

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:

July 7, 2020

Next week's program will be presented by Thomas Colucci from the National Grid.



Followed by:



Please note:

Masks must be worn at the Yacht club. When seated, not necessary

July 21: Kari Procoppio from the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley.

July 28: Kevin White from Hannaford Market.

Aug. 4:: Rebecca Stedman from the effort Rickey Discovery Zoo.



Board of Directors meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:30PM**. Location: First Presbyterian Church on Court St. The next meeting will be on **July 20**. **We hope to have the meeting at the church but still indefinite.**



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 be held at El Jarocho restaurant, 1305 Floyd Ave. on ...?..



50/50

Rocco Versace's ticket was drawn, he donated his ticket sale winnings to Nancy's Family Fun day project. (Draw the queen of hearts to win the pot or Joker to win half)

Remembering our Rotarians

Donna Occhipinti is in room **516**. Cards & visits: **Bethany Gardens**, 800 Chestnut St. Rome, NY 13440. Remember her on holidays, etc with some cards.

Mary Winberg holidays, etc., cards to Mary at: 1700 Lincoln Lane, Rome NY 13440.

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



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.



Club Program Scheduling



Pete Costianes invites members to suggest at least one possible program in the coming Rotary year. Please give contact information to him.

Reach Pete by phone: (315) 337-1409 or email:

petercostianes@gmail.com **Peter needs programs.**



The Youth Exchange Sam Pendergrast will be retiring the end of August 2020. He is willing to train a new YEO and how to send in reports. There will be no youth exchange this year due to the Corona virus pandemic.

Facebook: Sam Pendergrast is looking for an Administrator for our Facebook page. Could this be you? Contact Sam.

Benevolent donation: Bill Tuthill has donated \$3,000.00 to be used for good works in the community.

Shoe project earnings stand at \$1,029. We can continue collecting shoes until the final pickup later in August. This will increase the earnings. A portion of the money earned will be given to Interact club and Utica Sunrise club for their assistance. We will be given an extra 25% from Funds2org when they have the final count. (Fonns Paulas is the contact person)

Dues are due for 2020-21. Second notices sent.

International Student Day: scheduled for **November 2**. August 1 has been selected as a go or no decision day. Spring of 2021 can be an alternative to the Fall if needed. There is an inquiry into gaining some help in transporting students as bussing is very costly.

Family Fun Day: Don't forget this event to be held at RACC. Children will move from station to station completing various games. They will receive a sticker for each completed game on a card to be presented at the end of the stations. They will be served ice cream donated by the Elks Club. Volunteers are needed at 8:30AM to stay until 11:30AM. Each child will choose a book of their choice from a table of books.

Member relocation: Nancy Neiley will be in Rome awhile longer, but will move to her cottage located in Pennsylvania until her Air Loft apartment is completed in Griffiss Tech Park. She has sold her home. She hopes to be back in Rome by November 1. She can be reached by her phone or email address.

Possible community project: Nancy has mentioned a project at the Westernville Library: taking books to people without transportation if interested.

Changing of the guard photo and caption sent to Sentinel & Facebook page.

The **lunch menu** offered by Lake Delta Yacht Club is below, please call ahead for you lunch. **Phone: (315) 337-5040**

- Lake Delta Yacht Club Menu for RRC lunch meeting 6/30/2020 (prices include tax and tip)
- *1. Roast Beef w/Provolone - \$9.50
- *2. Burger w/American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion - \$10.75
- *3. B.L.T.- Bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayo-\$8.25
- *4. Chicken sandwich w. lettuce, tomato, and mayo - \$10.25
- 5. Buffalo Salad-crispy or grilled chicken, celery, tomato, olives, and mozzarella-\$12.50
- 6. Caesar Salad-grilled chicken over Romaine w/parmesan and croutons-\$12.50

- **Call ahead** to (315)-337-5040 Tuesday morning after 10:00 a.m. to place your order
- *[these meals Include side of French Fries, chips, mac. salad, or side salad]

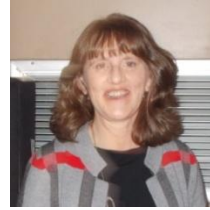
Birthdays: this month we have 5



Victor DiPerna



Roger Houle



Tamalin Martin



Bill Tuthill



Rocco Versace



Guests

Jeff Knight



Rotary Minute

The following Rotary History bites are from a booklet published by Clifford L. Dochterman who was Rotary International President from 1992-3 called, "The ABC's of Rotary."



