



Be a gift to the world

Avon Rotary News

August 2015

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Avon Rotary Club meets
Tuesdays at 6pm at
Peppermints Restaurant

Board of Directors

Dan Jones, President
Scott Holmes, PE
Tom Vonglis, Sr. Director
Heather Ayers, Director
Karl Sawicki, Member at Lg.
Tim Dickinson, Past Pres.
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Kelly Cole, Treasurer



President's Perspective

What are you talking about?

Summer is a time of reconnecting with family and friends we do not get to see very often.

Vacation trips and casual gatherings around bonfires and pools provide opportunity for relaxation and conversation. As I relax and spend time with friends I like to talk about Rotary and the good things we are doing locally and around the world. Bringing Rotary into the conversation helps inform others about who we are and provides me an opportunity to invite others to get involved.

When sharing about Rotary remember to use the JET talking points. Rotary Joins leaders who Exchange ideas and then Take action. Recently the Rotary Board of Directors (BOD) took action and designated Joseph's Hammer as the charity we will support with our *Thousand*

Gifts to the World. Already we have made great headway with several notable celebrations of Rotarians demonstrating service above self. Keep up the good work.

Corn Fest is a time where we give a gift to our community and the world through the funds raised at the event. Your time volunteering at the Corn Fest is a gift to our community and is very much appreciated. Together we create an opportunity for our community to come together and create memories that will shape the future. Thank you to Tom and Rodney and the great committee working with them to shape the Corn Festival into the great event it always is. Let's have a great time working and celebrating together this summer as we Light up Rotary and give our lives as gifts to the world.

President Dan

August Club Schedule

Tues. Aug 4	Reg Mtg—DG Bill Gormont Visit & Corn Fest Mtg
Sat. Aug 8	CORN FESTIVAL
Sun. Aug 9	Corn Festival Picnic @ George's 2 pm
Mon. Aug 10	NO MEETING
Tues. Aug 18	Special Mtg—GVRC Visit & Picnic
Tues. Aug 25	Reg. Mtg.—TBD

Program Scheduling



By: Helen Zamboni

The summer is rapidly coming to an end. By the time you read this, we will be just about to host the community and hundreds of others at our annual Corn Festival!

Because we don't typically have programs during the summer months, you may not be thinking about the need to get programs teed up for September and beyond right now. However, as your program scheduler, I need your help to ensure we have interesting and informative programs when we resume our "regular" meetings right after Labor Day.

Some of the most popular programs we've had over the years included those given by club members about memorable trips abroad (Bob French's travelogue on Patagonia), memorable trips at home (Kirk Vanderbilt's mountain-climbing expedition in the west), experiences in the military (Tom Ippolito's service in the Aleutian Islands during the Korean War), work/career (Tim Dickinson's employer Power & Construction Group), and of course general entertainment (Kelly Cole's "Why Rotary Should Not Fine Me" and David Kilgore's *Prairie Home Companion* monologue). Other Rotarians are interested in what you do or have done, and these kinds of programs help foster goodwill and better friendships among club members.

I especially encourage those involved with the exchange program and Interact to have our returning outbound student, our inbound student and the Interact Club President and other Interactors schedule dates to make presentations.

Outside presenters are always welcome, too. We won't schedule presentations that are essentially advertise-

ments for businesses, though business-sponsored presentations that raise awareness of issues of general interest and are "corporate marketing" for the presenters are acceptable. And of course non-profits are regulars on our program calendar.

I try very hard to keep the calendar on the club website up-to-date, so that anyone can see what meetings are available. They will be shown as "Regular Meeting – TBD".

If you have an idea for a program that you personally will present, just let me know what date you are interested in and I'll enter it on the calendar. If you will need a projector (and speakers, to amplify the sound of a video), please contact Tom Vonglis and Kirk Vanderbilt so that one of them can be sure to have the technology in place and ready to go. It's best if you bring your own laptop to connect to the projector, but if you don't have one and will bring a thumb drive or CD instead, let Tom and Kirk know that, too, so they can have a properly-equipped laptop for you at Peppermint's that evening.

If you are working with an outside presenter, please set the date with the presenter and me and send me his/her email contact information. Unless you prefer to do this part, I will handle technology arrangements with the presenter and make sure s/he has information about ordering dinner.

Our Fall-Winter-Spring months of President Dan's tenure begin with the Auction Kick-Off on September 8. The Rotary Honors program follows on September 15 and we have no meeting on September 22. We need programs for September 29 and October 6 and 20 to get a good start on the year. Please help!

Team•work: (noun)
cooperative or combined
effort of a group of persons
working together as a
team for a common cause.

Rotary Foundation Press Release July 24, 2015: Nigeria Polio Free!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We're delighted to report that [today] Nigeria has passed one year with no new cases of the wild poliovirus.

This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. We've come a long way since the bleak years when the virus reached its peak. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa- three quarters of all cases in the world.

We congratulate Rotarians who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million to Nigeria. We congratulate Rotarians from Africa and around the world who have also devoted countless hours to immunize the children who now have the opportunity for healthier, happier lives.

