



Rome Rotary Club News



Treasurer: Sandie Latimer
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President: Melissa Graves
President-Elect: Joyce Midlam
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Club Established 1919

December 9, 2011

IMPORTANT

Dues Due: 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!

Rome Rotary Meeting of December 6th, 2011 notes:



President Missy presided and announced that there were several sign-up sheets being circulated. One sign-up was for the Children's Christmas party spaghetti and meatball dinner being held on Tuesday Dec. 13 at the Stanwix Veterans and Men's Club. Lastly, volunteers are needed at 3:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 to transport bags of presents from Berkshire Bank on E. Chestnut St. to the party. If you have a large vehicle and are available, please help.

Missy also announced that the December Board meeting will be next Monday, Dec. 12, 5:15 p.m. at the CACI office, 1300 Floyd Ave. All are welcome to attend. Club elections will be held at the Dec. 20 so please come prepared to vote. Pres. Graves also said we will be starting a "trivial pursuit" game in January, so be sure to read your newsletters!

She also announced that long-time Rome Rotarian Bob Trowell had passed away. There were no details on calling hours or services.

Christian Mercurio was the guest speaker and Missy asked him to draw the winning 50-50 ticket. Keith Butters said 919 sounded like a good number and Chris picked that raffle ticket. The power of positive thinking! Unfortunately that was the extent of Keith's luck as he picked the nine of diamonds, not the queen of hearts or a joker.

\$72 was collected for Catholic Charities and also some food was donated.

An envelope was circulated to show our appreciation to our faithful waitress, Janine, for her service to the Club, not only at Tuesday lunch but Rotary functions as well. Happy Holidays Janine!

Christian Mercurio is from the City of Rome's Department of Community and Economic Development and enthusiastically discussed "Area-Wide Brownfield Planning." Brownfields are industrial or commercial areas which are abandoned or under-utilized, and often suffer from environmental degradation. Leaked petroleum products, transformer PCBs, and asbestos are common examples which compromise properties.

The city has taken a unique approach in that it looks at neighborhoods in Brownfields and engages at the community level, not just site by site. Sustainability is critical. Economic and political decisions must not only consider today but future generations as well. A Downtown Brownfield Opportunity Area of 500 acres has been identified for study. It is a triangle bounded by South James Street, East Dominick Street and the NYS Barge Canal. A solid plan was needed to be competitive. To date, approximately 12M has been secured for four sites, a combination of public grant money and private funding. For example, the General Cable Complex has been developed into American Alloy Steel through 1.1M of public and 7M private. The Grand Hotel was \$400,000 grant and \$600,000 private. These properties now again generate tax revenue. For the Nolan Corporation remediation, \$500,000 was secured from the NYS Environmental Restoration Program. There were 400 applications and only four communities were awarded grants.

A conceptual design has been developed for a canal park. The Mohawk Valley Regional Plan is also involved and the City has eight major applications in for 2012.

Chris also talked about Sustainability. For example use of green infrastructure has lessened the burden of runoff water by about 90% through the use of vegetation and artificial surfaces. Energy policy is also being addressed. The addition of solar panels to the City Hall roof has generated enough electric power to run the work stations on the second and third floors currently, and Chris said just wait until sunny July! Adaptive reuse and preservation are also sustainability considerations, as well as efficient home improvements, land use policy and life styles. An overall goal is to keep people here.

Rome has been very aggressive and successful in securing grant funds and has already developed several key sites. Thanks Chris for a very interesting and informative presentation.



Speaker – Christian Mercurio

NEXT WEEKS MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 – Stanwix Veterans and Men’s Club @ 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, Butters, DeMatteo, Evans, Glasso, Graves, V. Herrmann, Kobernuss, Kryczkowski, Latimer, Midlam, Mooney, Nolan, Normand, Occhipinti, Packer, Rapke, Recco, Roth, Simons, Till, Tracy, W. Tuthill, G. Waters, S. Waters, Weed and Winberg

MAKE-UPS:

Corbett, Butters, Graves, Midlam, N. Neiley, Packer, Recco and Winberg

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:

Geraldine Mortis guest of Deb Kryczkowski and Paul Pilechas guest of Dave Nolan

50/50:

Keith won the ticket but picked the nine of diamonds! Better luck next time.

AFTER-WORK MEETING

Graves, Midlam, Corbett, K. Tuthill, Ramos, and N. Neiley

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:

That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet." - *Emily Dickinson*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>More Information</i>
Tuesday, December 13 th @ 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 th @	Round Table Lunch	

12 pm - 1 pm		
<i>January</i>		
Tuesday, January 10 th @ 12 pm - 1 pm	Mark Doherty from Aqua Vita Farms	Mark Doherty will join us and speak about hydroponics.
Tuesday, January 24 th @ 12 pm - 1 pm	Kevin Perez - Mid York Library System	BTOP (training) program and other services.

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