

Rome Rotary Club News



President: Don Schlueter
President-Elect: Nancy Neiley
Vice President: 0
Past President: John Collis

Club established 1919
Club 4856 zone 29

Treasurer: Dave Burke
Secretary: Jeannie Packer
Dist 7150 Gov: Marvin Joslin
ADG (Area 3): Dana Jerrard



Announcements:

9 April 2019

Next week's program will be presented by Brad Velardi on the Greater Utica Magazine

Followed by:

April 23: Sue Carvelli: Rome College Foundation

April 29: Diane Drake: Scouting

May 7: Scholarship Awards

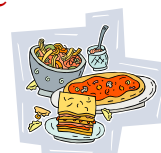
May 14: Chuck Hereth from Nuair

May 21: Lisa Matte from the Jervis/Mid York Library

May 28: Steve Clark from the Delta Lake Bible Conference Center



Board of Directors meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:30PM**. Location: **Zion Episcopal Church**, Liberty St. Next meeting: will be held on **April 15**. **Please note: the meeting has been moved to the third Monday due to president Don's absence on the usual Monday.**



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 The Texas Roadhouse on Commercial Drive), **April 17**. **Please note: this is a Wednesday to allow others to attend that usually can't.**



50/50

Steve Mercurio's ticket was drawn. He drew a card for the pot but did not win. (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. On holidays send her some cards.

Mary Winberg should be remembered. On holidays, etc., send cards to Mary at: 1700 Lincoln Lane, Rome NY 13440.

Shirley Waters, Wiley Hall, **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@tweny.rr.com or Phone (315) 336-0675 to sign up.



Club Program Scheduling Pete Costianes invites members to suggest one possible program in the coming Rotary year. Members should try to provide at least one program and give contact information to him. The member will present the speaker, give him/her the gift, and thank him/her for coming. Reach Pete by phone: (315) 337-1409 or email: petercostianes@gmail.com **Peter needs programs.**



News

The Youth Exchange: Sam Pendergrast is the YEO.

Our exchange student this year is Paulo Rojas. (Paraguay) He is hosted by Gerry and Julie Pilny and their son, Curtis.

We will not have an exchange student next year since Sam has not found at least two families to commit to hosting an exchange student.



Our club's **100th anniversary** is next year..Co-chairs Sandie Latimer and Nancy Neiley are setting up the Gala. The **date** for the gala will be **November 2, 2019**. The **location is Griffiss Institute**, Raymond E. Urtz Center, 725 Daedalian Drive. The banquet will be catered by **Delta Lake Inn**. The **MC** will be Dennis Schonewetter. More information to follow.

Officer and Board nomination results: the new Board members: Bob Herrmann & Dave Kobernuss. (Term to 2022) We do not have a president elect or VP.

Canalfest Update: From the Canalfest meeting. **Dates** are August 2, 3, and 4, 2019.

Times: Friday 5:30-9:30PM; Saturday 12:30-4:30PM; Sunday 12:30-4:30PM.

Fireworks: Friday and Saturday nights.

Fishing Derby: Saturday with cash awards.

Photo Show: Set up on Thursday with a limit of 5 entries per person; Rome Sentinel advertising and Rome school and art department participation.

Flower Show: Confirmed with same set up as last year.

Vendors: Need someone to set this up

Food: We will have multiple food vendors

Bands: We now have a DJ for Sunday.

Dave Kobernuss has created Canalfest advertising placemats for a number of area restaurants and businesses. They will be displayed for 6 weeks at these locations.

Donations: Have received donations from Erie Canal Group for \$500. and First Source: \$500.



XNext Canalfest meeting April 25 at 12:00 Michelle's office, 223 N. Washington St.

Fundraiser Shredding Event

This will take place in the Westgate Shopping Center on **May 4** sponsored by Confi-Data from 9:00-12:00Noon. A donation is suggested to those bringing material to be shredded.



