

# Rome Rotary Club News



President: Kyle Cairns  
President- Elect: Cameron Stewart  
Vice President: Carla Till/Diane Drake  
Past President: Steve Mercurior

Club established 1919  
Club 4856 zone 32

Treasurer: Dave Burke  
Secretary: ?  
Dist 7150 Gov Gerald Seguire  
AG: Doreen Gortner

## Announcements:

**September 6, 2022**



Next week's program will be presented by Selma Lupardo, Development Manager of United Way of the Mohawk Valley.

**Tuesday's meetings** Meetings are at Rome MVCC Rm. 150/ Plumley Complex. The regular meetings will be every other week beginning with **September 6** at our MVCC location. **Actual meetings are listed below with their speakers.**

Every other is an open forum.

Arizona Tacos Food Truck; will be on campus every **Tuesday** from 11:00am-2:00pm beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a trial and will be discontinued if there is not enough business.

### Followed by:

**Sept. 20:** Selma Lupardo, Development Manager of United Way of the Mohawk Valley.

**Oct. 4:** Suzie Phillips on, "Taking care of endangered elephants."

**Oct. 18:** Kyle Cairns on **Cyber Insurance**.

**Nov. 1:**

**Nov. 15:**

**Nov. 29:**

**Board of Directors meetings** are on the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:30PM**. Location: **RACC**. Next meeting, will be **September 12**.



## The Thursday night Fellowship Rotary dinner meeting

Once a month meetings are held at different restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at **6:00PM**. The Fellowship Dinner will be discontinued for the Summer to accommodate vacations. We will resume in the Fall.



## 50/50



Gretchen Hoyt's ticket was drawn. She chose a card for the big pot., and drew the Queen of Hearts for the large pot determined by the Treasurer. (Draw the queen of hearts to win the pot or Joker to win half).

## Rotary Readers: Bellamy Elementary School

If you are interested in this program, please contact Jeannie Packer at: [thepackers@twcny.rr.com](mailto: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 children's Rotary Reader party was **June 10**. We will start anew next October of the 2022-2023 school year.



## 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](mailto:petercostianes@gmail.com)

**Peter needs programs.**



**RRC Advertising :** Kris Dombeck:

**Canalfest:** 2022 Canalfest at Bellamy Harbor Park

has been completed. Preliminary financial tall is as follows:

**Gate** - \$3,357.14; **50/50** - \$731.00; **Rides** - \$6,422.00; **Photo Contest** - \$42.00;

**DNK Cash refund** - \$500.00; **Fishing Derby** - \$398.10 after all payouts.;

**Merchandise vendors:** \$5,524.00; **Food vendors:** Doug Chmielewski \$2,000.00 or \$1500.00, have two different entries; ride food vendor: \$100.00; BBQ: \$200.00;

Arizona Taco: \$400.00; Rail & Canal: \$100.00. **Total** \$21,087.00.

A number of **bills** have **not been paid yet**. These include tent use & 7 missing chairs; Gulla signs; Ace Hardware; the Ad Bill – CanV.

**Duct Tape Club:** new program at Ridge Mills Elementary School Thursdays at 3:30PM to promote writing in journals. The teacher handling the program is Mrs. Falvo and the students are 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Chairs from RRC are Tamalin Martin and Carla Till. Program has ended for the school year.

**Election results: Past President** will be Steve Mercurio; **President** will be Kyle Cairns; **President Nomine (Elect)** will be Cameron Stewart; Vice President will be Carla Till; Treasurer will be Dave Burke; Secretary will be ?; **Directors:** Bill Wolf and Glen Bahr from July 2020-June 30, 2023; Pat DeMatteo and Tari Hafner (as a replacement) from July 2021 to June 2024; Dave Kobernuss and Kris Dombeck from July 2022 to June 30 2025.

**Fund raising:** possible pancake breakfast in the works.

**Gift Committee:** Dave Kobernuss, chair. The new sponsorship year is beginning. Dave Kobernuss will hold a meeting. I will report any information when I get it.

