

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:

March 23, 2021



Next week's program will be presented by Peter Costianes: His 50 years in Theater/Music.

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

Followed by

April 6: Rob Tracy: My 30 years in acting

April 13: Julie Whittemore from the Capitol Theatre.

April 20: Tony Joseph Covid impact on nursing facilities.

April 27: Miranda Majewicz from Connected community schools

May 4: Donna Burch, (Author) "My bucket list since retiring."

May 11: Chris Mercurio on area naturalization projects for Griffiss Tech Park

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**. Information should be forthcoming for **April 12**.



The Thursday night Fellowship Rotary dinner meeting

Our once a month meetings are held at different restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of each month at **6:00PM**. The Fellowship Dinner will resume with El Jarocho on Floyd Ave. on **March 25**.



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

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

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



Rotary Readers: Bellamy Elementary School

If you are interested in this program, please contact Jeannie Packer at: thepackers@twcny.rr.com or phone (315) 336-0675 to sign up. This includes reading with an elementary student once a week for a half hour at Bellamy Elementary School. 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 **Peter needs programs.**



The Youth Exchange . Co chairs are Nancy Neiley and Sam Pendergrast. There will be no Youth Exchange for the 2021-2 year.

Rotary Foundation: Bill Tuthill will fund the scholarship for a nursing candidate through the Rome Hospital Foundation with MVCC himself, not a part of his \$3,000.00 gift to the Rome Rotary club.

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/>. She generously gave samples of her wares at the Shoe Drop-off at RACC Feb 27.

Chicken Barbecue #2: Another chicken barbecue has been scheduled for **May 8** at the Westgate Shopping Center from 1:00-5:00PM until gone. Scotty's will provide the dinners again.

Shoe project #2: The project ends on March 31. A truck will pick up the bags of shoes at the New Hartford Animal Hospital between **March 27-29**. The collection is through Micro Entrepreneurs. **Volunteers needed for shoe pick up.** .

We are partnering with New Hartford, Sauquoit, and Utica Sunrise clubs. The current count is: New Hartford with 58 bags, Sauquoit has 30 bags, Rome has approx. 42 bags and the Utica Sunrise club has 9 bags.. Partial pick ups scheduled for April 2 & 4

Dues all paid up to June 30, 2021 except for two of the newest members.


District dues, RI dues, and Chamber dues have all been paid.

Earth Day: Nancy Neiley chairs this cleanup at Bellamy Harbor Park. It is April 24 from 1:00-3:00PM. Contact Nancy for this. nancyoneiley@gmail.com

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

Tree planting: another tree planting in spring with the New Hartford club. Money needs to be raised to purchase saplings.

Canalfest 2021: Don Schlueter has s organized the sponsor list. Dave Burke is receiving applications from craft vendors. The next meeting will be **March 25** at 5:30PM at the RACC community room.

 **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: list of needed items for the Rome Rescue Missions:
non perishable items: elbow macaroni, baked beans, bricks of cheese such as cheddar, american, and mozzarella; bags of shredded cheese also; canned green beans, eggs and butter which Kris will buy with any donated funds. Easter candy to be added to each meal instead of their usual Easter egg hunt. **Items needed by March 29.** Donations can be received at the Fellowship dinner or **Kris Dombeck's home:** 8603 Teugega Point Rd, Rome.

Membership: we have three new RRC members that have been approved for membership. They are Amy O'Shaughnessy, Jennifer McCullough, and Michael Flagg. Keith Butters has conducted the orientations for all except Michael Flagg.

Membership Committee Meeting: No new firm information as to location and date.

Gift Committee: club will spend \$10,000.00 on donations to 13 benevolent organizations in the current Rotary year.

Children's Christmas Party: help from Jennifer McCullough on stock for the Children's Christmas party. Shelly and Joel will not be back until May 2021 from Florida.

Guests

None today.

Birthdays: this month we have two.



Kyle Cairns



Maria Dailey



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."



Annual RI themes

In 1949-50, RI president Percy C. Hodgson established four objective for his team and launched the Rotary tradition of an annual theme. Since then, the annual RI themes have varied in length and message but all have inspired Rotarians to greater action.

