

EMPLOYEE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

**GARYROME
AUTOGROUP**



CARWASH
DOG WASH
DETAIL CENTER

FALL/WINTER 2023-24



**GARYROME
CARWASH**



FROM THE DESK OF GARY ROME



Spring is a season I really look forward to each year. Spring brings us warm weather, longer days, and renewal. I recently posted a quote about renewal on my personal Facebook page and I'd like to share it here:

Constant Renewal

The law of life is constant renewal. So, let everything flow – air, water, light, thoughts and feelings.

Go beyond everything that is old in this world: old ideas; old concepts; old methods.

Look with new eyes and do things differently based on inner values.

As always, I have been keeping my foot on the gas pedal. I joined the board at Holyoke Medical Center. Jane and I attended their annual Gala in February and made many new connections. Gary Rome Hyundai was awarded a Top 10 Dealer by Hyundai and Kevin Schechterle joined me in New York City to accept our award.

I rejoined the Hyundai Dealer Council. It is important to me to grow the Hyundai brand, identify blind spots, and work with other dealers to express their suggestions and concerns. I want to help craft and support the brand's strategy and vision for growth.

The Gary Rome Car Wash Dog Wash & Detail Center opened during the last week of 2023 and it's been booming! I am thrilled that our team has been so supportive of our new venture.

Please spread the word about our latest supply drive at both Gary Rome Hyundai and Gary Rome Kia from March 8 to April 8. Help us "Stuff The Trunk" with business apparel for both men and women to benefit Suit Up Springfield and Dress for Success. Prom dress styles are also accepted. Together, we can make a difference. And, what better time to clean out your closet than during the season of renewal - SPRING! -Gary



In Loving Memory of Judith (Judi) Rome

On Friday, December 8, Judith H. (Krantz) Rome, beloved mother and grandmother (Gaga, Grandma J.) passed away peacefully at the age of 84. Judi was born in Hartford, CT, and grew up in West Hartford. She spent her adult life in Longmeadow, MA, and Boca Raton, FL. Judi was a woman of exquisite taste, an avid reader, an exceptional card player, a master crossword puzzler, a Scrabble lover, a superstitious Boston sports fan, and an eloquent writer. She derived much joy from her five grandchildren, Sam and Drew Steiner, William, Sydney, and Jake Rome, and her granddogs Max, Riley, Henri Steiner, and Buddy, Jack, Daisy, and Wynn Rome. Her grandchildren remember her as humorous, loving, generous, witty, truthful, honest, sophisticated, strong-minded, enthusiastic, fierce, and fabulous. Judi is survived by her son, Gary Rome (Jane), Lisa Rome-Steiner (Barry) Steiner, and five grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents, Frank and Adeline Krantz.



**"LOVE DOESN'T END WITH DYING, OR LEAVE WITH THE LAST BREATH.
FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVED DEEPLY, LOVE DOESN'T END WITH DEATH."**



Judi proudly attended Gary's 2023 TIME Dealer of the Year celebration at the dealership on May 4, 2023. With twin grandchildren, Jake and Sydney Rome.



Employees of the Year '23



WE HONORED OUR MOST DESERVING EMPLOYEES, WHO CONTINUE TO EXCEED EXPECTATION, AT OUR ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRCIATION PARTY ON OCTOBER 28TH



EDGAR VAZQUEZ, SR ASSISTANT LOT MANAGER



BRIAN BOGLISCH SALES & LEASING CONSULTANT

Employees of the Month

GREAT PERFORMANCE IS NEVER LUCK. IT TAKES A LOT OF FOCUS, HEART & HARD WORK.

