



Be a gift to the world

Avon Rotary News

October 2015



President's Perspective

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I am thankful to be part of the Avon Rotary Club. Every month I am impressed with the multiple ways you are gifts to the world and this past month continued that tradition. The Foundation team did a fantastic job honoring people at the "Avon Rotary Honors." Thanks to Jerry and Kim Dougherty and team for hosting the Clam bake. It was great to have the Rotary tent used again too. Tom Vonglis attended the Rotary Summit and a group supported the Mt. Morris club's disco night. We also are proud to have another Rotarian join the ranks of district leadership as Laurie steps into the Polio Plus committee chair. It is impossible to list all the ways Rotarians serve one another but every week as I listen to the celebrations I am reminded that this is a great club.

As we prepare for the Auction it is important we all continue to work hard securing great products to auction off. Be sure to put November 14 on your calendar and be part of a fun day bidding against

other Rotarians and raising money for the great causes we support. You can bet I'll be there with my "Yeeeepppp!" ready to accept your bid.

Speaking of type casting I hope you take the opportunity to dress up in a fun costume for the Halloween party. This year we will be meeting at Doug and Pam Hayes' home on Tuesday the 27th at 5:30. It will no doubt be a fun night of games, costumes and food.

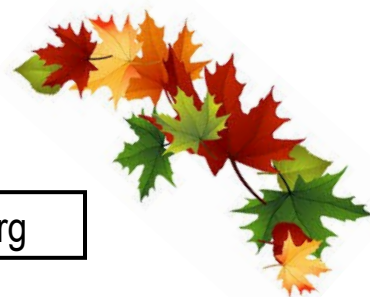
All of the above mentioned activities are opportunities for you to build better friendships with fellow Rotarians. I cannot adequately express the blessing my Rotary friends have been to me. You encourage me when I am down, help me out when I need a hand and make me laugh every week. If you are feeling disconnected or isolated make sure you attend these fellowship and service events. You will quickly discover Rotary is not just people doing good things around the world, but a group of people who care deeply about one another.

Board of Directors

Dan Jones, President
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Heather Ayers, Director
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Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Peppermints Restaurant

Avon And Polio



A Letter From PDG Gaven:

President Dan-

In going through polio plus statistics for 1985-2015 I calculated Avon was #11 in the District for total giving for that period. The amount was \$30,942. For the last 5 years the amount is \$10,660, and you have just added a \$1,000 contribution. The children of the world thank all the current and past members of the Rotary Club of Avon. I add my thanks also.

Gaven Hurley
District Chair, Polio Plus

**GLOBAL
POLIO ERADICATION
INITIATIVE**



every last child

World Polio Day—October 24, 2015

Information from www.endpolio.org

MAKE HISTORY TODAY

Join Rotary and UNICEF for a Livestream event at 6:30pm EDT, October 23.

GLOBAL UPDATE

How close are we to a polio-free world? What's needed to finish the job? Can we make history together?

Join us on 23 October for our third annual World Polio Day event. We'll be streaming live from New York City, so tune in at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time to watch a global status update on the fight to end polio and take part in the conversation. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partner, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors, and others.

If you can't join us live, you can still be a part of this moment in history. Share your voice online, advocate with your government, or create your own World Polio Day event. Download resources available at www.endpolio.org

TAKE PART

No child anywhere should suffer from this completely preventable disease. As little as 60 cents worth of vaccine can protect against polio. We need your voice to end polio now. Help make an impact on World Polio Day.



District Golf Tournament



"Avon Rotary Rocks" Team participated in the annual District 7120 Golf Tournament on September 4 at Island Oaks in Lima. It was a warm, sunny day and this high spirited foursome did Avon proud. We shot a 62 and came in 1st place in the mixed team division as well as 1st place for the best 'costumes'.

It was a fun evening as well, as we enjoyed the fellowship of all the other District participants. Many thanks to Scott Heally & Gary Reilly for organizing this event!

Pictured: Tom Vonglis, Kirk Vanderbilt Jake Ayers, Laurie Vonglis

A 3 Hour Tour

It was a beautiful Sunday morning and a small group of Avon Rotarians & family ventured out to Canadice Lake for a 3 hour paddle. No one was lost, there was no storm and no vessel damaged but much fun was had. For some it was our first time there. It was peaceful, calm and the scenery was beautiful. Complete with sunscreen and life jackets our small band of adventurers scooped out both shore lines and a couple beaches then shared snacks. This was a great way to relax on this busy Labor Day weekend. Many thanks to Captain Kirk for organizing this impromptu outing for the club.



