

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:

December 29 2020



Next week's program will be Drake Harrison from 100 black men of Syracuse

Followed by

Dec 8, the rest of December and Jan. will be Hybrid meetings. Pres.

Steve will send out Zoom contact information for these. **Pres. Steve has purchased a Zoom account.**

Jan. 5: Drake Harrison from 100 black men of Syracuse

Jan. 12: this is a Zoom mtg. Nancy Neiley & Sam Pendergrast speaking on the Rotary Youth Exchange. Contact info to come just before the mtg.

Jan. 19: Christine Corbett from David's Refuge

Jan. 26: ?

Feb. 2: Lisa Matte from Jervis Library



Board of Directors meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:30PM**. Location: These meeting are going to **Zoom** because RACC will not let us have them there currently. Information should be forthcoming for the **January 11** 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 **January 21 or in Feb. if necessary.**



50/50

(Draw the queen of hearts to win the pot or Joker to win half)



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 Sam Pendergrast will remain the YEO for now.. There will be no youth exchange this year. (2020)We need a YEO for next year.

Rotary Foundation: From the weekly donations to Polio Plus and the BBQ earnings allotted to that cause, we have a total of \$1117.00 to give to RI for Polio Plus.

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. Pres. Steve would lie members to be collecting shoes now.


Jean Project with Zonta Club: Carla Till has announced that she has 655 pair of jeans to be distributed at the Rome Rescue Mission. Delivery was on December 29, 2020.

Food Drive: Kris Dombeck is looking for canned goods, and other food products to be donated to the Rome Rescue Mission.

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

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.

 **Nominations and upcoming elections:** the votes have been collected. The results are: Pres.-Elect: Nancy Neiley; Pres. Nominee: Steve Mercurio; 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)

Children's Christmas Party: Christmas gifts were distributed to the seven elementary schools for 66 children led by Shelly and Joel Gray on **December 10**. This has been another successful Christmas community project.

Membership Committee Meeting: Nancy Neiley hosting at her new residence. Date and time to be announced. Discuss: recruitment, new Rotary groups (Rotaract), a Rotary Community Corp, and dues structure.

Canalfest 2021: First meeting of the Canalfest Committee will be on **December 14** at 12:00Noon at Carla Till's house. Rotarians interested in attending should contact Carla at carlatill@gmail.com

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."



RI's General Secretary

Day-to-day operations of Rotary International's Secretariat are under the supervision of the general secretary, the top professional



officer of Rotary. Although the general secretary is responsible to the RI Board & president, he/she provides ongoing management for nearly 650 staff members at RI World Headquarters and the 7 international offices.

The general secretary serves as secretary to the RI Board and is also the chief executive of the Rotary Foundation, under the supervision of the Foundation Trustees. He is the secretary of all Rotary committees as well as the Council on Legislation, regional conferences, and the annual RI Convention.

The general secretary is appointed by the RI Board for a term of not more than three years, which may be renewed by the Board for a term of up to four years. Since 1910, 10 men have served in that position. Ed Futa was appointed in 2000.

The personal influence and administrative skills of our general secretaries have significantly shaped the course of Rotary programs and activities.

Program

Photo from Jean Project delivery Dec. 29, 2020



Community Activities

Cinema Capitol



Movie : Five years after the end of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd (Hanks), a veteran of three wars, now moves from town to town as a non-fiction storyteller, sharing the news of presidents and queens, glorious feuds, devastating catastrophes, and gripping adventures from the far reaches of the globe. In the plains of Texas, he crosses paths with Johanna (Helena Zengel, System Crasher), a 10-year-old taken in by the Kiowa people six years earlier and raised as one of their own. Johanna, hostile to a world she's never experienced, is being returned to her biological aunt and uncle against her will. Kidd agrees to deliver the child where the law says she belongs. As they travel hundreds of miles into the unforgiving wilderness, the two will face tremendous challenges of both human and natural forces as they search for a place that either can call home.

Family.

Jan 1: 4:00 and 7:00PM; **Jan 2:** 4:00 & 7:00PM; **Jan 3:** 1:00 and 4:00PM; **Jan 4:** 7:00PM

Since 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** 7:00PM in the Festine 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, Giabivki 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.

Tutoring for children at Rome Art & Community Center



RACC **beginning October 6** will conduct tutoring sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays fro 3:00-5:00PM. Wifi, chromebooks, and tutors will be available for one hour sessions by appointment. Call to set up sessions. 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:

emartin@advancemediany.com

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>

Membership Monday

. We are having **another District-wide event in January**. Our membership team, along with those of the Districts who border ours, are planning a "Membership Monday Seminar" on Monday **January 18** at 7pm on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The session will include personal stories from Rotarians like you. (Why not use this as your weekly meeting that week?)



Message from DG Cheryl Matt

Your District 7150 leadership team recently met to discuss our budget for this Rotary year. We are almost halfway through and we have seen a decrease in expenses because of the COVID-19 situation. We are no longer traveling for meetings or events and have moved to virtual for most everything. In addition, we have been notified

by the Empire MDPETS group that they will be holding the Multi-District President-Elect Training this coming spring virtually. As a result, we felt that we should be giving funds back to the clubs.

The following decision has been made for a ONE-TIME deal for the Clubs as follows:

For the January 1 through June 30 period, we will be charging clubs only \$ 5 per member District dues, instead of our normal \$ 20 per member. We will be crediting each club \$ 50 of the \$75 fee they paid for MDPETS with their fall dues. After this credit is applied, in the event a small club owes no money or has a credit coming, that credit will remain on the books for that club to use for their July invoice.

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

Virtual Multi-district Foundation celebration

Scheduled for November 24 as follows:

- 6:30PM an optional special reception with Jennifer Jones RI President nominee for 2022-23



- 7:00PM main event with keynote speaker Jennifer Jones.
- 7:30PM District 7150 Foundation Awards to clubs for the 2019-20 year.

To register: go to: www.rotary7150.org/events

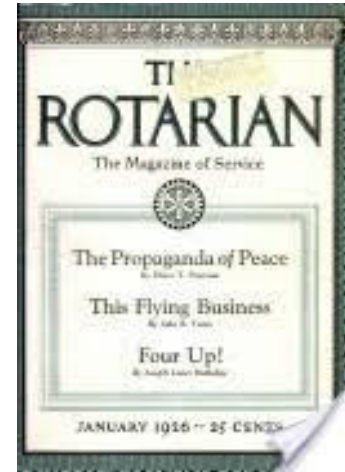
Must register by November 21.

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 DaveCook, a leader of the restoration project. The first phase of the effort about \$200,000 was funded by community organizations and businesses, Tte 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



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



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



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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