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Next Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 12
Mardi Gras Party

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

Avon Club Assembly in Review by Diana Williams

January 29, 2013

Corn Festival: Tom Vonglis-Tom reported that Jim has procured the corn we need from J & A again this year. Tom has been looking for new volunteers for the corn fest committee and has successfully recruited Doug and Pam Hayes, Chris Steger, and Terry Lemen. Our band for this year is “Prime Time Funk” and the main stage is on hold for us. Our next committee meeting will be in March. Laurie has asked that everyone please take time to look at our website under corn fest, and make sure all the information there is up to date. E-mail any corrections or additions to Hans.

Budget Update: Kelly Cole-Kelly reported that we have a current balance of \$31,000.00. Our year started with \$12,000 we have raised approximately \$49,000 and spent approx. \$30,000. We have more distributions in our budget which we will spend down before the end of President Laurie’s Rotary year.

Literacy: Dan Jones-Dan reported that the Avon Rotary should be in line to receive a Literacy Award again this year. We have participated in the following literacy projects; Dictionary Project, School 33 Project, Book Pallet Drive, Thesauri Project, and will sponsor Tech Seminars at the Avon Free Library.

New Generations: Julie Carney-Julie said that the Interact Club will be receiving an award

at this years District Conference. The projects they are working on is collecting school supplies for “Minds in Sudan”, volunteering to help at the “Special Olympics” and working on the “Water for Uganda” project. We are sponsoring one outbound exchange student (Ashley Stappenbeck) who will be visiting Poland. We have not had any takers for RYLA or the Oratorical Contest which will be hosted in Avon on March 2, 2013. (Terry will try to talk her son into signing up.) Julie will be chaperoning a group of exchange students going to Bristol Mountain this weekend, and will also act as a chaperone at the DC in Lake Placid. The Exchange Student Weekend is coming up on March 22, 23, and 24. Julie asked for Rotary volunteers to act as wait staff and dealers for their Casino Night. Exchange students will be taking their USA Trip in July.

Membership: Kirk Vanderbilt - Kirk has asked that anyone with ideas for a membership drive speak to him. Kirk also mentioned that we all need to keep family, friends, and neighbors in mind that would make good Rotarians and not be afraid to invite them to participate in a meeting to learn more about rotary.

Foundation Committee: Jim Tompssett-Jim spoke about Rotary Internationals changes to their guidelines for grant applications. Seminars are being offered, each club must have two Rotarians go through

the training to be able to apply for grant money going forward. Jim mentioned that if we applied with other rotary clubs, (quad city clubs) we could get larger size grants. Two grant ideas for our club are the “Avon Playground Project” and Rob Lupisella’s project “Building Schools in Nicaragua”. Jerry will be retiring from the committee, and Mark E. and Brett S. will be joining Jim.

Programs: Helen Zamboni-Programs are important for club meetings, as they connect us to other organizations, events, ideas and experiences we might not otherwise be exposed to. It’s good to have a variety of different groups so that not each program is a group looking for cash or donations. We have had programs by fellow Rotarians sharing their vacation or adventure experiences which have been interesting and fun. A few programs that we have coming up are 2/19 Klaas De-Waard speaking on behalf of The American Red Cross (Hurricane Sandy Relief) 5/21 Jim Tompssett will be doing an “Ethics Program” and on 5/28 John McCaffery will be teaching us about “Homeland Security”. We currently only have one program opening left in June for President Laurie’s year.

Asset Management: Jim Ryan - not available

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Literacy & School 33 by Dan Jones



In December I had the privilege of representing Avon Rotary at School 33 in Rochester. For the past several years, Avon Rotary has donated \$500.00 to support the Principle's Book of the Month reading initiative at School 33. By partnering with other Rotary

Clubs in the greater Rochester area we have been able to fund the purchase of multiple copies of ten different books each year. The school purchases books that exemplify the character traits to be focused on throughout the school year. Students are able to take the books home to encourage reading as families as well as work on class projects with the books. As a result of the ongoing Rotary support, School 33 is now able to share the books with other schools extending the gift of

literacy to students throughout the city of Rochester.

