

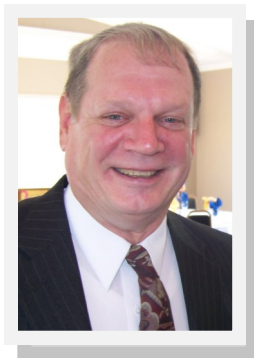


Avon Rotary News

February 2015

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President's Message

Hope everyone had a happy groundhogs day and didn't over-celebrate. News from our 4 legged friend in PA is that there are only 6 more weeks of winter. Had things not been so great on that momentous day, we would be forced to endure yet another month and a half of winter. Well enough for the breaking news. January was filled with opportunity. On Thursday 1/15 we held a Rotary social where 6 prospective members participated amongst the numerous Rotarians present, to learn more about Rotary and what we do at the Avon Rotary Club more specifically. A

number of those prospective members subsequently joined us at our regular meeting on 1/27 to see for themselves what our meetings are like. Hope to see them back again soon.

This month bring our Sweetheart Dinner event on 2/10 where in addition to having as many spouses in attendance as possible is the order of the day, the Interact

Club will have a number of delicious deserts to be auctioned off. Bring your wallet and your sweet tooth along with your Sweetheart to this annual event. Chris will be preparing a buffet for our dining delight and the company is always wonderful. Rumor has it that awards will be made to the couples present who have been married the longest, most recently wed, with the most children, most grandchildren (great grandchildren count as well), and the

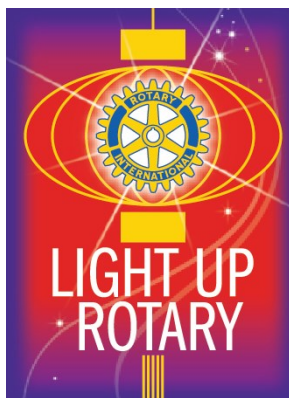
couple married on the date closest to Valentines day. Both must be present to win any of the prizes.

Since February is a short month I will make this a short article.

Wouldn't want it to run over into March. Please be sure to mail in your semi-annual or annual dues payments to Kelly ASAP. You don't want your subscription to Rotarian magazine to be disrupt-

ed. Enjoy the very typical western New York winter weather. (SNOW) Don't get cabin fever and remember, this would be a great time to get a jump start on collecting items for the 2015 Annual Avon Rotary Auction. Shopping time is plentiful and you don't have to battle any holiday shoppers for another 300 days or so.

Prez 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

Lap Robes For Veterans—Rotary Program January 20th

By: Laurie Vonglis

Avon Rotary enjoyed an outstanding program January 20th. Our presenter, Nancy Van Apeldoorn provided a very enthusiastic overview of the Lap Robes for Veterans program. Nancy, the founder of this non-profit organization started this nine years ago making and presenting lap robes to Veterans one lap robe at a time. Last year 800 lap robes were presented to veterans in nursing homes, hospice, honor flights, gold star mothers individuals and 75 to

Walter Reed Hospital for wounded Veterans. All lap robes are made by volunteers. All supplies are purchased through contributions. With over 50 sewers, their motto is "So many Veterans, sew little time".

On this occasion Nancy and her assistant, Ann Holevinski presented our club's Veterans with their own special lap robe representing the branch of the service they served in. Our congratulations go out to our fellow Rotarians; Bill Wall, Ernie Wiard, CA Krenzer, Rodney George & Steve Vanderbilt.



L-R: Bill Wall, Ernie Wiard, CA Krenzer, Rodney George, Steve Vanderbilt



L-R: President Tim Dickinson, Founder Nancy Van Apeldoorn, Ann Holevinski

**For more information:
Lap Robes For Veterans on Facebook**

**To donate make check out to:
Lap Robes for Veterans
c/o Nancy Van Apeldoorn
73 Stanton St.
Rochester, NY 14611**

BEA—Rotary Program January 27th

By: Laurie Vonglis

Carrie Malone, BEA Director gave a very informative presentation to our club on January 27th.

Program Goals (From BEA Website)

- ⇒ To facilitate an alliance between business and education, which will create trust and understanding, educate and promote dialogue, and identify mutual benefits between the two partner groups.
- ⇒ To prepare citizens to become part of an effective workforce by identifying principle skills, attitudes, and values required to ensure successful employment for all students.
- ⇒ To share new and existing resources with area educators promoting the school-to-work principles and expediting communication between teacher and employer.
- ⇒ To promote lifelong learning to and throughout the entire Livingston County community in order to help our population compete for employment in the 21st century's competitive global economy.



