

Avon Rotary News

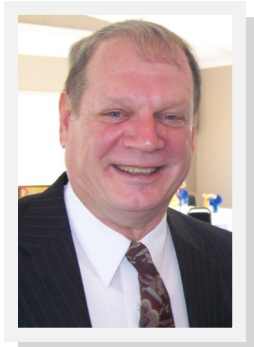
April 2015

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Board of Directors

Tim Dickinson, President
Dan Jones, PE
Scott Holmes, Sr. Director
Tom Vonglis, Director
Helen Zamboni, Member at Lg.
Marcia Cameron Past Pres.
David Kilgore, Secretary
Kelly Cole, Treasurer



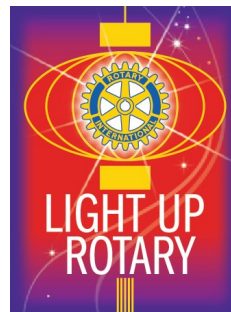
President's Message

Another winter month has passed yet winter does not seem to want to leave us. Great St Patrick's Day parade with thanks to all who participated. Hopefully this was the first annual... That event definitely added some spark to a long cold winter even if it didn't usher in some spring time weather. At least it didn't snow. April will surely bring better weather along with blooming flowers and the fresh scent of those April showers, washing away the grime of March and a long winter. We are looking forward to our District Training Assembly on April 11 at Spencerport HS. Please consider attending if you

have not already signed up by contacting David Kilgore, our club secretary. We will also be holding a club assembly at our Tuesday night meeting of 4/21 to go over a few things and to review the club activities thus far this year. Also don't forget that the District Conference is coming up May 15 – 17 in Buffalo. That should be a great opportunity for fellowship and networking with fellow Rotarians.

Your Board of Directors has been busy throughout the year. Our club budget of

approximately \$61,000 is pretty much where we would expect it to be at this time of year. Our major fund raisers have been completed. The Corn Fest netted \$16,581 and the Auction will have netted \$16,175 with receipt of the final item payment. Our dues have been paid to RI for the rest of the Rotary year which for our newer members ends June 30. In the area of community service we have contributed over \$4500 to the local community, \$2,800 to GVRC. Internationally we have contributed \$600 to Youth Exchange, \$6,350 to various International Service projects. Lastly we have provided \$2,350 to local students through scholarship money this year. If you are interested in greater detail please bring your questions to the club assembly on April 21 and get them answered.



Don't forget, we also have our semi-annual roadside cleanup event scheduled for Saturday April 18 at 8am, the weekend after the District Training Assembly. Enjoy the remainder of your reading and carry on the great work. Our membership numbers are strong and the energy of all our members, focused on the needs of the community can be remarkable. Be the Rotarian that makes it so.

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Tim

Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Peppermints Restaurant

Membership Status

By: Tim Dickinson

March 31, 2015

Avon Rotarians:

Due in part to the request from Peppermints to have more Rotarians purchasing meals, the Avon Rotary Board of Directors has discussed locations for our weekly meetings, meal costs, and membership status. The discussions over membership status have included designations, costs to the club and responsibilities. The culmination of those discussions is a policy that the Board would like to roll out effective July 1 with the start of the new Rotary year.

The discussions have centered around the Honorary membership designation, what it means to Rotary International and what it means to the Club's active members. The Board has sought to create appropriate designations and requirements of membership that at least according to one part of the four-way-test, would be fair to all concerned. After many meetings and gathering input from each member, the Board arrived at the following.

We propose three designations:

Active - Active members will pay dues, receive the Rotarian Magazine, contribute to the cost of our meeting place, be required to attend 60% of our meetings either in person or by make-up, and will be reported to Rotary International as Active Members.

Distinguished Service - Distinguished Service is reserved for those members whose age plus years of Rotary Service in Avon total 85, with a minimum of 15 years Avon Rotary membership. These individuals may petition the Board for such designation. Distinguished Service members would not pay the part of dues that is paid over by the Club to Rotary International or to Rotary District 7120 which total (currently \$87.00 per year). However, they would pay for their Rotarian Magazine subscription (currently \$12.00 per year), would contribute to the cost of our meeting place just as active members would, and would be reported to Rotary International as Honorary members, so no attendance requirements would be assigned.

