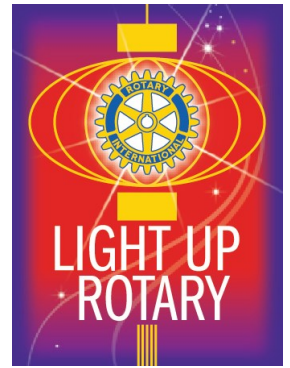


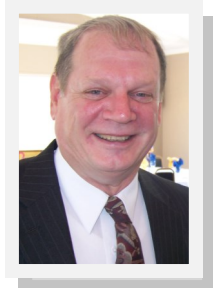
# Avon Rotary News



## September 2014

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### President's Message

As summer comes to an end “unofficially” with Labor Day the look back at August is truly amazing. Our corn fest was fabulous and mother nature blessed us with near perfect weather. I heard reports from many non-Rotarian attendees that they loved the event. The Skycoasters got high compliments as well. Thanks to all who assisted before, during, and after the festivities of the day. Special thanks to Rodney and Donna George for their hosting of the Corn Fest Celebration Picnic. The visit to GVRC is always enlightening with thanks again to Ernie Wiard for a delicious meal. August was packed with opportunities for Rotarian service. September is filling up with events as well. After we take a deep breath and enjoy the Labor Day week-end (no meeting Tuesday 9/2 day after Labor Day) we will induct 2 new members Josh Tonra and Kate Hill on Tuesday 9/9 and will officially kick-off the Rotary Auction activity for 2014. The following week we will be at the Avon middle school auditorium for our Rotary Honors program where several Paul Harris Fellows will be named and awards made. We will also present the Rotary Building awards that evening. Sandwiched in between those two events is the District 7210 Golf / Dinner Event at Lima CC on Friday 9/5. We have a number of golfers participating. On Sunday 9/14 we have the Rotary / Lions Golf event at Farview CC starting at 12 noon. Dinner at Duffy's following golf. That just gets us to the middle of September. Quite a busy time it will be.

As I mentioned, we will kick-off the 2014 Rotary Auction effort on 9/9. The auction itself is scheduled for 11/15. That is a change from past practices. We are moving the auction to the third Saturday this year to avoid a Rotary Family conflict. There will be a wedding on the second Saturday and we did not want to compete for Rotarian participation. We are happy to change the schedule to allow the celebration of the joining of two lives and two families. Have a wonderful time at the wedding. So, as you talk to others about our auction and invite them to participate, please remind them that it is the third Saturday 11/15 this year. If they wonder why, you can share the story. We will have lists of last year's solicitations as a guide for this year. We will also provide names of merchants, donors, and others who have made donations in the past to new Rotarians and anyone else who would like more ideas of places to solicit support for the auction. We will try to hand out a few each week and to report to you weekly on the item collection process. Be creative and think outside the box. You never know what item will catch the interest of the bidders. Who would have thought that the old train from TOPS would bring a winning bid of \$1200. Somewhere out there, somebody has the next version of the TOPS train.

Hope you enjoyed your summer and time with the family. As school begins, keep an eye out for students walking and crossing our streets. And remember to stop for a stopped school bus and give them plenty of room. We want to keep the children of this community and every community safe.

Pres. Tim

### 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

Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Peppermints Restaurant

## *Avon Exchange Student Returns From Poland*

By: Dan Jones

The room was packed as Ashley Stappenbeck shared her experience of being an exchange student to Poland last year. Though she is still unpacking from her trip (she had just arrived home two weeks earlier), she beautifully unpacked the feelings and realities of being an exchange student. When Ashley first began to think about being an exchange student she thought of exotic places in South America and Australia. So when the news arrived that her destination was Poland, she was a little surprised and apprehensive about what the next year of her life might hold. Determined to make the best of her assignment, she began studying Polish culture and language.