**GARY ROME
HYUNDAI**

KIA

GARY ROME KIA
OF ENFIELD



September 2023
Amanda Carson
Service Technician

October 2023
Karissa LeDuc
Business Development

September 2023
Brian Boglisch
Sales & Leasing Consultant

October 2023
Joel Oquendo
Service Technician



November 2023
Jason Antonetti
Sales & Leasing Consultant

December 2023
Josue "Macho" Rivera
Parts Manager

November 2023
Jess Rios
Lot Manager

December 2023
Noel Delrio
Exclusive Kia Technician



January 2024
Elizabeth Gourde
Service Appt Coordinator

February 2024
Marissa Rivera
Service Advisor

January 2024
Brian Boglisch
Sales & Leasing Consultant

February 2024
Brian Boglisch
Sales & Leasing Consultant

Seen At



GREATER WESTFIELD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Brittany Zabielski (Social Media Admin) & Megan O'Neill (GRH Service Advisor) attended the Greater Westfield Chamber's annual breakfast at the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes Airport.



Dave Nathan (GRK GM) in Las Vegas with Kia America President & CEO Seungkyu (Sean) Yoon.



The Gary Rome Kia team at the Agawam Axe House: Steve Liptak (Used Car Manager), Cassidy Thorpe (Office Assistant), D'Angelo Sanchez (Sales) & Brian Boglisch (Sales)



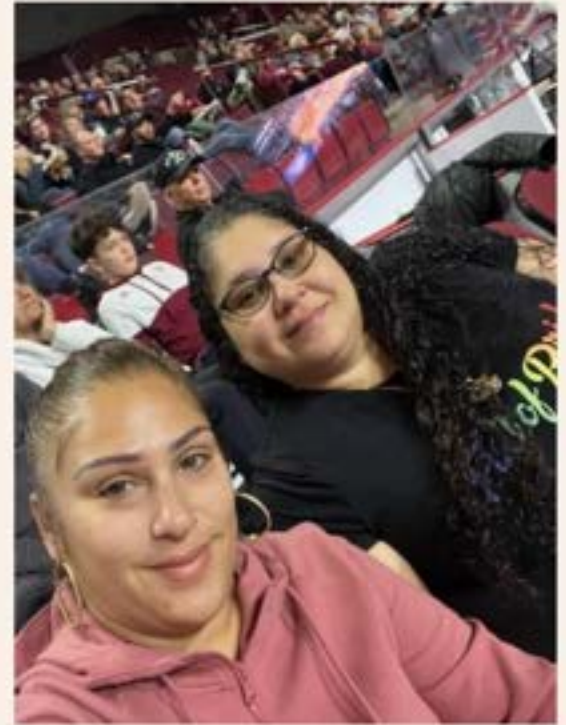
GRK's Parts & Service Manager Ivy Velez's son, Devin, plays football at Holyoke High School. Gary sponsored a team dinner and gave the team a pep talk on the eve of the game!



Seen At  NORTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Telesha Williams (GRK Sales Manager), Dara Davignon & Lori Chatel (Gary's Executive Assistants), Karen Campbell & Connie Provencher of NCCCC and Brittany Zabielski (GRAG Social Media Admin) at a networking luncheon.



Marissa Rivera (GRH Service Advisor) & Ivy Velez (GRK Parts & Service Manager) attended a UMass Basketball game.



GARY ROME HYUNDAI

The Super 60 Awards were presented at the annual luncheon and recognition program on November 9, 2023, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. Gary Rome Hyundai won a Super 60 award in the Give Back category.

Below: Gary, Dara Davignon (Executive Assistant), Kevin Schechterle (GRH GM) & Tim Ferreira (GRAG COO)



Gary & GRH GM Kevin Schechterle attended a basketball game to promote the donation from the Gary Rome Car Wash to the Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative.