**Membership** –Club dues were due by **June 30, 2022** We have a new member, Bruce Entelisano and another prospective one as well...

**International Student Day:** IS Day has been set for **October 29 2022**.

**RFA Interact club:** Kyle Cairns is the liaison to Interact. Mark Kall will be the advisor with assistance by Ryan Tuggey and Jen Meisenhelder.

**Rotary Foundation:** Bill Tuthill reports that we have collected a total of **\$2307.69** for the **Disaster Relief Fund** to go to Ukraine. This year, our club has given \$650.00 to PolioPlus, currently for the annual fund, \$4,190.00.

**Rotary Readers:** The RR party was June 10 at 9:30AM. The program will start up sometime in October. Contact information shown earlier in the newsletter.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships as follows: 1 student to receive MVCC STEM scholarship, Frankie Till and 2 from RFA for Service above Self: Lauren Dorfman, and Joseph Keeney. awards are \$1,000.00. Total awards will so far are \$3,000.00. Don Schlueter will begin his search for new scholarship awardees in the 2022-3 Rotary year.

**The Youth Exchange** . Chair: Not sure. No Youth Exchange for 2022-3 year.

## Guests



Gretchen Hoyt



Aidan Goldman



Joan Mammoser



Jeffry Hafner

**Birthdays:** this month we have .7



Glen Bahr



Pat DeMatteo



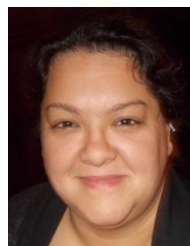
Miranda Majewicz



Steve Mercurio



Amy O'Shaughnessy



Britney Pfaff



Dave Rapke



## Rotary Minute

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



### Matching Grants

One of the most popular programs of the Rotary Foundation is Matching Grants which assists Rotary clubs and districts in conducting international service projects. Since 1965, more than 24,000 grants have been awarded for projects in nearly 170 countries, totaling more than \$243million.



The Rotary Foundation provides matching funds to clubs or districts for relatively small, one-time only humanitarian service projects. Grants are awarded for a wide variety of projects, such as providing agriculture, water, and medical care equipment, combating diseases, helping the disabled; promoting literacy and numeracy; and developing educational or occupational training programs. The minimum grant award is \$5,000.00 and the maximum is \$150,000.00. The Foundation provides a \$.50 match for every \$1. Cash contribution and a \$1 match for every \$1 District Designated Fund contribution.

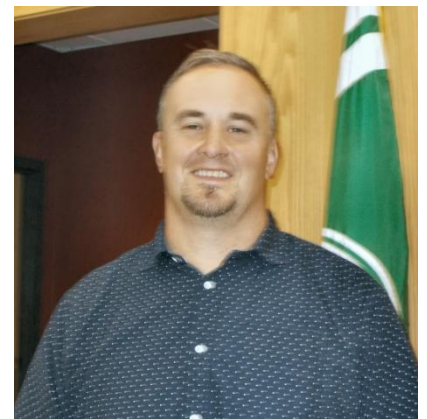
Matching grants are not approved to purchase land or construct buildings and may not be used for programs already underway or completed. Personal participation by Rotarians is required, and the benefits should extend beyond the recipients. The Matching Grants program plays a very significant part in The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian work and provides an important incentive for club to undertake worthwhile service projects in another part of the world.

### Program

Today's program was presented by Bryce Baldwin pastor of the Rome Alliance church.

The mission of the church is to invite others to share in the hope, healing, and love of the gospel.

The program that Bryce delivered was on Transformational Job Fairs which he has undertaken to help in the community. He also spoke about a flea market to help individuals seeking a job to help them "dress for success". I don't know if it is something in operation or not. I couldn't find a reference to "Nearly New" flea market on the internet.