Here are some of the themes from the past:

- 1959-60: Harold Thomas with Vitalize! Personalize! Build bridges of friendship!
- 1961-2: Joseph Abey selected Act, which is the shortest theme.
- 1963-4, Carl Miller chose Meeting Rotary's challenge in the space age.
- 1966-67, Richard Evans with A better world through Rotary.
- 1970-71: William Walk with Bridge the gaps.
- 1973-4: William Carter with A time for action.
- 1980-81, Rolf Klarich chose Take time to serve
- 1982-83: Hiroji Mukasa with Mankind id one – build bridges of friendship throughout the world
- Some newer ones beginning in 2002-3 include:
- Sow the seeds of love, Lend a hand, Celebrate Rotary, Lead the way, and Service above self.

Program

Today's speaker was presented by Miranda Sherrock from the Rome Historical Society. She has previously worked as an Elementary Ed. Enrichment specialist in Cooperstown and Program Developer for Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock Vt.



Miranda is the museum educator. Art Simmons is the director. They are the only paid employees. The Historical Society is a nonprofit organization. RHS has a Board of Trustees with Bobby O'Brien as president. Other staff consists of volunteers. Currently there is one intern volunteering. RHS has been closed during the Pandemic and may open soon. Senior membership is \$20.00; military active or retired is \$20.00; individual membership is \$30.00; Family membership is \$40.00..

Beginnings

The Rome Historical Society was granted its provisional charter on September 21, 1936, and a museum was opened in the third floor of the Jervis Public Library, located at 613 North Washington Street. The Rome Historical Society would be granted its absolute charter in 1944.

Since receiving its charter, the Rome Historical Society has operated from a number of historic locations. In 1958, Mrs. Alexander Rutherford gifted the Society with the former armory building at 117 East Dominick Street for use as the Fort Stanwix Museum. This building was vacated in 1970 to make way for the construction of Fort Stanwix National Park and other Urban Renewal projects. During the Urban Renewal years, the Society operated from a number of temporary locations, first at a former

supermarket building at 112 Spring Street from 1970 to 1974, and then at the Lunger House at 113 West Court Street until 1980.

It was in 1980 that the Rome Historical Society would purchase its present location at 200 Church Street. This building was a former United States Post Office, built in 1936 as a part of the New Deal projects being constructed across America, the same year as the Society's founding. After extensive renovations, the Society's museum reopened in 1985 and has since operated uninterrupted.

Mission

RHS mission is to actively research, collect, preserve, and present the historical importance of Rome, NY and serve as an educational and community resource.

Past Programs

Miranda mentioned Cooper's trade, Hot wheels: local authority (toy cars and accessories), MVEDGE, P-51 Mustangs, and fortifying the Oneida Carry.

She stated that RHS partners with the Ft. Stanwix National Monument.

Grants and funding

- RHS has been accepted into the IMLS Cares Act grant.
- RHS belongs to the Museum Association of NY (MANY), connecting with other institutions
- Highlighting diversity in the community
- Have new photography and video equipment.

Contact

Location: 200 Church St Rome NY 13440

Phone: (315) 336-5870

Website: romehistorical.society.org

Community Activities

Cinema Capitol

Movie : Six minutes to midnight



Summer 1939. Influential families in Nazi Germany have sent their daughters to a finishing school in an English seaside town to learn the language and be ambassadors for a future looking National Socialist. A teacher there sees what is coming and is trying to raise the alarm. But the authorities believe he is the problem.

Mar.26:4:15 and 7:15 PM; **Mar 27:** 4:15 & 7:15 PM; **Mar.28:** 1:15 &4:15PM; **Mar 29:** 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 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.



MVCC Rome Campus



Concert: Michael Giabicki of Rusted Root with Dirk Miller.
May 7, 2021 7:00 PM 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.

Virtual Art auction



The Rome Lion's club will have a virtual art auction on March 26 with a virtual cocktail party at 7:30 PM and the auction at 8:00 PM. Admission is free.

Pre-Registration (only) should be available by March, 15, 2021 by end of day.

Registration, Preview, Pre-Bid, Maximum Bid will be available by 9 AM EST on March 24, 2021.

First 100 people to be registered before the virtual cocktail part will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50

Amazon gift card! Go to bid.MarlinArt.com (no www before it) and look for the online auction links for the Rome Lions Club starting 24 March at 9 AM EST.

You can preview the art and set your bids if desired for the minimum and maximum bids you want for that piece. Preview is available until the start of the auction at 8 PM EST on March 26, 2021. All purchased artwork will be sent FREE of charge within the continental US. An opening bid and full description of each piece will be displayed.