HOLYOKE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE



Seen At

KIA GARY ROME KIA
OF ENFIELD

NIGHT
OUT



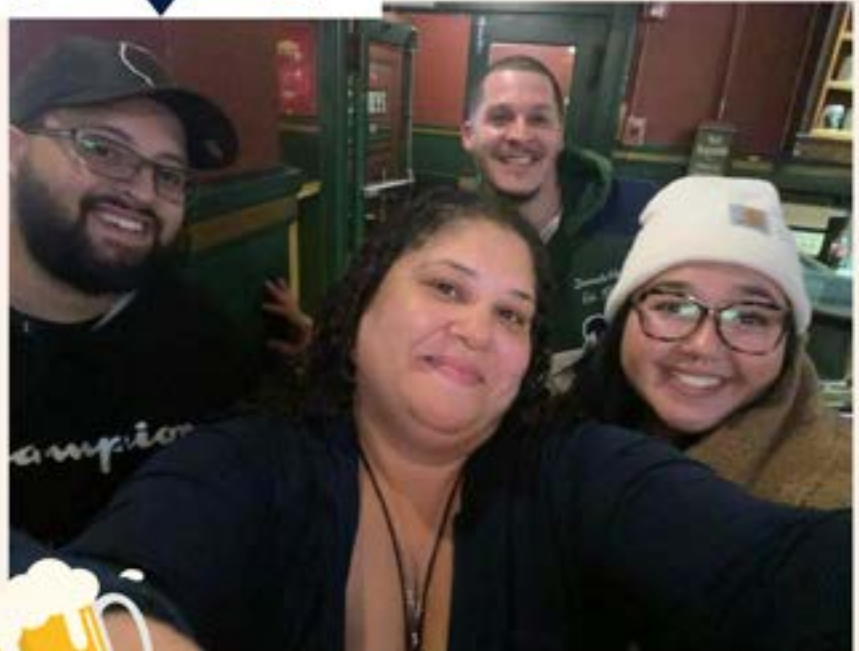
Miggy Rivera (Parts Advisor)



Jess Rios (Lot Manager), Ivy Velez (Parts & Service Director) & Merissa McClain (Service Advisor)



Porters Carlos Rivera, Neithan Mulero & Angel Rivera



Trisden Toccaline (Service Manager), Ivy Velez (Parts & Service Director), Joel Oquendo (Technician) & Merissa McClain (Service Advisor)



Seen At Phil & Mariah's Wedding October 6, 2023



Bobby Kosior (GRH Sales), Keith Brecher (GRH Finance Director & brother of Phil) and Phil at the bachelor party at Margaritaville in Hollywood, FL



Front: Kevin Covington (GRH Sales) & fiancée Melanie, Bobby Kosior (GRH Sales) Back: Maria LePage (Sales), Stephanie Rivera (Car Wash Asst Manager) & Paul Maiolo, JR (GRH Receptionist)



Keith with son Max



Hyundai Hope on Wheels Hosts Its Largest Convening of Leaders to Commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 22, 2023 – Hyundai Hope On Wheels, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by Hyundai Motor America and its 830 U.S. dealers, celebrated a milestone year with



Hyundai global leaders, members of congress, doctors, and researchers at its 25th Anniversary Gala. The event honored the 25-year history of Hyundai Hope On Wheels with a focus on the future and commitment to finding a cure for pediatric cancer. The 25th Anniversary Gala is one of several distinct events taking place in the Washington, D.C. area in September to commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Joining the event were Euisun Chung, Executive Chair of Hyundai Motor Group, Jaehoon Chang, President and CEO of Hyundai Motor Company, and José Muñoz, Hyundai Motor Company President and Global COO and Hyundai and Genesis Motor North America President and CEO. Congressional leaders in attendance included U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas) and U.S. Representative Mike Kelly (PA-16). South Korea's ambassador to the United States Cho Hyun-dong also attended.

"For 25 years, Hyundai Hope On Wheels has been one of our most cherished initiatives in partnership with our U.S. dealers. We are proud of this collective effort because giving back helps reshape what is possible in our communities, and medical research is reshaping what is possible in the fight against pediatric cancer."

José Muñoz, President & Global COO of Hyundai Motor Company, and President & CEO of Hyundai Motor North America.

