3,000.00 by Foundation chair Bill Tuthill is a community based donation still to be decided for its total use.

Chicken Barbecue #2: Another chicken barbecue can be scheduled for the spring. Scotty's would provide the diners again.

Shoe project #2: The project start-up is scheduled for March, ending on the 31st. Members are collecting shoes now. Drop off points include Westernville Presbyterian Church and Library, Rome: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, MVCC, Carla Till's house, and now Rail and Canal restaurant. Carla reports that 60 pair of shoes has been collected at her house. We are partnering with New Hartford, Sauquoit, and Utica Sunrise clubs.

Food Drive: Kris Dombeck's food drive ran through both Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the Thanksgiving period, there were quite a few bags of food collected. Christmas food donations were a lot less, but a collection from members raised \$100.00 and Nancy Neiley donated her 50/50 winnings of \$26.00 as well. A check was sent to the Rome Rescue Mission for the total amount. Don Schlueter helped to deliver the food and check to the Rescue Mission. Kris's neighbors also gave food donations.


Honor Flight donations – Kris and her mother would like to thank the Rome Rotary Club for the gift to Honor Flight Syracuse made in memory of her father, Lt. Robert W. Trowell, USNR. Although he never had the opportunity to go on a flight, I know he would be honored to be remembered in this manner. Kris and her mother were thrilled to receive the letter from Honor Flight Syracuse, and proud that he is still in the thoughts of Rotary members who knew him.

Dues are due for 2020-21. Second half year notices sent. Pres. Steve will make calls. We have cancelled membership for one unpaid membership.

District dues: David Burke reports that he has received the District dues notice and it will be \$5.00 per member instead of the usual \$20.00 per person due to less mileage with holding virtual meetings instead of onsite.

International Student Day: was scheduled for **November 2**. IS Day has been moved to Spring of 2021.

Tree planting: another tree planting is upcoming for spring with the New Hartford club.

 **Club election:** Nancy Neiley will become president July 1, 2021.; Vice Pres.: Carla Till; Treasurer: David burke; Secretary: Tamalin Martin; Director: Wade Cornett (7/1/21-6/30/24); Director Pat DeMatteo (to 6/30/24); replacement Director: Glen Bahr (to 6/30/23)

Membership: a new RRC member is in the works. Her ap will be presented at the Next board meeting.

Membership Committee Meeting: Nancy Neiley is a membership meeting at her new residence in the Air Loft apartments community room if allowed at that time. She is looking at a mid February date. Please let Nancy know if you want to attend.

Canalfest 2021: Second meeting was January 11 at 12:00Noon. Nixt meeting date to be determined.

Guests

No guests today



Birthdays: this month we have one.



Bill Wolf



Rotary Minute

The following Rotary History bites are from a booklet published by Clifford L.



Dochterman, Rotary International President 1992-3 called, "The ABC's of Rotary."

Selecting a president

Each year a distinguished Rotarian is selected as the worldwide president of Rotary International. The process begins one year in advance when a 17 person nominating committee is elected from separate zones of the world. To qualify for the nominating committee, a Rotarian must have served on the RI Board of Directors. If no past director from the zone is able to serve, a past trustee of the rotary Foundation or a past district governor who has served on an RI committee may be appointed to the nominating committee.

The nominating committee may consider all past RI directors for candidacy. Members of the nominating committee and current directors are not eligible. Any Rotary club may suggest the name of a former RI director to the committee for consideration.

The committee convenes in September to select the Rotarian to be the presidential nominee, whose name is announced to all clubs. Any Rotary club may make an additional nomination before 1 December, which must then be endorsed by 1% of all the Rotary clubs of the world. (About 320 clubs) If such an event occurs, an election is held by mail ballot. If no additional nomination is presented by the clubs, the person selected by the nominating committee is declared the president nominee. At the international convention, the president nominee is elected by voice vote and becomes the president-elect for the following year, which is spent preparing to serve the Rotarians of the world as the international president.

