



# Avon Rotary News

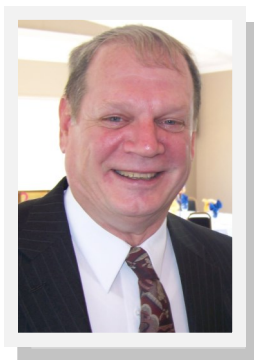
## March 2015

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### President's Message

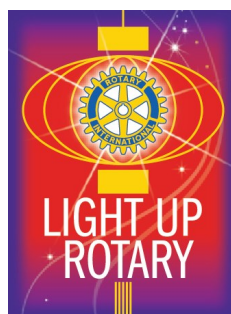
Well, I don't know about you, but I think I have seen all the winter I need to see for this year.

The calendar says it's about 21 days 'til spring. The weather says spring may be here in a few months if at all. Although we have had a great beginning to the year, I choose not to include the weather as part of that great beginning. Our Rotary social has brought us a significant number of prospective members. Any and all would make a great and welcomed addition to our club. Our sweethearts dinner and desert auction was well attended and a success. As March approaches we are looking forward to our St Patrick's Day event as well as warmer weather. A number of Rotarians are preparing a float for the upcoming St Patrick's Day parade. I hope they are planning for a heated float as the "Farmer's Almanac" is predicting a colder than normal March to go along with our coldest ever February.

I wish to compliment Dom on his presentation on France. The program was very interesting and enlightening. You

have set the bar high for those who follow. You helped make February more tolerable.

Looking forward I hope many of you are considering the Annual District Conference coming up in mid-May. It will be held close-by in Buffalo May 15-17. It is always a great time for fellowship, good food, and some social networking among Rotarians from our district. Please consider attending. There is a discount for first time attendees in case you need some extra encouragement.



We will also be holding a club assembly in the not too distant future. We will bring everyone up to date on our finances, project activities and opportunities as well as discuss some recent BOD topics surrounding membership status and meeting location costs and issues. More to follow on this at the assembly, but the BOD has been discussing this for a couple months to various degrees.

In closing, stay warm as we try to close out the winter season and welcome spring. Enjoy the remainder of the ski season. In just a few short weeks we hope to be basking in the warm sun, arranging tee times, and preparing the yard for a summer of fun.

Prez Tim

Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Peppermints Restaurant

# Interact Dessert Auction

By: Erica Steele



The week of Valentine’s Day the Avon Interact Club conducted the annual dessert auction to raise money for one of our most looked forward to events of the year: exchange weekend. This year our Interact members worked especially hard to provide Rotary with some tasty, creative, and homemade desserts. Our

members worked in groups of two to three people to put carrot cakes, apple pie, French apple tart, whoopee pies, cupcakes, loaves of chocolate chip bread, and a Kit Kat cake among many other desserts within the Rotarians grasp. We had a very successful auction with the highest bid placed reaching \$100 for an Olaf cake. Interact raised a total of \$825 to be put towards exchange weekend which will promote the Rotary ideal of international goodwill by allowing the participants of the Avon Interact Club to meet with the exchange students within our district and gain a greater understanding of their cultures and the commonalities that we all share as human beings. As the Interact club president I would like to extend a gracious thank you to each and every one of you in the Avon Rotary. Events such as exchange weekend would not be possible without your generosity and for that our entire Interact club is deeply appreciative.

