

Avon Rotary News

Club Assembly October 9, 2012 by Diana Williams

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Laurie Vonglis, Editor

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Next Meeting
October 16
Program
Building Minds in Sudan

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

The following is a report from each committee chairperson. Information to share with all club members for the good of all.

Corn Festival: Tom Vonglis- Tom thanked everyone for their hard work to make this year another successful Festival. He reported that we netted \$18,228.00, and that only 6 members of our club did not participate. Tom and several members of the corn fest committee recently spent a weekend brainstorming on how to improve for next year, and he will be presenting that information to all of us in January.

Budget Update: Kelly Cole- Kelly reported that we started this year with approx \$8,000 and currently have a balance of approx \$7,500.00. We also have a Certificate of Deposit with \$5,000 which is earmarked as follows: \$2,500 for the "Playground Project" and \$2,500 for the "Scout House" roof which will need to be replaced in the next few years. We are doing well with monies collected from fines and our weekly 50/50. Kelly mentioned that a few members still owe dues from July.

Literacy: Dan Jones- Tim reported for Dan that our club has already completed most of the Literacy projects mandated by RI. We have participated in the "Dictionary" project to 3rd graders, the "Thesauri" project for 7th graders, the "School 33" project and sponsored 2 pallets of books for the "Book Pallet Drive".

New Generation: Julie Carney- Cathy Jo reported that Marius is doing well. The Avon Interact

Club has grown to 42 members, and they are starting to form their own sub- committees. This year we continue to stay active in YEA, and also the Oratorical and Vocal contests.

Membership: Kirk- refreshed us about the program he and Tom gave us a few months ago about considering being a mentor for a new Rotarian. Mentors do not have to be the sponsor of the newbie, but need to be available as a sounding board and willing to answer questions that come up. He encouraged all of us to invite people that would make good Rotarians to join us for a meeting to see what we are all about. Kirk plans on having a Spring Membership Drive. We all need to "Get our ASK" in gear.

Foundation: Jerry and Jim are trying to recruit a few new members for our "Foundation Committee". November is foundation month and we will be hearing about the "Give Five" from Jim or Jerry. Brett Schrader will be attending the Mini-Pets for the foundation team.

Programs: Helen Zamboni- Helen is doing a great job at keeping our programs calendar filled. She reported that we currently have scheduled programs right through January of 2013.

Asset Management: Jim Ryan- Any Rotarian that needs to borrow any items that belong to rotary (chairs, tables, pop up tents, etc) can contact Jim. Jim has a form and a process to lend these items, with the expectation that the receiving Rotarian will make a donation.

Publicity: Laurie Vonglis- Laurie explained that one of the district goals this year is to increase publicity about what rotary clubs do for their own communities, the district and at the international level. Laurie is embracing this challenge by contributing to the district newsletter and has created our very own Avon Rotary newsletter to get the word out about our goings on. Kirk has created a Face book page, and we still have our own website that people can access to gather more information about our club.

Website: Hans Koomen is our webmaster and is in charge of keeping our website up to date. We do have the option to join Club Runner, however there is a fee involved, and since we have a great website already, we don't feel that we need to spend money for those services at this time.

Adopt a Highway: Bill Wall- Our next semi annual cleanup day is quickly approaching. If able to work, meet at 8am at the storage shed on Saturday 10/20. We are usually done with in an hour.

GVRC: Dave Henehan- Dave told us that this year was the largest turnout ever with over 100 campers for the week. RI is no longer going to pay for the insurance needed in case of an accident; this insurance will cost GVRC approx. \$4,000 for the week. Dave said that the camp counselors are so dedicated that they are starting to do their own fundraising to try and cover some or all of that cost. Dave also told us that our club pays an assessment of \$50.00 per club member for the camp.

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Gary The Happy Pirate

The Pirate Toy Fund by Pam Hayes

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012 “Gary the Happy Pirate” came and spoke to the Avon Rotary Club about The Pirate Toy Fund. Also in attendance were student representatives from the Rotary Interact Club.

