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*Welcome To A New Rotary Year*

Welcome everyone to my year as President. The White House is very small and nothing like I imagined it would be, I think they gave me the wrong address, Oh wrong Presidency. I hope that we can have a little fun with this role that I have been entrusted with. My time in Rotary to this point has gone very quickly and I imagine this year will also I hope that we can all enjoy the ride and continue to accomplish good things. I very much enjoyed our Change of Officers Dinner in spite of all my nervousness. Past President Laurie did a fantastic job of putting together a wonderful evening and program. I only hope that I can do half as good as she has done. Please bear with me as I try to keep us going in a very successful forward motion. I do not anticipate that it will be a very hard job as the club has so many wonderful people who are all after the same goals. I want to thank Living Son for their contribution to the night. Our very own President Elect Tim Dickinson, Bruce Burrirt, and Bruce Amey joined with Mark Blakley, Paul Brown and Phillip Shepard Iler and Linda Rosebrough to put on a awesome musical program for us. They helped to put me at ease. As I tried to communicate (not very well I'm afraid) is that I want to continue to progress with our group what the Presidents before me have done. Two things that I would like to accomplish is more PR for our club. I would like everyone to know about all the good that our club does. The people that we help, here in our community and around our world. If they know what we do they will want to know more about

us and hopefully want to join us in making a difference. The second thing I hope to accomplish is to do more with the seniors in our community. I was visiting with my Aunt today at a nursing home in our area and I was able to spend some time with some of the residence singing hymns with them and just talking to them. I hope to do that here with the help of you all. Two people came up to me after the dinner and said they would help with the Senior Outreach Committee with myself and Jerry. Anyone else up to the challenge? I sure hope so. I think just helping with the elderly would be a wonderful and rewarding experience. Please see me about helping with this worthwhile cause. Also is anyone willing to help with Publicity because to be honest I need all the help I can get. I know what I want to accomplish but not the know how to get the job done. Thank you all for your faith in me, and all of your kind words to me. I know that you are all behind me because we all have the same goals. That is why we signed on to be Avon Rotary members. Remember this year's theme

**Social Sign Ups...**

- ⇒ Summer Picnic 7/23
- ⇒ Corn Fest Picnic 8/11
- ⇒ GVRC 8/20

Avon Rotary Club  
 Meets Tuesdays at 6pm  
 Peppermints Restaurant

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Board of Directors  
 Marcia Cameron, President  
 Tim Dickinson, PE  
 Dan Jones, Director  
 Scott Holmes, Director  
 Bob House, Sr. Rep  
 Laurie Vonglis, Past Pres.  
 Cathy Murphy, Secretary  
 Kelly Cole, Treasurer



**ENGAGE  
 ROTARY  
 CHANGE  
 LIVES**

and one of those lives will be yours. I promise. From Your Queen: President Marcia.

# 2013 Avon Rotary Change of Officers Banquet



Scott Holmes received “Rookie of the Year”. Since joining the Avon club in 2011 Scott has volunteered for leadership roles with the New Generations Committee and Corn Festival Committee. He just became a member of the Board of Directors.

Congratulations Scott!



Jim Ryan received “Rotarian of the Year”. Since joining Avon Rotary in 2010 Jim is a model Rotarian. He does it all and loves doing it. Jim has taken on 2 important roles on the Corn Festival Committee and also co-chairs the Auction. Jim manages the clubs assets and represents our club on the Avon Ambulance board.

Congratulations Jim!



A certificate of thanks was presented to outgoing DG Gaven Hurley.

*“There are no words that can express our appreciation for the time and effort you’ve given as our 7120 District Governor. Your leadership will always be remembered.”*



A certificate of special recognition was presented to outgoing AG Walt Springer.

*“With sincere gratitude for your time, effort & support as our Area 8 Assistant Governor. You have been a valuable resource. We thank you for all you’ve done for us and for the good of Rotary!”*



Jim Ryan was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow. Jim not only does many things for the Avon Rotary club, he also volunteers for many things that benefits the Avon Community. He has a volunteer history with the local scout troop, youth sports, Avon Food Pantry and neighborhood go to guy.