The BEA works with local educators and employers to enhance all academic curriculum developed to meet the NYS learning standards with skills necessary for lifelong success and learning.

The Avon Rotary Club has contributed to this important program for many years.

For more information please visit: <http://www.businesseducationalliance.org> Livingston County

Business/Education Alliance
Livingston County Government Center
6 Court Street, Room B10
Geneseo, New York 14454

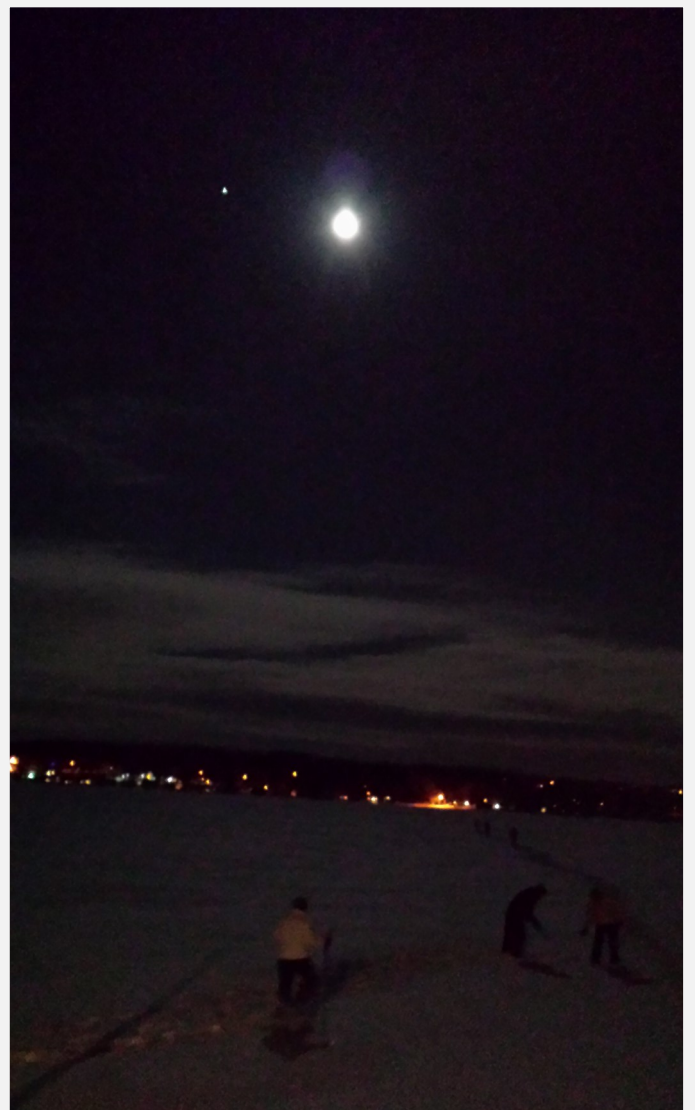
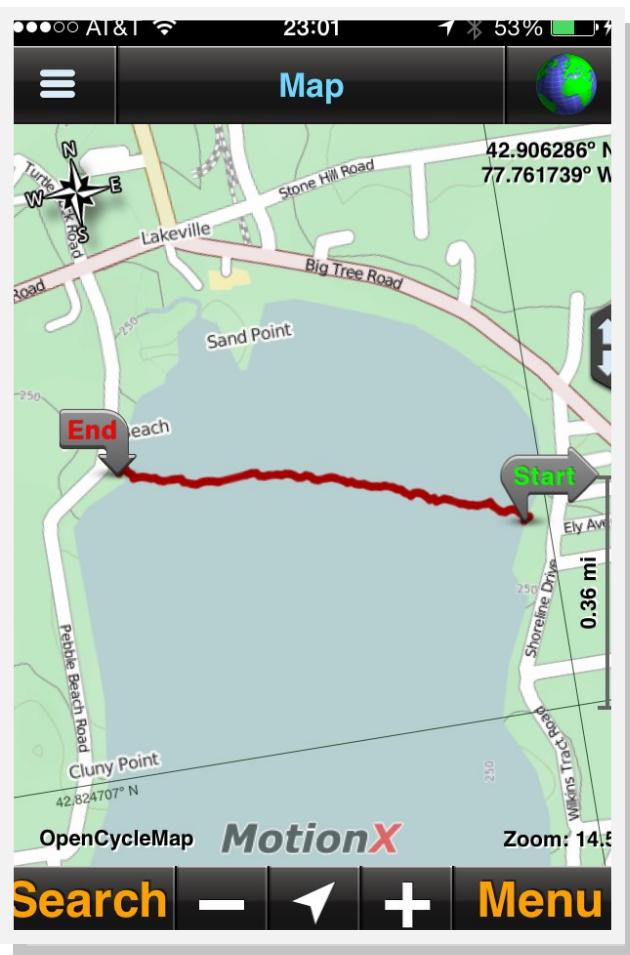
Carrie Malone, MSEd, BEA Director
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Email: cmalone@gvboces.org