Honorary — Honorary designation could be assigned to any member but only based on a Board decision to do so. In the case of once-active Club members, this designation is intended to be awarded only to individuals who have, for good reasons, become essentially *unable* to attend meetings. This will preclude previously active members from needing to resign for health or other issues that impair their ability to meet attendance requirements. Others may be eligible for Honorary status as well, based on the Rotary International criteria. No expectations of attendance or dues are required of Honorary members. Distinguished Service members and Honorary members have no voting rights and cannot hold offices within the Club.

We would like to open the discussion regarding these membership designations to the entire Club at our planned Club Assembly on April 21. Please feel free to discuss among yourselves in the meantime and bring your questions to the Assembly.



Know Your Elevator Story



By: Dan Jones

Many of us have been spontaneously asked by a stranger about Rotary. Often we only have 30 seconds to answer the question. About the time it takes for an elevator ride. The questions vary but typically reflect something along the line of “What is Rotary?” “What does Rotary do?” or “Why are you in Rotary?” Thinking of a good answer in the moment is difficult and often leads to regrets about what you should have said. Even if you do have a good answer it often is different than what someone else might say to the same person another time. The end result is that Rotary becomes distorted and confusing to people who are not part of the club.

At President Elect Training (PETs) last month Rotary unveiled a new way of describing what Rotary is and does. The acronym JET can help you remember three key talking points. Rotary **JOINS LEADERS**. Each club is composed of leaders from the community who come together to work on projects, fellowship and build professional relationships. Being a part of Rotary connects you to others and incorporates you into a family.

Joining leaders together leads to the **ECHANGE** of **IDEAS**. Whenever you get leaders together they are going to talk about the issues and challenges confronting their community and the world. Together we are stronger

than any one person is individually. Through the exchange of ideas we develop creative solutions that build goodwill and benefit others. However, just thinking together does not solve the issue. One more step is necessary. Here is where Rotary is different than many other service clubs. We **TAKE ACTION**.

Rotary brings together leaders who exchange ideas and then take action. We put into practice the solutions and ideas that emerge from our conversations. We spend money resourcing projects. We put in thousands of hours as we collectively impact our communities and the world.

The next time someone asks you what Rotary is all about tell them **JET**. We join leaders, exchange ideas and take action. From there you can talk about your favorite Rotary memory that illustrates just how we have done that locally.



Be a gift to the world

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome”. - Anne Bradstreet

Avon's St. Patrick's Parade

By: Tim Dickinson, March 14, 2015

Thanks to all who prepared the Rotary Float, rode or walked in the parade, or who came into town to support the event. A very special THANK YOU to Bill Wall who not only drove the tractor but was instrumental in many of the arrangements. Your efforts are very much appreciated. I actually heard from a number of people that this was one of if not THE best parade in Avon in quite some time. Thanks again to all who participated.



Many thanks to our float creators:
Jake Ayers, Ed Kime, Jim Ryan, Bill Wall, Jeff Schweitzer and Chris Wall.
Many thanks to our local businesses for their donations:
Lima Carpet, Lakeland Equipment, Star Headlight



President Tim Dickinson enjoying a ride on the Avon Rotary float.



Avon Rotarians & Friends showing their Rotary & Irish spirit. (Left & Above)





Why Do I Love Rotary?

By: Jim Ryan

Rotary is an organization that affords you the opportunity to help your local community and help others around the world. Rotary is a group of friends working together on humanitarian projects - trying to make the world a better place for everyone. Rotary friends work hard and play hard.