During our visit the students at School 33 put on a play about Frosty the Snowman for Rotary representatives featuring music and dancing.

*Hello to all our
snow birds...
We miss you!!!*

Bivona Child Advocacy Center by Laurie Vonglis

On Tuesday, February 5 Stefanie Szwebjka from Bivona visited the Avon Rotary Club and provided a serious, enlightening program. Bivona is a safe, welcoming, warm, child-friendly place. After the chaos of abuse, it can feel like a refuge. Their waiting room is full of toys and games. Their medical exam room is sized for kids. Their interview rooms are carpeted and comfortable, and allow the child to tell their story to an interviewer, while other professionals can observe from behind a one-way mirror. The kids get to tell their story, and share their burden. They've had kids say, even in the midst of their terrible situation, "This is a great place. Can I come back?"

Child abuse is awful and Bivona is doing something about it. They have a new, sensible system that walks the family through the entire process, from investigation through trial. They have a healing approach with many benefits and a team focused solely on kids. By partnering with other local agencies communications are kept flowing which helps the kids more quickly.

Avon Rotary has helped this not-for-profit agency for many years. In December we donated \$300 in an effort to help them continue to help children. If you would like more information please visit www.BivonaCAC.org.



Have you visited the club website lately? www.avonrotary.org

Avon Club Assembly in Review *continued*

Publicity: Laurie Vonglis- Laurie reported that during the District Conference this year, the district will be giving out awards including “Best News Letters” and “Best Website”. Let’s keep our fingers and toes crossed that we may be the recipient of an award.

Website: Hans Koomen- Laurie commented that one area that our website is lacking information on is our Avon Rotary History. She asked Mark Evans to please work with Hans to do a thorough history update on our website.

Adopt a Highway: Bill Wall- Laurie reminded us that our next “Roadside Cleanup Day” is Saturday, April 20. Bill will need to make sure that we have enough supplies.

GVRC: David Henehan- Dave reported that GVRC is a not-for-profit organization that currently has a Board that consists of two Directors from each supporting rotary club. The BOD will be meeting again in March and will be implementing a few changes. Going forward each club can have two primary Directors and two alternate Directors. Dave said that Ernie and himself have been on the Board for 30 years and are looking for some new blood to join their ranks. This year GVRC will be celebrating their “50th” anniversary at the Genesee River Hotel in Mt. Morris which will feature a band and silent auction.

Building Awards: Diana Williams- The building awards committee consists of Steve Csapo, Chris Masten, and myself. We give two awards annually, one for a remodel project and one for new build. We recently gave an award to

Howlett Farms for their office building addition. I asked our fellow Rotarians for input on nominees to add to our rotating list. Ernie mentioned that we should get building permits, so we don’t inadvertently leave anyone out.

Ambulance: Helen Zamboni- the Avon Rotary Lions Ambulance Service just ordered a new ambulance to replace the current one that is 10 years old and is starting to develop expensive problems. The cost was just under \$90,000 for the new ambulance. It will be several months yet before the new ambulance arrives. Due to the fact that they continue to lose money from operations every month, the board is actively pursuing the formation of an ambulance district. Members from the Ambulance, Village, and Town Boards are working together on building the financial model that will hopefully be approved by the Town Board. The goal is to be on the 2015 County/Town tax bills. Jim Ryan is working on making the recruitment and interviewing process more professional.

Scouts: Kirk Vanderbilt- Kirk reported that the leadership and scouts of our sponsored scout troop are doing great and continue to turn out Eagle Scouts. Their charter was recently renewed and they have been going strong for 80 years. Avon Rotary has sponsored them since 1944.

Auction: Tim Dickinson- Tim reported that the Auction Steering Committee will have a meeting in February. Our next auction will be Saturday, November 9th, 2013. Tim reported that taking credit cards was a non event, but needs to

make improvements on getting patrons through the check out line quicker and possibly putting the item registration list on line. Tim also complimented all Avon Rotarians on all that we do. We received a plaque from Habitat for Humanity for all the volunteer hours donated for the house built in Avon that was completed in November.

