



Rome Rotary Club News



President: Melissa Graves
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Club Established 1919

Treasurer: Sandie Latimer
Secretary: Karin Tuthill
Dist 7150 Gov: Jim Gascon
ADG (Area 4): Jana Haldenwang

September 30, 2011



Rome Rotary Meeting of September 27, 2011 notes:

President Melissa Graves announced that the Food Bank collection next week will go to Welcome Hall.

There will be a Rotary Foundation brunch Sunday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Syracuse. New Paul Harris Fellows will be recognized.

The annual Rotary Club Christmas Party for residents at Rome Hospital will be Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. Missy said she was told this is the only Christmas party given for the 3rd floor residents and it means a lot to them.

Saturday, October 29 is International Students Day. Rotarians are needed to entertain students from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in their homes. Light refreshments are usually offered. Janine Baker started having her students carve pumpkins which they can take back to their dorms and the students seem to really like that. The Herrmann's did that and brought in their 11-year-old twin granddaughters to help do that last year. The girls peppered the students with questions and a good time was had by all. The students come from all over the world and are attending MVCC, Utica College, SUNY and Hamilton College. Contact Kristen Bowers if you can host 3 or 4 students, pick them up at Fort Stanwix and bring them down to the Franklin for dinner. Call Kristen at work 334-7700 or email her at Kbowers@mvcc.edu.

Jeannie Packer is finalizing plans for Rotary Readers and will have more information next week.

Melissa is concerned about attendance which has been falling lately at Tuesday noon meetings. She is thinking of instituting a points system for hours of work on Rotary or community projects to count for attendance. She suggested 52 points for an hour of work. This will be discussed further.

Rotary District 7150 2012 District Conference will be April 27, 28 and 29 at Vernon Downs Hotel & Casino in Vernon. Hotel rooms are \$79 a night. Registration fee is \$50 per person until Jan. 31 and \$75 thereafter. Registration forms are available for downloading on our website. There will be 27 Youth Exchange students there.

VIP guests included past DG Larry Calabrese and DG-elect Lou Stappello.

Assistant District Governor Jana Haldenwang introduced current District Governor James J. Gascon. An attorney, he began his Rotary career with the Eastwood Rotary Club in 1990, serving as president there in 1997-98. In 2003 he and his family moved to Marcellus and he served as president there in 2005-06. He was assistant governor for area 9 for two years before being nominated for DG. Jim is a partner in the law firm of Costello, Cooney and Fearon PLLC in Syracuse. He and his wife Debbie and three children. They have been Youth Exchange parents three times and he has served as the district chair for the Gift of Vision and the Dominican Water Projects.

DG Gascon acknowledged the mentorship of Mike and Donna Occhipinti for guidance on the Gift of Vision and Gift of Life projects and also gave a shout-out to Dave Kobernuss for implementing the electrical schematics of the Dominican Republic water project.

He pointed out the Rotary Foundation annual fund is the subject of the Nov. 6 brunch. Polio Plus funds are separate. All the Polio Plus funds go directly to fight polio and no club in the district gives more to that cause than the Rome Club. There are \$182 million now so we will meet the \$200 million matching fund of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. India has been polio free for 6 months! DG Gascon said the annual RF money goes to every other Rotary International projects and he is asking for \$48 from every Rotarian in our district and for clubs to start a 50/50 matching program to give \$50 for every member contributor.

DG Gascon reminded us of the Rotary motto this year: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" and said to keep in mind three things: family, continuity and change by thinking of programs to benefit families, continuing the battle to eliminate polio and using technology to reach the next generation with a focus on attracting them to Rotary by using Twitter, Facebook and the web page.

Membership is a big concern. We are losing members as fast as we're getting them. In the last ten years the district has gone from 1,700 members to 1,300 members. He suggested clubs have a membership retention person as well as a recruiting person as those are different tasks.



ADG - Jana Haldenwang



DG - Jim Gascon



President Missy Graves giving DG Jim Gascon a check for The Foundation

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 4th, 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>More Information</i>
Tuesday, October 4 th @ 12pm to 1pm	Kevin Revere	@ The Franklin. 911 Director of Emergency 911/Center and Fire Coordinator Dispatcher
Tuesday, October	86 th Eastern Cities	@ Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

4 th @ 5pm	Fellowship Dinner	
Tuesday, October 11 th @ 12pm to 1pm	Anthony Picente	@ The Franklin. The Topic is the State Budget and general information
Tuesday, October 25 th @ 12pm to 1pm	Greg Kovacs	@ The Franklin. Samaritan Counseling Ctr. Of the Mohawk Valley
Saturday, October 29 th @ 8:30am to 8:30pm		All over Rome, NY. More information coming soon...
November		
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. Rossi	@ 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

ATTENDANCE:

Deborah Adamo, Glen Bahr, Kristen Bowers, Keith Butters, Raymond Carnevale, Debbie Conway Peter Costianes, Patricia DeMatteo, Janine Baker-Gaffney, Melissa Graves, Joel Gray, Virginia Herrmann, W. Robert Herrmann, Joan Kahler, Richard Kahler, Sandra Latimer, Carol Mooney, Fred Normand, Michael Occhipinti, Jeannie Packer, Dave Rapke, Tony Recco, Cindy Roubian, Craig Summers, Carla Till, Rob Tracy, William Tuthill, George Waters, Shirley Waters, Ed Weed, Fred Wieners, and Harry Winberg.

MAKE-UPS:

Jackie Corbett, Debbie Conway, and Tony Recco

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:

Louise Steppello, Larry Calabrese, Jana Haldenwang, and Jim Gascon

50/50:

Keith Butters won the 50/50 but drew the 5 of spades. There is now \$81 in the pot. You have to play to win!

AFTER-WORK MEETING (September 29th):

Jackie Corbett, Missy Graves, Joyce Midlam, Maria Ramos, Karin Tuthill, and Bill Tuthill

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



Glen Bahr, Pat DeMatteo, Sandi Lockwood, Tiffany Martin, Cheryl Matt, Rosellen Mattson, Steve Mercurio, Dave Rapke, Jeff Simons and Dee Swinney.

SEPTEMBER ROME ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSAIRES:

Happy Anniversary to.....

Louise Glasso (2003), Pam Goodison-Bick (2009), Greg Mattacola (2003), Chris Neiley (2007), Nancy Neiley (2007), Dee Swinney (2005), and Rob Tracy (1999).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“The purpose of life is a life of purpose.” - Robert Byrne

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