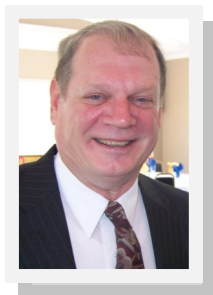


Avon Rotary News

October 2014

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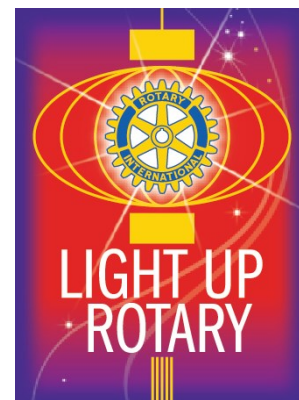
President's Message

Well, it surely has been a busy September. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Labor Day holiday.

New members Josh Tonra and Kate Hill were inducted on the 9th, there was our Rotary/Lions Golf outing on the 14th at Farview, the very successful Rotary Honors program on the 16th. Congratulations to Scott Holmes, Dwight and Joan Brown who were awarded Paul Harris Fellows and to Paul & Deborah Drozdziel (The Mill on Spring Street), Marty Jopson (East Avon Professional Building), and Jeff Mulligan (Mulligan Farm Inc.) who all received Rotary building awards for their efforts to make Avon a better place to live. Dwight definitely "stole the show" calling attention to Don Alhart's sox, what a sense of humor. Thanks to all who participated in that event. Mark and team, you did a great job again! Hope we do it again next year. October is now upon us. The changing color of the leaves in upstate New York is absolutely beautiful. I drive once a week down into Pennsylvania and the view on that drive this time of year is spectacular. Take the time to enjoy the beauty around you. All too soon, the colors will be replaced by a blanket of white. During this month we will gather in Rochester for the Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner at the Convention Cen-

ter. If you haven't signed up, it's not too late it will just cost a little more as the early bird rate deadline has gone by. We will also celebrate Halloween on 10/28 so please sign up for that as well. Looking ahead the Auction activity is in full swing with our 11/15 event date. Please make your solicitations early and register your items online. The process is easy and there is a path to it on our website. We will also have a post-auction celebration dinner at Fratelli's on the evening of 11/15. Please sign up and join the fun and fellowship after all your hard work. Thank you to everyone for pitching in and working to make our last fund raiser of 2014 a successful one. Our profits from this will help fund the good things that we can do in the community and around the world. Let's make it a record effort.

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

New Member Kate Hill



Kate Hill was initiated as a member of the Avon Rotary Club on September 2, 2014.

Kate and her husband, Justin, moved to Avon in Fall 2013 with their three children: Lauren, Kristen, and Abigail. Their son, Evan, was born in November 2013.

Once Kate and Justin learned their offer on a house in Avon had been accepted, Kate reached out to Rotarian Kevin Tompsett to learn more joining the Avon Rotary. Kevin served as Kate's sponsor for initiation into membership of the club.

Kate volunteered at the 2014 Avon Corn Festival and was assisted by her two helpers (Lauren and Kristen) with putting up signs the night before and as a gatekeeper and server in the corn booth on the day of the festival. Kate's entire family is looking forward to active participation in the Avon Rotary Club in the future.

Kate is an attorney at Harris Beach PLLC and devotes her practice to representing school districts in a variety of matters ranging from general school law, special education and disability issues, personnel matters, and contract negotiations. She is regularly requested to provide seminars on school law matters through New York State. Kate has been a volunteer coach for local high school mock trial teams for the past ten years. She is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

New Member Josh Tonra



Josh Tonra was initiated as a member of the Avon Rotary Club on September 2, 2014

Josh's Bio: I was born and raised in Oneida, New York, half-way between Syracuse and Utica, New York. The benefits of public service was instilled in me very early on by my parents, Michael and Susan. My dad was a teacher at Camden Central Schools for 29 years, while also volunteering as a coach both in Camden and Oneida. My mom was the director of the Madison-Oneida Chapter of the American Red Cross for 23 years. In addition to her paid work, she was a volunteer at the national and local level of Red Cross Disaster Services and was called away for months at time to assist those affected by natural and man-made disasters, including Hurricane Andrew, the Oklahoma City Bombing, the Northridge California Earthquake, and the 9/11 attacks to name just a few. She personified the Rotary mantra "Service above self."

