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Mardi Gras Rotary Style *By Laurie Vonglis*

On February 12th, “Fat Tuesday”, we enjoyed a change in routine. We added a Mardi Gras party to our social calendar this year to change things up a bit. Those that attended gave great feedback, praising the fun atmosphere, food and music. Partyman Catering provided a New Orleans style buffet and once again did a marvelous job. Rotarian Kirk Vanderbilt put

together a music playlist fit for the occasion. Rotarians Pam Hayes, Diana Williams, Rodney George and Tom Vonglis worked together to set the stage for our get together. Thanks to this entire group for helping me pull off a memorable evening.

Special mention for the unexpected comic relief provided by none other than Rotarian Kelly Cole.



Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 5
Dan Jones, Literacy Program



Who are these masked Avon Rotary Celebrities?? See page 3 for answers

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 Rotary Calendar Highlights: April-June 2013

Thurs-Sun March 21-24 Youth Exchange Weekend
 Sat April 13 District Assembly
 Tues April 16 Rotary/Lions Joint Meeting
 Fri-Sun May 3-5 District Conference
 Mon May 20 Quad Cities
 Tues May 21 Special Ethics Program—DG & AG Visits
 Tues June 18 Summer Kick off party/BOD meeting
 Tues June 25 Change of Officers Event—DG & AG join us

Hurricane Sandy Volunteer Story by Marcia Cameron



On Tuesday Feb 19th Klaas De-Waard presented our program for the evening. We were a small crowd but we enjoyed his program and we were glad that he joined us. Klaas recently retired from banking after 43 years, 10 years of which were here in Avon. Klaas and his wife reside in Avon where he is a member of the Lions Club. Once retired, Klaas

knew he wanted to do more to help others so he joined the Geneseo Red Cross Organization. When Hurricane Sandy hit the Red Cross asked him for help. Klaas was soon taking a train to New York City. He told us that it was a very long trip and he was put up in a hotel about a block from Times Square. He went to orientation at Cooney Island. Next to the amusement park tents were set up and their job was to put meals together doing about 6000 meals a day. He told us about the lines that never seemed to end. He also told us about the devastation in New York and New Jersey. Klaas was there, volunteering for 2 weeks then returned home for Christmas.

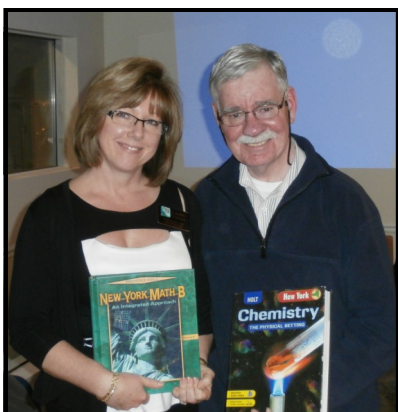
Klaas talked about the destruction, homes off their foundations and garbage all over the place. Many homes as well as the board walk were completely destroyed.

During his off duty time he was able to see all the Christmas lights in Central Park, view the Intrepid on the Hudson River, see St. Paul's Church, the Reflecting Pool, the Freedom Tour and the Rock-A-Ways.

Klaas continues to work with the Geneseo Red Cross which works together with the Dansville charter to help with local disasters.

Thank you Klaas for presenting your story of service above self to our club.

CNY Books For The World By Laurie Vonglis



On February 26th Avon Rotary enjoyed learning more about the "Books of the World" project from Ray Griswold. Ray is a Rotarian from District 7150. The project recycles obsolete text books and ships them to countries that have nothing. That's just one example of the books collected. Avon Rotary sponsored two pallets of books recently in our continued effort of bringing Peace Through Service.

**"High Fives"
to those regularly
attending meetings.
Thanks for your
dedication!**

Have You Had A Committee Meeting Lately? Plan one today.

Time Flies When Your Having Fun! By Laurie Vonglis

Eight months complete, four months to go. That is my timeline as President of this fine club. So much preparation then boom, it starts. The time has gone by quickly and just as I'm feeling fairly comfortable in my role, reality hits. I only have four months left! Will I be able to squeeze in the remainder of my goals? Is there enough time left for all the fun opportunities still in my head?

I tell myself, take a deep breath, relax. That is what a cohesive Board is for. We work together on goals and

planning so that from year to year there is a somewhat seamless transition. Delegating responsibilities among the club members and committees is good for the strength and longevity of the club. One person can't do the job alone but the team work of all of us is a powerful thing.

Keep up the GREAT work everyone!

Please join me in wishing PE Marcia Cameron the very best as she prepares for and attends her PETS training March 15 & 16.



President Laurie & Secretary Diana enjoy a fun moment together, taking the night off from a 'regular' meeting.

*Page 1 answers: L-R Gladys Iler, Margo Harper, Kirk Vanderbilt
Guy in Pope 'hat': Kelly P for Pope Cole*

ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 ASSEMBLY 2013

Saturday, April 13

Hosted by the Red Jacket Rotary Club

Red Jacket High School

1506 Rte. 21

Shortsville, NY 14504

Recommended for All Members, especially NEW!

Attendance Reminder: Let Secretary Diana know of any meeting make ups.

Happy Birthday to a Special Interact Student *by Julie Carney*

Interact Member Annaleci Lamantia has been a member of my family since 2006 when she and my daughter Sarah became inseparable friends. Over that time she has shared her stories of her heart condition and the surgeries that she has undergone. She also has been limited in her activities so the two girls would alter their fun so that both could enjoy. Annaleci has taught my family a lot about being tough and enjoying every day that you are given. When Annaleci had her last surgery, it was hard on her and on Sarah. It was difficult for Sarah to realize that she may not see her best friend again. When they were reunited in the ICU right after surgery, it was as if time stood still so that they could catch up on all of the gossip of school and friends. She also attends the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, that our club sponsors, every August. She is a role model for the other campers and she is also our tour guide when the Interact Club goes down to volunteer for the day. Annaleci and Sarah share so much and since their birthdays are only days apart, they even share their parties! Thank you for singing to them on Tuesday (any embarrassment from a mom is appreciated)! Also, please go to You Tube and watch her amazing video that she made to raise awareness of CHD (Congenital Heart Defects).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaQvqLQdR8o>



Sarah Carney, Annaleci Lamantia & Julie Carney—all smiles as Avon Rotarians sing Happy Birthday to Annaleci.

Quote of the day...

"BEING HAPPY DOESN'T MEAN EVERYTHING IS PERFECT. IT MEANS YOU'VE DECIDED TO SEE BEYOND THE IMPERFECTIONS"

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CLUB SCHEDULE

Mar 5	Reg Mtg—Dan Jones, Literacy
Mar 11	Board of Directors 7 pm
Mar 12	Reg Mtg—Corn Fest mtg
Mar 19	Reg Mtg—Author Chris Carosa, "50 Hidden Gems of Greater Western New York
Mar 21-24	Youth Exchange Weekend

DISTRICT EVENTS

Mar. 9	Grants Seminar—Roberts Wes. College
Mar. 15-16	PETS Training—Syracuse
Apr. 13	District Assembly—Red Jacket
May 3-5	District Conference—Lake Placid