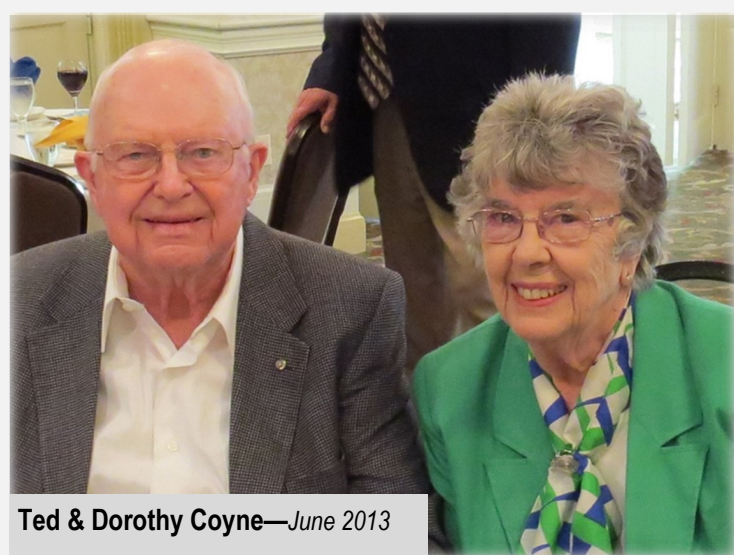


**Auctioneer- David Coyne, Interact President—Erica Steele**



**Olaf brings in \$100 from top bidder—Charlene Masten**

# Sweethearts Dinner



**Ted & Dorothy Coyne—June 2013**

By: Laurie Vonglis

All in attendance seemed to enjoy the annual Sweethearts Dinner at Peppermints on February 10th. President Tim awarded couples in varying categories. Sweethearts Ted & Dorothy Coyne took prizes in 3 categories and Saint Dorothy deserves them all! Following dinner Rotarians took part in the dessert auction which has become a fun tradition. Bidders were very generous! Congratulations to Interact bakers for a job well done. Perhaps next year someone will remember to bring the all important gallon of milk to go along with our prizes!

## Polaris Project Presentation by Avon HS Senior, Emily Hayes

by Pam Hayes

At the Feb. 17, 2015 Avon Rotary Club meeting Avon HS Senior and daughter of Avon Rotary club members, Doug and Pam Hayes, gave a heart wrenching and descriptive presentation on Child and Human Trafficking. The charitable organization that Emily is leading the fund raising effort for at the Avon High School and is being supported by the senior high school Student Council and National Honor Society is the Polaris Project.

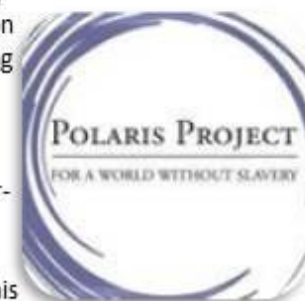
Emily talked of how her initial interest became sparked in this very worthy cause occurred when watching the 3 part documentary on Netflix called "Half the Sky." Half the Sky is a four-hour PBS primetime documentary film by husband-wife team of Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn about inspiring individuals and organizations stepping up to turn oppression into opportunity for women worldwide. Emily dug deeper into research of this topic and used this as a Sociology project presentation which later turned into a school wide supported fundraiser.

Emily shared her authored presentation first with the club that was filled with statistics, haunting pictures and music in the back ground (a song called "I'm in Here" by Sia). She then showed a short YouTube video clip on the charitable organization Polaris Project. Emily then shared with the club detailed statistical data, research, and short stories about the alarming concerns of child and human trafficking. One of the most alarming is that this is not only in other countries, but here in the United States. Emily went on with what people can do.

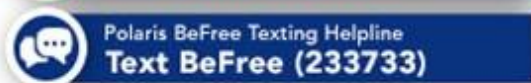
Emily asked two things of the Avon Rotary Club:

1. Please share this very alarming need for help and awareness with your family and friends. This is one of the first big steps.
2. Emily asked the Avon Rotary Club/ Board to please consider for future donations of adding the Polaris Project / Child and Human Trafficking to one of the worthy charities the Club supports.

In conclusion, as Emily's mom and Rotarian, I can not say enough about how proud I am of her. What she is doing is a wonderful example of what Rotary stands for and what we need of young people in our world. Emily's plans after graduation this year will be to major in political science / pre-law at SUNY Geneseo.



Emily N. Hayes



### **Polaris Project overview found on the Website:**

<http://www.polarisproject.org/about-us/overview>

Modern slavery is a multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 20.9 million people around the world. And no matter where you live, chances are it's happening right down the street. From the girl forced into prostitution at a truck stop, to the man discovered in a restaurant kitchen, stripped of his passport and held against his will.

Polaris, named after the North Star that guided slaves to freedom in the U.S., disrupts the conditions that allow human trafficking to thrive in our society. From working with government leaders to protect victims' rights, to building partnerships with the world's leading technology corporations, we spark long-term change that focuses communities on identifying, reporting and eliminating trafficking networks. Our comprehensive model puts victims at the center of all that we do -- helping survivors restore their freedom, preventing more victims, and gathering the data to pursue traffickers wherever they operate.