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I graduated from SUNY-Potsdam in 2000 with a degree in politics and spent several years working at Turning Stone Resort and Casino. In 2004 I began attending the Syracuse University College of Law, where I graduated magna cum laude in 2007. While at SUCOL I interned at the United States Attorney's Office and decided that I wanted to use my law degree in public service as an Assistant District Attorney. I was hired by the Honorable Thomas E. Moran in 2008 and have been with the Livingston County D.A.'s office ever since.

Throughout my life I have sought out volunteer opportunities wherever I could. Taking from the example set by my parents, I served as a Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer through high school and college. During law school I also acted as a volunteer and board member for the Madison County Counsel on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and Oneida City Democratic Committee. I currently serve on the board of and volunteer with the Friends of the Avon Library.

As a member of Rotary, I hope to pass on the same commitment to public service to my girls as my parents did to me. Rotary, more than any other organization I know, provides me with that opportunity.

Avon Rotary Honors

By: Mark Evans

Over 100 friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members and fellow Rotarians gathered on September 16 to witness the second annual AVON ROTARY HONORS program, held in the auditorium of the Avon Middle School. The public was invited via full page ads in the Genesee Valley Penny Saver and posters in the community. Light refreshments were handled by the Lily Mills Cafe.

Billed as *"Just like the Kennedy Center Honors, but without any Kennedys"*, the Avon Rotary Club named three individuals as Paul Harris Fellows in a public ceremony open to all. Past District Governor Don Alhart was on hand to explain "What is a Paul Harris Fellow?" and placed the PHF medallions around the necks of our three honorees. Current District Governor Scott MacDonell summarized the Rotary Foundation's work, especially the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. He pinned the recipients with their lapel pins and presented them with their PHF certificates.

Three Paul Harris Fellows were presented to individuals who exemplify the ideals and professionalism of Rotary International and make a difference in our community. Honorees were: Avon Rotarian Scott Holmes and longtime area residents and community volunteers Dwight & Joan Brown. Their accomplishments were highlighted during the ceremony.

The Avon Rotary Club also recognized the investment in our community by three area businesses with our annual Building Awards plaques. Paul and Deborah Drozdziel were honored for their efforts to revitalize "THE MILL ON SPRING STREET", which has been turned into a multi-business center with extensive renovations and landscaping. Jeff and Lisa Mulligan were recognized for their large expansion of MULLIGAN FARM, INC. Marty and Shirley Jopson were honored for their purchase and complete renovation of an office building, THE EAST AVON PROFESSIONAL BUILDING. All three projects reflect the owners' pride and investment in Avon's future and all three are family endeavors.

Rotary members, and our Interact president, took a few moments to report on the Avon Rotary Corn Festival, the Interact Club, the Youth Exchange Program, our Literacy projects, and the Avon Rotary Auction.

This event was an effective opportunity to spotlight Rotary projects and to recognize, honor and celebrate these citizens and businesses who are making a difference in our community.



L-R Presenter Rotarian Tom Vonglis, PHF Rotarian Scott Holmes, President Tim Dickinson. Back: PDG Don Alhart, DG Scott McDonnell



L-R Presenter Bonnie Davis, PHF Dwight & Joan Brown, President Tim Dickinson



The Drozdziel Family with President Tim Dickinson



The Mulligan Family with President Tim Dickinson



Marty Jopson with President Tim Dickinson

Rotary Paddlers Rule the Sea

By: Terry Lemen

Ok, maybe not the Sea, but on September 6th they ruled Hemlock Lake! It was a beautiful fall day, the sun was shining brightly and the temperature hovered near perfect. Over a dozen Rotarians took to the water in both canoes and kayaks. We were accompanied by our exchange student Tabata and a handful of Rotarian offspring. As we paddled south hugging the shore, we kept our eyes peeled for a glimpse of the bald eagles said to make their home on the lake. Although we weren't lucky enough to see the majestic birds the view was gorgeous. While most of us enjoyed a day of vigorous rowing, a couple of Rotarians (who shall remain nameless) came to shore well rested having cheated by using a trolling motor. After leaving the water we made our way down to the end of the lake and enjoyed a delicious picnic of hot dogs expertly prepared by Ernie. All in all it was a great day.



