

# 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

December 2, 2011

## IMPORTANT

**A reminder that the second installment of 2011-2012 membership dues is due by December 31, 2011. Please give your checks to Sandie Latimer or mail to our PO Box. Thank you!**

**QUICK!!** In celebration of Rome Rotary Club's December 1st "birthday", President Missy has declared the December 6th (Tuesday noon) meetings "Wear Your Rotary Pins Day!" The Rome Rotarian wearing the most Rotary pins (district, international, etc) at each meeting will be declared the winner and recipient of a special prize. Happy Birthday to us!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Tuesday, December 13, 2011 between 12 - 1. This will be held at the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. Ziti, meatballs and a salad will be served for Rotary Members. Cost is \$10.00.

### Rome Rotary Meeting of November 27th, 2011 notes:



Joyce Midlam, practicing her skills as president-elect conducted the meeting in the absence of president Melissa Graves.

Glen Bahr pointed to index cards at each plate seeking nominations for the Rotary Board, terms expected to begin July 2012. See Vote Early, Vote Often section below for more information. Everyone not listed in this section is fair game for being nominated. Joe Fusco, citing his expected years of being busy as Mayor of Rome, begged off being re-nominated but Bill and Dave said they would be amenable to serving again. There will be 5 open positions on the board.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 is the children's Christmas party. Volunteers are needed Monday the 12th to help transport the bags from Berkshire Bank to the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. People with big cars or trucks are needed to do the transport. The bags will be at the Men's Club overnight. Nancy Neiley said the students of RFA in Interact will help bring the bags from the basement of the banks to waiting cars. Please contact Melissa Graves if you can participate.

The children at the luncheon will be served by Wendy's. Adults who are there can purchase a \$10 meal of ziti, meatballs and salad. There will be a sign up sheet next week for cookies or brownies as dessert for the kids.

Several things will be happening on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember to "pin" yourself with all Rotary pins. The one with the most pins will win a prize. This day will also be the regular food collection. Give generously for those in need. Rotarians will also host a Christmas party for the residents of Rome Memorial Hospital residential care unit. Debbie Adamo is coordinating this event and we hope there will be plenty of Rotarians to bring holiday wishes, good cheer and help serving the residents. Be there at 7 p.m. in the unit on the 3rd floor.

Glen Bahr reported the Oneida Area Civic Chorale will hold its holiday concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, featuring carols from France and Germany that were learned on last year's tour. The bell choir from First Presbyterian Church will also perform. It is at Oneida High School and tickets are available at the door.

Karen Roth presented a banner from Montgomery, Alabama. She said a friend from there recruited her to Rotary and she was glad to share that banner with us.

Those who are attending the tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 in Rome this Friday are invited to come to Phil Trela's house afterward. He'll have soup, snacks and warm beverages. His address is 113 West Court Street. Come in the back way.

Bill Tuthill reported the "table top pigs" garnered \$100.11 that he sent to the Rotary Foundation. A little bit helps to make the world a better place.

There was a round of applause for Joyce Midlam conducting the past two meetings.

She introduced the guest speaker, Jennifer S. Leitgeb, development director for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York, Syracuse.

Since her last visit to Rotary, she said they are close to breaking ground on a new, larger Ronald McDonald House that will be 100% handicapped accessible and able to accommodate up to 35 families. For only \$15 a night per family the house provides a comfortable room, support and the convenience of a kitchen and laundry facilities to families with pediatric inpatients at Syracuse hospitals. They are currently able to accommodate just 16 families. About 28% come from Oneida and Herkimer counties.

With the help of a bequest from Joan Kroc, wife of the founder of McDonald's, they have raised more than \$5 million of their \$6 million goal. "The steel and cement are in the ground and the wood framing is going up" expecting it will be finished by summer 2012. There will be 25 bedrooms, including baths, adequate parking, a small fitness center, a resource center with wifi, elevator and will be 100% handicapped accessible. "This is a huge deal for us," she said.

Carla Till, saying her new passion is ping-pong, offered to donate ping-pong equipment to the house if there is room.



**Speaker - Jennifer Leitgeb**

**VOTE EARLY, VOTE OFTEN!!:**

The board is requesting nominations from the membership for election as director. We elect three directors each year, and they serve three-year terms, beginning the following July 1. The election will be held in December. Please avoid nominating the following ten folks who will already be on the 2012-2013 board.