Birthdays

This month we have four.



Peter Costianes



Sam Pendergrast



Tony Recco



Don Schlueter

Guests



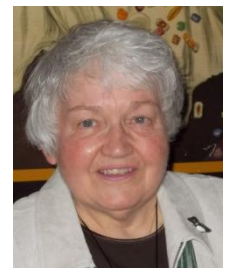
Monica Mercurio



Kris Dombeck



Bonnie Herrmann



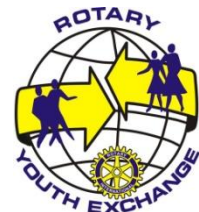
Joyce Butters

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."



Youth Exchange



The Youth Exchange is a popular program that promotes international understanding and develops lifelong friendships.

It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France and exchanges in Europe continued until World War II. The exchanges resumed in 1946.

In 1939, an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then, the program has expanded around the world. In recent years, more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary club and district sponsored exchange programs by the high-school age students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students spend a full academic year abroad through the long term exchange program. A growing number of clubs and districts are sponsoring short term exchanges of several weeks or months.

A structured program of RI since 1974, Youth Exchange is a highly recommended activity for all Rotary clubs to enhance international understanding and goodwill.

Program

Today's program was presented by Fred Meyers on motivation. Fred gave us a quote from Mark Twain that he found very true. The quote states, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." Fred is an Oriskany native. His grandparents came over to the United States from England in 1903. Fred's father married and took his wife to Oriskany where he was a farm worker and mill employee. Life was hard for the family. Fred went to school in Holland Patent and began as a Holstein breeder at a very young age with his father's support. Fred contracted polio at the age of eight and went through an excruciating treatment and braces for two years. His teacher brought his schoolwork to him so that he would not fall behind. He still has limitations on walking with his left leg although he eliminated the braces by the age of 11.

He continued with his dream of building his Holstein holdings and purchased more cows. Later on, he bought a farm at an auction which his father didn't believe that he could ever finish paying for. He did. Fred also worked for a cattle company in the Hudson Valley. They had Holsteins. He worked his way up and left in 1985 to start his own business.

Fred has persevered through two horrible accidents. In 1979, while driving his truck, he was hit by a log truck driven by a drunk driver. After being struck once, he was hit again by the same log truck. It took the jaws of life to get Fred out of his demolished truck. He suffered 6 herniated disks. He went to physical therapy and continued working. Fred's second accident was in Waterville on Paris Hill while at a vegetable stand. A woman with a big truck came out of the lot and hit Fred in his vehicle. Fred's vehicle rolled three times and was dragged. He suffered more back problems but continued on with his life.

Fred has written books on motivation.

I feel that not only does Fred have motivation, but has inner strength, a strong will, and determination to succeed.



Paul Harris presentation

Carla Till receives her Paul Harris pin with 5 gems for her donations of \$5,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation



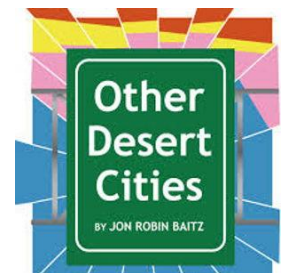
Community Events & Activities

Rome Community Theater Other desert cities

Other Desert Cities is a play by Jon Robin Baitz. The play premiered Off-Broadway in January 2011 and transferred to Broadway in November 2011, marking the Broadway debut of a Baitz play. The play was a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Drama

April 11-13 at 7:30PM **and April 14 17** at 2:30PM

Tickets can be purchased through the Box Office. Call one week before the show between the hours of 6:00 and 9:00PM. 315-337-5920. Reservations recommended



At the Cinema Capitol



The Hummingbird Project

Two cousins from New York are players in the high-stakes game of High Frequency Trading, where winning is measured in milliseconds. Their dream? To build a fiber-optic cable straight line between Kansas and New Jersey.