Rotary Volunteers

You can find them working in remote clinics, refugee camps, makeshift hospitals, primitive villages, and their own communities. They are experts in administration, community development, education food production, health care, and water and sanitation. They are Rotary volunteers.

The Rotary Volunteer program encourages and facilitates volunteer service, putting Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self into action. The program is administered by Rotary Volunteers communities at the club, district, and international levels. Rotary volunteers have shared their expertise in a multitude of humanitarian projects around the world.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians who wish to serve as international volunteers can register with RI World Headquarters and are included in the Rotary Volunteers Database at www.rotary.org. resources for finding volunteer opportunities and special needs include the Rotary Volunteers International Site list Database and the Rotary Volunteers Resource list, both available at www.rotary.org. These tools can help volunteers locate their own projects and make arrangements directly with project coordinators

Program

Today's program was presented by our new District 7150 Governor, presented by Judy Reilly our Assistant Governor. They were not on-site, using Zoom.

DG Cheryl Matt's bio Information

Cheryl was born in Syracuse and lives in Fayetteville. She received a BS degree majoring in biology and speech communication from Brockport State U. with an MA in Communication. Cheryl had a 25 year career with the US Post Office where she held several Officer in charge and management details, responsible for several hundred employees. Postmaster of Syracuse and Acting plant manager in Utica) Cheryl added additional college courses in management, leadership, ethics, an employment law along with an advanced leadership program and a processing and distribution management program through postal headquarters.



Cheryl joined Rotary in 1994 and belonged to clubs wherever she worked. She was board member and President-Elect in Canastota Rotary, president of Baldwinsville Rotary and board member while in Rome Rotary. After retiring in 2012, she joined the Rotary club of Dewitt where she was an immediate past president and membership chair. She was also an Assistant Governor. Cheryl has completed the graduate level of Rotary leadership Institute and is a Paul Harris plus 4.

Cheryl has been married to Mark Matt for 42 years. Mark and Cheryl have a son, Auggie, a professional firefighter who also has a fire rescue training business. They also have a daughter Sarah who is a medical doctor. There are seven grandchildren.

RI President Hoyer Knaack's remarks as presented by Cheryl Matt

Cheryl stated that Hoyer feels Rotary should be about friendship and integrity. His theme is, "Rotary opens opportunities."



His statement in the July Rotarian expresses his belief in creating opportunities for others and ourselves. He goes on to say that acts of service, large and small generates opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life with friends around the world, based on our core values.

He mentions that Rotarians have turned to Zoom during the Covid crisis. He also feels that younger generations have a strong desire to serve, but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organization like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches and prepare rotary for the future.

Cheryl Matt's remarks

Cheryl began by stating that the District wants to help the clubs within its area as well as beyond. She feels that we need to increase our impact, engagement, and adaptability among other areas. Small clubs only want to serve within their own communities. Larger clubs have reached out to the Covid fund. She wants to see young people in leadership roles with opportunities to hold leadership positions.

Cheryl states: Rotary can grow through satellite clubs, youth Exchange, Rotaract, and Interact clubs. It is also important to keep current members engaged. Trying different types of meetings may keep interest up. Clubs need to gain members who won't leave. Publicizing events is important so that people know what Rotary does. Partnering with other organizations is important. Cheryl mentioned that some clubs who had to cancel their main fundraisers asked sponsors for donations anyway.

Seven areas of focus

Formerly known as 6 areas of focus. The seventh has recently been added to Rotary's 'perview. They are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.
- Supporting the environment.

Cheryl's email address is: CherylMatt7150@gmail.com

Community Activities

Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley -- Tourism Summit

July 15, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern

Visitors spending is extremely important to our regional economy - join us as we hear from professionals in the tourism industry who will discuss the impact and challenges they are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RSVP to RMutchler@mvcc.edu by July 13th.