"You can be brave and scared at the same time."

-Oliver Foster, 11 year old cancer survivor.



Dara Davignon (Gary's Executive Assistant) attended the Gala and met pediatric cancer survivors and Hope on Wheels youth ambassadors Raynlie Clark, 11, and Oliver Poster, 11.



Gary's oldest son, Will Rome, is a student at American University in DC. He met Dara and several Hyundai executives during the Hope on Wheels Anniversary Exhibit.

"Looking ahead, Hyundai Hope On Wheels remains committed to raising awareness and investing in pediatric cancer research and survivorship programs to continue what we started 25 years ago. The resilience of pediatric cancer fighters, survivors, and their families inspires us to realize our vision of a world free of pediatric cancer and that no child ever has to hear the words 'You have cancer.'"

John Guastaferro, Executive Director, Hyundai Hope On Wheels

As announced earlier in 2023, Hyundai Hope On Wheels awarded 88 research and programmatic grants totaling \$25 million. Culminating in September, which is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, grants have been presented during official Hyundai Hope On Wheels Handprint Ceremonies to institutions across the United States that are focused on improving outcomes and treatments for children diagnosed with cancer.

Gary Rome is the Eastern Region Board Member for Hyundai Hope on Wheels. Our Gary Rome Hyundai Team was able to participate at these special handprint ceremonies and check presentations for local organizations that have the common goal of **#EndingChildhoodCancer**



Gary participated at a handprint ceremony at Mass General Hospital (left) and at Baystate Medical Center (right). Both hospitals were awarded with \$100,000 Impact Grants in 2023.



"Always smile and be sure to see the rainbow."

-Raynie Clark, 11 year old cancer survivor.



\$196,446

donated to

#EndChildhoodCancer



HYUNDAI HOPE ON WHEELS®
Helping Kids Fight Cancer Since 1998



\$67,446

Donated to Hyundai Hope on Wheels from Car Sales in 2022-23!

At Gary Rome Hyundai L to R Back : Ryan Dusza (GSM), Kevin Schechterle (GM), Peter Lustenberger (Sales Manager), Cathy Riley (Staff Accountant/Corporate Cultural Office), Kevin Covington (Sales), Justin Stevens (Sales), Gary. Front: Lori Chatel (Executive Assistant) & Jason Antonetti (Sales)



\$10,000

Donated to Luke Stronger!



\$10,000

Donated to Each Moment We're Alive!



LukeStronger Inc. ("LukeStronger") is a local nonprofit (501 C 3) providing assistance to local families dealing with pediatric cancer so that parents can spend time with their children. LukeStronger originated when Luke Bradley, a then 10-year-old boy from South Hadley, relapsed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Each Moment We're Alive was launched by Sheridan Murphy in 2015, after her second bout with breast cancer. She then realized that reaching out, rather than blocking out, was the best chance for survival. Since then, she has helped organize support groups and workshops with a focus on emotional and spiritual health. Sheridan has since expanded her network to help families with all types of cancer, including pediatric cancer.

Cops for Kids with Cancer is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization focused on raising funds to provide assistance to families of children fighting cancer, to improve their quality of life since 2002. They have a 20-plus person Board of Directors, comprised of active and retired police officers, and friends of law enforcement. All are volunteers, receiving no salaries.

Donated to Cops For Kids With Cancer

"At Gary Rome Hyundai, we believe in leading by example and pride ourselves on doing the next right thing. As a Hyundai Hope on Wheels board member for the Eastern Region, I am committed to making a positive impact by supporting local organizations in their fight against childhood cancer." - Gary Rome



Fall Events



October 6, 2023



The Rome Family: Jake, Sydney, Jane, Gary, Will, Daisy & Wynn



Brittany Zabielski (Social Media Admin), Dara Davignon (Executive Assistant), Brianna Zemrock (Marketing) Gary, Daisy & Wynn

\$38,447.16

Raised for the



In its inaugural year, the Jack Rome 5K was a huge success! The event was family and dog friendly with over 200 runners and over 50 dogs in attendance. All funds raised were donated directly to the Foundation for TJO Animals and will be used specifically for medical and veterinary care, emergency surgery, and rehabilitation services to help the animals find new loving homes.

