

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:

April 6, 2021



Next week's program will be presented by Julie Whittemore from the Capitol Theatre.

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

Followed by

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 be held at Delta Lake Inn (88224 Fish Hatchery Rd. Rome) on **April 15** 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

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@twcnny.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: Nancy Neiley & Sam Pendergrast. 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/>.

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 2021 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. Tickets are being ordered. Presale is important. *Volunteers are needed.*

Shoe project #2: The project is winding down. We had one pick up at the New Hartford Animal Hospital. The truck will return to gather up the rest within 2-3 weeks. The collection is through Micro Entrepreneurs. We are partnering with New Hartford, Sauquoit, and Utica Sunrise clubs. The current count is: New Hartford with 62 bags, Sauquoit has 41 bags, Rome has 46bags and the Utica Sunrise club has 12 bags..

Dues all paid up to June 30, 2021 except for one 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 10:00-12:00Noon or 1:00--3:00PM if rain substitute is needed.. Contact Nancy for this: nancyoneiley@gmail.com

Canalfest 2021: The next meeting will be **April 14**, 12:00Noon at the Carla Till's house, 1605 N. George St.



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.

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.

Honor America Days: scheduled for July 31, 2021. RRC carries the flag. Volunteers are needed.

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

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 information as to location and date.

Guests

None today.

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."



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 program was presented by Rob Tracy: My 30 years in acting. Rob mentioned that his background includes a degree in English Literature from Yale and a law degree from Syracuse University. He is currently Ward Counselor for Rome, NY.

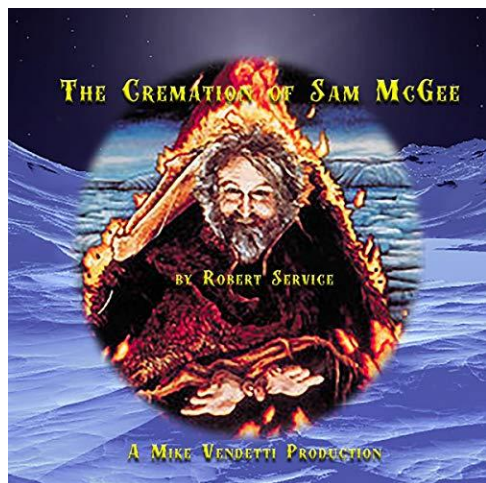
Rob did interview for a law position but when an opportunity came to perform professionally, he took and then continued on with acting because he enjoyed it.

Rob joined the Rome Rotary club and made up his meeting attendance requirements through evening Rotary meetings at Dibbles Inn since attendance was much stricter at that time.

Rob explained that lighting, blocking out other sounds and taking cues from music or directors helps with learning lines and when to speak them.

Rob recited the poem, "The cremation of Sam McGee" by Robert W. Service, which he learned many years ago.

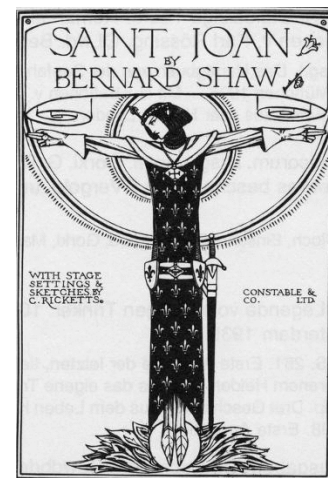
Rob's advice to future potential actors is that it may take many auditions to find work. A sustaining job may be necessary while waiting for work in the acting profession.



Rob also advises that when an actor makes a mistake that can't be covered up, one must get back on track and give the best that you can. Ad libbing also saves an actor who may not remember a line. Often body language and tone are more important than the lines.

Rob's most stressful show was Joan of Arc at Hamilton College. There were 5 soloists and 4 actors with a large orchestra and director Rob Cole. Rob only had 20 lines which he thought would be easy to perform. There were no practices until the dress rehearsal. Rob was not familiar with the director's methods and missed his cue to say his lines. The director stopped the orchestra and told Rob that he needed to come in on time or everyone else would be coming in late as well. When repeating the previous section, the director turned and pointed his baton at Rob who then said his lines on time. Rob knew that the flick of the director's wrist meant time to say the lines!

Another piece of advice from Rob is, whenever you are offered a microphone, take it. Other sounds may drown out a person who does not have a microphone.