To join the Zoom meeting at 12noon, Wednesday, July 15, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82892494997>

Rome Community Theater

ROME COMMUNITY THEATER



Give & Take

Saturday August 8, 2020



Thank you for
supporting
Rome Community
Theater

8911 Turin Road 10am – 5pm

We will be following COVID-19 safety procedures.

Please bring us Bottles, Cans and Scrap Metal.

Homemade face masks for sale.

All to benefit the Rome Community Theater.

Use the form below to order Rome Roasters Coffee and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts no later than July 25th for pick up on Saturday, August 8, 10am – 5pm only at Rome Community Theater. All coffee and doughnut orders must be pre-paid.

Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnuts: \$10.00 per dozen.

Freshly roasted Rome Roasters Coffee – ten ounce foil lined, re-sealable bags \$10.00 a bag.

- Nicaragua - Medium Roast (notes of cocoa, walnuts)
- Organic Nicaragua - Dark Roast (notes of dark chocolate, walnut, mild lemon)
- Papua New Guinea - Light Roast (notes of honey, milk chocolate, orange)
- Colombia Decaf - Medium Roast (notes of milk chocolate, hint of lemon)

Order deadline July 25, 2020.

Mail order to: Rome Community theater, P.O. Box #91, Rome NY 13442

Make checks payable to: Rome Community Theater. **The order form can be printed from the RCT website at:** www.romecommunitytheater.com

Freshly roasted Rome Roasters coffee – 10 foil lined, re-sealable bags at **\$10.00** per bag.

Nicaragua medium roast, whole beans or ground, no of bags _____

Organic Nicaragua – dark roast whole beans or ground, no. of bags _____

Papua New Guinea – light roast whole beans or ground, no. of bags _____

Columbia Decaf – medium roast, whole beans or ground, no. of bags _____

No. of 10 ounce bags at \$10.00 each _____ Total cost of coffee _____

Total order _____. Print your name, phone, email, and address.

Cinema Capitol

When they can open again.

District 7150 & RI News Rotary Month Celebrations

Rotary Month Celebrations

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

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

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 is a program that gives young people exposure to new cultures and customs and promotes global understanding and peace. Students spend time in another country living with different host families and attending classes at the local schools.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award is an intensive training program for young adults ages 14-30. The program 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>

Upcoming District 7150 Governors

The DG for **2020-21** will be Cheryl Matt. (DeWitt) District **2021-22**: Dana Jerard.

Treasurer position will be held by Laverne DeLand. (Deland: Fulton Sunrise)

District **Youth Exchange** chair will be held by Dave Bauer. (Bauer: Sauquoit)

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)

District 7150 Membership committee

District 7150 now has membership coaches for each area of District 7150. They will be visiting their designated clubs to share membership updates and strategies and one-on-one work with club presidents and chairs.

Our **Area 6** coach is Blessed Sikhosana

Other areas:

Area 1: Wendy Muccica

Area 2: Judy Reilly

Area 3: Jim Cook

Area 4: Elise Hereth

Area 5: Jerry Seguin. And Charlie Smith

Area 7: Bill Conole

International president 2020-21

Holger Knaack, member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Molla, Germany will be the Rotary International president in 2020-21.

Following the resignation of Sushil Gupta due to health reasons, Holger has been selected to serve as president 2020-2021.

Holger wants to build a stronger membership by increasing the number of women members and making a smoother transition from Rotaract to Rotary.

A Rotary member since 1992, He has been treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, and training leader.

Holger is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager Of Knaack Enterprises, a 125 year old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf club Gut Grambek. He was also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.



Rotary Virtual convention (See your District newsletter for more information)

The convention runs from **June 20-26**.

General Sessions are held on **June 20** and **21**.

Break Out Sessions run from **June 22-26**.

Postconvention events:

- Break out sessions will continue into July to start the Rotary year off right.
- Visit the 24 hour House of Friendship.
- Sign up at RIconvention.org



District changing of the Guard

On **June 27**, the event is viral with a ZOOM gathering of Rotarians from District 7150 to celebrate the change in leadership for our district and clubs. An email with a link will be coming soon.