SAVE THE DATE
May 5, 2024
2nd Annual
5K/10K



Fall Events



Gary with his Son, Jake



Gary Rome Hyundai was presenting sponsor of Rays Of Hope's 30th Anniversary Walk/Run!



Local comedian Jess Miller (center) was the deserving winner of Hyundai's 2023 Salute to Heroes!

Winter Events



GARY ROME HYUNDAI

3RD ANNUAL TREES OF HOPE EVENT

Ronald McDonald House of Springfield and partnering sponsor Gary Rome Hyundai, together raised \$180,333.05 for the Springfield House at the 3rd Annual Trees of Hope Event, held at Gary Rome Hyundai from November 3rd to November 17th, 2023.

Each year, the Trees of Hope Event is held at Gary Rome Hyundai and the dealership's showroom is transformed into a winter wonderland during the first two weeks of November. The event features creative holiday trees, dream gifts, and displays that are donated by local businesses, individuals, and community organizations.



L to R: Brittany Zabielski (GRAG Social Media Admin), Emily Brady and Rosemarie Zello (Development Officers at the Ronald McDonald House), Gary, Michelle D'Amore (Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House), Dara Davignon and Lori Chatel (Gary's Executive Assistants), Cathy Riley (GRAG Staff Accountant/Corporate Cultural Officer), Brianna Zemrock (GRAG Marketing Admin)

"I'm thrilled to welcome Trees of Hope back to the dealership each year. Now more than ever, Ronald McDonald House of Springfield is a vital resource for families facing a challenging time." -Gary Rome



On November 9th, a special Halfway to Hope reception was held for sponsors, display donors, and friends of the House. Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno gave the opening remarks, alongside Gary and Michelle D'Amore, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House.

The evening included valet parking, cocktails, delicious food and a live auction that raised \$31,000!



Gary Rome Auto Group employees WON the private dining experience at the live auction!

L to R front: Kevin Schechterle (GRH GM) and his wife Lisa, Bobby Rubin (GRH Pre-Owned Manager) and his wife Rebecca, David Nathan (GRK GM) and his wife Marie
L to R back: Pauli Bonavita (GRH Sales), Keith Brecher (Finance Director) and his girlfriend Brandie



GRH General Sales Manager, Ryan Dusza, with Sales & Leasing Consultant Maria LePage



GRH Porters Deandre Rivera and Carlos Rodriguez, Juan Romero (GRH Lot Manager), Edgar Vazquez (GRH Lot Attendant), Angel Melendez (Car Wash Guest Specialist), John Torres (GRH Porter)



Colleen Lent (GRH Registry Clerk) was the bartender at Paint & Sip. Her homemade sangria was the biggest hit!

Brianna Zemrock deserves a shout out for organizing our holiday market for a successful 2nd year in a row!



Trees of Hope 2023 also included two events in the Gary Rome Hyundai Service Drive: a Paint & Sip fundraiser and a Holiday Market Craft Fair.



Cover Story



The Gary Rome Car Wash Dog Wash & Detail Center officially opened during the last week of December 2023! We already have nearly 800 members. If you haven't joined our Unlimited Wash Club yet, there is no better time than NOW! See a team member at the car wash or scan the QR code to visit our website:



BEST IN SHOW WASH **\$24** **\$44.95**
SINGLE WASH PER MONTH

- SYNTHETIC HOT WAX
- BLUFF & POLISH
- TOURIST TOW WAX
- QUAD
- WHEEL BLASTER
- VISION MAX

- Under Carriage Wash • Rust Inhibitor • Foam Bath
- Wheel Cleaner • Spotless Rinse • Clear Coat Protectant
- Touch Free Turbo Dry • Free Vacuum

OUR BEST WASH!

