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Social Sign Ups...

- ⇒ **Corn Fest Picnic 8/11**
- ⇒ **GVRC 8/20**

Avon Rotary Club
 Meets Tuesdays at 6pm
 Peppermints Restaurant
 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

President's Message

I want to thank everyone for making my first month as President not a totally horrible experience. Only kidding its been a real joy to serve as your President and Queen. This first month has flown by. Our first meeting was very well attended and I was very pleased since our District Governor was our guest for the evening along with our new Assistant District Governor Lee Loomis. Ellen had a lot of good things to tell us. She gave us the rundown on International President Ron Burton's theme for this year of Engage Rotary Change Lives. The theme requires action, value all contributions. Engage: to occupy the efforts of a person, to attract and hold fast: to commit fully. Rotary: not just an organization. Tell your Rotary story often to inspire others to join. Change: to alter, modify, not just others but also ourselves. Lives: every life we touch, not just those in the club but globally as well. In the end we change our own the most. Ellen went on to entertain us with her own stories and how she

got to where she is today. Ellen is very big on giving to the Foundation and we were able to give her a check for \$1000 dollars. She was very pleased with this as you could tell by the expression on her face when I handed her the check. Ellen went on to tell the club about everyone in our club who participates on the District level. Laurie Vonglis is a FAD for area 4, Kevin Tompsett is on the audit committee, Jim Tompsett is on the DSG committee, and Julie Carney is District Interact chair and vice chair for our bounds for youth exchange. I'd say we have some very special people in our club who are willing to go even further to Engage Rotary and Change Lives. Ellen went on to tell me that we have a great club, but I bet you already knew that.

I want to thank everyone who helped in our last social event a summer picnic at Margo Harper's lakeside home. A good time was had by all that attended and it was a beautiful evening. Thanks again Margo.

Helen does a wonderful job with our programs each week but we need to help her fill in the spots were we don't have any programs. Lots of you made lots of suggestions when Past President Laurie had us all write down what we would like to see for programs, so lets see if you can help out by lining up some of these programs and getting in touch with Helen to see when we can fit them in. We want to



Presidents Message (continued)

have quality programs that everyone will be interested in so you will want to come to the meetings every week to join in great fellowship and a wonderful program.

I can't wait to get started with a more focused Senior Citizen outreach program, so anyone who would like to join me in this endeavor please let me know as soon as possible so we can get things started.

Also at our first meeting we had the pleasure of having 2 people from different Rotary clubs attending the meeting . Ken Sharpe from Australia presented me with his clubs flag and he said he had a

great time and never saw such a fine fest going on. Sam Worrell was also present visiting from a Florida Club. He also gave us his clubs flag. It was enjoyable having Rotarians from other places in our globe and I hope we will have many more.

Thank you all very much for all you do to Engage Rotary, especially with our Corn Festival this coming weekend, then to switch all our efforts to making the Auction a big success so we can change lives, here in our community and Internationally. You all do a great job and I am happy and honored to be your President as much as I dreaded

it. Thank you and see you at the next meeting.

By: Marcia Cameron



Marcia Cameron, Avon Rotary President; Sam Worrell, Florida visitor

Club Support For A DG

Not long after the Rotary District Convention President Laurie (now Past President) spoke to the club about the implications of one of our own moving into greater district responsibilities – and perhaps eventually becoming a District Governor. She wondered if our club would be willing to undertake the related responsibilities.

I recently sat down with PDG Bob Gaffney to talk about this. Bob is a member of the Hornell Rotary Club, where I was a member before moving to Avon. Bob was District Governor in 1999-2000.

The main responsibility for the Hornell Club was hosting the Dis-

trict Convention. Bob put together a committee to work on all the aspects of the Convention – everything from the location to the decorations. There were about 15 different sub committees. (I chaired the Memorial Service sub committee.) Planning began at least a year before Bob even became DG. Not everything, of course took that long, but the big decisions about the location of the conference and negotiations with the hotel had to be made way in advance.

Bob says that these days the district offers a lot more guidance and help than it did when he was DG, so it is a lot easier for a club. There

is also financial help from the district. The minutes of our conference committee show that originally the Hornell Club had seed money of \$1,000 while the district put in \$8,000. During the year the club raised another \$7,000 for the conference.

The benefits to the club were twofold: a very successful conference gave Hornell Club “bragging rights” throughout the district, and it significantly boosted club cohesion and its sense of teamwork and accomplishment.

By: David Kilgore

GVRC 50th Anniversary Celebration

SAVE THE DATE!

When: October 5, 2013 5-6PM Social Hour, 6-8PM Dinner/Evening Program, 8-11PM Dancing and Celebration

Where: The River Reception and Conference Center, 134 North Main Street, Mt. Morris, NY 14510

Tickets: \$40.00 Purchase

online: <http://gvrc.org/gvrc-50th-anniversary-celebration/>



Join us on October 5, 2013 to celebrate 50 years of LOVE.



Corn Festival Picnic—the after party

Rotarians—If you work at the corn festival Saturday then you are invited to attend the club's after party on Sunday! This year for a 2nd time the picnic will be held at Rodney & Donna George's home at 20 Reed Street, Avon. Beginning at 1 PM. All that's required is a dish to pass, meats, drinks, place settings will be provided. Suits and towels bring along if you wish to swim.

See you Sunday, August 11



Red Wings Game

We had a wonderful time at the August 3rd game. District Governor Ellen Hughes threw out the first pitch and did an awesome job. We left 9th inning because everyone was getting tired. Good thing we did because the game went 12 innings before Red Wings finally won the game. I guess Ellen was sweating that one for a while since she had a bet going with the District Governor from Syracuse. Go Wings. We all had a great time with other Rotarians sitting around us. We will definitely be going again next year. Hope you can join us.

By: Marcia Cameron



Marcia, Cliff, Melissa, CJ, and Dylan at Rotary night at the Red Wings game on Saturday August 3rd.



This is it! Another Avon Rotary Corn Festival—our 27th, just days away. This week all the last minute details will fall into place only if everyone pitches in to help. If you haven't signed up to work or have more time to spare Saturday—please contact Helen to find out what's available and where you can assist others.

WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK .

Now let's have some fun!



AUGUST CLUB SCHEDULE

Tues. Aug 6	Reg Mtg: Program-Membership & Final Corn Fest Mtg
Sat. Aug 10	Corn Festival
Sun. Aug 11	Corn Festival Picnic @ George's, Reed Street
Mon. Aug 12	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
Tues. Aug 13	NO MEETING
Tues. Aug 20	GVRC Visit & Picnic
Tues. Aug 27	Reg Mtg: Auction Kick Off

