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Rotarians –

Please allow this to serve as your newsletter/update for the week. At this past week's meeting we had Andy Trinkaus give us a delightful presentation on the history of his Christmas lights at Trinkaus Manor, how he came up with his ideas (daydreaming during boring church sermons) and how the decorations ended up coming to Rome. It was informative and humorous and they don't make 'em like Andy anymore.

There is a bus trip to NYC being organized by Rome Main Streets Alliance for Dec. 9, it leaves at 6 am and returns home around Midnight. Price is \$50. Contact Grace Bottini at 336-7667.

Below is a message from Rotarian Fred Wieners about the annual basket raffle for JROTC and the Cadets:

Fellow Rome Rotarians

This Sunday 21 November the RFA AFJROTC Unit is having their Annual Basket Raffle in the school cafeteria from 1 - 4 PM. As you know this is their large fundraiser which enables them to send deserving cadets to summer leadership and drill camps at Norwich University. Proceeds also enable all eligible cadets to go to Washington DC in the spring to see our many patriotic memorials, museums, the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery.

Besides contributing to a worthy cause . . . this is wonderful social event with free food and drinks. The cadets still have some of the 'big prize' raffle tickets, plus there will be over 70 'holiday gift baskets' that will be raffled off. You need not be present to win the 'big prize' ticket items . . . but you will have to be there for the gift basket raffle.

For those of you who cannot make it feel free to make contributions by sending a check (made out to RFA AFJROTC) to :

Col Ian Sanderson  
RFA AFJROTC  
95 Dart Circle  
Rome, NY 13441

As we have in the past . . . let's continue helping our JROTC instructors make a difference in the lives of Rome's youth. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing you there . . . Cheers!

Fred Wieners

And finally, my firm is showing the movie A Christmas Story on Dec. 2 at the Capitol, 7 pm, free admission, any donations going to the Children's Christmas Party. Here is the link to the poster:

<http://themattacolafirm.com/MattacolChristmasStory.pdf>

Thanks all,

Greg

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