You must go to their website to register and/or join on the night of the auction. It is:

<https://www.romelions.com/artauction>

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** –, 4:00-6:00 PM.

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.

Rotary International Website, Rotary.org.

Rotary Leadership Institute, <http://www.rlinea.org>

Youth Exchange calendar:

<http://www.rotarydistrict7150youthexchange>

D7150 Calendar of Events – list of events from Newsletter

RYLA Conferences: Cazenovia College

<http://www.rotary7150.org/sitepage/ryla>

RYLA: PDG Phyllis Danks chair: phyl7150@gmail.com

Rotaract chair: Jonathan Yost: jonathanm.yost@yahoo.com

Interact Chair: Dorene Gortner: dorene.gortner@yahoo.com

Youth Exchange chair: PDG Phyllis Danks: phyl7150@gmail.com

District newsletter information and articles

Please send future newsletter inputs directly to editor Lizzy Martin at:

emartin@advancemediany.com

From District 7150 FYI: District group leaders:

District Governor: Cheryl Matt: CherylMatt7150@gmail.com

District Secretary: Peter Cardamone: peter7150@gmail.com

District Treasurer: Laverne DeLand: laverne7150@gmail.com

District Foundation Chair: Mark Matt: mmatt7150@gmail.com

District Youth Exchange Chair: PDG Phyllis Danks : phyl7150@gmail.com

District Membership Chair: Janet Joslyn: jmjoslyn83@hotmail.com

Youth Service Leadership unfilled at this time.

Interact Club is a club for young people in their community or school.

Interact Chair: Dorene Gortner: dorene.gortner@yahoo.com

Youth Exchange a program giving young people exposure to new cultures and customs, promotes global understanding and peace. Students live in foreign countries with different host families and attend classes at the local schools.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award an intensive training program for young adults ages 14-30 that usually involves seminars, camps, or workshops organized by Rotarians and held over 3-10 days.

Question about RYLA Phyllis Danks chair: phyl7150@gmail.com

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS PROGRAM For more information visit:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards/offers#/offers%0D%0AJust>

Earth Day Watershed Project

The Rotary Districts that border the Great Lakes have partnered in an international, multi-district service project cleaning up the shores of our waterways. Looking at the watershed maps, the Great Lakes Watershed includes the **Finger Lakes, Oneida Lake, the Erie Canal** and other streams and rivers that empty into the Great Lakes. Did you know that the Great Lakes account for more than 20% of the world's surface freshwater? Your club can pick a river, lake or any water source that connects to Lake Ontario and plan your own Earth Day event on **Saturday, April 24th.**



We are also encouraging clubs to collaborate with other local groups in their cleanup efforts. It will be a public image opportunity and we hope to have t shirts for purchase to show our efforts and identify us as Rotarians.

The Rotary clubs of Oswego and Oswego Sunrise as well as District ESRAG are already signed up. Email Cheryl Matt at : cherylmatt7150@gmail.com if interested. Rotary Club of Dewitt -Cell: 315-420-9210

PETS training

Multi-District PETS (President-elect Training Seminar)? It is 19 & 20 Mar 2021... register at <https://www.rotaryempiremdpets.org/>

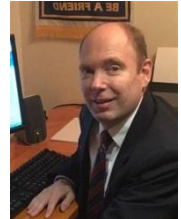
Message from DG Cheryl Matt

1. The following notice came to us from Rotary International.
he Board advises regional leaders, district governors, club presidents and others to hold meetings virtually through the end of the Rotary year."
2. Rotary International's Districting Committee informed our District 7150 that a decision was made by their board that our District will merge with an adjacent district effective July 1, 2024, if the district does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2022. (We currently have 1042 members.) They have requested a district merger plan by June 30,

2021. Other Districts near us have received the same notification and merger discussions have begun with those Districts as well as another close by. We will keep you posted on this process as we move forward. Questions and comments are always welcome.