Fall Picnic



Jerry & Kim Dougherty hosted a fun, food filled evening for Avon Rotary, Saturday, September 19th. "2 Bums Catering" prepared a great chicken BBQ dinner. **Ernie Wiard & Doug Hayes** steamed clams while **Kirk Vanderbilt & Tom Vonglis** roasted corn over an open fire. Our setting was indoor/outdoor overlooking Conesus Lake. Despite the uninvited rain everyone had a great time visiting with fellow Rotarians, family & friends.

A BIG thank you to Jerry & Kim and all of our hard working set up & take down assistants... Kelly Cole, Jim Ryan, Chris Masten... Another successful social event is in the memory books.

Burritt's Cottage Get-Away

A.P. – Brantingham, NY

In what locals fear will become an annual influx of raucous interlopers to their sleepy little community, a group of Western New Yorkers from a Rotary Club in Avon NY settled into the Red Pine Point area of Brantingham Lake last weekend.

"We were hopeful that it was just a 1-time thing," said Maude Flanneljacket, the President of both the Brantingham Home-owners Association, and the Women's' Auxiliary Bingo Committee. "We thought we sent a clear message to the Burritt's after last year's events."

It seems the same group from Avon were guests at the same time last year, and caused quite a stir among locals with their loud music, gambling and general debauchery.

It appears the locals' fears were realized early Friday when witnesses saw drunken party-goers floating down the Black River in kayaks with beer cans and what, from a distance, appeared to be Bloody Mary cocktails. Other lake residents reported half-naked partiers with furniture in the lake and blasting "that disco music".

"One of them was so drunk, he needed a walker to get around," said an anonymous neighbor.

Other reports of loud campfires, dancing, gambling, and general merry-making trickled in throughout the weekend. This, even after the Burritt's made assurances that because the group included an old retired Undertaker this year instead of the old retired Union Electrician, the group promised to be more subdued.

Local officials are encouraging the "Real Brantinghammers" to report any other complaints about this heathen gathering to Code Officials at their office (locate in the rear of General Store) or by calling BE5-2378(ring3)

Reverend Tobias J. Wheelerider said after his thankfully quiet worship service on Sun, "We all pray that swarms of locusts fall upon that dang Rotary Auction next month, just before those folks are able to bid on the Burritt's cottage get-away. I feel the spiritual well-being of my flock cannot withstand another such episode next year." Let us ALL pray.





Why Do I Love Rotary?

By: Barbara Herman

I was introduced to Rotary, and to the Avon Club, and sponsored by, Steve Newvine, who was then president of the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce (now happily residing in California), and what a great adventure it has been!

I joined Avon Rotary, in order to meet new people: having recently relocated to Avon, I needed new friends in this new community, and a way to contribute to that community.

Certainly tops on my list of Rotary Club experiences has been the opportunity to know the "international" in Rotary International. One of my first and fondest memories was hosting Ken and Narelle Peters, from Redcliffe and the Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring, Australia. That experience led me to the Milt Mathews Exchange Program, and several years of hosting District Governors-Elect who were enroute to their DGE training in San Diego. Wonderful Rotarians, all: from New Zealand, two years; from Australia, two years; from Sweden; and from India, two years. I learned how unique that exchange program is: there is only one other district in the U. S. which conducts a similar welcome program for DGE candidates.

While Milt Mathews is a formalized exchange, the Friendship Exchange is an informal program of visiting Rotarians in other countries. And in 2004 I spent three weeks in New Zealand, along with Rotarians from the Ontario-Walworth club. What a beautiful country! and what generous friends! we met. Once again, the "international" quality of Rotary came to life for me.

I've also had the enjoyment of our Avon Club Exchange students stay with me during the wintertime exchange weekends: students from Japan, India, Nottingham England.

Several years ago, the Avon Preservation and Historical Society invited us to display "Rotary" in their brand-new storefront windows (new, because the renovation of the Town Hall properties had just been completed). What fun to build that display, featuring club banners which had been brought to our club from visitors -- truly -- from clubs all around the world. There's that "international", once again.

It's always a pleasure, and a gift, to be able to share the Eastern Cities dinner with club members from around the State and Canada, and to hear the message from International -- truly, an uplifting experience. I always come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of all that Rotary accomplishes.

Of course, coming back down to our own local club, one of my fondest experiences was succeeding Bill Wall as Club President, in 2008 -09. And dear past president Bill brought me a gift from a Florida trip -- some citrus fruit. Too bad that his pitching arm was faulty. The grapefruit hit me SMACK on the nose. Ask Bill, sometime, to tell you about my trip to Strong's Emergency Department to repair the damage his grapefruit caused.