CHAMPION WASH **\$20** **\$34.95**
SINGLE WASH PER MONTH

- UNDERCARRIAGE WASH
- QUAD
- WHEEL BLASTER
- VISION MAX

- Rust Inhibitor • Foam Bath
- Wheel Cleaner • Spotless Rinse • Clear Coat Protectant
- Touch Free Turbo Dry • Free Vacuum

GOOD DOG WASH **\$17** **\$31.95**
SINGLE WASH PER MONTH

- VISION MAX
- UNDERCARRIAGE WASH

- Under Carriage Wash • Rust Inhibitor
- Clear Coat Protectant • Spotless Rinse
- Touch Free Turbo Dry • Free Vacuum
- Foam Bath

TAIL WAGGER WASH **\$10** **\$24.95**
SINGLE WASH PER MONTH

- Foam Bath • Spotless Rinse • Touch Free Turbo Dry
- Free Vacuum



MEET OUR TEAM



Dan Mastroianni
General Manager

"I own 30 motorcycles. BSA bikes are my favorite; they are British bikes."



Josh Calkins
General Manager

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."



Stephanie Rivera
Assistant Manager

"When in doubt, look intelligent!"



GUEST SERVICE SPECIALISTS



Angel Melendez

"George Clooney's got nothing on me!"



Gary Wolfe

"My motto is to wake up every day and put my best foot forward and enjoy the ride! Don't swear the small stuff. And PS, Cathy Riley's pistachio cake is the BEST!"



Jaasiel Caraballo

"I'm a dog lover. I have two dogs, a yellow lab named Bimbo and a multipoo named Snowflake."

DON'T DRIVE DIRTY!



"We went for the first time yesterday and Gary Wolfe was amazing! He was very detailed on all the info he gave and was a great pleasure to interact with! Great customer service!" - Ann Marie R.

"The best treatment I've ever received at a car wash with a super looking vehicle when I left." -Ruth W.

"Stephanie was awesome when I went on Friday!!" -Carolyn S.

"I tried the new car wash out today...Angel and Dan were awesome....I was worried because a car wash I used to go to always took my back wiper off, metal piece and all so was expensive to fix. Dan and Angel assured me that wouldn't happen...I gave it a try....and Angel actually met me at the finish line to make sure I was happy....Gold star for customer service and awesome car wash!

Don't forget they have dog wash stations...GREAT ADDITION to Gary Rome and Holyoke! Makes me want to buy my next vehicle here! THANK YOU!" -Renee R.



CLEAN SHINE PROTECT





Cathy Riley, Corporate Culture Officer



CORPORATE CULTURE

A great place to work is the difference between being a good company and a great company.

FALL & WINTER HIGHLIGHTS



Cathy prepares for National Bagel Day with Geo Vazquez (GRH Service Manager) and Brianna Zemrock (GRAG Marketing)



Service Appt Coordinator, Adrien Tatro, won the Chocolate Day prize!



GRK Porter, Carlos Rios, won the Fondue Day prize!



GRH Service Technician, Amanda Carson, won the Valentine's Day Raffle!



GRK Lot Manager, Carlos Rios, won the Superbowl prize!

CORPORATE CULTURE



Gnome Day Raffles were won by Denise Carr (BDC Manager) & Hector Ortiz (GRK Service Advisor)



Danneliz Moctezuma (BDC Receptionist) won the National Rose Day Raffle!

Jennifer Carrillo (GRH Inventory Specialist) won cash!



GRK Exclusive Kia Technician, Dustin Merrill, won the Buffalo Wild Wings Gift Card!