Program

Today's program was presented by Christine Corbett from David's Refuge. Christine is a member of the Eastwood Rotary club. She has been with David's Refuge for 3 years as their Director of Philanthropy. It can be extremely wearing both mentally and physically for caregivers of special needs children.



Mission statement

To provide respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or life threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored and renewed in their role as caregivers.

Founder's story

David's Refuge was started by Warren and Brenda Pfohl in honor of their son David, who was born November 2, 1988. He was a typical, healthy, happy little guy who lived life to the fullest.

In late February 1997, two months after the Pfohl family returned from living overseas in Poland, David began to have difficulty seeing. Within a matter of weeks he lost all of his central vision and some of his peripheral. The initial diagnosis was Macular dystrophy, a non-specific name to describe his loss.

In an attempt to get a more specific diagnosis and help determine the best educational program for David, Warren and Brenda traveled with David to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Little did they know the emotional turmoil their family would face. For over a month they waited and wondered what the testing results would prove.

the news that David had Batten Disease, a rare progressive disease in which he lacked an enzyme necessary to break down and remove the waste that occurs from cell activity in his neurons. The eyes are the first area to be affected since the optic nerve has such a high concentration of nerve cells. As the brain neurons slowly fill up with these deposits, the body shuts down. To this day there is no cure for Batten Disease, although some very exciting research is being conducted.

David battled Batten's for thirteen years. On October 22, 2009, he died.

David's Refuge was formed in honor of David to encourage parents to keep pressing on. It was founded 9 years ago.

David's Refuge has three parts:

- To let caregivers know that they are not alone. Support through the church is given.
- The person with special needs care matters.
- Caregivers are loved by God and the community.

The program

David's Refuge provides a respite no cost program for caregivers at Bed & Breakfast sites on weekends. There are 22 Bed & Breakfasts participating currently. They do receive payment which is less than the usual charge. Two four weekends are scheduled with each Bed & Breakfast. There are 350 weekend respite spots. 99 cents of each dollar received goes to weekend retreats. Parents can re-connect as a couple. An unsettling statistic is that 80% of marriages fail who have a special needs child.

David's Refuge is interested in partnering with other groups.

There are two full time employees and 4 part-time.

There are specially trained volunteers who are good listeners.

Volunteers who help set up at events, driving people, manning in person events, letter writing to caregivers for support, spreadsheet and data entry people, etc. DR is always looking for more volunteers.

Date nights are provided for parents with meal reimbursement.

Events

Community connection: Weekly event: Wednesday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Zoom

SADA Charity Preview 2021: Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021 6:30pm to 10:00pm : 800 S State St, Syracuse, New York 13202

Webinars: training for parents on child care, finances, connection with the right people for assistance, additional medical services with occupational and speech therapy, etc.

Contact

Locations: 8195 Cazenovia Rd. Manlius, NY 13104

Phone: 315 682-4202

Website: www.david'srefuge.org

Community Activities

Cinema Capitol



Movie : Our friend

Jan 23: 4:00 and 7:00 PM; **Jan 24:** 1:00 & 4:00 PM; **Jan 25:** 7:00 PM; **Jan 29:** 4:00 & 7:00 PM; **Jan 30:** 4:00 & 8:00 PM; **Jan 31:** 1:00 & 4:00 PM; Feb 1: 7:00 PM

the inspiring and extraordinary true story of the Teague family—journalist Matt (Casey Affleck), his vibrant wife Nicole (Dakota Johnson) and their two young daughters—and how their lives are upended by Nicole’s heartbreaking diagnosis of terminal cancer. As Matt’s responsibilities as caretaker and parent become increasingly overwhelming, the couple’s best friend Dane Faucheux (Jason Segel) offers to come and help out. As Dane puts his life on hold to

stay with his friends, the impact of this life altering decision proves greater and more profound than anyone could have imagined.

The Cinema is only admitting 25 percent of its capacity, it is recommended that patrons purchase tickets in advance. These can be purchased at www.romecapitol.com or by calling 315-337-6277. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults; \$7.00 for students and military, and \$6.00 for Capitol “Friends.”



