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Every year it seems that Spring and Summer come later and later! We are grateful that the warmer temperatures finally found us. Better late than never! With the warmer temperatures comes the opening of the Rome Sports Hall of Fame for the summer season on Thursday, May 24th at 10am.

The beginning of 2018 has been quiet from a financial perspective as we have slowed down additional capital improvements as we continue to seek funding for past and future projects. The goal of all capital improvements is to better protect and preserve our valuable artifacts.

As stated in previous newsletters, funding for these projects has caused a terrific strain on our finances. As always, we are very grateful to all our contributors for their past financial support and we hope and pray that your generosity continues into the future.

The Rome Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a precious gem that is focused on preserving the rich sports history of Rome, NY. This can only be continued with your sustained support. We sincerely thank each and every one of you!

42nd Annual Awards Banquet COMING SOON

The reception and ceremony for the 2018 Rome Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Inductees will take place on Sunday, July 29th at 2:30pm at the Rome Sports Hall of Fame on the Rome-New London Road. The dinner and Induction banquet will take place later that evening at 5:30pm at The Beeches Inn and Conference Center.

At the banquet we will also be awarding several other individuals and teams including the Frank Clark Service Award Winners, The Ellie Bruce Exceptional Team of Excellence, several Sports Personalities, and Female & Male Sports Personalities of the Year.

Come join us in honoring them. Tickets will be available at a later date to be announced and are only available at the Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum during open hours. No tickets will be available at the dinner.

Donations & Thanks

We are very grateful for the continued and much needed donations to the hall that includes:

- Assets and IRA's
- Beneficiary for your retirement accounts
- Bequests through a will or living trust
- Commemorating someone's birthday or anniversary
- Donations in memory of a deceased family member, a loved one or friend
- Event sponsorship for our Golf Scramble, banquet, youth receptions, National Girls & Women in Sports celebrations, or a number of other events
- Glass jar donations at our entrance
- Life insurance beneficiary

- Organizing and operating a youth sports clinic through the Rome Sports Hall of Fame
- Outright gifts to support the mission of the Rome Sports hall of Fame & Museum
- Service to our organization: either by giving volunteer hours at our fundraisers, working a concession stand, event registration, mowing, snow plowing, cleaning, computer work in scanning documents, etc.
- Tax deduction

Donations for the Current Year

Jim & Sue Cusack, Anthony Mariano(HOF), Anna M. Frasca, Frank Viviani(HOF), Anonymous, Peter Arnold(HOF) Gerald T. McDonald, REM Fire Systems, Inc. Dale & Judy Rashford in honor of Coach Evans 80th birthday

Friends of the Museum 2018

Al & Sandy Williams, Anonymous Donor, Athmedics, Joe Cavano, CA Kaplan Companies, CH Insurance Brokerage, Delta Lake Inn, Nunn and Harper Funeral Home, Photo Shoppe/Fusion Art Gallery, New York State School for the Deaf Print Shop, REM Fire Systems, Inc., Roman Runners Organization, Seasonal Sport Sales, Stewart's Foundation & Shoppes, The Printed Word, Spectrum.

General Memberships

General memberships to the Rome Sports Hall of Fame are available in several categories. Please consider one or more of several methods of support:

General membership- \$25- Juanita Mae Tyler, Anna M. Frasca, Donna Ciotti, Everett & Kevin Aldridge, Kathryn Atkinson, Ronald Kaplan

Family membership- \$30 -Marie A. Mastracco, Shirley Early, Phil & Livia D'Antonio, Thomas Adams

Corporate Membership- Another method of financial support is through a sustaining our corporate membership. It is never too late to make your donations! We welcome all!

Gold- \$550- none at this time

Silver- \$350- M & L Worldwide Logistics

Bronze- \$195- Bailey's Karate School, The Beeches of Rome, Inc., Greg Ellinger Collision, First Source Credit Union, Nunn's Home Medical Equipment, Scott Pitoniak, REM Fire Systems, Inc., Rome Teachers Federal Credit Union, Strong-Burns & Sprock Funeral Home, Tocolana Club

*Please contact any Rome Sports Hall of Fame member if you are interested in offering your services to our organization in any way.