Bryce asked for stories from the members to illustrate how a work place made them feel good. Helping people with employment, job fairs makes the community a better place to live. He mentioned a story about Lewiston, Maine where a family's shoe company started in the 1970's had an excellent reputation. Things closed down after time and then thirty years later, Somali refugees moved there and reinvested in the community by opening stores and businesses. The school district's K-9 building now has 900 students. Reinvesting in the community is important. Bryce also told a similar story from Bible times where the Israelites were overrun by the Babylonians and the Lord gave Jeremiah a letter to give to the Babylonians that encouraged them to build homes, plant gardens, stay and have children, and work for people to build prosperity for the city.

At the community job fairs, it is important to greet people when they enter. Help is provided with resumes if needed. They listen to people and then help. The fair personnel also works with employers. They ask what the business is looking for.

The Rome Community job fairs are non-profit. The church does not receive anything for working the fairs. The fairs take place in September and April. The September fair will be **September 29**.

### Contact

**Church location:** 920 Turin Rd, Rome. Worship: Sunday at 10:00AM & community celebration: 11:00AM

**Church phone:** (315) 336-3483

The church has a Facebook page with videos, services online (Apple podcasts), and Instagram.

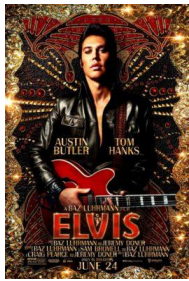
**Job Fair phone:** (315) 574-8200

**Job Fair website:** [www.romejobfairs.org](http://www.romejobfairs.org)

## Community Activities/News

### Cinema Capitol

#### Movie: Elvis



ELVIS is an epic, big-screen spectacle from Warner Bros. Pictures and visionary, Oscar-nominated filmmaker Baz Luhrmann that explores the life and music of Elvis Presley, starring Austin Butler and Oscar winner Tom Hanks.

**Sept. 9:** 4:00 and 7:00PM; **Sept. 10:** 4:00 & 7:00PM; **Sept. 11:** 1:00 & 4:00PM; **Sept. 12:** 7:00PM

### Live and Let Die: A Symphonic Tribute to Paul McCartney

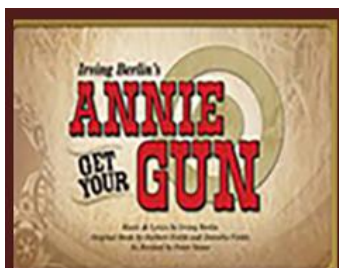


The Project Fibonacci® Foundation Inc.

Join

us on Saturday, **October 22**, 7:00PM, for a night of music and entertainment to benefit the Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. at the Rome Capitol Theatre!

### Rome Community Theater



**Play:** Annie get your gun

**Tickets:** Purchase Tickets Online

<http://www.tktassistant.com/> or **Purchase Tickets at**

**Box Office** - Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office the

date of the performance, you can reserve your seat by calling

the theater **315-337-5920** one hour prior to the performance

time or at any other time and leave a message. Season ticket

holders get the privilege of sitting in the same seats for all of the

**ROME**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**THEATER**

shows. Reserved seats are filled on a first come, first served basis. the Box Office 315-337-5920, hours 6-9 PM. **At the door ticket sales available. Adults; \$15.00; Children under 18: \$10.00.** Tickets are non refundable

## Rome Art and Community Center

**55th Anniversary Celebration Gala – Friday, September 9 | 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Halloween House – October 7, 8, 14, & 15**

Contact for RACC: Information: **Phone:** 315 336-1040 or [executivedirector@romeart.org](mailto:executivedirector@romeart.org)



## MVCC Rome Campus

### Workshop

Cheese and charcuterie board design & theory with Vincent Petronio, Director of Hospitality programs at MVCC and Exec. Chef at Motus in Utica

**September 14**, 6:00PM Dining and Community Hall. \$15.00 general and \$10.00 MVCC employees



**Family Fun series:** Lightyear. Film followed by activities and snacks. Festine Auditorium on **Sept 10** at 12:00Noon. General - \$5.00; MVCC employees & children under 12 yrs. - \$2.00