Rome Community Theater

When they are able to present Events again

There is a virtual showing of a one act play entitled , “Joan Luther’s waiting”

On The Rome community web site

<https://www.romecommunitytheatre.org>

Donations appreciated.

ROME COMMUNITY THEATER

MVCC Rome Campus



Concert: Michael Giabicki of Rusted Root with Dirk Miller. **May 7, 2021** 7:00 PM in the Festive auditorium Cost General: \$20.00 and MVCC employees \$10.00.

The concert will also be livestreamed on Facebook at MVCC Cultural Series.

In addition to the full Rusted Root band, Giabicki and long time bandmate Dirk Miller will take the old Rusted Root favorites along with new material and perform them with reimagined versions of them.

Tentative Sip into spring

RACC will have their program tentatively May 1. This is an evening event. Wine, chocolate, cheese and more will be available to taste and purchase. More details later. Phone: 315 336-1040.



District 7150 & RI News

Rotary Month Celebrations

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January: Rotary Awareness month.

February: World Understanding month

March: Literacy month.

April: Magazine month

May: Promote Internat'l. Convention mo.

June: Rotary Fellowship month.

July: Literacy and New Year month

August: Membership & extension mo.

September: New generations month

October: Vocational service mo.

November: Rotary Foundation/World

Interact month

December: Family month

The following information and excerpts from various Rotary sources

Rotary District Websites

Official Website, Rotary7150.org.

Rotary International Website, Rotary.org.

Rotary Leadership Institute, <http://www.rlinea.org>

Youth Exchange calendar:

<http://www.rotarydistrict7150youthexchange>

D7150 Calendar of Events – list of events from Newsletter

RYLA Conferences: Cazenovia College

<http://www.rotary7150.org/sitepage/ryla>

RYLA: PDG Phyllis Danks chair: phyl7150@gmail.com

Rotaract chair: Jonathan Yost: jonathanm.yost@yahoo.com

Interact Chair: Dorene Gortner: dorene.gortner@yahoo.com

Youth Exchange chair: PDG Phyllis Danks: phyl7150@gmail.com

District newsletter information and articles

Please send future newsletter inputs directly to editor Lizzy Martin at:
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From District 7150 FYI: District group leaders:

District Governor: Cheryl Matt: CherylMatt7150@gmail.com

District Secretary: Peter Cardamone: peter7150@gmail.com

District Treasurer: Laverne DeLand: laverne7150@gmail.com

District Foundation Chair: Mark Matt: mmatt7150@gmail.com

District Youth Exchange Chair: PDG Phyllis Danks : phyl7150@gmail.com

District Membership Chair: Janet Joslyn: jmjoslyn83@hotmail.com

Youth Service Leadership unfilled at this time.

Interact Club is a club for young people in their community or school.

Interact Chair: Dorene Gortner: dorene.gortner@yahoo.com

Youth Exchange a program giving young people exposure to new cultures and customs, promotes global understanding and peace. Students live in foreign countries with different host families and attend classes at the local schools.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award an intensive training program for young adults ages 14-30 that usually involves seminars, camps, or workshops organized by Rotarians and held over 3-10 days.

Question about RYLA Phyllis Danks chair: phyl7150@gmail.com

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS PROGRAM For more information visit:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards/offers#/offers%0D%0AJust>

Earth Day Watershed Project

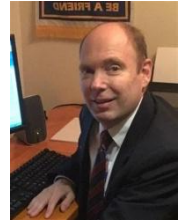
The Rotary Districts that border the Great Lakes have partnered in an international, multi-district service project cleaning up the shores of our waterways. Looking at the watershed maps, the Great Lakes Watershed includes the **Finger Lakes, Oneida Lake, the Erie Canal** and other streams and rivers that empty into the Great Lakes. Did you know that the Great Lakes account for

more than 20% of the world's surface freshwater? Your club can pick a river, lake or any water source that connects to Lake Ontario and plan your own Earth Day event on **Saturday, April 24th**. We're also encouraging clubs to collaborate with other local groups in their clean-up efforts. It will also be a public image opportunity and we hope to have t-shirts for purchase to visually show our joint efforts and identify us as Rotarians. The Rotary Clubs of Oswego and Oswego Sunrise, as well as the District ESRAG, are already signed up. Email Cheryl Matt at: cherylmatt7150@gmail.com if interested.