Eastern Cities Dinner—October 27, 2014

On Monday October 27th 2014 the following Avon Rotarians are signed up to attend the Eastern Cities Dinner at the Rochester Convention Center.

Colin Bruckel, Julie Carney, Tabata, Tim Dickinson, Jerry Dougherty, Mark Evans, Bob Hayes, Dave Henehan, Barbara Herman, Ed Kime, Hans Koomen, Terry Lemen, Jim Tompsett, Kirk Vanderbilt, Laurie Vonglis, Tom Vonglis, Ernie Wiard and Helen Zamboni

This year's keynote speaker will be RI Foundation chair John Kenny (right). The event is from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Dress is business/informal and car pooling is advised.



Unruly Group Causes Stir In Otherwise Peaceful Brantingham Lake

By: Kirk Vanderbilt

Brantingham NY - The normally serene and quaint Brantingham Lake community was shocked by a recent disturbance brought on by a group of revelers from the Avon NY area. It seems that a small group of Avon Rotarians recently gained access to an local cottage in the Red Pine Point area, owned by the now distrusted Burritt family, for what seemed to be a VERY long weekend. Early reports say that this raucous group filled the weekend with gluttony, debauchery, gambling, and general merry-making. Locals also reported that the group was observed being somewhat reckless on the lake with their kayaks, and at points, pushing members of their own group into the bitter cold water. The sound of raucous laughter and the smell of cigar and campfire smoke carried across the normally quiet water unimpeded.

"I've never seen so many crazy people having so much fun here on our cozy little lake," said Max Beavertanner,

a local year-round resident and President of Brantingham Lake Home-Owners Association, "I believe I might have even heard an inappropriate joke drift 'cross the water too. We all were just a little off-put by their antics."

No damage was reported, however the local restaurant did report a dip in their beer supplies after a Sunday afternoon visit by a portion of the group.

A statement from the Burritt Family indicated the group had purchased the "Get-Away Weekend" at the 2013 Avon Rotary Auction, and that they had no idea the group would cause such a kerfuffle.

"We will be more careful in the future," said Shirley, a spokesperson for the family.

No statement was given by the offending party, except a light giggle, a small burp and a hardy "SEE YA NEXT YEAR!"

Law enforcement officials report they will be ready.

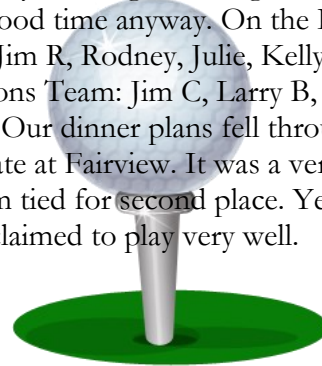


Rotary—Lions Golf Outing



By: Marcia Cameron

September 13th was a beautiful day and 13 of us attended the second annual Rotary/Lions golf outing. There wasn't a lot of us but we had a very good time anyway. On the Rotary team there was President Tim, Jim R, Rodney, Julie, Kelly, Colin, Karl S, and myself. On the Lions Team: Jim C, Larry B, Don M and son in law Scott R, Ray C. Our dinner plans fell through but we ordered pizza and wings and ate at Fairview. It was a very enjoyable day even though our team tied for second place. Yes there were only 3 teams. I never claimed to play very well.



Thank You From Ashley Stappenbeck, Rotary Youth Exchange Student 2013-2014

Thank you so much to all of the Avon Rotarians for letting me speak about my Rotary Exchange experience in Poland this past year. It was wonderful for me to be able to relive my time there and to share such an amazing experience with the people who made it possible. It has changed my life forever and I seem to realize it more and more every day. I have been at college now for a several weeks and I am really enjoying it, I even joined Rotaract! It can be very difficult and stressful at times but because of my exchange experience I feel I can cope with obstacles and challenges much better than before. Exchange taught me how to stay persistent and stick with things through the tough parts. It gave me the confidence in myself and my decisions to really aim for my dreams and work hard. Of course, I miss my host family and my friends in Poland a great deal, I really grew to love them and Poland during my time there but we talk regularly now over the internet which helps them seem just a little bit closer. I also talk with my friends who were exchange students living in Poland with me. We have supported each other a great deal since we've been home because there are always those days we just wish we could go back to exchange. I am so blessed that these people and my exchange experience will always be a part of me.