District 7150 sustainable action group



A tree planting project for the coming year is being promoted. Chuck Tomaselli is the chair for this project and his email is: chuck.tomaselli@gmail.com

Featured article Rotarian April 2020 Death by plastic...Welcome to plasticville: population 7.8 billion (condensed)... Susan Freinkel



cellulose.”

When, exactly did we take our first steps into this synthetic world? Some say it was in 1870 when the inventor John Wesley Hyatt patented a malleable compound that was originally conceived as a substitute for an increasingly scarce commodity: ivory. It was created from a natural polymer – the cellulose in cotton – combined with other ingredients; Hyatt’s brother Isaiah dubbed the new material celluloid, meaning “like



Others fix the date to 1907, when a Belgian migre named Leo Baekeland cooked up bakelite; the first fully synthetic polymer, made entirely of molecules thaqt couldn’t be found in nature. Bakelite was inventd to replace another scarce natural substance: shellac, a product of the sticky excretion of the female lac beetle. Demand for shellac began shooting up in the early 20th century because it was an excellent electrical insulator. (Taking 15,000 abeetles six months to make enough of the amber colored resin needed to produce a pound of shellac) Leo Baekeland invented this plastic by combining formaldehyde with phenol (Waste product of coal) The mixture was subjected to heat and pressure and was more versatile than shellac.



The 1920’s and 30’s saw an outpouring of new maerials from labs around the world. One was **cellulose acetate**, a semi-synthetic product with plant cellulose being one of its base ingredients. It had the easy adaptability of cellulose but wasn’t flammable.

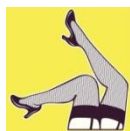


Eyeglass frames

Another was **polystyrene**, a hard shiny plastic that could take on bright colors, remain crystalline clear, or be puffed upwith air to become a foamy polymer that DuPont trademarked as styrofoam.



DuPont also introduced nylon, the answer to the centuries long search for artificial silk. Nylon stockings were promoted as being as lustrous as silk and as strong as steel.



Though fully synthetic, like bakelite, many of the new materialsdiffered on one significant way. Bakelinte is a thermoset plastic,

meaning that its polymer chains are hooked together through the heat and pressure applied when it is molded. You can break a piece of bakelite, but you can't melt it down to make it into something else.

Polymers such as polystyrene and nylon and polyethylene are thermoplastics, their polymer chains are formed in chemical reactions that take place before the plastic ever gets near a mold. They can be melted and remolded over and over again.



Plastics, cheaply and easily produced, offered salvation from haphazard and uneven distribution of natural resources. Most of the plastics discovered in the 1930's were monopolized by the military over the course of World War II. Plastic production expanded explosively after the war. Tupperware, naugahyde chairs, formica counters, red acrylic taillights, saran wrap, vinyl siding, squeeze bottles, push buttons, Barbie dolls, lycra bras, sneakers, etc. were created.

It's hard to say when the polymer rapture began to fade, but it was gone by 1967.

Today, few other materials carry such a negative set of associations or stir such visceral disgust. Much of the plastics we've produced are still with us today – as litter, layers of landfill, and detritus in the ocean. Humankind could disappear from the earth tomorrow, but many of the plastics we've made will last for centuries. Each of them offers an object lesson on what it means to live in Plasticville, enmeshed in a web of materials that are rightly considered both the miracle and menace of modern life.

It is increasingly difficult to believe that this space of plasticization is sustainable, that the natural world can long endure our ceaseless "improving on nature."

Rotary Club of Rome Organization and contact information:

Board of Directors

Pat DeMatteo	Dave Kobernuss
Kris Dombeck	Tony Recco
Roger Houle	Don Schlueter



Membership Committee Co chairs:

Pat DeMatteo & Don Schlueter
**Membership Development,
Mentoring, & Orientation:** Keith



The Rotary Foundation
"Doing Good in the World"

Rotary Foundation
Bill Tuthill chair



Rotary Readers
Jeannie Packer chair
With Glen Bahr



Scholarships: Ryan Tuggey chair



Nancy Neiley



Veteran's Affairs
Steve Mercurio,
chair



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
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Programs: Peter Costianes



Science Fair: Keith Butters

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