With the ambitious scope of Rotary's PolioPlus program, our efforts are having a far-reaching, transformative impact beyond the eradication of polio.

With the infrastructure put in place by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Nigeria not only reduced its polio caseload by 90% in 2014, but it also successfully thwarted the world's most lethal Ebola outbreak to date, in only 90 days, a response faster than even the U.S., and rightly praised by the World Health Organization as 'world-class'.

In Nigeria and elsewhere, the Initiative provides a blueprint to reach all children with a package of lifesaving vaccines and health interventions. This is a vital step on the path to human development, as we know that with improved public health, more resources can be channeled towards education and economic growth.

If the stringent World Health Organization testing criteria are met, then Nigeria could be removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September of this year.

However, our work is not done. We know that polio can easily return, with devastating consequences, if we don't stamp it out now.

We must act, as Rotarians do, to build on the progress made and stop polio once and for all. We have a narrow window of opportunity to achieve this, and if we fail, we could witness up to 200,000 cases a year in the near future.

So how can we finally make history and end polio now?

Today, we must protect the progress made in Nigeria, and support Pakistan and Afghanistan, the other two remaining polio-endemic countries.

Protecting progress means enhancing surveillance, routine immunization, and community engagement in Nigeria and other countries where transmission has been stopped.

Supporting Pakistan and Afghanistan means full political and financial commitment to eradicating polio; vaccination of all children in these countries; high quality surveillance, and the accomplishment of all the expert recommendations as part of the GPEI's Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

Visit endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help you share this progress – and the need for continued commitment in the coming years – with your Rotary club, your communities and your elected officials.

This all requires time, energy and investment. Pakistan's budget requirements for polio eradication activities from 2016-2018 amounts to \$305.7 million, and if we can raise this sum now, a polio-free world will reap financial savings of US\$50 billion over the next 20 years and prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

[Your donation to PolioPlus](#) will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your contribution.

Thirty years ago we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Warm Regards,
Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran and
Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith

Are You Ready?



By: Laurie Vonglis

We are days away from the 29th annual Avon Rotary Corn Festival. Are you ready? Have you volunteered to help? There are count-

less ways and everyone in the club is asked to help out in some way. Work begins Thursday evening and continues through Sunday.

Here are some helpful tips:

1. Arrive on time for your assignments.
2. Stay clear of the work areas when not working; primarily behind the corn booth—save this area for workers on duty. Visit and eat your lunch in the picnic tent.
3. Assist with security—approach visitors who have pets



or wheels and ask to leave.

4. If you forget when or where to work, there will be work schedules at the corn booth and information stand.
5. Keep your membership directory handy to contact fellow Rotarians if necessary.
6. Lend a hand whenever possible.

7. Read the corn festival program and then thank our patron and business supporters.
8. Thank a vendor for coming to our festival.

It's been another 8 month process getting to this point. The committee has worked hard and benefited from some great leadership. Try and enjoy the festival and all that it offers—music, food, crafts and so many people enjoying the fruits of our labor.

All Are Invited:

Corn Festival Picnic

Sunday, August 9th

2 pm at Rodney George's House

Bring a Dish To Pass
& Swimming Gear

Come Celebrate Our 29th
Successful Festival!

Rotary





Why Do I Love Rotary?



By: Marcia Cameron

There are so many reasons I love Rotary. The fellowship is awesome. Helping others in our communities and around the world is another. The way Rotary has brought me out of my shell and opened my eyes to do so many things that I would never have done before has made my experience of helping others so much more gratifying. I have a lot more respect and understanding for Rotary than I did before I joined the club.

A Fond Yet Painful Memory



By: Mark Evans

During the autumn months of my presidential year (1999 - 2000) the club made the difficult decision to change from a Wednesday Noon meeting at the Avon Inn to a Tuesday evening meeting at Peppermints. The vote was 17 to 15, but we made it work and only lost one member in the process, who had a scheduling conflict with his business. Our long-standing noon meeting schedule made it increasingly difficult to recruit new members who could not take such a chunk of time out of the middle of their workday.

At Peppermints, our waitress was the sassy, spirited Bonnie McLeod, who still presides over the breakfast shift. At our first meeting, while taking beverage orders, I asked for Ovaltine, which of course they did not have. At the next meeting, Bonnie brought in a jar of Ovaltine from home and served it to me.

One of our many, numerous past presidents commandeered the gavel and I was fined for receiving "special treatment." I believe that this was the first (of many) meetings in which the words "*It's a cruel club!*" were invoked. MARK D. EVANS, AVON ROTARY PRESIDENT 1999 - 2000.