Leaving Avon and arriving in Poland she was enthusiastically greeted by her new parents who quickly made her feel right at home, ironically even mimicking some of the tendencies and traits of her biological parents. School was rough at first due to the language barriers and college-like schedule. Ashley adjust-

ed and began to thrive, encouraged by the other exchange students she connected with through the Rotary Exchange Programs. “The Rotary Exchange Program helped me make it through and was always there to help whenever I felt discouraged,” noted Ashley.

Ashely was able to experience Polish culture and had the opportunity to visit most of Europe as well. Traveling to London, Spain, France, Italy and other European countries with the other exchange students was one of the highlights of her experience. She grew to love new foods, including blood sausage and ate a few more pastries than she normally would at home. Her affection for her new family became apparent as a few tears slipped down her cheeks as she talked about the impact they had on her life. She is happy to be home but even more excited that she now has two homes, one in Avon and one in Poland.

Ashley’s experience revealed the true value of the Rotary Exchange Program. The Rotary Exchange Program allowed her to dis-



cover the value of understanding another culture. Ashley reflected, “The people in Poland are just like us – filled with love and wanting to make the world better. I am so much more aware of how similar people are around the world.” Her words remind us of the Rotary commitment to build goodwill and better the lives of people not just here in Avon but around the world. Thank you Ashley for helping us put faces to our international commitments.

## *Group Outing Planned*

If you missed our June trip down the Genesee River, you’re in luck! We are planning a **canoe/kayak trip on Hemlock Lake this Sunday, September 7th**. Meet at Bill Wall’s shop—111 River Street at 8:30 am sharp. Bring your vessel, life jacket, and your own drinks. If you would like to go and need a vessel contact Bill Wall. He will be bringing a grill for a cook out. Volunteers for food are encouraged. We hope to be on the water by 10 am with no set time to return so plan accordingly.

Let’s do this!





# Corn Festival Highlights

## *A Message from the Chairman...*



By: Tom Vonglis

Well another successful corn festival has come and gone. A picture perfect weather day and a great crowd of people. I'm so grateful for all the volunteers again. Without your help we could not manage this event. A special thanks to the corn fest committee for all your hard work and dedication to making this such a great event. The Skycoasters concert at night turned out to be a fun filled evening. The crowd was tremendous and rest assured the Skycoasters will be back in 2015. We don't have the final tally on dollars but at this point we can say that approximately \$20,000 was raised that will be used to help all the organizations that Avon Rotary supports. Once again, great job by Avon Rotary, so proud to be a part of this great group of people.

## *I Did It (Finally) And I'm Glad*



By: PDG Gaven Hurley

It was the second Saturday in August and this year it was an All-American weather day with blue skies, warm and dry. A perfect day to drive by fields of corn on the way to the AVON ROTARY 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CORN FESTIVAL. (It was my first time as the calendars of previous years had been full.) I soon found out what I had missed.

There was food galore of all types. Perhaps the most healthy was the sweet corn for sale at the Rotary booth. All of the food offerings were at reasonable prices. As I roamed about, my food bill for two delicious ears of corn, a Red Osier roast beef sandwich, and a soda was a total of \$8. Not to worry, the more than 100 vendors along the street will accept those yet unspent dollars!

“...the Avon Rotary Club and the people of our community have been coming together to celebrate...By sponsoring the Corn Festival we not only provide a fun and family oriented day of entertainment, but...an opportunity for Rotary and other area organizations to raise money for worthy causes.” And they were all there: church groups, youth and seniors, Scouts, animal rescue and more. Throughout there were various entertainment locations with sound at hospitable levels. From 7-11 p.m. the “Skycoasters” would perform. All this, and no admission charge. Also, free parking and plenty of shuttle service. Completely handicapped accessible.

I was very impressed and had a great time. Too bad it took me so long to be well-informed.

