

# Rome Rotary Club News



President: Steve Mercurio  
President- Elect :Nanct Neiley  
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:

**May 4 2021**



Next week's program will be presented by Chris Mercurio on naturalization projects at Griffiss Park

Sending **Zoom contact information** for all meetings until onsite meetings again.

**Followed by**

**May 18:** Mayor Jackie Izzo

**May 25:** Matt Miller, Rome Rescue Mission

**June 15:** Christina Crawford from Crawford acupuncture.



**Board of Directors meetings** are on the 2nd Monday of each month at **5:30PM**. Location: These meeting are going to **Zoom**. Next meeting is **May 10**.



## The Thursday night Fellowship Rotary dinner meeting

Our 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 held at The Savoy restaurant 255 E. Dominick St. Rome) on **May 20** at 6:00PM.



**50/50**

(Draw the queen of hearts to win the pot or Joker to win half) Resume on site.

## Remembering our Rotarians: holidays, etc



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

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

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

## 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. We are 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](mailto:petercostianes@gmail.com) **Peter needs programs.**



**The Youth Exchange** . Co chairs: Nancy Neiley & Sam Pendergrast. No Youth Exchange for the 2021-2 year.

**Rotary Foundation:** Bill reports that we have sent in \$2147.00 to the Polio Plus fund and \$1140.00 to the annual fund.


A donation for Polio Plus from Tatum's Treats is in the works. Tatum's contact for ordering hand pies, scones, etc: <https://www.facebook.com/TatumsTreats.NY/>.

**Children's Christmas Party:** help from Jennifer McCullough on jackets for the Children's Christmas party. Shelly and Joel will not be back until May from Florida.

**Chicken Barbecue #2:** Another chicken barbecue has been scheduled for **May 8** at the Westgate Shopping Center from 1:00-5:00PM/until gone. The deposit has been made to Scotty's who will provide the dinners again. Cost is \$13.00 per dinner.

**Presale is important.** Members are responsible for at least **5 tickets** and more if you are able. It takes **269 tickets to be sold to break even. 320 tickets** have been distributed. Volunteers are needed. Tamalin has a signup sheet.

**Canalfest 2021:** The last meeting was **April 14**, 12:00Noon at the Carla Till's house, 1605 N. George St. Limitations on public gatherings will not allow the Canalfest to exist as usually run. A ZOOM or other virtual meeting is scheduled for **May 18** with Mayor Jackie Izzo. More information to follow.

 **Club election:** Nancy Neiley will become president July 1, 2021; Steve Mercurio, Past President; 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)

**Easter Food Drive:** 16 bags of food donations (Five hams) and \$150.00 were dropped off at the Rome Rescue Mission **March 30** at 3:00PM. Kris Dombeck, Don Schlueter, and Jeannie & Don Packer met with Lisa Patierno who accepted the items.

**Earth Day/Watershed Project:** was **April 24** from 10:00-12:00Noon. Rome Rotary members, RFA Interact club and RFA Interact club with advisors participated.

**Gift Committee:** club will spend \$10,000.00 on donations to:  
Abraham House: \$1,000.00; Capitol Theatre: \$500.00; Connected Schools: \$1,000.00; Lucy House: \$1,000.00; Michelle Adey Fund: \$1,000.00; Rescue Mission: \$1,000.00; Bellamy School: \$500.00; Ridge Mills School: \$500.00; Rome YMCA: \$3,000.00; Wright Settlement Cemetery: \$500.00. These sponsorships were approved **March 30**, 2021. Presentations to the Connected Community Schools and Rome Rescue Mission have also been completed. **Photos under program section.**

**Next presentation** is at the Connected Community Schools location at 414 N. James St. **April 29 at 2:30PM** Recipient will be Miranda Majewicz.

This leaves Wright Settlement Cemetery, Bellamy and Ridge Mills Elementary Schools.

**Honor America Days:** scheduled for July 31, 2021. Looks like it is canceled

**International Student Day:** IS Day has been moved to Fall of 2021.

**Membership:** Inductions of the news members is beginning. Amy O'Shaughnessy to be inducted on **May 7** at her job site.

**Naturalization project** with New Hartford club: Sixty trees will be planted at a location designated by Chris Mercurio on **May 11**.

**Scholarships:** Don S. reports that we have 3 MVCC scholarships and 3 applications for scholastic merit. Since there are only 3 for MVCC, we can give 2 for merit. We have 3 applications for the merit scholarships with two being Interact students.

**Shoe project #2:** The project is winding down. We had one pick up at the New Hartford Animal Hospital. Final pick up is **May 30**. The collection is through Micro Entrepreneurs. We are partnering with New Hartford, Sauquoit, and Utica Sunrise clubs. The current count is: New Hartford with 67 bags, Rome has 65bags Sauquoit has 47 bags, and the Utica Sunrise club has 12 bags..So far we have earned **\$460.00** with a portion to be given to the Vernon club.