Meet your new District Governor designate 2021/2022): Dana Jerrard

Dana Jerrard has been a Utica Rotarian since 1986, and in that time has held most of the offices available to a member. Board service in 1989, three Years as club Sergeant-at-Arms, with a natural progression to club VP, PE, and, in 1994-95, club president under the leadership of PDG Joe McCarthy. jerrarddana@gmail.com



Meet your new District Governor designate 2022-2023: Gerald Seguin of Fulton Rotary Club



Gerald retired from Fulton City School District June 2018. Served as Fulton Rotary club Pres. 2009-10, 13-14, and 17-18. He is now Dist 7150 Asst Gov for Area 5. Has been Club Secy, Treasurer, Foundation Chair. (Also participation chair Dist Assemblies, District Training and MD-PETS)

Proposed District 7150 Governor for 2023-24

Pursuant to Article 14.020.6 of the Rotary International Bylaws, we announce that the Nominating Committee for District 7150 Governor has recommended Merle “Elise” Hereth of the Vernon Verona Sherrill Community Rotary Club as the proposed DGND for Rotary International District 7150 for the 2020-21 Rotary Year (to be District Governor in the 2023-2024 Rotary Year).

Merle “Elise” Hereth lives in Sherrill, NY and is a member of the Vernon Verona Sherrill Community Rotary Club. She grew up in southern New Jersey, where her father was a dedicated Rotarian. Elise then attended the University of Florida and earned a B.S degree in Geology. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF. Her second assignment brought her to Griffiss AFB, where she met Chuck Hereth, whom she married. Still on active duty, she went over-seas but eventually joined the NY Air National Guard and was able to continue serving, in her active duty career, in Upstate NY. She retired in 2014, at the rank of Colonel having served almost 29 years.

Elise joined Rotary in 2015 and became the Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor. She took on a District role in the YE Committee, while serving as the Vice President and then President for a two- year term. During her second year as President, she became an Assistant Governor. She has enjoyed the three Rotary Leadership Institute courses, and a graduate level class. She is an Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group member and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Elise and Chuck have been married for 32 years and they have a son and a daughter. In addition to Rotary, Elise currently works part-time for NUAIR Alliance. She serves as a hospital volunteer for the Mohawk Valley Health System and is a past Vice-President of the volunteer board. She has several hobbies including walking, crafts, playing in a community band, and reading.

any such challenge to this nomination must be submitted by October 26, 2020. Please submit any challenge in writing to me as District Governor, at 310 Collin Avenue, Fayetteville, NY 13066, or by email at cherylmatt7150@gmail.com



District 7150 Membership Team

Our district is using a different strategy to address our membership needs this year. We are no longer using Area Membership Coaches. We have established a District Membership Team. I've attached a list of the team members and contact information.

Janet Joslyn, District 7150 Membership chair. I am retaining Joe Caruso from the list since he would be closest to our club distance wise.. Janet Joslyn (District Membership Chair) :

Joe Caruso
Utica Rotary Th 12:00
jpcaruso12@gmail.com
C 518 542-7814
H 315 732-8129

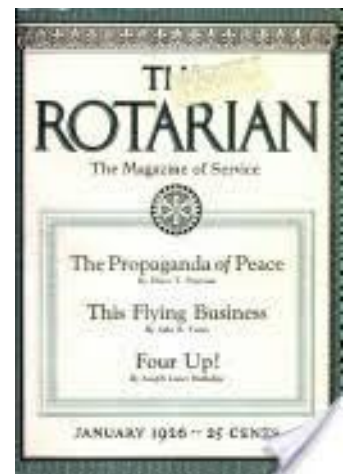


Featured article January 2021:Chronologic by Joe Queenan very condensed

Anew name for our magazine

This month marks the 130th anniversary of this magazine's existence. In a country that is not yet 250 years old, the 110th anniversary of anything is an event to be celebrated. It is an especially remarkable achievement for a magazine because magazines tend to be reflections of a particular era.