April Member Celebrations

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Bruce Burritt
- ⇒ Sue O'Hearn
- ⇒ Jim Tompsett
- ⇒ Bill Wall

Birthdays

- ⇒ Bruce Burritt
- ⇒ Mark Evans
- ⇒ Bob Hayes
- ⇒ Scott Holmes
- ⇒ CA Krenzer

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Bruce Burritt



April Club Schedule

Tues. April 7	Reg Mtg, Program: Liv. Co. Literacy Vol.
Mon. April 13	Board of Directors Mtg 7 pm
Tues. April 14	Reg Mtg. Corn Fest Steering Com Mtg.
Tues. April 21	Club Assembly
Tues. April 28	Reg Mtg. Program: Zion House

News Flash



It has been reported that several businesses in Avon have recently filed for bankruptcy in the wake of one particular Avon Rotarian 'neglecting' his support for his home town.

Frank "Bones" Matusak has been quoted as saying "Since Jerry has been gone, the church group has just fallen apart!! There is no gossip, there is no 'inside stories' to report, and no updates on who died!" As Bones put it, people just don't come to the diner anymore, as "the gossip-train has simply left the station!!"

Other businesses affected are: Pizzaland, where the daily 'coffee klatch' is held, Peppermints Restaurant where the monthly meetings of Chamber of Commerce *USED* to be held, and also for the weekly Rotary meetings. "When Jerry left, attendance has been minimal," said Rotary President Tim Dickinson. "We used to have good crowds,...but now that Jerry hasn't been here to get fined for the many outrageous things that he does on a weekly basis, attendance has been down, and the fine money is non-existent!!"

Even the Vonglis Man Cave has been obliterated!! "Well shoot", say Tom Vonglis, "I buy all this booze and snacks, and I end up sitting there by myself!! I even had to lay off bartender Jake Ayers, as business has been so bad!! It simply comes down to this: **No** Jerry, **no** friends, **no** party, **no** gossip, **no** fun!"

It seems that even the squirrels at Conesus Lake have been lonely, as there have been 'no free rides' to visit their little squirrel cousins in the Twin Falls region off of Pole Bridge Road.

Apparently the only business unaffected by Mr. Dougherty's absence is Hurricane Technologies in the Village of Avon. "Technology and Jerry go together like Mark Evans and the GOP" reports several Avon Rotarians.

"Even the sun doesn't come out much anymore", stated Kelly Cole, part time reporter for the Avon Gazoo.

As a side note, according to sources close to Jerry, "gossip" carries a negative connotation. A better term for what actually takes place is "*REFLECTIVE REMEMBERANCES*"!!

Cub Reporter Jimmy Olson

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, June 29th, 2015

District Change Over Dinner @ Ventosa Winery in Geneva -
Cocktail hour @ 5:30 PM dinner @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 30th, 2015

Avon Rotary Change Over Dinner @ Big Tree Inn in Geneseo -
Cocktail hour @ 5:30 PM dinner @ 6:30 PM



For Our Newer Members... looking for more information?

Visit: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-role/new-member>



*It's not too late to register.
Don't miss out on the fun!*

Let's Go ^{to} Buffalo!

"The Nearest Far Away Place"

It's getting closer!! Register soon!

\$35 per attendee until March 15

\$60 per attendee after March 15

\$35 for first time conference attendees

Fill out the Conference Registration Form found on the District website

<http://www.rotary7120.org>

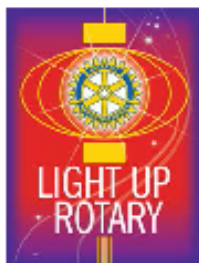
and mail it to us with your check or Credit Card #

Hi everyone,

The District Conference Committee has worked diligently to present an exciting, one of a kind conference with old and new friends to meet and greet, Rotary pageantry to inspire, educational breakouts to experience, and the opportunity to discover new places. This is the Rotary District 7120 Conference...

5/15/15--5/17/15

We look forward to sharing it with you



The Hyatt: a safe and luxurious spa hotel...spacious, recently renovated rooms, refrigerators, coffee makers, a Health Club, Starbucks kiosk, an Atrium Bar & Bistro and more!

Register for the hotel on-line <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/RotaryDistrict7120> or by

Telephone **1-888-421-1442** (please register under "Rotary International District 7120")

The breakouts: Saturday morning, choose a presentation from Breakout Session 1 and 2 or enter the Iron Chef Competition which takes both time slots:

*Iron Chef Competition....8 teams of 4 will cook an original dish from the ingredients supplied by the Hyatt's head chef. Each club will receive an entry form available soon....get ready!

