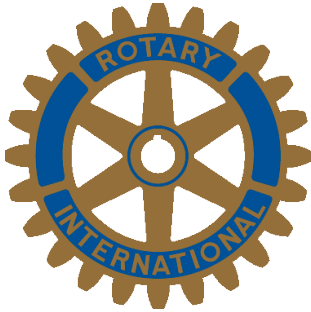


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**Avon Rotary
New Generations**

Avon Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays at 6pm

Peppermints Restaurant

Board of Directors

Laurie Vonglis, President

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Tim Dickinson, Sr. Director

Dan Jones, Director

Jerry Dougherty, Sr. Rep

Kirk Vanderbilt, Past Pres.

Diana Williams, Secretary

Kelly Cole, Treasurer

Avon Rotary Visits GVRC



Avon Rotary enjoyed a beautiful evening visiting Camp Sam Wood, Tuesday August 21st. 18 Rotarians and 17 Interact students traveled to Pike to pay campers a visit. In

true form, the energy and spirit of the campers and staff was overflowing.



We enjoyed a hearty chicken dinner and we are grateful to Ernie Wiard for making these arrangements.



The evening entertainment was a visiting clown. He had the kids engaged, laughing and making memories. A week full of making memories is what this is all about.

Article by Laurie Vonglis



Avon Interact Club

went to GVRC for an afternoon of service. The 17 students who were able to attend, listened to an overview of the camp from the director, Bart. Bart has been at the camp his whole life. His dad was the director when Bart was younger, and the whole family would take a week out of their busy lives to dedicate to the service of the camp. I know this view of what service is all

about rang well with the Interactors. Our students enjoyed all of the different activities going on during the afternoon as they were divided into groups to help assist at each session. Some students did face painting at the outdoor area, while others helped in the archery and rifle range. There were a lot of hugs and laughs and the Interact Club should be very proud of their day of service.



Article by Julie Carney

A Message on Membership *by Kirk Vanderbilt*

**Get your
“ask” in
gear!**

Each year, Rotary International declares the month of August as “Membership and Extension Month”; 30 days when Rotarians are encouraged to pay additional attention to the subject of membership. Unfortunately, August for Avon Rotary is also “CORN FESTIVAL MONTH”. So I wasn’t actually expecting to be buried in new member proposals.

Rotary’s membership statistics are a bit alarming. Internationally, we sit at 1,227,563 Rotarians in 34,103 Rotary clubs. These numbers have not significantly changed over the past 10 years. In our own District 7120 (69 clubs), we only had a net gain of 1 (one!!) member for the 4 years 2007 through 2011.

So, what do we do? Whose responsibility is it to attract and invite new members to Rotary?

Below is a list put together by a PDG from the Manitoba area that can make a positive difference in membership attitudes:

■ *Is the culture of my club friendly & welcoming to each other*

every week, particularly to strangers and will I be proud to introduce it to a guest? If not, speak to members about your concerns and solicit their help. Every guest, speaker and non-Rotarian entering our club’s door is a potential new member!

■ *What is my club involved with that will be of interest to my invited guest?*

■ *Does my club have an “active” Membership Committee of more than one Rotarian, meeting monthly who keeps membership matters top-of-mind among members monthly? RI’s Membership & Extension month of August is good however, if we are serious about increasing membership, our focus needs to be every month of the year.*

■ *Membership retention and growth requires the attention of the club leadership, however it is also the responsibility of each Rotarian.*

■ *It is simply a matter of asking. As in any sales process be mindful that people will, by nature, lean toward automatically responding with a “no” answer. They can hardly wait for us to stop speaking so they can do that. So..... we must phrase our question so that we get a “no” answer. “Would you have any objection to accompanying me to my*

Rotary meeting? - “No!” - “Great we meet on Tuesday at 6; I’ll pick you up at 5 so we can have a cocktail at Ted’s beforehand.”

So before we totally wrapped up in Auction business, I ask that you take a few moments and revisit the Membership Challenge that Tom forwarded to you. It only takes a second and it may inspire an idea or hopefully: a new member to Avon Rotary.

And as always – if you have a question or idea – PLEASE SHARE!

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*Kirk Vanderbilt,
Past President &
Membership Chairman*

Avon Rotary Auction

As we heard on Tuesday from Auction Chairman Tim Dickinson, now is the time to start collecting auction worthy items for the 2012 Rotary Auction.

work is critical as you submit any and all items. Documents are on the avonrotary.org website and Tim sent everyone via email the necessary letters to help solicit donations.

to help this 2nd club fundraiser of the year be as successful as last years.

Together WE can do it!

Article by Laurie Vonglis

**Auction:
Sat. November 10th
Mark Your
Calendars!**

Completing paper-

Please do your part

Why Should a Rotarian Contribute to the Foundation?

Because you **ARE** a Rotarian- first and foremost. If you are only interested in contributing to your community, you can do that through other organizations. You do not need a club- and if you do- you could simply form a "Community Goodwill Club"- meet every so often- and do "good things" for your community.

As a Rotarian- you get the best of *BOTH* worlds

- Your club can contribute to the local community through local projects and fundraising activities
- You can also contribute to the *WHOLE WORLD*- as well - as part of the combined strength of 1.2 Million Rotarians across the globe.
- We need to *inspire* such giving, rather than simply present it as an *obligation*. Listen to the Doctor who has traveled to a third world country and done reconstructive surgery on a child's face- so they are no

longer an outcast in their own village. Share the stories of those who have gone to countries far away- at their own expense- to help Rotary create a Polio-Free world. Hear from women- in Africa- who were given the help to start their own businesses- to gain independence, self esteem, and provide for their families without relying on a handout.

- Remember that Rotary began as a business networking opportunity. The more members got together- the more they realized they needed to do *more*. They needed a *purpose* beyond their own needs.

Remember Arch Klumph began the Rotary Foundation with a simple premise that still holds true today- "**Do Good in the World**"

By giving to the Rotary Foundation- you have the opportunity to request funds from that Foundation for your **LOCAL** community. As we embark on the *Future Vision* plan- those opportunities may

actually increase. In District 7120- more than \$10,000 a year has come back to local clubs for community projects ranging from books for libraries- to community pavilions. Your gift to the Rotary Foundation's **Annual Programs Fund** opens the door for our district to do more- regionally,- and around the world.

Quite simply, we must remember we are not just members of "Rotary". We are all members of "Rotary **International**". We gain strength from numbers. When we became Rotarians we accepted responsibility to help each other- around the world. Our inspired gifts to the Rotary Foundation fund the very programs that help us **do** that! They fund programs in which Rotarians from our local clubs have taken part such as the *Group Study Exchange* and *Ambassadorial Scholars*.

Forwarded from:
DG Gaven Hurley



Why Should a Rotarian Contribute to the Rotary Foundation?
Why not?

Avon Food Pantry needs cereal, canned peaches, canned pears, canned pineapple, pork and beans, soups (other than tomato, chicken noodle and cream soups), toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Please bring to our meeting on Tuesday, September 4th!

Tuesday Sept 11th
District Governor
Gaven Hurley
visits Avon Rotary
Club...
See You There

Fall Wine Tour
Sunday Sept. 16th
10 am ~ 6 pm
Sign-up today!

Eastern Cities Dinner
Sun. Nov 4th
Sign-up today!

Plan a Committee meeting today!