“The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life”. *Plato*

By The Light Of The Moon

By: Hans Koomen

Just for fun following our Tuesday February 3rd meeting, a bunch of Rotarians + Trisha made their way across Conesus lake and back. We traveled by foot, ski or snowshoe, to enjoy lots of good fellowship and a little Bailey's by the campfire at Jerry and Kim's beautiful lakeside home. We enjoyed a full moon and 1.5 miles slogging through 12+" of snow on top of 12+" of ice. Chris Masten did manage to find a place where he could get half a leg into the frigid water.



Sweethearts Dinner—Please Join Us

Our annual dinner gathering will be on Tuesday, February 10th at Peppermints. Please make your reservation through the Rotary meal selection email. Our buffet will include:

Chicken French, Penne Tomato Alfredo, Sautéed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter.

Bring your sweetheart and enjoy a 'date night' or come solo and enjoy the typical Rotary fellowship with a touch of Valentine's. Why not wear the colors of the season and bring along a romantic story or recommend your favorite romantic movie??

For dessert.... Our Interact Club will be auctioning off their specialty desserts for those of us with a sweet tooth. This annual event raises funds for the Interactors to host the March Exchange Weekend. Bring your cash or checkbooks :)

It's sure to be fun. Hope to see you there.





Thank you Kirk & Terry for arranging our January Membership Open House at the Avon Inn. Great Job!

Thanks to all who attended and brought a friend or two.

Avon Rotary Rocks!

February Member Celebrations

<u>Rotary Anniversary</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
⇒ Bill Shaw 1971	⇒ Mark Evans
⇒ Hal Cole 1986	⇒ Julie Carney
⇒ Joe Callahan 1987	
⇒ Karl Sawicki 2007	<u>Birthdays</u>
⇒ Barbara Herman 1999	⇒ Steve Stephenson
⇒ Margo Harper 1999	⇒ Hans Koomen
	⇒ Pam Hayes

February Club Schedule

Tues. Feb. 3	Reg Mtg
Mon. Feb. 9	Board of Directors Mtg 7 pm @ Hurricane
Tues. Feb 10	Sweetheart's Dinner 6 pm @ Peppermints
Tues. Feb. 17	Reg Mtg, Corn Festival Steering Comm Mtg
Tues. Feb. 24	Reg Mtg



Avon Interact Club Update

By: Julie Carney/Cathy Jo Murphy (Facebook)

The Interact Club is in need of your assistance. Exchange weekend is 3/19 to 3/22 and we are in need of host families. There will be 19 exchange students coming to Avon. We have only been able to place 10 of them. If we can't get more host families, the weekend will need to be cancelled. If you can help out we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions please call Ed Kime, Cathy Jo Murphy or Julie Carney.

The schedule for that weekend is as follows:

- 3/19: Arrival at the Village Hall between 6 & 7 pm

- 3/20: Attend school/RIT field trip, return at 2:30 for pick up. Evening dance at school.
- 3/21: Bowling at Cougar lanes—school pick up and drop off is at 12:45 and 4 pm. That evening is Casino Night.
- 3/22: Drop off at Village Hall for pancake breakfast at 9 am.

This has been an annual event for the last few years and evolved into one of the favorite weekends for the Exchange Students and Interactors. Please lend a hand to help with the students for the weekend and/or assist with Saturday's Casino night and Sunday's pancake breakfast.



Avon Interact & Exchange Students—Sunday morning, March 22, 2014

Exchange Weekend 2015: Thursday March 19—Sunday March 22

2015-16 Rotary International Theme Unveiled

By: Ryan Hyland, Rotary News 1/18/15 (Rotary.org website)

Rotary International President-elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran announces his presidential theme ‘Be a Gift to the World.’

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran called Sunday’s address to incoming district governors the “most significant moment of my life.”



Be a gift to the world

“All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become— and Be a Gift to the World,” said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. “You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done.”

Highlighting Rotary’s biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, “A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give.”

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary’s successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. “We will battle on. We will prevail,” he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary’s other challenges, including membership.