Thank you to each and every Rotarian in this organization. Thank you for supporting this program and transforming the lives of thousands of teenagers throughout the world just like me. I would like to give an extra special thanks to Julie Carney because without her I never would have learned about this amazing program or gone through with it without her and she helped me so much with the beginnings stages. I would also like to thank Mr. Kime because he and Linda really got me interested in Interact in high school, they helped me to learn the true meaning of "service above self" and Mr. Kime was always supportive throughout my whole journey. I appreciate all of your hard work and support from all the other Rotarians. Having such wonderful support makes the transition from exchange coming back so much easier. Thank you again to all of the Rotarians, you have changed my life forever.

Sincerely, Ashley Stappenbeck

Rotary Disco



By: Jake Ayers

On September 13th 8 Avon Rotarians took a trip back to the 70's and participated in the 2nd annual Mt. Morris Disco. Outfitted with our disco dresses, afros, and bell bottoms, Avon Rotarians represented well at the event. Rodney and Donna George won the biggest prize of the night; a flat screen tv! Terry Lemen and Heather Ayers fought it out in the 'Simon Says' competition with Terry taking first place. And, I was lucky enough to carry out the tradition, set by our very own Kirk Vanderbilt, of Avon Rotarians winning 1st prize for best 70's outfit. We had a great time learning a few dances from the 70's and ended the night with a late night snack at Denny's in Geneseo where we entertained the wait staff and carried on the fun! All in all, it was a great night with a great group of people supporting a fellow Rotary club and all the great charities they support. We are already looking forward to next year, and hope more Avon Rotarians can make the event! Get your costumes ready – especially you Kirk!

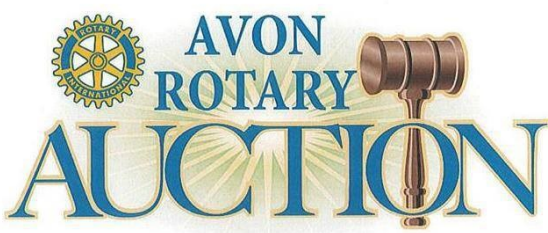
OCTOBER CLUB SCHEDULE

Tues. Oct 7	Reg Mtg. Erica Steele-RYLA
Mon. Oct 13	Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm at Hurricane
Tues. Oct 14	Reg Mtg. Auction Com Mtg Following
Sat. Oct 18	8 am Roadside Cleanup, breakfast following
Tues. Oct 21	Reg Mtg. Rob & ACS Kids-Uganda Water Project
Mon. Oct 27	Eastern Cities Dinner 5 pm-Roch Conv Center
Tues. Oct 28	Halloween Party 6 pm at Hayes's



"We don't know how strong we are until being strong is the only choice we have."

Breast Cancer Awareness



**AVON
ROTARY
AUCTION**

Saturday, November 15, 2014
Avon Primary School
Preview: 8 am Auction: 9 am Sharp!

By: Helen Zamboni

The 47th Annual Avon Rotary Auction will be here before we know it, and with it, the Club will have completed its second fundraiser of the year. Time then for the Board of Directors to assess how much money the Club will have for donations to local, national and international organizations.

We are expanding the use of technology for this year's Auction. We are asking all Rotarians to try using the on-line item registration process, the link to which is available on the Club website on the Auction page (<http://www.avonrotary.org/auction.php>). Honestly, it's easier than writing up the paper item registration sheets, and it will save the Auction team a lot of work in the last few days before the event, too. I'm sure that many of us who

are familiar with the system (Hans, Tim, Kelly and me) will be happy to sit down with you individually and run you through a registration session. You will need an account with one of the following providers to use it, though: Google, Facebook, AOL, LinkedIn or Yahoo. I bet most Club members have an account with one or more of these providers.

