



Rome Rotary Club News



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Club Established 1919

Next Meeting:

When: *March 19, 2011* at 12:00 p.m.
Where: The Franklin Hotel

Attendance: Total Membership: 89.

Present: Bahr, Baker, Butters, Cantor, Conway, Dematteo, Dombroski, Fusco, Goodison, Graves, Haritatos, Heburn, Heburn, Herrman couple, Kahler couple, Kobernuss, Latimer, Matt, Midlam, Mooney Normand, Occhipinti, Packer, Pendergrast, Reames, Roubian, Summers, Tracy, Trela, Tuthill B., Versace, Waters Couple, Weed, Wieners, Winberg, Wolf.

Guests: Stephen Waters, Barbara William, Devin Kilpatrick, Jon Maurer, Charlie Lupica

Visiting Rotarians: Frank DuRoss New Hartford

Make ups: Packer, Butters, Matt, Graves, Conway Wieners

After Work Meeting: Evans, Graves, Midlam, Neiley N, Ramos, Tuthill, B., Tuthill K

Make ups: Graves, Midlam, Tuthill k. (x2),
Tuthill K, Neiley (x3), Ramo,s Evans



4/12/11 Richard Hanna

Hanna is a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and Education & the Workforce Committee. He is vice chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee. He said he intends to "become an expert in those two fields," as they are of value in Upstate New York. One specific area in transportation Hanna discussed Tuesday is high speed rail. "There's nobody I've talked to that thinks it makes sense," he said. New Yorkers, he said, want a reliable system, even if it means a three- or four-hour ride with a book to read. The only area high speed rail makes any sense, he said, would be the New York City-Boston-Washington, D.C. corridor, and even that, he noted, would run at a deficit annually. Mr Hanna also talked about how much trouble our country is in financially "It's not just about debt, It's about direction." The government and citizens are spending beyond their means, and America is letting its place as world leader in so many ways slip away. "It's crisis everywhere." Social programs are in jeopardy, he said, pointing to Social Security as one prime example. "We need to be more of what we were 30, 40, 50 years ago," he said, stating that America needs to lose its sense of entitlement. He said many people who come to his office looking for a program to solve their problems. "It isn't there," he said. Hanna reports and defends each vote he makes on issues of importance on his Facebook page, speaking directly to the residents of his district. He said he wants to explain himself on key topics. He said he opposes "philosophies that fit on a bumper sticker," saying they are "not what we need."



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 1-30 both MVCC campuses will "Help Rome Rotary Promote Literacy" by collecting used children's book (K-2nd grade) in good condition. Donations will then be turned over to Grace Bottini for our children's Christmas party. If you would like to contribute books, there will be a collection box at the Tuesday meeting during the month of April.

Carbs Against Cancer May 26th. \$15.00 per adult \$8.00 Per child under 12. Please write checks out to The Savoy.

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Please Continue Helping Japan

Barbara Evans wants to remind Rotarians to make their reservations with her (bevans@mvcc.edu) for the final MVCC Dinner with Distinction this spring. The dinner will be on Wednesday, April 27, at 6 pm, at the MVCC Rome campus Hospitality center. It is limited to 75 people and they already have almost 60 reservations! Barbara has made reservations for six people and she needs commitments now!

The dinner is \$22.00 per person and includes appetizer, soup, salad, entree, dessert, and coffee, tea, or soft drinks. The food is the work of the Hospitality students and it is always great! Please contact Barbara right away if you want to join us!