Starring Jesse Eisenberg, Alexander Skarsgård, Salma Hayek...

Also at the Cinema Capitol



Apollo 11

Crafted from a newly discovered trove of 65mm footage, and more than 11,000 hours of uncatalogued audio recordings, Apollo 11 takes us straight to the heart of NASA's most celebrated... [View more >](#)

Starring Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin

MVCC Rome Campus 1101 Floyd Ave.

April 16 at 7:00PM in the Festine Auditorium of the Plumly Complex.

“My Hawk Talk,: leading fearlessly, overcoming your fears to step up and stand out.”
With speaker Darryl Bellamy. Attendees will identify their fears to stepping up and see the similarities wit their peers LIVE whilde learning actionable strategies to conquer fear.

No charge.

Sip into Spring



Rome Art and Community Center on **April 27** from 6:00-9:00PM.
Sample fine wines, local craft beer, handmade chocolates, local cheeses, desserts, and food pairings. Purchase available.
\$20.00 presale; \$25.00 at the door. Available online:

www.romeart.org/events

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

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>
Additional questions about **RYLA**:
Phyllis Danks, chair: phyl7150@gmail.com
Rotaract chair: Maria Pavelock & Jonathan Yost:
pavelockm7150@gmail.com
Youth Exchange chair: Colleen Weibel

District newsletter information and articles

Please send future newsletter inputs directly to editor Lizzy Flinn-Brown at:
ebrown@syracuse.com

From District 7150 FYI: District group leaders:
District Governor: Marv Joslin: marvd7150@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: Dave Bauer:

Youth Service Leadership unfilled at this time. **Interact's** District Chair is Dennis Schonwetter. Dennis7150@gmail.com. A club for young people in their community or school.

Youth Exchange with District Chair Dave Bauer: club 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 with District chair Phyllis Danks: 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: 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>

2019 RYLA application available

The rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend will be July 5-7 and clubs should be getting applications into their schools now. Here is a schedule to keep applications on track:



- Provide your local schools with the updated application and modify the deadline to fit your club. You will have the month of April to process them, conduct interviews and make a selection.
- May 1 is the deadline to submit your students to the RYLA committee so they will have a head count.
- We have a new chairperson for the event, Brian Miller. You can contact him at: bmiller7309@gmail.com or 315-723-5763.

District 7150 Schedule

- **19 Apr 06, 9 AM to Noon District Assembly** --- at VVS High School
- o **2019 May 3-5, District Celebration Conference, Crowne Plaza Lake Placid**
- o **2019 Jun 01-05**, RI International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
- o **2019 Jun 27, 5:30 PM Changing of the Guard**, Traditions, Links at Erie Village
- o **2019 July 05-07**, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Cazenovia, 7/7 Noon banquet
- o **2019 Aug 07**, Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner, location TBD
- o **2019 Sep 28**, Rotary Leadership Institute, VVS High School (RLINEA.org Website)

Upcoming District 7150 Governors

The DG for **2019-20** will be Randy Wilson. (Sauquoit) 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)

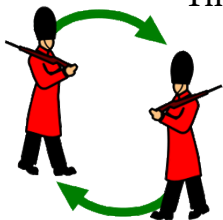
New Rotary Theme announced

The incoming Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney, of Decatur, Alabama, announced his theme for the 2019/2020 year: Rotary Connects the World. He shared his vision for the year, which is focused on growth.



Changing of the guard

Thursday, **June 27**, 2019 Traditions at the Links, 5900 Burdick St. E. Syracuse



Join us to honor outgoing DG Marv and celebrate incoming DG Randy!
Watch your emails and read your newsletter for details as both events will require online registration.