### Guests

Elliot Kent



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



Peter Costianes



Diane Drake



Sam Pendergrast



Tony Recco



Don Schlueter



## 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."

### **Campaigning prohibited**

An interesting bylaw of Rotary International provides that no Rotarian shall campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in Rotary International. This provision includes the offices of district governor, RI director, RI president, and various elected committees. The Rotary policy prohibits the circulation of brochures, literature, or letters by a candidate or anyone on behalf of each candidate. Only the RI board via the Election Review Committee has the authority to identify specific activities as campaigning.



After a Rotarian has indicated an intention to be a candidate for one of the elective Rotary offices, he or she must refrain from speaking engagements, appearances, or publicity that could reasonably be constituted as furthering his or her candidacy. The only information that may be sent to clubs relating to candidates for an elective position is that which is officially distributed by the general secretary of RI.

A Rotarian who has become a candidate for an elective position, such as district governor or RI Director, must avoid any action that would be interpreted as giving himself or herself an unfair advantage over other candidates. Failure to comply with these provisions prohibiting campaigning could result in the candidate's disqualification. In Rotary, it is believed that a Rotarian's record of service and qualifications for office stand on their own and do not require publicity or special promotion.

### **Program**

Today's program was to be presented by Donna Burch who canceled her talk. Elliot Kent from Upstate Cerebral Palsy visited our Zoom meeting. He has been with UCP for 2 years starting in the Residential area and then moving into an Administrative position. He states that there are 80 locations in CNY with 2,000 employees serving 15,000 individuals and families. They have had a decline in applications for employment and are looking for people to fill needed positions.

### **Gift Photos**

Connected Community School \$1,000.00 gift received by Miranda Majewicz:

Rome Rescue Mission \$1,000.00 received by Matt Miller and Lisa Pierno







## Community Activities

### Cinema Capitol



#### Movie : Nomadland

Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad. The third feature film from director Chloé Zhao, NOMADLAND features real nomads Linda May, Swankie and Bob Wells as Fern's mentors and comrades in her exploration through the vast landscape of the American West.

**Apr.16:** 4:15 and 7:15PM; **Apr. 17:** 4:15 & 7:15 PM; **Apr.18:** 1:15 & 4:15PM; **Apr. 19:** 7:15PM; **Apr.23:** 4:15 & 7:15PM; **Apr. 24:** 4:14 & 7:15PM; **Apr. 25:** 1:15 & 4:15PM; **Apr. 25:** 7:15PM

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](http://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 live streamed on Facebook at MVCC Cultural Series.

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

## Toast to summer



RACC will have their program tentatively **mid June**. More details later.  
Phone: 315 336-1040.

## Art Exhibits at RACC

Blue Art Exhibits **May 1 to May 28**. Constance Avery and salon style Blue exhibit.

Reception May 7- 6:30 – 8:30

Art Exhibits Rome City School District Student show **June 2** –, 4:00-6:00PM.

Artletics program: (children 5-12) **June 29-August 19**.

## 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](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:** Dorene Gortner: [dorene.gortner@yahoo.com](mailto:dorene.gortner@yahoo.com)

**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 Lizzy Martin at:

[emartin@advancemediany.com](mailto:emartin@advancemediany.com)

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

**District Governor:** Cheryl Matt: [CherylMatt7150@gmail.com](mailto:CherylMatt7150@gmail.com)

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

**District Treasurer:** Laverne DeLand: [laverne7150@gmail.com](mailto:laverne7150@gmail.com)

**District Foundation Chair:** Mark Matt: [mmatt7150@gmail.com](mailto:mmatt7150@gmail.com)

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

**District Membership Chair:** Janet Joslyn: [jmjoslyn83@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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>

### **The Future of Rotary Session**

We've all been invited to a session our neighboring District in Binghamton is hosting on the future of Rotary. Will there be Districts? Or Regions? What will our global organization look like?

Listen as incoming RI Director **Drew Kessler from NYS** and Rotary International Past President **Barry Rassin from Bermuda** (Do you remember his theme "Be The Inspiration"?) discuss some of the options being tossed around for the **future structure of Rotary**.

The Zoom event is: **May 11, 2021 at 07:00 PM EST**

**register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdOGqrj8uH9fZhMOviCuMlpXJtDHMdeuo>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Cheryl Matt

District 7150 Governor 2020-2021

### **Foundation Celebration & Gala**

There is a Foundation Celebration and Gala on **May 12, 2021** and everyone from Rotary International Zones 28 & 32 is invited. These two zones are a four country, two language, compilation of Rotarians in Bermuda, Canada, France and United States that includes over 2200 Rotary clubs.

This is an opportunity to showcase the power of our Rotary Foundation and the good work that Rotarians do at home and around the world. There will be a red carpet welcome hosted by Jennifer Jones (RI President in 2022-23) along with other senior Rotary leadership, and some great entertainment – music, magic and bartending!

Registration and event details are at [www.bit.ly/TRF-Gala](http://www.bit.ly/TRF-Gala).

Cheryl Matt

District 7150 Governor 2020-2021

### **Donate Your Lunch Money –**

The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund gives our District funds each year for our clubs' District Grants. As this pandemic Rotary year comes to an end, and another begins, let's take some of that money we didn't spend for lunch or dinner (or a month's worth), and put it to work by donating it to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Every donation helps.