Pictured – Tom Vonglis, Jim Ryan, DG Gaven Hurley, Jim Tompsett

***Many thanks to Kirk Vanderbilt for 6 years of service on the Avon Rotary Board of Directors. JOB WELL DONE!***

German Exchange Student Marius Gappa took a moment and thanked Avon Rotary for a wonderful year here in Avon.

Julie Carney expressed how gratifying it is to be a host family and encouraged all to consider the role.



## Avenues of Service Citation

It is my privilege and honor to announce a “Avenues of Service Citation”.

The last time this award was presented to an Avon Rotarian was in the Rotary year 2001 – 2002 to Jerry Dougherty.

The Purpose:

Recognizing that the strength of the Rotary ideal is founded on the service carried out by club members worldwide, this citation program provides a means for Rotary clubs to personally recognize a member of the club for outstanding efforts in the five Avenues of Service. The citation commends the service carried out by an individual Rotarian in the club, thereby reinforcing the importance which Rotary places on the personal involvement of each club member in Rotary service activities.

The Eligibility:

The nominee must have consistently demonstrated support of the object of Rotary through participation in service activities in each of the five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and New Generations. An individual may only receive this award once. The nominee must be an active Rotarian in good

standing. Rotarians who are ineligible are current club presidents; current, incoming and immediate past district governors; current, incoming, and past RI directors. Only one nominee is eligible per club per Rotary year.

For this 2012-2013 Rotary year, Rotary International recognizes, with deep appreciation, Avon Rotarian - **Dan Jones** for outstanding efforts in each of the Avenues of Service.

By Laurie Vonglis  
2012-13 Avon Rotary  
President



## District Changeover

On a rainy, cool Monday, July 1st evening more than 175 Rotarians and guests gathered at the beautiful Ventosa Winery to celebrate the District Governor change of officers.

The new PDG Gavin reflected on his past year praising all the club presidents for answering the call. He mentioned the more than \$240K given to the foundation and the districts response to the hurricane Sandy in collecting over \$54k in relief funds.

Newly elected District Governor Ellen Hughes took the podium and delivered her Rotary theme and address. Four very



simple but powerful words. Engage Rotary, Change Lives. She spoke how she got involved in Rotary starting with the Rotary exchange and how a few Rotarians inspired her to move on.

There was "Passing and Presenting of Pins" starting with Bill Gormont becoming District Governor Nominee all the way through to Norma Madayag-Reilly presenting Gavin with Past District Governor pin.

Avon is first on Governor Hughes's list and will be visiting our club on July 9th.

By Avon Rotarian Rodney George

Pictured: PDG Norma Madaya-Reilly, PDG Gaven Hurley, DG Ellen Hughes, DGE Scott MacDonell, DGN Bill Gormont

## Avon Rotary at ACS Senior Awards



### Linda Kime Memorial Scholarship:

Linda was a special member of Avon Rotary and this community, and truly lived a life of “Service above Self.” Linda volunteered her time and resources without hesitation and always with quiet humility. Honesty and integrity were always guiding principles for Linda, and never let her health difficulties get in the way of her desire to give back to her community through her leadership of the Avon Interact Club and the Rotary Foreign Exchange Student Program.

On Thursday June 13th Avon Central School held it’s Senior Awards night. It is with great pride and pleasure that Avon Rotary presented the \$1000 scholarship to Ashley Stappenbeck. She is a familiar face having participated in RYLA last summer and the 12-13 Interact President.

This Scholarship aims to honor Linda by recognizing hard work and service to others, and it is our hope that Ashley will carry these values with her into her future.

Congratulations and best of luck to Ashley in all her future endeavors.

### Vocational Scholarship

Congratulations to Avon Senior Luke McKeown, son of Donna and Dan McKeown. Luke was awarded the Avon Rotary Vocational Scholarship on June 13th at the senior awards night. He will receive a check for \$1000 following his first semester at MCC. (unavailable for picture)

## Attendance

Avon Rotary had a great attendance year! Participation was up each week for our regular meetings bringing our ‘checks in seats’ average up to 77%. Let’s keep the momentum going. Engage yourself, get more involved and have fun!