Golf Scramble

Our Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Rome Country Club again. Team entry and hole sponsorship forms are included within this newsletter. We would love to exceed our record high from last year with 22 team entries. We have set a goal to have at least 25 teams! The scramble will once again have a shotgun start for all teams, starting at 1pm.

We truly appreciate the past and continued support from the community over the years, as it is our major fund-raiser for the year. If you can join us for the event, that would be wonderful! Team entry for a four person team is \$75 per person. Equally important is our hole sponsorship, as it is crucial to the success of the Golf Scramble. Please consider sponsoring a hole in memory or in honor of a loved one or consider a business sponsorship. The hole sponsorship is only \$35. Forms are included in this mailing.

We hope to see more of you on the greens this year!! Please contact Stan Evans at (315) 336-2950 or Tom Barry at (315) 371-5112 for more information.

Grants

We are grateful for the \$1,250 grant from the Stewarts Foundation Holiday Match program.

Memorial Contributions

- In memory of Jack Early by Shirley Early
- In memory of Diane Baker by Mark Hinman
- In memory of Frank J. Parsons by Jim & Sheila Parsons
- In memory of Lee & Tom Clifford by Charles Clifford

We express our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum Inductees who have passed away this year:

- Kermit Cadrette - Class of 2009
- Bruce Wightman - Class of 2009
- Robert Manfred, Sr. - Class of 2016

National Girls & Women in Sports Breakfast of Champions

On April 7th, 2018 we were very fortunate to be able to celebrate Girls and Women in Sport with a breakfast sponsored by: Carla Till, Carolyn Leach, Delta Lake Inn, Dr. Mitchell Wilbert, Dr. Patricia DeMatteo, Gerald T. McDonald, Jeannette Dominic, Lake Delta Kiwanis Club, Linda Harjung, Ocuto Blacktop/Paving, Photo Shoppe/Fusion Art & Gift Gallery, R.F.A. Girls Tennis, Rome Federal Credit Union, Rome Teacher's Association, Rubicon Recycling, Seasonal Sports Sales, Shoppers Service, Inc. and Stewart's Shoppe Foundation. A huge thank you to all who helped to support this event!



Our guest speaker was none other than ERIN HAMLIN, the first U.S. (male or female) to ever medal in the Luge Event. What a extraordinary speaker who captivated more than and adults with a message of perseverance, hard ment , character and the pursuit of a dream!

Erin Hamlin signed autographs for every person who asked for one and posed for numerous pictures with everyone from grades 5-12 including adults. She also brought her medal from Sochi and gave our students an opportunity to try it on and have photographs taken with it.

The RSHOF is hoping to make this event an annual celebration to highlight female opportunities in athletics and to encourage the City of Rome students to never give up on your dreams!

Come see our newest display for Girl's and Women in Sports at the Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum!

Ruth Demers Memorial Scholarship

Our annual award will be given out at Rome Free Academy, at the Senior Awards Banquet. This scholarship will be given to a female senior athlete who demonstrates

the outstanding leadership and dedication that Ruth possessed her entire lifetime. The recipient of this scholarship will be invited to attend this year's banquet on July 29th.

Sports Clinics and Athletic Recognition Receptions

Every year the Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum Organization continues to support sports clinics for "Rome Youth" and to recognize their excellence in local sports activities at a reception in their honor at our museum. Once again, local teams have been recognized for their achievements and include the following teams:

- William Valentine Girls Youth Basketball
 - The Bulldogs- 3rd and 4th Grade Division & Tournament Champs
 - Crush- 5th & 6th grade Division & Tournament Champs
 - Crush- 7th- 12th grade Division & Tournament Champs
- Stan Evans Boys' 5th & 6th Grade Youth Basketball
 - Denti Lions undefeated League & Tournament Champs
- John DellaContrada Boys 3rd & 4th Grade Youth Basketball-
 - Staley Black- League Champions
 - Denti Lions- Tournament Champions

The Perry Nizzi Soccer camp will be held from June 25th through June 29th, 2018. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Rome Sports Hall of Fame. To register, please contact the City of Rome Recreation Department. A copy of the registration flyer is included in the newsletter with all contact information.