The Pirate Toy Fund is located in Rochester, NY and founded by local children's entertainer, Gary the Happy Pirate. The Pirate Toy Fund is the only nonprofit organization in the country dedicated to donating toys year round to children in need in our community. Gary founded the Pirate Toy fund in 1995. Gary was inspired to start this endeavor by a special friend, Christie Simonetti; a young girl that died of leukemia. The Pirate Toy Fund has distributed 225,000 toys since the year 2000 and continues to actively pursue new avenues to expand their mission. Last year over 24,000 toys were donated to Rochester

and outlying areas.

The Pirate Toy Fund works with over 75 program partners that includes all local area hospitals (including Noyes Memorial in Dansville), The American Red Cross, and the Rochester Police Department. They are looking to expand to other local police departments too. They help children with illnesses, children that are victims of domestic violence and children that have suffered other varying types of loss and tragedies in their life such as house fires and natural disasters.

Pam Hayes is going to be the Avon Rotary Community leader for the local fund raiser. One goal is to have both the Avon Rotary Club and the Interact Club partner together in a “New Toy” drive for the holidays. Gary invited representatives from the clubs to participate in the fund drive during the first week in December.

This will include being broadcast on the local TV 10 news.

The Interact Club has a subcommittee of 7 students with Pam Hayes as the Avon Rotary Representative. Pam is also looking for some fellow Avon Rotarians to join her in the community drive for toys.

The club was very energized by Gary’s speech. This will be another great opportunity for the Avon Rotarians and the Interact Club to partner together, gain additional PR and television exposure too.

Be on the look out for more information to help with this project.

Get Organized... Plan a Committee meeting today!

Cheeks In Seats

7/31	26
8/7	35
8/28	40
9/4	38
9/11	35
9/18	37
9/25	30
10/2	35
10/9	35

AVON ROTARY AUCTION

Have you signed up to work?

Have you collected donations and submitted paperwork?

IF NOT... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



Thanks to those members attending our weekly meetings! To those that aren't... you're missing out. Put your Rotarian hat on and join us.

Bill Gormont & The Magic Of Rotary



How do you become a successful growing service club? It's all about VISION and TRUST built on a rock-solid base of POSSIBILITY THINKING. The leadership style, club dynamics and projects that were successful in the past are no longer working and you're losing more members than you attract. Why? Because people today are joining service organizations with different expectations than they did years ago. "Whatever /

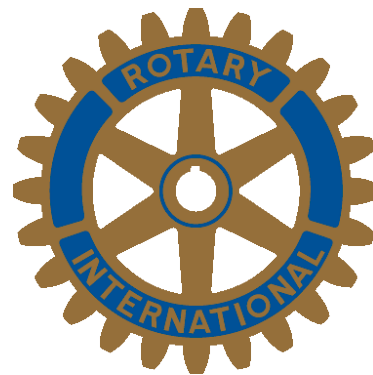
Whenever" has become "Hands-on / NOW!" This thought-provoking program addresses these issues in today's terms. Bill explores the positive reinforcement required to build TRUST, encourage the heart and let your members know their energy, talents and enthusiasm are needed and most importantly appreciated. You'll learn how to develop a creative environment with VISION and an energy-vibe that keeps members engaged.

Bill's unforgettable message is a unique combination of real life experience and proven techniques that will increase effectiveness within your service club, region, district and zone organizations. He brings his successful organization leader-

ship skills and magical entertainment to center stage, and exposes the secrets of *The Magic of Rotary*. This program is designed and especially well suited for Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions service organizations at all levels.

It's time to take action and get your service club back on track. Imagine how powerful your team will be when everyone is inspired with the same vision. The renewed energy, excitement and commitment will improve your organization in ways you've only imagined. Your members need VISION. They need FOCUS. They need LEADERSHIP. They need YOU. And they need it NOW!