CORPORATE CULTURE

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS @ GARY ROME HYUNDAI

SEPTEMBER



Norm Caruolo (Sales), Deandre Rivera (Porter) & Char Cocrane (Warranty Admin)

OCTOBER



Cathy with Adrien Tatro
(BDC Service Coordinator)



OCTOBER

Jason Cisek (Finance Manager) & Josh Calkins (Car Wash Manager)

Your Birthday is the first day of another 365-day journey!

DECEMBER



**Service Technicians
Hector Rodriguez & Kevin Le with Gary**

Service Advisors Felix Vega & Kay Davis

JANUARY

FEBRUARY



Brittany Zabielski (Social Media Admin), Paul Maiolo, Jr (Receptionist), Araz Mamedov (Shop Foreman), & Toraman Marinadze (Parts Advisor)



Elizabeth Gourde (Service Appt Coordinator), Phil Brecher (Sales), Maria LePage (Sales) & Ryan Dusza (General Sales Manager)

SHOP TALK | OFFICE BANTER | SALES PITCH



WE BE STYLIN': GRH General Sales Manager, Ryan Dusza, and his wife, Sara, visit Wynn and Daisy on a day off.



CIAO TIME: above Paul Maiolo, Sr (Sales) & Peter Lustenberger (Sales Manager) and below Pauli Bonavita (Sales), Peter, Megan O'Neill (Service Asst), Jason Cisek (Finance Manager), Brianna Coyle (Service Advisor) & Mike Aubrey (Parts & Service Director)



BUT WHERE'S THAT YELLOW BRICK ROAD?: On the daily, GRH Service Manager Geo Vazquez drives on the road to ROME.



TWINNING IS EVERYTHING IN LIFE: Dara Davignon (Executive Assistant) & Nikki Lusler (Sales) twinned not only with each other, but with the "TIME" themed tree at GRH!



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! GRH Parts & Service Director, Mike Aubrey, & Marketing Admin, Brianna Zemrock, get their first news interviews!

SHOP TALK | OFFICE BANTER | SALES PITCH



FUN COUPONS: Araz Mamedov (GRH Shop Foreman) won \$320 in the 50/50 raffle to raise money for the TJO Animal Shelter.



BABY DADDY: the GRK team went to the Tap Room at MGH to celebrate Used Car Manager Steve Liptak becoming a Dad! L to R: Brian Boglich (Sales), Justin Martin (Sales), Cassidy Thorpe (Office Manager), D'Angelo Sanchez (Sales), Steve, Shaun Stevens (Finance Manager) & Telesha Williams (Sales Manager).



NEW BLING: GRH Technician Chris Bergeron proposed to GRH Staff Accountant Lindsay Lapan!



LET'S MAKE A DEAL! Marketing Admin, Brianna Zemrock, purchased a brand new Tucson with Phil Brecher as her Sales Consultant! Brianna's mother stopped by for the photo opp.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

KIA GARY ROME KIA
OF ENFIELD



5 YEARS

Trisden Tocaline, Asst Service Manager



10 YEARS

Jess Rios, Lot Manager



15 YEARS

Rich Circe, Office Manager



15 YEARS

John Brusco, Sales & Leasing Consultant



Congratulations!

Telesha Williams



During Fall of 2023, Telesha Williams, MSLN, MBA, Sales Manager at Gary Rome Kia of Enfield graduated from National Automobile Dealers Association Academy (NADA). Telesha completed a rigorous, year-long educational program focusing on six disciplines essential to successful management and leadership in the retail automobile industry. Telesha has made a major commitment to our customers and our dealership. Our employees meet the highest ethical standards in the industry, and our customers will benefit significantly from Telesha's knowledge, skills, and passion for excellence. She has worked diligently for this, and we could not be prouder to have her on our team.