Meet your new District Governor designate 2021/2022): Dana Jerrard

Dana Jerrard has been a Utica Rotarian since 1986, and in that time has held most of the offices available to a member. Board service in 1989, three Years as club Sergeant-at-Arms, with a natural progression to club VP, PE, and, in 1994-95, club president under the leadership of PDG Joe McCarthy.
jerrarddana@gmail.com



Meet your new District Governor designate 2022-2023: Gerald Seguin of Fulton Rotary Club



Gerald retired from Fulton City School District June 2018. Served as Fulton Rotary club Pres. 2009-10, 13-14, and 17-18. He is now Dist 7150 Asst Gov for Area 5. Has been Club Secy, Treasurer, Foundation Chair. (Also participation chair Dist Assemblies, District Training and MD-PETS)

Proposed District 7150 Governor for 2023-24

Pursuant to Article 14.020.6 of the Rotary International Bylaws, we announce that the Nominating Committee for District 7150 Governor has recommended Merle “Elise” Hereth of the Vernon



Merle “Elise” Hereth lives in Sherrill, NY and is a member of the Vernon Verona Sherrill Community Rotary Club. She grew up in southern New Jersey, where her father was a dedicated Rotarian. Elise then attended the University of Florida and earned a B.S degree in Geology. Upon graduation, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF. Her second assignment brought her to Griffiss AFB, where she met Chuck Hereth, whom she married. Still on active duty, she went over-seas but eventually joined the NY Air National Guard and was able to continue serving, in her active duty career, in Upstate NY. She retired in 2014, at the rank of Colonel having served almost 29 years.

Elise joined Rotary in 2015 and became the Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor. She took on a District role in the YE Committee, while serving as the Vice President and then President for a two- year term. During her second year as President, she became an Assistant Governor. She has enjoyed the three Rotary Leadership Institute courses, and a graduate level class. She is an Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group member and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Elise and Chuck have been married for 32 years and they have a son and a daughter. In addition to Rotary, Elise currently works part-time for NUAIR Alliance. She serves as a hospital volunteer for the Mohawk Valley Health System and is a past Vice-President of the volunteer board. She has several hobbies including walking, crafts, playing in a community band, and reading.

any such challenge to this nomination must be submitted by October 26, 2020. Please submit any challenge in writing to me as District Governor, at 310 Collin Avenue, Fayetteville, NY 13066, or by email at cherylmatt7150@gmail.com

District 7150 Membership Team

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

C 518 542-7814

H 315 732-8129

Featured article September 2020. Flocking together: bird watching Rotarians from around the world connect with each other and nature. Jenny Llakmani condensed

As the corona virus began restricting the movement of humans, many people stuck at home began to notice the birds outside. April and May brought migrating birds to backyards in North America. Birdwatchers downloaded the Audubon bird identification app at twice the rate of the year before. The Cornell University ornithology lab's Merlin app saw similar surges. Bird watching groups on social media provided a connection with neighbors and with nature that was acutely needed during a time of social distancing.

Rotarians have been providing those connections since 1991, when the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians (IFBR) took flight. Every year, members get together on the morning after the Rotary International Convention to catch up with one another and to see some local birds. In 2019, they visited a restored marsh outside Hamburg, Germany. In 1997, they went to the sea coast near Glasgow, Scotland to see cliff dwelling birds. In Indianapolis city park, they went to see some prairie birds.

Some favorite birds include the American oystercatcher (Florida), Striped fieldwren, Indian Roller, black capped chickadee, and the pileated woodpecker.



Pileated woodpecker



Indian roller

Some of the exciting sightings include Kirtland's warblers in Michigan, Venabygd, Norway for a barred owl, (We have them here in New York state) Sundarbans for Kingfishers of all kinds, ruby throated hummingbirds, birds of paradise (Papua, New Guinea), and penguin colonies in Antarctica.



Barred owl, only owl with brown eyes



King Fisher

Rotary International Director for 2022-24

The Nominating Committee for RI Director in Zone 32 recently certified that it selected Rotarian Drew Kessler, a member of the Rotary Club of North Rockland (Haverstraw), as a RI director in 2022-24. Rotarian Kessler has stated that he is willing and able to serve as director, if elected. RI President Knaack will declare Rotarian Kessler as director-nominee from your zone on 1 December 2020 unless another qualified Rotarian has been duly proposed as a challenging candidate before 1 December. Any club in your zone at its regular meeting may adopt a resolution proposing a challenging candidate for RI director, provided that the challenger was among the candidates previously considered. The following procedures must be followed to propose a challenge to the Nominating Committee's selection:



If you have any questions, contact our Corporate governance staff at:
corporate.governance@rotary.org

Rome Organization and contact information:

Board of Directors

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



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, Tony Recco



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:
Pete Costianes & Emily Gifford
With Keith Butters



Interact Club: Ryan Tuggey
& Jen Meisenhelder



Programs: Peter Costianes



Science Fair: Keith Butters

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