

Avon Rotary Club



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Next Meeting
January 8
Program
Marius on Germany

Avon Rotary Club
 Meets Tuesdays at 6pm
 Peppermints Restaurant

Board of Directors
 Laurie Vonglis, President
 Marcia Cameron, VP
 Tim Dickinson, Sr. Director
 Dan Jones, Director
 Jerry Dougherty, Sr. Rep
 Kirk Vanderbilt, Past Pres.
 Diana Williams, Secretary
 Kelly Cole, Treasurer

Our Christmas Together by Laurie Vonglis

I love Christmas time. It's a time of year for family and friends to gather together, typically following some variation of tradition. Last Saturday Avon Rotarians joined together at the Big Tree Inn in Geneseo for more togetherness, a fine meal and two very important club moments for the memory books.

Our special guests for the evening included DG Gaven & Kathleen Hurley. Gaven assisted Jim Tompsett, Foundation Chair, with our Paul Harris presentation, pinning Julie Carney with her new pin. Barb McCormick gave a wonderful introduction explaining the multiple ways Julie exemplifies 'service above self' through her Rotary duties at club and district level responsibilities as well as the many ways she gives back to the community. Congratulations Julie! Keep up the great work!

Tom Vonglis and Kirk Vanderbilt of our membership team led the induction of our new member Terry Lemen. Terry, a

former exchange student and current host mother to Marius shared her enthusiasm and love of Rotary. She is anxious to get involved and help support our various club activities. Welcome Terry!

This time of year is also a time many take extra time to sit back and count their blessings. You my friends are among those blessings—my Rotary Family.



Have a very special Christmas season and happy New Year.



DG Gaven Hurley,
Paul Harris Fellow Julie Carney,
 Avon Rotary Foundation Chair Jim Tompsett,
 President Laurie Vonglis



President Laurie Vonglis
 Rotarian & Sponsor Pam Hayes
New Member Terry Lemen
 IPP & Membership Chair Kirk Vanderbilt



Avon Rotary helps bring the Glotzbach family home *by Dan Jones*



Avon Rotary Volunteers assisting with the Avon Habitat for Humanity house

Every family wants to be home for Christmas and Avon Rotary helped make that Christmas wish come true for the Glotzbach family this year. Volunteers from multiple organizations partnered together to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Avon. Rotary members contributed countless hours under the capable leadership of Tim (the tool man) Dickenson, and Kelly (injury waiting to happen) Cole. Volunteers assisted with general construction, siding, outdoor work, and interior finishes. All of the electrical work was completed by Rotary members under the direction of Bill Wall, Kelly Cole and Dan Jones.

Habitat for humanity strives to eliminate substan-

dard housing by constructing affordable, well-constructed houses that are reliable and cost efficient to maintain. The home in Avon was designed to be especially efficient with utility bills anticipated to be under \$200.00 a year. Livingston County Habitat for Humanity currently has 11 projects underway and is looking for additional land for future houses. You can view pictures of the Avon house along with a list of volunteers (many of them Avon Rotary members) at <http://livingstoncountyhabitat.org/volunteer.html> on the Habitat webpage. Thank you to all the members of Rotary who helped on the house and demonstrated service above self.

Avon Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members recognized at our December 11th meeting



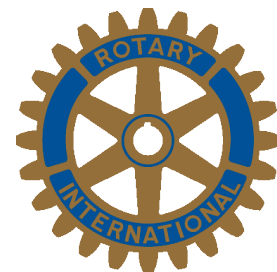
Veterans Day Flash Back



Bill Wall with fellow Marines celebrating at the Avondale after the Rotary Auction. Take the time to thank a VET any day.

CLUB SCHEDULE

Dec. 25	Merry Christmas—No Meeting
Jan. 1	Happy New Year—No Meeting
Jan. 8	Reg. Meeting—Marius
Jan. 14	Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 15	Reg. Meeting— Jim Murphy on District Conf., Corn Fest kick off



Update: The Avon Rotary & Interact Pirate Toy Fund by Pam Hayes

- On Thursday, Dec. 6th representatives from the Avon Rotary and Interact Clubs went to the Marketplace Mall to present to Gary the Happy Pirate toys that they have collected thus far. It was televised by WROC TV 10 and we all got to be on TV! Avon Rotarians & Interact Students have collected, so far, over 90 toys!
- The Avon Primary School is working with the Interact Students doing the Toy Fund Drive during the month of December. The co-leaders of Interact Pirate Toy Fund Committee, Shannon Hayes and Matt Briggs, have worked with Pam Hayes and Avon Primary School Principle, Robert Lupisella in creating a PowerPoint presentation to show to each class room, grades k-4. The entire Interact Sub-Committee of students have met with Principle Lupisella on a roll out plan and made presentations to every class during the first week of December. The Pirate Toy Drive that is going on at the Avon Primary School throughout December. They rolled this out with the Avon Primary School's December Character Trait of the month which is "Courage."
- Support with collection boxes in the community in the month of November was the Bank of Castile, Avon Branch and the Avondale Restaurant.
- The committee looks at this as just the beginning of the support to the Pirate Toy Fund.
- Here are the upcoming activities the Committee is setting up:
 - o On January 4th the Avon Primary School in coordination with the Rotary and Interact Clubs will make a presentation to Gary with all the toys that the students at the Primary school brought in. We are working with Gary to do a few songs for the kids.
 - o On a Saturday in January the Pirate Toy Fund Board of Directors have invited Avon Rotary and Interact Club representatives to come to their annual toy sort that first starts at the Wegmans' warehouse on Clay Road in Henrietta. After the holidays Pam will have more details to come on this.
 - o Pam Hayes and Gary the Happy Pirate want to set up a meeting with a representative from Chances and Changes so they can become a "Program Partner" to receive toys on a regular basis for the children that may come to the shelter. Avon Rotary will serve as a conduit to get the toys from Gary to Chances and Changes representatives.
- Thank you to all who have supported this so far!

Avon Rotarians and Avon Interact Students delivering toy donations to the Pirate Toy Fund collection at Marketplace Mall for Hurricane Sandy victims on December 6th. Rebecca Leclair from WHEC TV gave us a warm welcome. Gary the Happy Pirate shared his thankfulness for our generous donation of toys.



Eric Schmidt, District 7120 Foundation Chair Presented Avon Rotary a Certificate of Appreciation for our financial support to Rotary's US \$200 Million Challenge Dated 2011-2012