



Rome Rotary Club News



President: Melissa Graves
President-Elect: Joyce Midlam
Vice President: Carol Mooney
Past President: Joe Fusco

Club Established 1919

Treasurer: Sandie Latimer
Secretaries: Karin Tuthill & Karen Roth
Dist 7150 Gov: Jim Gascon
ADG (Area 4): Jana Haldenwang

October 21, 2011

IMPORTANT

URGENT!! NOTE TAKER STILL NEEDED: We need a note taker to fill in for Virginia while she is recovering. Virginia covered week 4 every month and week 5 as necessary. Please send an email to RomeRotaryNewsletter@gmail.com if interested. Thank you!

ROTARY PROGRAM IDEAS: Program chair Tiffany Martin has done an outstanding job arranging some excellent programs for us but could use some help. If you have an idea or two, please contact her at: tmartin@romecsd.org or call her at 240-1334.



Rome Rotary Meeting of October 18th, 2011 notes:

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm with the recognition of Shirley Waters' 90th birthday. There were 27 members of Rotary present.

President Missy Graves announced that Keith Butters and Debbie Kryczkowski are co-chairs of the Rome Rotary Club Membership Committee.

Missy reminded the Club that the International Student Day program will be on Saturday, October 29. Kristen Bowers reported that we have about 8 host families but could still use 2-3 more. She has reservations for about 40 students so far. If you would like to host 2-4 students in your home that afternoon and/or join us for dinner at the Franklin that evening, contact Kristen at kbowers@mvcc.edu or 334-7700.

Missy announced that there are three potential outbound students for the exchange program and will keep members informed of the status.

Tiffany Martin announced that Denti Elementary School will host Harvest Fest on Friday, October 28h from 6-8 pm. While there will not be a parade, Rotary wishes to have a continued presence and is requesting volunteers to assist with the festivities. The activities will include two 30-minute performances by the 4th grade class. Parents and other attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. Rotary has contributed toward apples, face-painting and a giant pumpkin for the Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin contest.

Phil Trela announced that Rotary will be participating in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the JC Penney and Tops stores in Rome on Saturday, December 10th. Exact times and a sign-up sheet will be available at a future meeting.

The program for the day was Rome Rotarian Jeannie Packer on the status of the Rome Rotary Reader program. Jeannie also handed out information packets to those who participate to sign up for the time, grade, and student desired. The program began 4 years ago and encourages each reader to put their stamp on the program with their personality. Readers are asked to select a time and day that they can arrive at the school 5 minutes early and read to one or more children. In addition to reading, members of the program run interference with school officials on any issues, mentor, listen, and provide a positive reading experience and undivided attention. Jeannie noted that many of the students do not receive such attention on a regular basis and the program is designed to provide that. In addition to reading, readers may bring treats or small gift for the student(s), but that is not a requirement.

The program concludes in May and a small party will be held. Each child who participates will receive a book as will teachers that participate.

Jeannie stated the program will begin in 1-2 weeks and she will have packets available with all necessary policies, procedures and phone numbers. Keith Butters asked about procedure during cancellations and school delays due to inclement weather. Jeannie responded by saying she will work with the schools to determine the best possible procedure.

Jeannie then demonstrated the program through a reading of the Dragon's Pearl, complemented by posters throughout the story.

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 25th, 2011 – The Franklin @ 12:00

After Work Meeting: 5:30 pm, every Thursday, MVCC Library Conference Room, Floyd Ave. If you miss Tuesday's meeting, take advantage of this "make up" opportunity!

ATTENDANCE:

Bahr, Bottini, Bowers, Butters, Costianes, Dailey, DeMatteo, Evans, Fusco, Graves, Gray, Kahler J., Kahler R., Kobernuss, Latimer, Martin, Mooney, Normand, Occhipinti, Packer, Summers, Tracy, Trela, Tuthill W., Waters G., Waters S., Weber, Weed, and Winberg.

MAKE-UPS (includes after work meeting):

Occhipinti, Neiley C., and Neiley N.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:

Linda Bahr guest of Glen Bahr.

50/50:

Tiffany Martin won the 50-50 raffle and drew the three of clubs. The pot remains at approximately \$94.

AFTER-WORK MEETING (October 20th, 2011):

Graves, Neiley N., Ramos, Tuthill W., Tuthill K.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:



Kay DeSimone, Joel Gray, Sandi Latimer, Greg Matticola, Carol Mooney, Craig Summers, and Shirley Waters.

OCTOBER ROME ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSAIRES:

Happy Anniversary to.....

Maria Ramos (2001)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!" – author unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

| <i>Date / Time</i> | <i>What</i> | <i>More Information</i> |
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| Tuesday, October 25 th @ 12pm to 1 pm | Greg Kovacs | @ The Franklin. Samaritan Counseling Ctr. Of the Mohawk Valley |
| Saturday, October 29 th @ 8:30am to 8:30pm | International Student Day | See Facebook for Details |
| November | | |
| Tuesday, November 1st @ 12 pm to 1 pm | Joe Boardman, Pres/CEO Amtrak | @ The Franklin. |
| Tuesday, November 8 th @ 12 pm to 1 pm | Matt Episcopo | @ The Franklin. Matt Episcopo Enterprises – Compelling Communication. Former Captain of Madison County Sheriff Dept. now business owner. |
| Tuesday, November 15 th @ 12 pm to 1 pm | Dr. Raffai | @ The Franklin. Orthopedic and Sports Med |
| Tuesday, November 29 th @ 12 pm to 1pm | Jennifer Leitgeb – Director of Development | @ The Franklin. Ronald McDonald House Charities |
| December | | |
| Tuesday, December 6 th @ 7 pm | Rome Memorial Hospital Senior’s Christmas Party | @ Rome Memorial Hospital |
| Tuesday, December 13 th @ 12 pm – 1 pm | Stanwix Veterans & Men’s Club | Spaghetti Dinner will be served for Rotary Members – usual \$10 |
| Tuesday, December 27 th @ 12 pm – 1 pm | Round Table Lunch | |

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