## 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](http://Rotary7150.org).

Rotary International Website, [Rotary.org](http://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](mailto:phyl7150@gmail.com)

**Rotaract** chair: Jonathan Yost: [jonathanm.yost@yahoo.com](mailto:jonathanm.yost@yahoo.com)

**Interact Chair:** currently unfilled.

**Youth Exchange chair:** PDG Phyllis Danks: [phyl7150@gmail.com](mailto:phyl7150@gmail.com)

## District newsletter information and articles

Please send future newsletter inputs directly to editor Jim Morrow at:  
[Rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary7150@gmail.com) Phone: 315 751-7830

### From District 7150 FYI: District group leaders:

**District Governor:** Jerry Seguin: [jseg.rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:jseg.rotary7150@gmail.com).

**District Secretary:** Peter Cardamone: [peter7150@gmail.com](mailto:peter7150@gmail.com)

**District Treasurer:** Tara Renner: [trenner1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:trenner1@twcny.rr.com)

**District Foundation Chair:** Don Reese: [dgreese@Utica.ed](mailto:dgreese@Utica.ed)

**District Grants Chair:** Bonnie Levy: [bonnierotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:bonnierotary7150@gmail.com)

**Youth Exchange Chair:** PDG Phyllis Danks : [phyl7150@gmail.com](mailto:phyl7150@gmail.com)

**District Membership Chair:** Joe Caruso: [jpcaruso12@gmail.com](mailto:jpcaruso12@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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## District 7150 Rotary Foundation

District 7150 Foundation committee for 2021-2 Nov. is Rotary Foundation month  
The members of this committee are: DG Dana Jerrard, (Utica) DGE Jerry Seguin, (Fulton) DGN Elise Hereth, (VVS Community Rotary) PDG Jim High, (New Hartford) PDG Jerry Gortner, (Canastota) Bonnie Levy (DeWitt) PDG Ward Vuillemot, (Skaneateles) PDG Randy Wilson (Sauquoit) and PDG Don Reese (Utica)

## **ESRAG**

Link to the : District's Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG):  
[www.esragd7150.org](http://www.esragd7150.org)

## **New District 7150 news editor**

The new news editor is Jim Morrow who is a member of the Syracuse Rotary Club which he joined in 2012.

He is a past president (2014/15), membership and programs committees, and currently serves as a board member, a trustee on the club's foundation and chair of Philanthropy & Charity.

Deadlines for district news is the 25th of each month. Email: [rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:rotary7150@gmail.com)

## **Meet your new District Governor for 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) His email is :[jseg.rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:jseg.rotary7150@gmail.com).

## **Meet District 7150 Governor for 2023-24**

District 7150 Governor for 2023-5 will be Merle "Elise" Hereth of the Vernon Rotary club.

Elise's email: [eliserotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:eliserotary7150@gmail.com)



## **New DG Designee 2024-5**

The DGND Nominating Committee, IPDG Cheryl Matt, Chair, has selected Baldwinsville Rotarian Lizzy Martin as the District Governor Nominee Designate . Lizzy joins a class of 529 DGNDs in the Rotary world who are on a leadership track to serve as District Governor during the 2024-25 Rotary year.

Lizzy has distinguished herself as a Rotary leader on the Club, District, and Zone levels, and has shown to be a forward-thinking, energetic and creative Rotarian. Her knowledge of and enthusiasm for Rotary will serve her well as she trains for her year as DG.

Lizzy is also the new innovative chair for District 7150. She will be working with Dana Jerrard, Joe Caruso and club and Rotary Leaders to identify creative ways we can make Rotary membership attractive, accessible and fun.



## **Lizzy's Bio (condensed)**

Lizzy joined Rotary in 2009. She became club Secretary and then president for 2019-20. She has been active in: Seneca River days as the club's former 5K fundraiser and recently formed a Donations committee handling collections for local charities. She has also coordinated volunteers for the Old Newsboys charity each December. Lizzy has been the public image coordinator and newsletter editor for many years, managing the club's website and social media accounts. She works with past DGs as District Conference chair and public image chair since 2015.