**Please don't forget about donating your sports memorabilia. Our visitors are always truly impressed with the many pieces of personal memorabilia honoring our athletes. If you have articles you would like to donate, please call 315-339-9038, and we will be very happy to give your treasured pieces a new home!

**Please check out our website for more specific information on the Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum located at 5790 Rome-New London Rd, in Rome, NY. Our operating hours are Memorial Day through Labor Day, Wednesday through Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday 12-5pm. We are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Our contact e-mail is: <http://www.when-in-rome.com/romesportshalloffameandmuseum>

We ask that you please address ALL correspondence to the Rome Sports Hall of Fame to this address only: P.O. Box 774, Rome, NY 13442-0774.

**Please stay tuned for more updates as we are always continuing to strive for excellence.

Summer Intern

The Rome Sports Hall of Fame welcomes back Michael Grogan as our summer intern. His responsibilities at the hall will include but are never limited to, handling all clerical and custodial duties, giving visitors guided tours and helping with the general organization of our receptions and banquet. This summer's responsibilities will also include scanning and organizing a multitude of important documents and changing or rotating our displays.

New RSHOFM Board Members Always Welcome

*If you would like to become MORE involved with the Rome Sports Hall of Fame Board, we always welcome new members!! The following is a list of responsibilities and expectations of an active RSHOFM Board Member:

- Volunteer at events throughout the year
 - o July - golf tournament
 - o July - induction weekend/Honor America Days
 - o Thanksgiving Day run
- Participate and assist with special events, clinics and awards ceremonies (generally 3-5 times per year)
- Attend monthly meetings (the second Thursday of each month)
- Help with fundraising
- Join committees
- *We are actively seeking someone who has experience in writing grants for non-profit organizations such as ours.*

This is not a complete list, although it is meant to provide you with a general idea if you are considering being a part of our Board. If you are interested, please contact one of the Board members.

Trivia

1. Who was the first “ever” Rome Sports Hall of Fame Inductees?
 - a. William Valentine and William Keating
 - b. Stanley Evans, Sr. and Don Healey
 - c. Charles Havens and Tony Storace
 - d. Louis Van Slyke and Emerson Roser
2. In what year was the first induction ceremony for the Rome Sports Hall of Fame?
 - a. 1980
 - b. 1981
 - c. 1978
 - d. 1977
3. Who was the first “ever” female inductee?
 - a. Anna Henry
 - b. Irene O’Shea
 - c. Elizabeth Whitaker
 - d. Susan Spencer

Answers are on page 6

Rome Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors

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Answers to the trivia questions: a, d, b

**SPONSORED EVENTS BY
THE ROME SPORTS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM
SUMMER, 2018**

May 24-September 3

Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum Building Hours
10am-5pm Wednesdays- Saturday,

Sundays - noon - 5pm
Closed Monday & Tuesdays

For more information go to: <http://www.when-in-rome.com/romesportshalloffameandmuseum>

June 25-June 29 9am-12pm Perry Nizzi Soccer Clinic
Register at: Rome City Recreation Department, (315) 339-7654 OR
www.romenewyork.com

Form is currently available on our website.

July 14th 1pm Golf Tourn & Fundraiser @ Rome Country Club

Entry form for hole sponsorship and team entry is included in this newsletter
Contact Stan Evans at (315) 336-2950 or Tom Barry at (315) 371-5112 for more information

Form is currently available on our website

Rome Honor America Days Events

See Rome City Chamber of Commerce for details at <http://www.romechamber.com>

July 29th 2:30pm Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Museum
Inductees' Reception

July 29th 5:30pm Rome Sports Hall of Fame & Banquet
Other award winners: Frank Clark Service Award, Ellie Bruce Exceptional Team of Excellence, High School Sports Personalities, Adult Female & Male Sports Personalities of the Year

Come join us to help them celebrate!!

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE SUMMER!