August Member Celebrations

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Scott Holmes
- ⇒ Steve Vanderbilt

Birthdays

- ⇒ Greg Deragon
- ⇒ Kate Hill
- ⇒ Bill Shaw

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Jake & Heather Ayers
- ⇒ Tim Dickinson
- ⇒ Bob House
- ⇒ CA Krenzer
- ⇒ Chris Masten
- ⇒ Carmine Simone
- ⇒ Tom & Laurie Vonglis
- ⇒ Wayne Warriner



Avon Rotary Blue Jean Ball

Kickin' It Up For Hands That Help



Saturday, May 14th 2016

Proceeds To Benefit

GVRC ~ Honor Flight ~ Teresa House



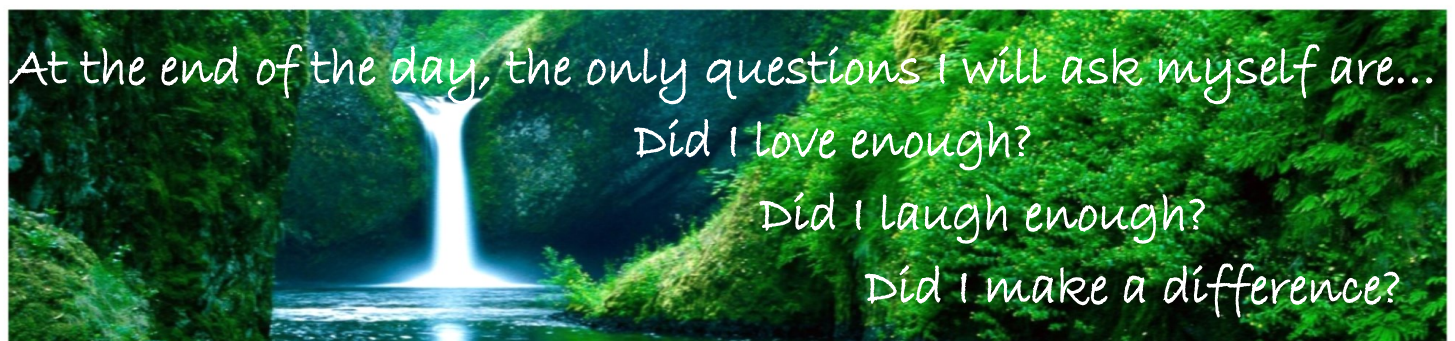
GVRC Picnic

Tuesday August 18th

Make a trip to visit & witness the

AWESOMENESS!

RSVP by August 12th



At the end of the day, the only questions I will ask myself are...

Did I love enough?

Did I laugh enough?

Did I make a difference?

Avon Rotary Social Events 2015—2016

Sunday, August 9, 2015:	Corn Festival Picnic @ Rodney George's
Tuesday, August 18, 2015:	Visit to GVRC & Picnic
Tuesday, September 15, 2015:	Avon Rotary Honors
Saturday, September 19, 2015:	TBD
Sunday, November TBD, 2015:	Eastern Cities Dinner @ Roch Conv Ctr
Tuesday, October 27, 2015:	Halloween Party TBD
Saturday, November 7, 2015:	Auction Dinner @ Fratelli's
Wed. November 18, 2015:	Thanksgiving Meeting w/ Lions @ Avon Inn
Saturday, December 5, 2015:	Christmas Party TBD
Thursday, January 14, 2016:	Rotary Social @ Avon Inn
Saturday, TBD:	Short Track for Pancakes
Tuesday, February 9, 2016:	Mardi Gras @ Peppermints
Tuesday, March 15, 2016:	St. Patrick's Day Party @ Peppermints
Saturday, April 23, 2016:	NYC Spring Break—TBD
Fri. April 29—Sun May1, 2016:	District Conference @ Hershey Lodge PA
Saturday, May 14, 2016:	Blue Jean Ball
May or June, 2016:	Quad Cities Golf & Dinner
Tuesday, June 28, 2016:	Change of Officers Dinner

District 7120 Golf Tournament—Save the Date

To all District 7120 Rotarians, families and friends
YOU ARE INVITED



- WHAT:** District 7120 Golf Tournament
- WHERE:** Island Oaks Course at the Lima Country Club
- WHEN:** **Friday, September 4, 2015; Registration at 12:00 noon and tee off at 1:00 P.M.**
- FORMAT:** Scramble
- COST:** \$80.00 per person, includes golf, cart, hot dog lunch and dinner
- PRIZES:** "Best Dressed" Team
Putting Contest
1st Place-Men's; Ladies; Mixed Team
Longest Drive
Nearest to the Pin
In addition, a Paul Harris drawing for clubs w/ at least a paid foursome.

Please note: To be eligible to win first place, a team must have at least three (3) registered players who will finish the event.

NEW THIS YEAR: Register on line. Go to <http://bit.ly/7120-Golf2015>

NOTE: Each Club is requested to donate a raffle item valued at \$25.00. Please bring the raffle item with you on the day of the tournament. **No time to shop?** You may send a check, in the amount of \$25.00, to Gary Reilly **no later than August 21, 2015** and he will do the shopping for your Club.

Make checks are payable to: District 7120 Golf Tournament.

We had a great time last year so we encourage you to join us for this fun-filled afternoon of golf and fellowship!