For the first time this year, we will use the system for registering bidders and entering their successful bids to generate invoices at the end. However, we still need people to record successful bids on paper on the stage. Kelly and Hans will be offering training for anyone who will perform these functions this year.

We need items registered now, and on the day of the Auction, we will need "butts in seats". Please reach out to friends and family and ask them to save the date – November 15. Preview starts at 8am and the Auction begins at 9am.

There are already some pretty cool items that will make wonderful gifts for the holidays, and we know that more will come. Please help make this Auction one of the best in the Club's history.

Club Member October Celebrations....



Birthdays

- ⇒ Hal Cole
- ⇒ Laurie Vonglis
- ⇒ Steve Vanderbilt
- ⇒ Helen Zamboni
- ⇒ Carmine Simone
- ⇒ Terry Lemen



Anniversaries

- ⇒ Hal Cole
- ⇒ Ted Coyne
- ⇒ Rodney George
- ⇒ Rob Lupisella



Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Kelly Cole 2002
- ⇒ Hans Koomen 2002
- ⇒ Tom Vonglis 2002



Please join us for a fun time for all ages!

**This benefit has 100% of the proceeds to go
for NY state Special Olympics!**

Pam Hayes has set up a team for the Avon Rotary and
Interact Clubs to join called the

"Avon Rotary Corn Walkers"

**This is fundraising activity that can most definitely include
friends and family also!**

Where: Genesee Valley Park, Rochester, NY

web address: <http://therundead.org/> for more info
and to register on-line

When: Saturday, November 1st, 2014

Time: Walk-up Registration- 9:00am/ Race begins
11:00am. Zombie make-up stations start at 8am

Runner Registration:

June 1st-October 31st : \$30

Day of Registration: \$35

Zombie Registration:

April 4th-October 1st: \$25

October 1st- October 30th: \$30

Day of Registration: \$35

Every runner and zombie will receive an official
rUNDEAD T-shirt!

For additional questions you can call or text Pam Hayes
at 585-944-8201

"GOT LEAVES" Service Project

Avon Rotary Club, Avon Interact Club & Avon United Methodist Church join together:

- 1) The local clergy will develop a list of needy Avon residents who need some help with yard clean-up. This could be disabled, elderly and widows. They will get the list to our organizations by the end of Sept.
- 2) Each organization will pass this Team Sign Up sheet around. There will be a place for Teams and for a Team Captain. The Team Captain is the point of contact. The team size is really up to the individuals. Each team will have to obtain the supplies needed to rake and or a leaf blower to pick up assigned residents yards. Sheets need to be returned to Pam Hayes by October 14th.
- 3) Depending on the number of teams / people who sign up will help us to determine the number of yards we can clean up. A fair expectation for the Team's time is 2 hours. If the team wants to do more, that is up to the team.
- 4) Pam Hayes will give list of yards to team captains for Rotary & Interact Groups as soon as Teams lists start to come in. Shirley Burritt will do the same with interested church members. We will make sure residents area are close to each other. We would like to have our groups intermingled as much as possible on the teams.
- 5) Team Captains will determine a date and time for their group to get together and complete task. Goal to complete task will be by Mon., Nov. 3rd. Team Captains will also make sure to have some pictures of each group taken and send to Pam Hayes. Also any commentary on their experience will be appreciated.
- 6) Pam will do the write up on the service project and give to Laurie Vonglis for Rotary newsletter and Shirley Burritt to edit for the church newsletter.
- 7) Form your team and email Pam your list! Please include your team name, captain, contact # and team members.



Halloween Party

Come one come all... wear your costume and be ready for fun. Tuesday October 28 at 6 pm. Pam & Doug Hayes will be hosting this frightfully fun party. Sign up and don't miss out... BOO!

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
- 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

20TH ANNUAL DICKENS CHRISTMAS IN SKANEATELES!



Presented by *Hurbean*
and Skaneateles Area Businesses

5 Seats Available

Tour Highlights:

- Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles
- 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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