Meet your new District Governor nominee 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 led to the first of three "sentences" as club Sergeant-at-Arms. From there he moved through the natural progression to club VP, PE,



and, in 1994-95, club president under the leadership of PDG Joe McCarthy. Immediately following his year as club president, Dana accepted the role editor of the club's weekly newsletter, an assignment that he held for more than 20 years. This period also included 12 years as club secretary. On the district level, Dana has been newsletter editor, conference House of Friendship coordinator, directory publisher, master of ceremonies, and, most recently, Assistant Governor for Area 3 clubs. He is a Paul Harris Fellow +2, and a Rotary Foundation Benefactor. Professionally, Dana spent 30 years at Vicks Lithograph in Yorkville before retiring in 2016. He currently works on a part-time basis at JAY-K Lumber in New Hartford and is also part of the local music community in groups as diverse as Classified, The Clef Dwellers, and the Utica Symphony. Outside of Rotary, Dana was president of the Mohawk Valley Community College Foundation for 13 years, Founder and President of Senior Services of Utica, Pacesetter Campaign Chair for United Way, and President of Family Services of Utica. Currently, he is Alumni Class President for his graduating class at Cornell University. Dana Jerrard | Rotary Club of Utica | jerrarddana@gmail.com

District 7150 Membership committee

District 7150 now has membership coaches for each area of District 7150. The Membership Coaches 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 Tara Renner trenner1@twcny.rr.com
Other areas: Area 1: Jerry Gortner Gerald.Gortner@yahoo.com
Area 2: Francesca Magro francescasbanquets@msn.com
Area 3: Jim High carlyhi@aol.com
Area 4: Charlie Smith deaconcharlie@hotmail.com
Area 5: Henry "Mac" MacDonald henrymac7150@gmail.com
Area 7: Catherine "CJ" Sturtevant cjsturtevant7@gmail.com

Rotary International Convention

The Rotary International Convention will be held in Hamburg, Germany, **June 1-5, 2019**. Arrive early to meet Rotaractors from around the world at the Rotaract Preconvention, **May 31- June 1**. Connect with People of Action at the 3K Walk Against Polio, discover new ways to bring about change in your community at engaging breakout sessions, and explore fresh opportunities for service in the House of Friendship. Register at <http://www.rconvention.org>



District Conference Celebration

May 3-4, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Lake Placid, NY
Registration and check-in starts at 3pm on Friday, May 3rd and cocktails start at 5pm. You will probably need to take a little time off work that day to get there in time to have a toast with friends! That night we are going to have our Parade of Flags and hear from the first of several inspirational speakers throughout the weekend, Emad Rahim, author of "Resilience - From Killing Fields to Boardroom."



Saturday morning we'll do a little Rotary business and education before an afternoon of fun. We are seeking Rotarians who are veterans to form teams for an Armed Services Trivia (Army/Air Force versus Navy/Marines). Please contact DGND Dana Jerrard at jerrarddana@gmail.com if you are a veteran who wants to participate and will be at conference.

In the evening you get to try to solve a murder mystery while you dine and cheers with friends. We'll also welcome PDG Dale Flinn from District 7170 for some more inspiration to close out the celebrations.

We will be celebrating clubs, their accomplishments and their Acts of Kindness Bring a great display to the House of Friendship-(registration required) and make sure someone from your club is available for a little show and tell

-We will also be collecting items for care cases to help children in the foster care system –(club runner home page for a list of items your club can start collecting now). Deliver to us at conference, where we will assemble the packages that will be delivered in both Syracuse and Utica.

Registration Instructions:

1. Register you and your guest at www.rotary7150.org
2. In your confirmation email, click the link to download a form to book your room & board - be sure to include

We are asking clubs to: bring their club banner, -Register for a space in the House of Friendship and put together a fun and interactive display

-Donate a door prize valued at \$50 or more

-Sign up as many members as possible to join in on the weekend

Upcoming Rotary International President nominee Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Gupta says he wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.



Featured article Rotarian March 2019 Flower Power...Anne Stein

Slippery Rock Pennsylvania is a well-cared for community with planter pots dotting the boroughs 2 square miles and filled with a palette of greenery that rotates with the seasons.