### **District 7150 Membership Team**

We are no longer using Area Membership Coaches, a District Membership Team. (From Janet Joslyn, District 7150 Membership chair) Joe Caruso is the closest to our club distance wise.: Joe Caruso Utica Rotary email: [jpcaruso12@gmail.com](mailto:jpcaruso12@gmail.com)  
C 518 542-7814 H 315 732-8129

### **District 7150 Changing of the Guard**

This event will be held on June 30, 2020 from 5:30PM-8:30PM at the Great Swamp Conancy located 8375 N. Main St. Canastota. The cost is \$30,00 registration is requires. [www.Rotary7150.org/Event/egisermemberpayment](http://www.Rotary7150.org/Event/egisermemberpayment) Elise Hereth, chair. Contact her at: [eliserotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:eliserotary7150@gmail.com)

### **Featured Rotary article June 2022. General Officers of Rotary International, 2022-3.; Telling our stories:Jennifer Jones, President Rotary International condensed**

#### **General Officers of Rotary International**

President: Jennifer E. Jones, Windsor-Roseland, Ontario Canada.  
President-Elect: R. Gordon McNally, South Queensferry, Scotland.  
VP: Nicki Scott: North Cotswolds, England.  
Treasurer: Ananthanarayanan S."Venky" Venkatesh  
General Secretary: John Hewko, Kyiv, Ukraine.

#### **President's message**

The Rotary magazine is a treasure trove of photos and memorable stories about our great organization.

As a communications professional Jennifer longs for the day our stories would be a regular part of mainstream media and our flagship magazine might populate doctor's offices, coffee shops, or anywhere else people sit, wait, and browse. It's great that Rotary members are better informed about all we do and wouldn't it be that much better if more people knew our stories.

Over the next 12 months she will shine a light on projects that put Rotary service on projects that put Rotary service on display to the world, and we are going to do it strategically. Her husband, Nick, and she will focus on some of the most impactful, sustainable, and scalable Rotary projects from our areas of focus, in what we call the Imagine Impact Tour.

We are inviting top-tier journalists, thought leaders, and influencers t use their channels to help us raise awareness by reaching people who want to serve but have not yet realized they can do it through Rotary.

There is another important issue to consider – our carbon footprint. She takes seriously Rotary's emerging leadership position on environmental issues. The example set by our members during the Covid-19 pandemic is fundamental to how we carve out



our future. This means we will harness digital technology to tell our stories. We will be tweeting, posting, and going live to anyone who will listen. We must consider the environment and part of that means not always traveling but continuing to connect in meaningful ways as we have for the past two years. Of course we are social people and we still need to be together. We simply need to be more mindful of our decisions and think about how we gather just a little bit differently. For example, if we travel to visit a project, we will plan successive visits in neighboring areas. She hope that we might consider our own Imagine Impact efforts. Your story might be something that can be promoted just as easily on social media or during a Zoom call. Think about ways to showcase a projects in our clubs and districts.

### Rome Organization contact information:

#### Board of Directors

Pat DeMatteo	Dave Kobernuss
Kris Dombeck	Tari Hafner
Glen Bahr	Bill Wolf



#### Membership Committee Co chairs:

Keith Butters & Steve Mercurio

**Membership Development, Mentoring, & Orientation:** Joel Gray & Kris Dombeck



#### Rotary Foundation



#### Rotary Readers

Jeannie Packer chair



Scholarships: Don Schlueter, chair



Carla Till



Veteran's Affairs  
Steve Mercurio,  
chair



RYLA Ryan Tuggey, Jen Meisenhelder,



Duct Tape Journaling: Carla Till &  
Tamalin Martin co-chairs



Polio Fundraising  
Bill Tuthill



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



Interact Club:  
Mark Call



Science Fair: Keith Butters



Programs: Peter Costianes

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