# 2014 Corn Festival Photo Highlights



## *Corn Festival Picnic Highlights*

Ahh... Time to relax and celebrate at our Corn Festival Picnic

Thank you Rodney & Donna George for your spectacular hosting of our annual 'day after' picnic. Fun was had by all. Good food, drinks, pool and entertainment (naturally provided by Rotary members).

Cheers!! (for more photos visit [avonrotary.org](http://avonrotary.org) photo gallery)



## *Trip Down Memory Lane*



L-R Steve Vanderbilt, Kirk Vanderbilt

By: Steve Vanderbilt

The Avon Rotary Club visit to GVRC makes it possible for me to take a wonderful annual trip down memory lane. It serves 2 very real purposes. Forty-four years ago, I began attending Camp Sam Wood as a scout leader and did so for 3 years. After a hiatus of about 8 years, I returned as a camp leader through 1992. I have collections of coffee mugs, camp patches and other memorabilia, including snapshots and slides (remember them?) My most treasured memories though, are the ones of the scouts and their she-nanigans and the pride I felt as they received their awards for achievements and service. Since joining Rotary, every summer I get to reminisce about my scouting experiences and at the same time feel a new pride being able to help provide camping experiences for all the children who attend GVRC.

## *Avon Rotary's Annual Visit to GVRC*

By: Laurie Vonglis

It was a beautiful August evening. Avon Rotarians and guests traveled South to Camp Sam Wood. As we arrived we were greeted by our host, Avon Rotarian Ernie Wiard who also prepared our picnic dinner. We visited and roamed the camp, enjoying the peaceful setting and various trails. All the while, hearing the chatter and laughter of the campers and counselors enjoying their dinner. Once we were seated and feasting, we watched as the campers passed by, taking a break before the night's entertainment began. This is when it really hits home, all the work involved to make this camping experience happen for the 118 children this week. The amount of love, caring and dedication is inspiring and setting this example, leading the charge, is Director Brian Bartalo. Brian spoke with us and gave us some highlights of the week. (He's been involved since 1981) At his side was Avon Rotarians David Henehan and Ernie Wiard, both serving many years on the GVRC Board of Directors. As guests here it's clear to see that this is one of the greatest organizations Avon Rotary supports!



L-R David Henehan, Brian Bartalo, Ernie Wiard



## *Squirrely Details Emerge In Illegal Trapping Investigation*



By: Anonymous

DEC officials recently revealed that charges are pending in the case of illegal trapping within the village of Avon. Allegedly Kelly Cole was caught leaving live traps unattended while going on vacation. Trapping guidelines clearly indicate that any trap must be accessible and attended to daily to prevent unnecessary injury and suffering to any animal intentionally or inadvertently caught in such trap (Trapping Handbook 4.3-21 paragraph 4).

Due to the alleged negligence and willful disregard of the law, Mr. Cole faces severe fines and possible false entrapment. It appears that while Mr. Cole was away on vacation a squirrel was intentionally caught in a live trap positioned over a food lot. Investigators found several years' worth of pre-mixed pancake batter stored in cool whip containers in the garage of Mr. Cole. Mr. Cole's attorney Helen Zamboni stated that due to an untreatable paranoia Mr. Cole had cashed in his entire retirement account and invested in pancake mixes in preparation for the coming apocalypse. Apparently, while eavesdropping last Sunday on the sermon from the church across the street, Mr. Cole had a vision that the apocalypse would happen in conjunction with the inauguration of the next Rotary President. Following the advice of Ted Coyne, his longtime friend and co-sponsor of the show *Hoarders*, and *Preppers*, he began stockpiling pancake batter. "You never know when you might need something that valuable," stated Mr. Coyne when questioned about the case.

The situation was uncovered by a Habit for Humanity volunteer retrieving work plans stashed by Mr. Cole amongst the rubble in his garage while on vacation. "I thought Kelly was a sane and humane individual but now that I see his blatant disregard for animal welfare and obsession with pancake batter, I am afraid to be around him alone anymore," noted the anonymous whistle blower. Veterinarian Dr. James Tompsett was heard commenting on the connection between those who torture animals and serial killers while Tompsett's son, an avid hunter was quoted as saying, "Everybody knows you can't hunt over bait piles in your garage – you have to put them in a more discreet location – like behind your neighbor's house."