(Pictured on page 1 at the top—100% attendance recipients for 2012-2013)

## Fun Fun Fun



Remember our summer kick off party, hosted by Pam & Doug Hayes at their fabulous party perfect estate? Our dish to pass, cook out was well attended complete with a cozy camp fire to end the evening. This occasion was a great example of Avon Rotary’s fellowship and family spirit. Our many thanks to the Hayes’s for their generosity.

The next ‘fun’ event is scheduled on July 23 for a summer picnic at Margo Harper’s lakeside home. See you there!

## CLUB SCHEDULE



Mon July 8	Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm @ Hurricane
Tues July 9	DG Ellen Hughes Visits / Corn Festival Meeting
Tues July 16	Regular Meeting
Tues July 23	Summer Picnic at Margo Harpers
Tues July 30	Regular Meeting

## Final Thoughts *(from 6/25 Change of Officers Banquet)*



Where do I begin? Well it's been an interesting and fun year just as District Governor Gaven guaranteed. I assure you it has also

been gratifying, challenging, hard work at times but most of the time FUN. To my Board, thank you for your diligence to get the job done. The talent that this group of leaders has is amazing. My secretary Diana, working with you this year has been a gift – always pleasant, always helpful. Maybe someday I can repay the favor. Our friends leaving the board, Jerry and Kirk – we are grateful for your time and service to this club. Kirk – you've certainly made a tremendous impact these past 6 years and I'm thankful to have worked beside you. This year's committees worked hard, met more often in most cases which resulted in a lot of productivity. The club realized new projects like the Pirate Toy Fund thanks to Pam's leadership, the Library Technology Program thanks to Dan's leadership, a growing Exchange and Interact program thanks to Julie and all of the leaders in the New Generations avenue of service. Our foundation committee has been revitalized due to Jim's diligence and leadership, with new volunteers Mark & Brett. We have been awarded a district grant thanks to Brett heading the Future Vision requirements which will help the Avon Community Playground project in a big way. I could go on and on but my point is this, our committees are vital, everyone in this club is essential and

should have a role. Attendance is up thank you very much! I've beat that horse enough I'd say, but it's important to be and stay engaged. We've had some great programs with a consistent schedule thanks to Helen. We've completed a survey with ideas for next year and I encourage everyone to take action. Let's continue to move forward with interesting, fun, different types of programs – “for the good of the club”. I know I've said that a lot and wonder if Kelly has been keeping count of that on top of the number of emails I've sent him. You should see my 'president's email box. I bet there are a lot of people in the district that will breathe a sigh of relief when I'm done – Gaven!

We had a lot of fun this year but included was a lot of loss. This club suffered tremendously losing Tom, Ben and Bert. We miss them and their unique qualities which were such a wonderful part of the club. At the same time, I can't help but mention my personal losses – my mother and mother in law, two exceptional, loving, giving people. Through all of this I've become more aware of this, our Rotary family. Gratitude and thankfulness fall short of summing up how I feel.

Speaking of how I feel, I couldn't have done this without the love and support from my favorite guy, Tom. His encouragement and feedback helped every step of the way. His hospitality and generosity also added a great deal of fun into our fellowship after meeting in the mancave. Thank you so very much!

So now it's time to turn over the reins, pass the gavel, hand the ball off... I have very mixed emotions about that. I've enjoyed this much more than I

ever anticipated. It's been a pleasure and privilege being your President. My mother taught me to take turns and now it's Marcia's turn. She will do a great job and I ask everyone to welcome her with open arms and support her just as you have supported me.

Recently a fellow president and I were comparing notes on our year. Checking out the years accomplishments, grading each other, and counting down our days left. He mentioned only then being able to take off the 'ole' Rotary underwear. I laughed and have since thought about that. I'm thinking there is more work to be done but now I'm going to enjoy wearing my Rotary comfy pants.

Keep up the good work everyone!  
Thank you so very much.

Past President Laurie Vonglis



Pictured: Marcia Cameron, President presenting a presidential plaque to outgoing President Laurie Vonglis