



Avon Rotary News

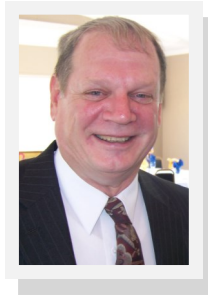
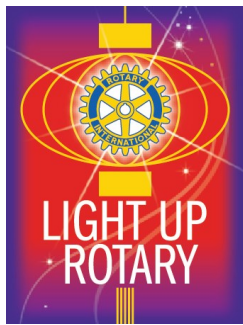


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President's Message



Time is certainly flying by. The Auction is now behind us. Thanks to all who participated and endured our first use of the online version of Charity Auction Organizer. We will hear about the results later in December. Hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving. It was certainly nice to get together just before Thanksgiving with our Rotary family and enjoy a great meal together on the 25th. Many of you may not know but a few Rotarians, Kelly Cole, Bill Wall, Tom Vonglis (& Hurricane Technologies) and Dan Jones played an instrumental role over the past few months in building the latest Habitat for Humanity house in Caledonia. The house was dedicated on 11/29 making one new family in Caledonia very happy. Another great example of Rotarians' "service above self". These guys personify this. Thanks!! I am sure the new homeowners are extremely grateful for your efforts. I believe the next Habitat house will be built in Avon so let's plan to get the club involved in this volunteer worthy

effort. November was also Foundation month. Hope everyone had the opportunity to donate their \$5 or more to the Rotary Foundation. It's not too late if you still want to get in on the giving action.

Looking forward it appears to be another busy month ahead. Our Christmas party on Dec 6 was hosted by Bill Wall and his lovely wife Jill at 111 River Street. A big thank you to them and all that attended. It was a great way to 'start' the holiday season. We will also be welcoming two new members to our club at our Dec 9 meeting. Dom Lalissee and Jim Varner will be inducted that evening into the ranks of the Rotary family. We continue our supporting role with the Interact Club and their efforts with the Pirate Toy Fund. The holidays will soon be upon us so I encourage everyone to reflect on what Christmas means to you as 2014 comes to a close. Thanks to all Rotarians and our friends of Rotary for all your support this year. Have a happy holiday!

President Tim Dickinson

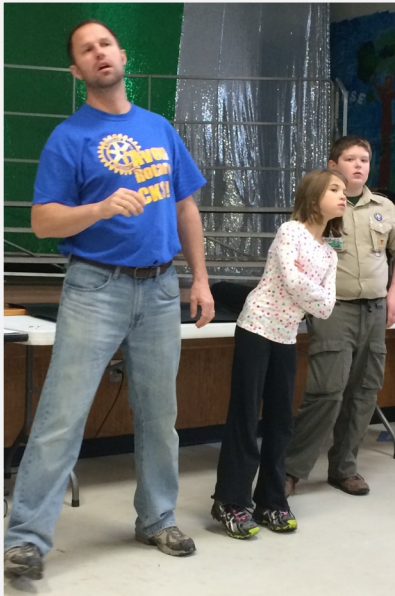
Board of Directors

- 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 Rotary Auction 2014—Photo Highlights



District Simplified Grant to Help Nicaraguan Construction Project

By: Rob Lupisella

Our Avon Rotary Club secured a District Simplified Grant recently which will be used to build latrines and a well for a school in Piedra de Agua, Nicaragua. Additional funds are currently being raised as well to assist this rural community in building their new school. As many as forty individuals from Avon, Honeoye-Falls, and Lima are planning to travel to Nicaragua in 2015 to assist with the construction of the school. The Piedra de Agua community consists of twenty-two homes in which one hundred-twenty people live. Eighty of the residents are adults and forty of them are children. The community has a wonderful landscape, beautiful houses, and a small school, which is pictured below. From certain vantage points in Piedra de Agua, you can see the beautiful Lake Managua and the majestic volcano Momotombo. The school is a very small structure which lacks basic amenities such as latrines, electricity, or a well for drinking water.



Teacher Arlen Espinosa, Enlace Project's Juan Mairena, and several of the students of Piedra de Agua.



The current school in Piedra de Agua is twenty years old and needs to be replaced.