At this point it is too early to tell if Cole will face time behind bars himself.



## SEPTEMBER CLUB SCHEDULE

Tues. Sept 2	No Meeting
Mon. Sept 8	Board of Directors Mtg 7 pm @ Hurricane
Tues. Sept 9	Reg.Mtg—Auction Kickoff
Sun. Sept 14	Rotary-Lions Golf @ Noon, Dinner @ Duffy's after
Tues. Sept 16	Special Mtg—Rotary Honors at Avon Middle School
Tues. Sept 23	Reg Mtg.—Diane Marcus, Essential Business Etiquette
Tues. Sept 30	Reg Mtg—Robert Crandall from Prevention First

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

— H. Jackson Brown Jr., P.S. I Love You

## Good bye and Hello



Above—Martina Egli 2013-2014 Exchange Student from Switzerland says goodbye at the Avon Rotary Corn Festival Picnic on August 10th.



2014-2015 Exchange Student, Tabata Paola Aviles Parra from Ecuador. Below—greeted by her host families at the Rochester Airport August 20th.



## Club Member September Celebrations....



### Birthdays

- ⇒ Kevin Tompsett
- ⇒ Bill Wall



### Anniversaries

- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty
- ⇒ Hans Koomen
- ⇒ Kevin Tompsett



### Rotary Anniversary


- ⇒ Brett Schrader 2012



**District 7120 Golf Tournament**  
**Friday, September 5, 2014 1:00 pm**  
**Lima Country Club**  
**Cheer on Avon Rotary Team 1 & Team 2!**



# 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
- NEW** 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
- NEW** 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
- April TBD, 2015: Rotary/Lions Steak Dinner @ VFW
- Fri-Sun May 15-17, 2015: District Conference @ Buffalo, NY
- Tuesday, June 2, 2015: Quad Cities Golf & Dinner
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015: Change of Officers Dinner

# Avon Rotary Club



## Tour Highlights:

- Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles with free time
- Lunch at Sherwood Inn
- Tasting and time to shop at Beak & Skiff
- Destiny USA
- Lights on the Lake - Holiday Light Display

20th Annual Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles. Step back in time and enjoy the holidays the old-fashioned way with Dickens Christmas, as Skaneateles celebrates the holidays with live music, unique shopping, wonderful food and horse and wagon rides around the Village.

Saturday, December 13, 2014

## This tour includes:

- Round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Breakfast sandwich and coffee to enjoy on the motor coach en route
- Free time in the village of Skaneateles during Dickens Festival
- Lunch at Sherwood Inn

## Menu Choices:

1. Scrod Christopher - Atlantic cod baked with a cracker crumb topping
  2. Chicken Francaise
  3. Yankee Pot Roast
- Beak & Skiff - 1911 Tasting Room
  - Destiny USA for dinner on your own and time to shop
  - "Lights on the Lake" a two mile long DRIVE-THRU show along Onondaga Lake
  - Gratuity for restaurant and motor coach driver

**Tour Cost:** \$75.00 per person

Make checks payable to:

Avon Rotary Club



## Beak & Skiff

Upstate New York's premier apple orchard. Sit, sample and shop while drinking in the view of the surrounding apple orchard. Enjoy sampling apple wine, hard cider, gin and browse and shop in the general store.

## Lights on the Lake

"Lights on the Lake" a two mile long DRIVE-THRU show along Onondaga Lake. Lights on the Lake features: Towering Holiday Displays, Twinkling Fantasy Forest, Delightful Victorian Village, Fairytale Magic Grand Finale and Memorable Animated scenes.



## Departure Time and Location:

9:00 am Avon Middle School

Approximate Return Time: 9:45 pm

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