Incumbents whose terms do not expire yet:

1. Joyce Midlam (President)
2. Missy Graves (Past President)
3. Joel Gray (Director thru June 2013)
4. Glen Bahr (Director thru June 2013)
5. Grace Bottini (Director thru June 2013)
6. Dave Rapke (Director thru June 2014)
7. Harry Winberg (Director thru June 2014)

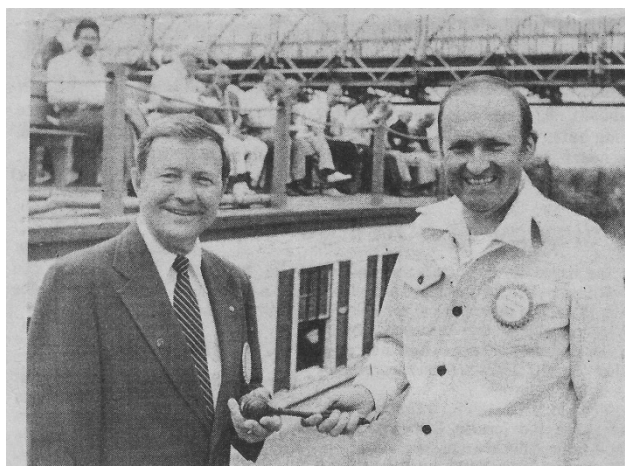
Incumbents in one-year offices, who presumably will be re-elected to another term:

8. Karin Tuthill (Co-secretary)
9. Karen Roth (Co-secretary)
10. Sandie Latimer (Treasurer)

The board has nominated Dave Rapke as President-elect, vacating his Director seat. Bill Tuthill, Dave Kobernuss, and Cindy Roubian currently serve on the board as Directors but their terms expire in June 2012. (Cindy was appointed in November to fill Tara's seat.) Thus, they are eligible for nomination to the new board.

**ROTARY FUNNY:**

The picture below is of PP Keith Butters handing the gavel to President Harry Winberg on the boat at the Erie Canal Village. This is probably at the last meeting in June 1983 or the first meeting in July. PP Keith is nattily attired in a leisure suit!!



**ROTARY OFFICERS** — Keith Butters, right, outgoing president of the Rome Rotary Club, passes along the gavel to the new president for 1983-84, Harry L. Winberg, during meeting at the Erie Canal Village Tuesday. Members lunch-

ed aboard the packetboat "Independence." Other officers are Paul Cataldo Jr., first vice president; Russell Osmond, second vice president; Thomas Kiffer, re-elected secretary, and Alphonse DeSalvio, treasurer.

### **NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, December 6th, 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, Butters, Costianes, Fusco, Glasso, Gray, V. Herrmann, W. Herrmann, Kryczkowski, Latimer, Matt, Midlam, Mooney, Nolan, Normand, Occhipinti, Packer, Pendergrast, Recco, Roth, Simons, Till, Trela, W. Tuthill, G. Waters, S. Waters, Weed, and Winberg.

### **MAKE-UPS:**

Packer, Butters, Costianes, Winberg, Recco and Matt.

### **GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:**

Jennifer Leitgeb

### **50/50:**

Sandy Latimer drew the 8 of hearts, not a winner this time. The pot is approximately \$125.00.

## **AFTER-WORK MEETING**

Midlam, Corbett, K. Tuthill, W. Tuthill, Bowers and Graves.

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

*Happy Birthday to.....*

Joyce Midlam, Dave Nolan and Carla Till

## **DECEMBER ROME ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSAIRES:**

*Happy Anniversary to.....*

Grace Bottini (1995), Peter Costianes (2008), Kay DeSimone (1995), Fred Normand (2002), and Craig Summers (1994)

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

"A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew." -  
*Herb Caen*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>More Information</i>
Tuesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm to 1 pm	Pin Day	@ The Franklin. To celebrate our club's 92nd anniversary all Rome Rotarians are to wear all their Rotary Pins. The one with the most wins a prize!
Tuesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm	Rome Memorial Hospital Senior's Christmas Party	@ Rome Memorial Hospital
Tuesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm - 1 pm	Children's Christmas Party	@ Stanwix Veterans & Men's Club. Ziti Dinner will be served for Rotary Members - Cost is \$10
Tuesday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm - 1 pm	Round Table Lunch	

**ROTARY INFORMATION:**

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