#### **There are 3 ways to donate:**

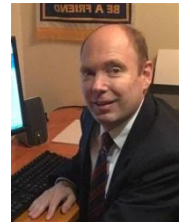
1. Send a check made out to "The Rotary Foundation" to Mark Matt – Rotary Foundation Chair – 310 Collin Ave, Fayetteville, NY13066. Mark will do your paperwork to be sure your donation is eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.
2. Visit [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate) and donate to the Annual Fund. Email a copy of your receipt to [mmatt7150@gmail.com](mailto:mmatt7150@gmail.com) to credit your donation to Donate Your Lunch Money effort.
3. Make a recurring donation by completing a Rotary Direct Form at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-direct-rotarys-recurring-giving-program-form> Email [mmatt7150@gmail.com](mailto:mmatt7150@gmail.com) to credit your first donation to this "Donate Your Lunch Money" effort.



### **Our 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](mailto: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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the USAF. Her second assignment brought her to Griffiss AFB, where she met Chuck Hereth, whom she married. Still on active duty, was overseas but eventually joined the NY Air National Guard, continued serving, in her active duty career, in Upstate NY. She retired in 2014, at the rank of Colonel having served almost 29 years.



### **District 7150 Membership Team**

We are no longer using Area Membership Coaches. We have established a District Membership Team. From Janet Joslyn, District 7150 Membership chair. I am retaining Joe Caruso from the list since he would be closest to our club distance wise.:Caruso

Joe Caruso

Utica Rotary Th 12:00

[jpcaruso12@gmail.com](mailto:jpcaruso12@gmail.com)

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H 315 732-8129

### **Featured article MaY 2021. Hive Mind Joseph Derr condensed**

Bees are in trouble. A study in North America states that you are 50% less likely to see a bumblebee in any given areas than in 1974.

Rotary members in Slovenia where one in every Slovenians is a beekeeper are behind the creation of the International Bee Rotary Fellowship (IBRF). It grew out of a conversation in 2018 between Nina Kolenc, member of the Rotary club of Marlboro Park and Janez Lipec, then governor of District 1912 (No. Macedonia and Slovenia). The

fellowship hopes to work on projects such as building bee houses and organizing bee focused camps for young people.

Their passion is infectious says John Blount, a member of the Rotary Club of San Sebastopol, California. Rotary and bees have a lot in common says Kolenc. “Bees are hardworking, creative, and productive and so is Rotary.

### **Bee Facts**



- Honeybees live in colonies.

For them, one lone bee cannot do anything, it cannot survive.

- Do not use chemicals that are harmful to bees. Take care of our environment because without bees, humanity would face many big problems. Without bees, many plant species would face the threat of extinction.

- Bees have been on our earth for more than 100 million years. They help ensure that we have flowers I our

filed, trees full of fruit, and frees that grow and expand.

- To help bees you can plant or sow pollinator friendly flowers and plants in the garden, terrace, or balcony, or make simple panels with holes as shelters for solitary bees. Only a small portion of what a honeybee produces is taken by the beekeeper in the form of honey and products, the rest goes toward the survival of the bees.
- Honey contains vitamins, amino acids, minerals, sugars and enzymes. Pythagoras is said to have eaten only honeycomb, bread, and water for dinner.
- There are seven types of honey in Slovenia. Acacia, linden, chestnut, multifloral, forest, spruce, and fir honey.



### **RI Internatinal President 2021-2**

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary’s highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and



increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

### **Rome Organization and contact information:**

#### **Board of Directors**

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



#### **Membership Committee Co chairs:**

Keith Butters & Steve Mercurio  
**Membership Development,  
Mentoring, & Orientation:** Joel Gray &  
Kris Dombeck



**Rotary Foundation**  
Bill Tuthill chair



#### **Rotary Readers**

Jeannie Packer chair  
With Glen Bahr



Scholarships: Ryan Tuggey chair



Carla Till



**Veteran's Affairs**  
Steve Mercurio,  
chair



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



Dictionaries: Carla Till chair



Polio Fundraising  
Bill Tuthill

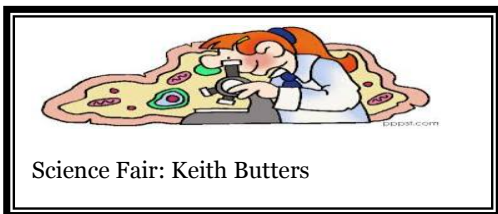


#### **International Student Day Co-chairs:**

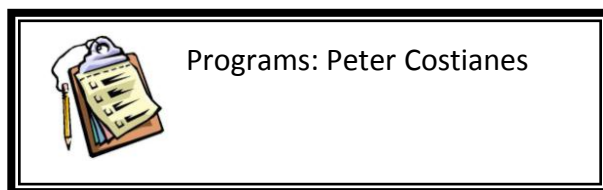
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Interact Club: Ryan Tuggey  
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