Rotary: until recently the magazine was known as the Rotarian and before that the National Rotarian is now in the same hallowed category as Scientific American, Harper's, the Atlantic, and Vogue.



Featured article Rotarian January 2021 Rotary Projects Around the globe: United States condensed

The town of Boone, Iowa has a railroading heritage. The Chicago & North Western Railway built a station there in 1866 and today, its derivative, the Union Pacific Railroad is a major employer in the area. For a club



centennial project, the Rotary Club of Boone put vintage rolling stock from and center.

In July, trucks hauled a steam locomotive, a coal tender, and a passenger car into town, all donated by the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad. The three pieces were sandblasted, primed, and painted to serve as a landmark at the town entrance off US Highway 30.

We want to greet visitors in an unforgettable way, says Dave Cook, a leader of the restoration project. The first phase of the effort about \$200,000 was funded by community organizations and businesses, the club, and District 6000. Future work calls for a walkway around the train, landscaping, lighting, and an information kiosk.



Rotary International Director for 2022-24

In accordance with RI Bylaws section 11.020., the Nominating Committee for RI Director in Zone 32 recently certified that it selected Rotarian Drew Kessler, a member of the Rotary Club of North Rockland (Haverstraw), as a RI director in 2022–24. Rotarian Kessler has stated that he is willing and able to serve as director, if elected. RI President Knaack will declare Rotarian Kessler as director-nominee from your zone on 1 December 2020 unless another qualified Rotarian has been duly proposed as a challenging candidate before 1 December. Any club in your zone at its regular meeting may adopt a resolution proposing a challenging candidate for RI director, provided that the challenger was among the candidates previously considered. The following procedures must be followed to propose a challenge to the Nominating Committee's selection:



1. The club must submit a resolution to the governor, signed by the club president or secretary, naming a candidate who was previously suggested to the Nominating Committee.
2. The governor, either at the district conference or through a ballot, asks each club in the district if it concurs with the challenge resolution. If a majority of clubs in the district concur, the governor will forward the challenge to the general secretary **by no later than 1 December 2020**. Any challenges received by the general secretary after 1 December or that are incomplete cannot be considered.

3. If a valid challenge is received, the Secretariat will prepare and distribute an electronic ballot by 31 December, listing the choice of your zone's Nominating Committee and any challenging candidates who were endorsed by a majority of the clubs in the district.

Please note RI Bylaws section 13.010., which in part states: Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in RI, or allow any such activity, for either themselves or others. Unless expressly authorized by the board, this prohibition includes any distribution or circulation by themselves or others of brochures, literature, letters, materials, electronic media, or other communications to any clubs or members of clubs. Any candidate who undertakes, or on whose behalf is undertaken, unauthorized and improper activities to further his or her candidacy is in violation of the bylaws and may be disqualified by the RI Board. If you have any questions, contact our Corporate governance staff at corporate.governance@rotary.org

Rome Organization and contact information:

Board of Directors

Pat DeMatteo	Dave Kobernuss
Kris Dombeck	Tony Recco
Glen Bahr	Don Schlueter



The Rotary Foundation
"Doing Good in the World"

Rotary Foundation
Bill Tuthill chair



Scholarships: Ryan Tuggey chair



Veteran's Affairs
Steve Mercurio,
chair



Membership Committee Co chairs:
Keith Butters & Steve Mercurio
Membership Development,
Mentoring, & Orientation: Joel Gray &
Kris Dombeck



Rotary Readers
Jeannie Packer chair
With Glen Bahr



Carla Till, Tony Recco



Dictionaries: Carla Till chair



International Student Day Co-chairs:
Pete Costianes & Emily Gifford
With Keith Butters



RYLA Ryan Tuggey, Jen
Meisenhelder, Nancy Neiley
Rotary youth Leadership Award



Interact Club: Ryan Tuggey
& Jen Meisenhelder



Polio Fundraising
Bill Tuthill



Programs: Peter Costianes



Science Fair: Keith Butters

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