Presently, there are twenty-two students who attend the school, which is approximately twenty years old and in desperate need of replacement. The school's teacher, Arlen Espinoza, instructs students in grades 1-6 simultaneously. In Nicaragua, they call this model of teaching primaria multigrado. The community is thrilled with the idea that they will soon have a new school for their children, and will be heavily involved with the construction of the school. Community members will work side-by-side with the volunteers who will be travelling to Nicaragua. This will be the fourth school constructed in this region of Nicaragua, which has been supported by our Avon Rotary and numerous other clubs in the District.

"The Holiday Season Is A Perfect Time To Reflect On Our Blessings And Seek Out Ways To Make Life Better For Those Around Us." ~ Terri Marshall

What Is Interact Up Too?

By: Sierra Hinds

During the month of October, Avon Interact club participated in a couple events. To kick off the school year, members sold plenty of “Savings Around Rochester” coupon books, earning the club over \$800 to put towards a charity of choice toward the end of the year. Some members of the club also participated in the rUNDEAD Zombie Run. Elizabeth Passarell, Tabata Aviles, Olivia Minster, Erica Steele, Elizabeth Younger, Nick Hayes, Emily Hayes, Caroline Christiano, and Sam Bond all participated in this event as either a zombie or a runner. These members participated in this race to benefit the Special Olympics.

In November the Avon Interact Club plans to further participate in other causes. All students will be at the Rotary Auction on November 15th. Here, the students participate by working the concession stand, transporting items, and all will bring in a homemade baked good that will be auctioned off. Also in November, the club plans to participate in the Pirate Toy Drive. The leaders of the Pirate Toy Drive will be asking kids to donate toys that go to children in need in our community. This nonprofit organization will be introduced again this year to the primary school students as well. Avon Interact Club is excited to be getting involved in all community events.



Pirate Toy Drive

By: Pam Hayes

A few weeks ago Emily Hayes and Caroline Cristiano met with Avon Primary School Principal, Rob Lupisella, to discuss Avon Interact and Rotary Clubs third year at kicking off the toy drive. It was kicked off when the character trait of “Courage” was being introduced for the month of December. Emily Hayes, Nick Hayes, Sierra Hinds and Henry Lemen put on a skit entertaining the students. Special thanks as always to Rob for all his support!

Avon Rotary has been collecting new toys for the drive as well. Thank you to those participating!



Super Hero In Avon???

By: Anonymous

Rumor has it that Avon has been taken over by a superhero. One “Captain Underpants” has been spotted around Avon and on the internets via video messages. “We heard a knock on our door and then there he was in all his triple XL underwear glory,” said Pam Hayes.” I announced I was having a Halloween party and this fine man in spandex and very large underwear showed up to my house. Boy once I met him, I learned of the power and aura of Captain Underpants, I’m a believer,” Ms. Hayes added. “Captain Underpants is AWESOME!!” Pam’s husband Doug added. “He even posed for a picture with me, I will cherish that moment for the rest of my life.”



Captain Underpants is still very much a mystery not being seen in person since that Halloween night, however as he says in his videos, “the more we talk about Captain Underpants the more people will believe in Captain Underpants.....UNDERPANTS POWER!!!” I guess we will just have to stay tuned to see what happens next. But something tells me we have not seen or heard the last of.....Captain Underpants!

Club Member Celebrations... December

Birthdays



- ⇒ Chris Masten
- ⇒ Margo Harper
- ⇒ Ernie Wiard
- ⇒ Bob French
- ⇒ Jake Ayers
- ⇒ Colin Bruckel

Anniversaries



- ⇒ Bill Wall
- ⇒ Dan Jones
- ⇒ Diana Williams
- ⇒ David Kilgore

Rotary Anniversaries



- ⇒ Ernie Wiard 1975
- ⇒ Bob House 1987
- ⇒ Marcia Cameron 2005
- ⇒ Rodney George 2010
- ⇒ Cathy Murphy 2011
- ⇒ Terry Lemen 2012



DECEMBER CLUB SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 6	Avon Rotary Christmas Party 6 PM
Mon. Dec. 8	Avon Rotary Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM
Tues. Dec. 9	Reg. Mtg. -Member Induction, Club Assembly, Auction Report
Sat. Dec. 13	Holiday Bus Trip—Skaneateles, Syracuse, Onondaga
Tues. Dec. 16	Reg. Mtg.
Tues. Dec. 23	Reg. Mtg.
Tues. Dec. 30	Reg. Mtg.

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