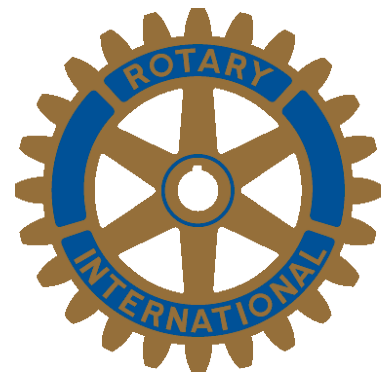
Social Schedule: Laurie Vonglis- Laurie reported on the up coming social events on our calendar. “Mardi Gras Dinner” on 2/12 and on June 18th Pam and Doug Hayes will be our gracious hosts at their home for our “Summer Kick-off” event.

Meals: Steve Csapo- Thank you Steve for doing a wonderful job on our meal ordering. Steve told us that any meal ordered can be customized ex. no onions, no mushrooms, dressing on the side etc. Steve also mentioned that he would pass on to Chris any suggestions we may have.

President Elect: Marcia Cameron- Marcia announced that the BOD is having a retreat day at President Laurie’s home this Saturday 2/2 from 9-2. We will put our heads together to help Marcia complete her planning guide for her upcoming presidential year. She has also invited upcoming BOD members Cathy Jo Murphy, Scott Holmes, and Bob House to join us. Marcia also reported that she is looking forward to her upcoming trip to Syracuse on March 15 and 16 for PETS training.



Tim Dickinson presented the Livingston County Habitat for Humanity Community Builder Award—2013



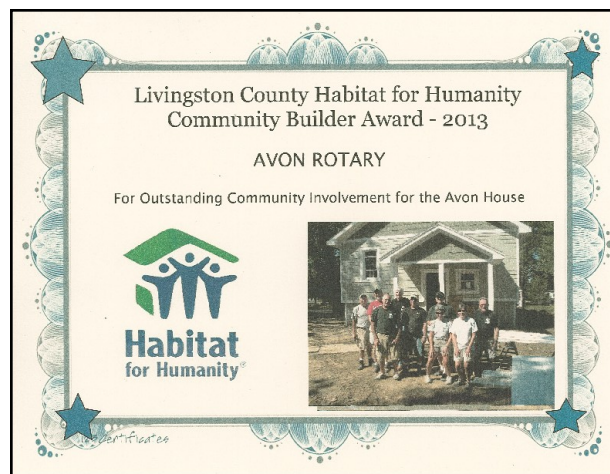
Avon Rotary Recognized by Habitat for Humanity

Dear Avon Rotary,

This year at our annual meeting two of the certificates of thanks were given in recognition of “Community Building”. One went to John and Mary Lou Marks, and one was given to Avon Rotary. The support and involvement of Rotary and Rotarians were exceptional. The opportunity to build a house in Avon, and get to know and enjoy your generous community, made us a better habitat organization, and benefitted us as individuals. Thanks Avon Rotary!

Dan Dimpfl

President, LCHFH



GVRC Board Member Needed *by Laurie Vonglis*

Are you looking to find something new to do in Rotary? Do you need to get re-engaged? Well if that is the case, look no further. At our club assembly last Tuesday, Dave Henehan reported on the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp

(GVRC). He & Ernie Wiard have been on the board for over 30 years and they are looking for some ‘new blood’. Please talk to Dave or Ernie about the camp, what’s involved and consider this new role. It may change your life.



Quote of the day... DG Gaven Hurley

“The death of Paul Harris on Jan. 27, 1947 was the impetus to ramp up the Rotary Foundation with Ambassadorial Scholarships and Paul Harris Fellows”



Happy Birthday Rotary! Born on February 23, 1905

CLUB SCHEDULE

Feb. 12	Mardi Gras Party 5 pm
Feb. 19	Reg Mtg—Hurricane Sandy Relief
Feb. 26	Reg Mtg—Books of the World
Mar. 5	Reg Mtg—Literacy
Mar 11	Board of Directors 7:00pm

DISTRICT EVENTS

Mar. 9	Grants Seminar—Roberts Wes. College
Mar.	PETS Training—Syracuse
Apr. 13	District Assembly—Red Jacket
May 3-	District Conference—Lake Placid