Unparalleled expertise. Relentlessness. And an innovative spirit. This is how Polaris eradicates the slavery networks that rob human beings of their lives and their independence. Freedom happens now!



## Stupid is as Stupid does!!

By: Senor Kelly Cole

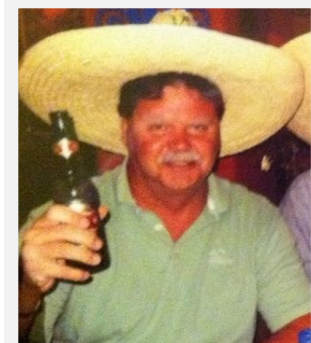
It has been said that some people just never learn. P. T. Barnum said "There's a sucker born every minute!" Alas, it is true! I have a picture of a sucker hanging over my head, and people can spot it a mile away!! Let's just ignore the fact that Jan and I were in the very last row of the plane from Philly to Cancun. And the fact that our 'non---reclining seats' were plastered up against the bathroom wall and we could hear every little sound being. Add in the bathroom..... Just forget about that, OK? Going through customs in Mexico is a game of chance. As you approach the agents, you have to hit a button and depending on whether or not the light turns green ("go on ahead señor", and have a very pleasant day) or RED (prepare for a full cavity search Señor Cole!!) you are then searched for any contraband that Mexico doesn't want coming into their country!!! Yeah, that's right, I may be smuggling in some migrant workers that don't have papers!!! HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!

So we get out to where you pick up (AKA PAY FOR) a cab, to which Rotarian Ted Coyne once proclaimed "good God all Friday, I didn't want to buy the damn taxi, I just wanted to RENT it!!!" – we get a wheeler---dealer who says he works for travel association of Cancun. Our fare to the resort and back when we leave is \$58.00. BUT.....if we would agree to go to a very short 45 minute presentation (GUARANTEED no more than 45 minutes!!!) I will give you back your taxi fare, as well as your sons for a total of \$116, a bottle of tequila, a bottle of Kahula, a hammock, four t--shirts, free tickets to chicken---itza (Myan Pyramids), and discounts for snorkeling. I swore after the last time I was roped into this, NEVER AGAIN!!!!

So off Jan and I went to a 'no---pressure' short informative presentation!!! As we ate real fast with a pleasant American guy, we find out, "oh no,....its 90 minutes!!! I show him my signed "proof" that it is only supposed to be 45 minutes..... Yeah, that's worth a LOT!! The place (El Cid) was absolutely beautiful and the services were top notch. It was located between Cancun and Playa Del Carmen. Cutting to the proposal, we were worked over and over and over. They promised us –

1. They would move us (and our son and his girlfriend) as well as the Graham's when they got there, and put them up in upgraded rooms, and we would have a Presidential Suite.
  2. They would pay all the transport costs.
  3. They would refund all the money we had invested in our current program.
  4. They would pay the termination fees.
  5. They would pay for 20 years of All---inclusive costs (\$72,800!!)
  6. Pay for this years vacation cost (airline and all inclusive cost)
  7. Cure diabetes
  8. Make me feel like a man AGAIN!!
- All this, and you only have to pay \$64,000!!!!

By the time we got back to our place, it was 2:30, and most of the day was gone because I'm too stupid to ignore the smoke and mirrors put up by the flim---flam man of the area. Be he, Carlos, Juan, Manuel, or Diego!! Someone close to me after I let my el---passport---o expire in 2010 said "you can't fix stupid!!"



## Rip Ole' Blackie

By: Anonymous

Many of us Rotarians have enjoyed this long, cold, snowy winter season by snowmobiling with fellow Rotarians near and far. Some of us have new sleds, some of us middle age sleds and then there's Ole' Blackie!

Ole' Blackie is straight out of the retro age of snowmobiles. She is a small yet ferocious machine that requires great effort and skill to maneuver. Many have tried to ride the beast and some have been thrown from her (Tim Lemen). Well on Sunday February 22nd, Ole' Blackie took what may be her final ride. She expired doing what she loved, crushing snowflakes.

Blackie is survived by her devoted owner Doug Hayes who states that this isn't the end for Ole' Blackie! "I put a new battery in her this year you can't die on me now!!!" So for now old friend you'll get parked in the barn with the other broken equipment but don't worry you will be crushing snowflakes by next year!!!



