



# Rotary Club of Rome, New York



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## Rome Rotary Club Banner

The Rome Rotary Club Banner depicts several things about Rome's history. During the American Revolution, Rome's Fort Stanwix played a key role in the turning point of the war. This was the background for the book, and later the movie "Drums Along The Mohawk." The American Flag was first flown in combat at the fort. Fort Stanwix has been restored and is now a U. S. National Monument.

Rome was the home of Francis Bellamy, the author of the Pledge of Allegiance. He is buried in Rome Cemetery.

The Erie Canal Packet Boat is on the banner because the construction of the Erie Canal began in Rome.

One item not on the banner, which we plan to add in the future, is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers of the Revolution. This tomb contains the remains of unknown Revolutionary War soldiers that were unearthed during the excavation for the restoration of Fort Stanwix.

The Rome Rotary Club initiated and provided the seed money for the tomb. We were fortunate to secure the volunteer services of an elderly retired architect, Lorimer Rich who lived a few miles from Rome. As a young architect, Mr. Rich designed and supervised the building of the National Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington Cemetery.