This is a project called Slippery Rock in bloom and was launched eight years ago by the Rotary Club of Slippery Rock's president at the time, Jeff Berta.



This was a community improvement effort by the club who raised the funds and got their hands dirty.

Last year, their work was rewarded when a nonprofit called America in Bloom gave Slippery Rock top honors in the category of communities with a population of 3,000 to 10,000. The contest promotes improvements in the quality of life, and entries are evaluated on these seven criteria: overall impression, community vitality, environmental efforts, heritage celebration, urban forestry, landscaped areas, and flowers.

“It is a lot more than the flowers and tidiness,” explains club member Regina Greenwald, who coordinates the Slippery Rock Bloom Committee. The committee of Rotarians and interested residents, plans and coordinates year-round beautification, fundraising and the thousand of volunteers who participate.

We started by cleaning the town. We created a recycling program and there was a fall cleanup with schools. Slippery Rock University students and community volunteers assisted. Since then, the committee has raised nearly \$100,00.00 from individuals and from private and public grants to pay for numerous projects.

The committee has torn down an old bank building that was an eyesore and replaced flowering pear tree which had been wiped out by fire blight with new less vulnerable trees. It has worked to improve local water quality and encouraged landlords and homeowners to clean up yards and spruce up houses.

Everyone helps out including scout troops, church groups, local businesses, college students, and Rotarians.

Featured article from The Rotarian March 2019: Peace through parks..Claudia Urbano

Yesenia Uribe, member of the Rotaract Club of Juarez Integra, Mexico, saw that parks around her hometown of Ciudad Juarez were in disrepair, abandoned, and vandalized. Yesenia, a 29 year old, thought these spaces deserved better. She wondered if better public spaces could help address the city's high crime rate and violence.



After participating in a training program for young community leaders called, “A stronger Mexico, pillars of positive peace,” which was supported by a Rotary Global grant, Uribe got her club involved in reclaiming those spaces and creating murals dedicated to the theme of peace.

Ciudad Juarez has a serious problem with drug trafficking, generating an atmosphere of insecurity and Yesenia wanted to learn how to implement peace in her community. She applied to participate in the program which is designed to provide tools and knowledge related to peace.

Ciudad has many parks in poor condition and Yesenia felt that the parks needed to be recovered to provide the community with places to meet. She started with rehabilitation work in the parks. After that, murals were painted dedicated to the idea of peace. It took almost a year to paint 10 murals. Each mural has a different design, but all are focused on the theme of peace and convey a positive message.

At the beginning of the project, only members of the Rotaract Club of Juarez Integra worked to fix up the parks and paint the murals. Then neighbors joined in with other organizations. Local artists offered to paint some murals.

Places that looked totally abandoned and vandalized have become meeting spaces for the community. Performing these artistic activities and seeing the great progress toward our goals has helped us to stay enthusiastic about our community work.

In the positive peace training program, they asked us to write a letter to our future self, telling what we hoped to do with what we learned. At the time, I didn't know what projects I would undertake, but now when I read the letter that I wrote, I feel that I achieved all the goals that I wanted to gain.

Rotary International

The Rotarian November, 2019: Rotary Leaders selected

Mark Daniel Mahoney of the Rotary Club of Decatur Alabama is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2019-20.



Rotary Club of Rome Organization and contact information:

Board of Directors

Pat DeMatteo	Sandra Latimer
Dave Kobernuss	Keith Butters
Dave Rapke	Tony Recco



Membership Committee Co chairs:
Pat DeMatteo & Don Schlueter
**Membership Development, Mentoring,
& Orientation:** Keith Butters, chair



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



Carla Till chair



Pres. Elect



Polio Fundraising
Bill Tuthill



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



Science Fair: Keith Butters



RYLA Ryan Tuggey, Chair
Rotary youth Leadership Award



Interact Club, Nancy Neiley, Chair

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