“We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club,” he said.

“Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary’s success, and we ignore them at our own peril.”

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. “We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many parts of the world,” he said.

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

“There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them,” said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

“You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it,” he said.

2015 District Conference - Are You Ready?

If you haven't yet experienced a District Conference, now's your chance. In the last few years we've traveled to Gettysburg PA, Burlington, VT, Lake Placid NY and not far to Rochester NY. All varying venues with many an opportunity to experience the city but most of all—a chance to celebrate the Rotary Year. This year will be no different. Buffalo has much to offer and is a 'short' drive away. The more Avon Rotarians—the more fun—guaranteed! Attached are the necessary registration forms. I recommend the sooner the better to lock in your plans. You can also find more information on the District 7120 website. For questions about what a District Conference is? Ask one of us who has gone...

Reservations Made—Laurie Vonglis

2014 District Conference—Burlington VT

L-R ~ back to front: Julie Carney, Ed Kime, Kirk Vanderbilt, Helen Zamboni, Terry Lemen, Kevin Tompsett, Laurie Vonglis, Tim Dickinson



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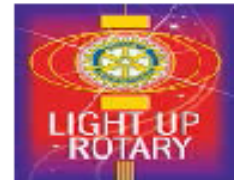
The 2015 Multi District **PETS** (*president elect training seminar*) will be held March 13th and 14th at the Double Tree Hotel in Syracuse, New York. At this event you will be given the tools and help you need to focus your efforts and your Club towards achieving your goals for the 2015-16 Rotary Year.

Avon's PE—Dan Jones will be in attendance. Please wish him an inspiring weekend!



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7120
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
May 15-17, 2015**

**Hyatt Regency Buffalo
Two Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14202**



Room Reservations will be made directly with the Hyatt Regency.

Conference Registration: **EARLY REGISTRATION** by MARCH 15 or
FIRST TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEE
 \$35 Per Person \$ _____

Registration after March 15. Deadline April 30.
 \$60 per person \$ _____

Attendee #1 _____
 Badge Name _____
 Rotary ID Number _____
 Rotary Club Name _____
 Dietary Restrictions _____

 Address _____

 Email _____
 Phone _____

Attendee #2 _____
 Badge Name _____
 Rotary ID Number _____
 Rotary Club Name _____
 Dietary Restrictions _____

 Address _____

 Email _____
 Phone _____

Rotary Offices Held (check all that apply)

First-time Rotarian Attendee _____

Past District Governor _____

Assistant District Governor _____

Past President _____

President _____

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Paul Harris Fellow _____

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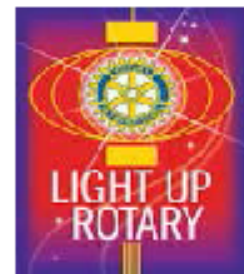
Checks to be made payable to Clifton Springs Rotary Club - District Conference
 Mail completed registration form, check or credit card information to:
Clifton Springs Rotary Club - District Conference
PO Box 205

Clifton Springs, NY 14432
 Questions to: Brenda Cordero at 315-521-6230 whitcordero@yahoo.com
 Website: <http://www.rotary7120.org>



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ROOM RESERVATION
INFORMATION
May 15-17, 2015**

**Hyatt Regency Buffalo
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Buffalo, NY 14202**



ATTENTION CONFERENCE ATTENDEES:

All lodging reservations will be made **directly** with the Hyatt Regency through on-line reservations or telephone.

On-line: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/RotaryDistrict7120>

OR

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

LODGING RESERVATIONS: Cutoff date for discount hotel rate is April 17, 2015

Single Occupancy: \$454.61

Package includes single occupancy, king room, for two nights, Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16, 2015, all meals and 2 receptions. Taxes and service fees included.

Double Occupancy: \$611.20

Package includes double occupancy, king or double bedded for two nights, Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16, 2015, all meals and 2 receptions. Taxes and service fees included.

Suites:

A limited number of suites are available. Please contact Brenda Cordero at 315-521-6230 to make arrangements to reserve a suite. Suites will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

Additional Nights: \$131.00

Guestroom only, single or double occupancy, for any night pre or post conference dates. Applicable state and local taxes will be added. (Due to hotel computer programming, double occupancy will show a higher rate, but will be manually adjusted to the lower rate after the room is reserved).

RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE DATES OF THE CONFERENCE, MAY 15-17, 2015. SINGLE NIGHT RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE HONORED.

All conference registrations will be made using the "CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM" and sent to the address on the form.

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
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015: Change of Officers Dinner