## Nicaragua Update—Linking Hands for Learning

By: Rob Lupisella via Facebook February 19, 2015

This is a photo of the school right after lunch today. You can see the old school in the background. We met with the community today and they said thank you to everyone who has supported this effort and donated to help build the school. “we couldn’t have done this without your help” Luis Rocha Ramirez said.



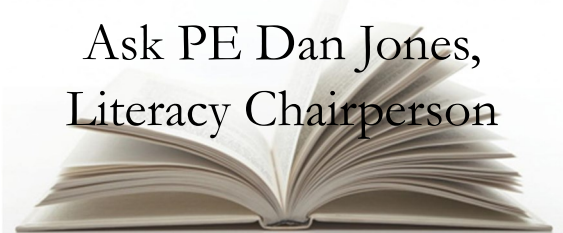
New school building in progress in Piedra de Agua

### Did You Know....

March is Literacy Month  
On The Rotary Calendar

To Learn More About  
What Our Club Does...

Ask PE Dan Jones,  
Literacy Chairperson



### March Member Celebrations

#### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Mark Evans 1994
- ⇒ Tim Dickinson 2005
- ⇒ Helen Zamboni 2005
- ⇒ Carmine Simone 2010
- ⇒ Jake Ayers 2014
- ⇒ Heather Ayers 2014

#### Birthdays

- ⇒ Ted Coyne
- ⇒ Wayne Warriner
- ⇒ Rodney George
- ⇒ Ed Kime
- ⇒ Paul Warren
- ⇒ David Kilgore

### March Club Schedule

Tues. March 3	Reg Mtg—Joyce Horner, Literacy Volunteers of Livingston County
Mon. March 9	Board of Directors Mtg—7 pm
Tues. March 10	Reg Mtg—Corn Festival Steering Comm
March 13-14	Multi-District PETS—Dan Jones
Tues. March 17	St. Patrick’s Day Party @ Peppermints
Tues. March 24	Reg Mtg—Dan Jones re Literacy
Tues. March 31	Reg Mtg—Mark Evans re White House Easter Egg Roll



## ***District Training Assembly***

**April 11, 2015 7:45 am—1:00 pm**

**Hosted by: Spencerport Rotary Club  
Cosgrove Middle School  
2749 Spencerport Rd. Spencerport, NY 14559**



Please sign up at the next meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary. More information to follow on the break out sessions. Some of our very own will be there leading.

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

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

*"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." - Seneca*



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MEMBER**



[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## ***Why Do I Love Rotary?***

By: Tom Vonglis

This is such a great organization made up of people that enjoy helping others. Rotary affords the opportunity to help both locally and around the world. The fellowship is such a great part of why I enjoy Rotary. Can you say "mancave"?



# Let's Go <sup>to</sup> Buffalo!

*"The Nearest Far Away Place"*

**It's getting closer!! Register soon!**

\$35 per attendee until March 15

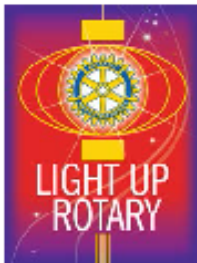
\$60 per attendee after March 15

\$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

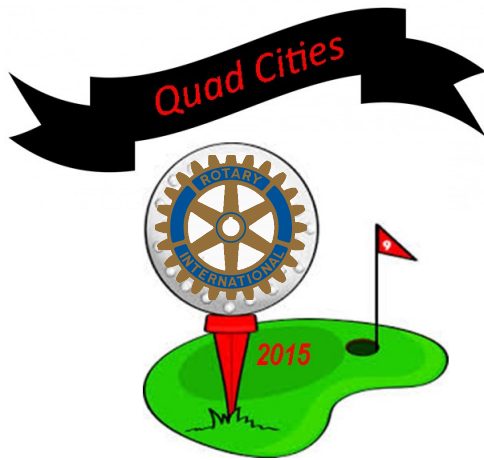
**The Hyatt:** a safe and luxurious spa hotel...spacious, recently renovated rooms, refrigerators, coffee makers, a Health Club, Starbucks kiosk, an Atrium Bar & Bistro and more!

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: Rodney George, Jim Ryan, Kelly Cole, Tom Vonglis





# 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**