Community Activities

Cinema Capitol



Movie : Godzilla vs Kong

Legends collide as Godzilla and Kong, the two most powerful forces of nature, clash on the big screen in a spectacular battle for the ages. As Monarch embarks on a perilous mission into fantastic uncharted terrain, unearthing clues to the Titans' very origins, a human conspiracy threatens to wipe the creatures, both good and bad, from the face of the earth forever

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

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 Festive 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** –, 4:00-6:00 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



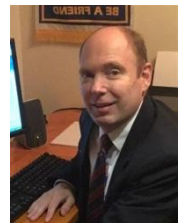
The Rotary Districts that border the Great Lakes have partnered in an international, multi-district service project cleaning up the shores of our waterways. Looking at the watershed maps, the Great Lakes Watershed includes the **Finger Lakes, Oneida Lake, the Erie Canal** and other streams and rivers 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

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



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.

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

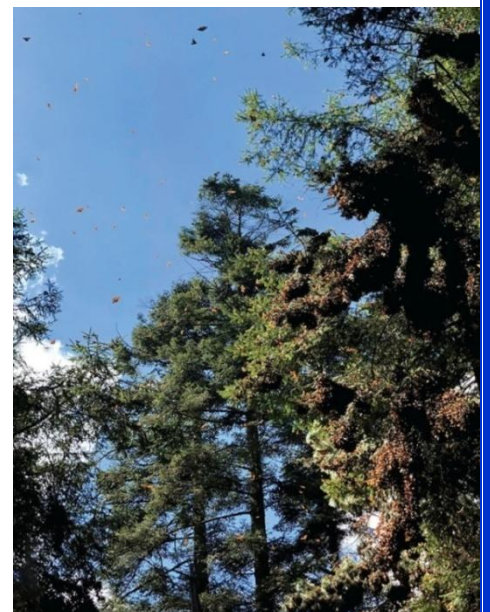
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Featured article October 2020. Butterfly effect Frank Bures condensed

Santuario Piedra Herrada is one of a handful of places where monarch butterflies gather to spend the winter each year. And then fly to Texas and other parts of the southern United States where they lay their eggs on milkweed plants. Those offspring then fly north as far as Canada to lay their own e eggs. After a third generation at th end of the summer, a fourth super generation with a life span as long as nine months (Instead of predecessors 2-6 weeks) embark on a journey back to Mexico following the Sierra Madre Oriental mountains until reaching the hills around Piedra Herrada.

No one knows how the instructions for this 6,000 mile round trip journey pass from one generation of monarchs t the next. What we do know is that everywhere along the butterfly's route the habitat it needs to survive is disappearing. The plight of the monarch has made news in recent years, from schoolchildren to scientists.

In June 2015, Chris Stein who was then superintendent of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, invited Marlene Gargutak, the incoming governor of Rotary District 5960 (Parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin) to park headquarters to discuss the loss of vital habitats for monarchs and other pollinators. At his office in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, Stein gave Gargulak a presentation on the monarch migration and showed her maps detailing the



habitat loss facing the butterflies at every stage along their journey. He asked, “What do you think Rotarians could do?”

Gargulak’s idea was to ask clubs to improve pollinator habitats in their own communities. She then asked all clubs in districts from Canada to Mexico to each do a project. For monarchs, their habitat must include milkweed, the only plant monarch caterpillars will eat and therefore the only plant on which the butterfly will lay eggs.

As 2016-6 Governor, Marlene Gargulak visited all 63 clubs in her district, speaking at each one about the pollinator crisis and asking them to sign on to a pollinator pledge to take action. She sent letters to the governors of all 74 districts across the eastern monarch’s territory asking them to do the same thing. The District 5960 conference that year included a sale of pollinator plants. In July 2015, Gargulak met with former US Vice President Walter Mondale, Minnesota resident, to discuss ways to increase pollinator habitat. The Rotarians also helped form the St. Croix Valley pollinator Partnership bringing together small business owners, baseball teams, and government agencies.

At least 31 clubs in the district carried out pollinator projects since 2015, including one in Rice Lake Wisconsin, where the city donated a plot of land for a butterfly garden and tree planting



RI International 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



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



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



Science Fair: Keith Butters



Programs: Peter Costianes

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