Telesha has been employed by the Gary Rome Auto Group since 2014. She has worked at both dealerships, Gary Rome Hyundai in Holyoke, MA and Gary Rome Kia of Enfield in advertising and marketing, as the manager of the Business Development Center and now she holds the Sales Manager position at Gary Rome Kia. Williams is a graduate of Bay Path University. She earned her MBA in Entrepreneurship & Leadership as well as a master's degree in leadership & Negotiation.

NADA ACADEMY
prepares current and future dealership leaders to maximize each department's efficiency while examining how new technology and innovations reshape the industry. Academy classes are taught by industry experts in state-of-the-art classrooms and live online, with hands-on practical applications in each area of the dealership. Students develop an end-to-end view of business and dealership operations. Academy students also spend a day on Capitol Hill to meet with a member of Congress to gain insight into the lawmaking process, the importance of dealer fly-ins to Washington, D.C., and why inviting members of Congress to visit their stores can ultimately benefit dealers, their employees, and their customers.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION
GARY ROME
HYUNDAI



5 YEARS

Brittany Zabielski, Social Media Admin



5 YEARS

Chris Fenton, Finance Manager



5 YEARS

Edgar Vazquez, SR, Lot Assistant



10 YEARS

Kevin Schechterle, General Manager

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
GARY ROME
HYUNDAI



20 YEARS

**Josh Calkins, Car Wash Manager &
former GRAG IT Manager**

**Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday March 17th, 2024**



Our very own Gary Rome Auto Group Service Appointment Coordinator was named Grand Colleen for the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

A graduate of Pope Francis Preparatory School in 2019, Elizabeth consistently earned a place on the Honor Roll and was inducted into the Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society. Recognized for her outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities, she received the Smith College Book Award. Elizabeth actively contributed to her community by working with nonprofits.

Embarking on her higher education journey at the College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, Elizabeth excelled academically, graduating in May 2023 with a BA in English and a concentration in writing, boasting a notable GPA of 3.86. Her leadership skills were evident as she was elected Vice President of her class for four consecutive years and served as the Executive Board president for one year.

Throughout her college career, Elizabeth was the Co-editor in Chief and writer for the BLOOM Literary Magazine. She also had an internship with the Elms Alumni Magazine and pioneered a two-week Poetry and Prose writing workshop at the Care Center in Holyoke. She also worked with Sister Jane Morrissey at Homework House in Holyoke.

A recipient of several awards, Elizabeth earned the Mary Connors Viamari Award in 2020, the Thomas and Mary Smith Fitzgerald Endowed Scholarship the following year, and the Dorothy Fitzgibbon Award for "Outstanding Poetry or Prose" in 2022.

Elizabeth's commitment to service extended beyond academia. In January 2023, she volunteered to rebuild homes with the Saint Bernard Project in Puerto Rico. In March of the same year, she traveled to El Paso, Texas, for a service trip, where she cooked and cleaned in a refugee shelter, gaining firsthand knowledge of the border crisis.

Elizabeth has her sights set on further academic pursuits. She is applying to Boston University with the aspiration of earning a Master's of Arts degree in either prose or poetry. Her long-term dreams include working for a publishing company or in the film industry, recognizing storytelling as an essential part of her identity. Ultimately, Elizabeth envisions receiving her doctorate and fulfilling her passion for literature and education as an English professor.

The Jack Rome Memorial Walk/Run

May 5, 2024

Minnechaug Regional High School
Wilbraham, MA

Join us for an event the whole family can participate in... even the pups! In fact, we encourage all dogs to bring their families! Loads of fun activities for the kids, and goodies for the pups.

Got a team? Sign them up!!

Refreshments will be served after the race.
Goodie bags for all participants.
Awards for top dog, top male and top female.

Full event details at tjofoundation.org

Interested in being an event sponsor or volunteer?
Contact the Foundation for TJO Animals at info@tjofoundation.org
or call 413.306.5161.



To benefit the
Foundation for TJO Animals

5K, 1 mile walk,
and new this year...
a 10K Option!



REGISTRATION OPEN!