*Malawi Children's Village Irrigation Program.....the incredibly successful water project supported by several District Rotary clubs

*RYLA...what is it....what do they do? You'll participate and find out!

*The Buffalo Revitalization: the CEO will show how they are transforming Buffalo.

*What you should know about Consumer Fraud.....from the Buffalo NYS Attorney General's Office

*Rotary....what's next.....what's the future focus for Rotary International and local Rotary clubs

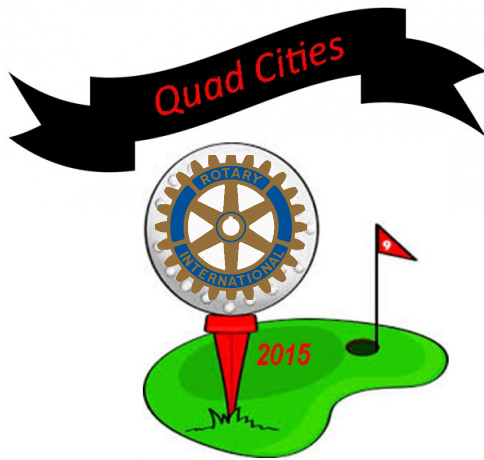
*Finger Lakes Technology group shows us what's new in Communications now and what's to come in the future.

*Books for the World....a local club shares a wonderful project at a modest cost

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QUAD CITIES - May 26, 2015

Rotary Clubs of Avon, Caledonia, Geneseo, Mt. Morris

Golf: Farview Country Club

11:30 Registration

12:00 Tee-Times Begin

18 holes & Cart = \$23

Seniors = \$19

- 1. Put your foursome together**
- 2. Email your group to Laurie by 5/10
for a tee-time (lvonglis@hurritech.com)**
- 3. Pay for your golf at the course**

Dinner: Avon Inn

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Buffet Dinner

\$23. per person (pay in advance)

**Menu: Roasted Chicken, Pulled Pork,
Salt Potatoes, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw,
Garden Salad, Corn
Rolls, Cookies/Brownies, Coffee/Tea**

*Please mark your calendar,
sign up to attend this fun
annual event with our
neighboring clubs.*



Pictured Right—2014 Quad City Golfers from Avon

L-R: Kirk Vanderbilt, Laurie Vonglis, Hans Koomen, Scott Holmes

Avon Rotary Social Events

2014-2015

-  Tuesday, July 15, 2014: Summer Picnic @ Pam & Doug Hayes's
-  Sunday, August 10, 2014: Corn Festival Picnic @ Rodney George's
-  Tuesday, August 19, 2014: Visit to GVRC & Picnic
-  Sunday, September 14, 2014: Rotary/Lions Golf @ noon—dinner @ Duffy's
-  Tuesday, September 16, 2014: Avon Rotary Honors @ Avon Middle School
-  Monday, October 27, 2014: Eastern Cities Dinner @ Roch Conv Ctr
-  Tuesday, October 28, 2014: Halloween Party @ Pam & Doug Hayes's
-  Saturday, November 15, 2014: Auction Dinner @ Fratelli's
-  Tuesday, November 25, 2014: Special Thanksgiving Meeting @ Peppermints
-  Saturday, December 6, 2014: Christmas Party @ Bill Wall's
-  Saturday, December 13, 2014: Christmas Adventure—Bus Trip
-  Thursday, January 15, 2015: Rotary Social @ Avon Inn
-  Tuesday, February 10, 2015: Sweethearts Dinner @ Peppermints
-  Tuesday, March 17, 2015: St. Patrick's Day Party @ Peppermints
- Fri-Sun May 15-17, 2015: District Conference @ Buffalo, NY**
- Tuesday, May 26, 2015: Quad Cities Golf & Dinner**
- Monday, June 29, 2015: District Change Over Dinner @ Ventosa**
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015: Change of Officers Dinner @ Big Tree**