Written by Bill Gormont



The Magic of Rotary program will be on Tuesday October 23. The meeting will be held at the Avon Commons building on Collins Drive. A pasta dinner will be provided for \$10. Everyone is encouraged to attend and welcome to bring a friend. Sign up now and don't miss this inspiring program! See you all at 6:00.

*Yours in Service,
Laurie Vonglis
Avon Rotary President*

It's time to roll up those sleeves & volunteer for the Avon Rotary Auction!

CLUB EVENTS

Oct. 16	Program: Building Minds in Sudan
Oct. 20	Roadside Clean up
Oct. 23	Special Meeting: The Magic of Rotary
Oct. 30	Special Meeting: Halloween Party Foundation Program

DISTRICT EVENTS

Nov. 3	District Leadership Institute in Canandaigua @ Inn on the Lake
Nov. 4	Eastern Cities Dinner with RI President Sakuji Tanaka at Riverside Convention Center in Rochester
Nov. 11	District Foundation Brunch @ Belhurst Castle in Geneva

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Building Award: Diana Williams- The building awards committee is made up of Steve Csapo, Chris Masten, and myself. We choose two businesses a year that have made an investment in our community by either remodeling an old building, or building a new one. We give one award for new construction, and one for remodel. I am currently trying to contact Bruce Howlett, for an award of his new silo and office building on Rochester Street. Any Rotarian aware of a business that should be considered please let Steve, Chris or I know to add that business to our list.

Ambulance update: Jim Ryan- Jim reported that the Ambulance Board is currently made up of 3 Rotarians, 3 Lions, and 3 community members. They try to provide the best service at the lowest cost possible, but despite their best efforts, they are struggling and going through a financial hardship, needing to draw money out of their reserves each month. They are trying to work with the town and village to form an Ambulance District, which would dissolve the current Board and replace them with a Community Committee appointed by the town. The hope is to have these changes in place by January of 2015.

Scouts: Kirk Vanderbilt-Kirk recently had a scout update in our newsletter. He reported that the third grade troop is doing a great job, and they don't have any immediate needs. In 2011, we had a "Clean Up" day addressing the basement and storage area, and also had an egress window installed on the second floor so that area could be used by the scouts. Last year, this year, and next year, our club will be putting aside funds earmarked for a new roof for the scout house.

Auction: Tim Dickinson-Tim reported that auction operations are in full swing. Once we have our donation forms filled out, get them to Kelly as soon as possible. We will be running an add in the Penny Saver with our auction items, and also Kirk is posting those items on our Face book page so we can generate some interest before the auction. It will also give some extra advertising exposure to the people and companies donating to the auction. Tim still has empty time slots that need to be filled both prior to auction day, and auction day itself. We will be having a celebratory dinner at the Livonia Inn after the auction again this year.

Social Schedule: Laurie Vonglis-Laurie has been a very busy Rotarian filling up our social calendar with lots of fun stuff. She hopes that there is enough variety, so there is something for everyone to enjoy. Later this month, we have two offsite meetings, on 10/23 at the Community Center (The Magic of Rotary) and on 10/30 at the Hayes' residence (Halloween Party).

Board Positions: Laurie Vonglis-Laurie announced that come December she will be looking for 2 new board members to replace the 2 that will be rotating out in July 2013. Anyone who might be considering a position with our board and has questions about the responsibilities and expectations of being a board member, please talk to Laurie or any other board member.

Thanks to all who contributed this evening. Sharing information with everyone in the club is vital. Also, thanks to Diana for capturing the information so well. You do a great job!

Laurie Vonglis, President



COMING SOON....
A MEETING LIKE NO OTHER.
JOIN US ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 30TH FOR A FRIGHTFULLY FUN EVENING.
OUR SCARY GROUP WILL MEET AT THE SPOOKY HAYES RESIDENCE. GET YOUR COSTUMES ON FOR ADDED THRILLS AND EXCITEMENT.
ANOTHER DON'T MISS EVENING!
SEE YOU THEN... BOO!