Joining Avon Rotary has been a fulfilling and valuable commitment, and a great lot of good times, as a result.



A Fond Rotary Memory

By: Wayne Warriner

Given 29 years in Avon Rotary there are **lots** of memories. The first one precedes membership actually. In the summer of '86 I was in Avon negotiating with Chris Haller to buy Avon Animal Hospital. I was staying with Chris at the lake and there was a Rotary function at Bill Bruckel's place a bit farther North, also on the West shore. Chris insisted on sailing his catamaran to the party and attempting to teach me how to sail it. We arrived safely, but I think that was when I got my first gray hair.

One other that stands out, as I'm sure it does for many, is the time the Sheriff's Department brought their new drug sniffing dog to the Avon Inn for our Wednesday noon meeting. They had planted something in the dining room that the dog was supposed to find when they turned him loose. However, when he came through the door he made a beeline for Dave Futter! The deputies kept their cool, but most of us were laughing up our sleeve.

It has always been a fun club.

One Rotary Summit



By: Tom Vonglis

On Saturday September 26th Avon Rotarians, Heather Ayers, Laurie Vonglis & myself, traveled to Bushnell's Basin and attended one of the first ever "One Rotary Summit" conferences.

We learned about Rotary International's strategic plan which calls for RI and District leaders to support and strengthen clubs, for clubs to focus and increase humanitarian service, and for all Rotarians to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

This was a very informative session that had us working on case studies that related to the focus of RI with regard to

public image, membership, and service. Led by PDG Norma Reilly we spent 4 hours in discussions with close to 100 Rotarians including many district leaders.

Our takeaway from this session as we drove home was that Avon Rotary is an extremely strong and vibrant club. We are truly an example of success in Rotary. What we need to do more of is the increase in public image and "telling our story". Advertise more at each of our events and wear our Rotary logo with pride.

I'm very proud to be an Avon Rotarian and looking forward as we continue to grow our club.

Mt. Morris Rotary Disco



By: Heather Ayers

On Saturday, September 26th, 13 people represented the Avon Rotary Club at the 3rd annual Mount Morris Rotary Disco.

As in year's past, our club contributed to the night in both our attire and dancing skills. Dressed in our best 70's attire, we danced the night away to the songs

of yesteryear. We participated in everything the event had to offer; including dance, twister and costume contests.

Jake Ayers is the defending champion in the costume competition having secured the title of "Best Costume" for the 2nd year in a row. Karen Vanderbilt won the Twister competition staying strong through what proved to be a heated battle for Champion. Mount Morris Rotary afforded us the opportunity to create long lasting memories, but the best part of the night was helping support a fellow Rotary club in their mission to provide for their community. We thank them for their hospitality at a great event and look forward to attending for many years to come.



3rd Annual Avon Rotary Honors Program – Celebrating Service and Community



By: Kirk Vanderbilt

“Be a Gift to the World” – This is what Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran has asked of us in his theme for ’15-’16. What better way to celebrate this theme but to recognize lifetimes of service to others by presenting Paul Harris Fellow recognitions?

Avon Rotary Honors is our Club’s effort to go beyond our own club and beyond Rotary in general to recognize other community members who represent the best among us and exemplify the ideals of Rotary and “Service Above Self.” By going beyond our own Club, we hope to shine a light on Rotary and help our non-Rotarian friends understand what Rotary is and why we are such proud members.

We were so thrilled and fortunate to again welcome our very own Past District Governor Don Alhart to share with us about The Rotary Foundation and help educate us on the significance of the Paul Harris Fellow and what it means to furthering the mission of Rotary International. Current District Governor Bill Gormont also joined us to share an inspirational message about Rotary and service to others.

The recipients of the Paul Harris Fellow recognitions were, John Marks, Brian Bartalo, and Mark VanDurme. John Marks was recognized for over 30 years of service to the

Avon community in several capacities. Whether it was through Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, the St Agnes Faith Community, or Habitat for Humanity, John always gives of himself and is “universally respected for his honesty, his generosity and his kindness.”

Brian Bartalo and Mark VanDurme were recognized for their combined 80 years of service to our own Genesee Valley Rotary Camp. As director and co-director respectively, both Brian and Mark have both served the special-needs campers from our region selflessly since their teenage years, and together they help in providing a truly unique outdoor experience for these children. The Camp’s theme, “Here is Love” truly represents their service and dedication.

We also use the occasion to present our *Avon Rotary Building Awards*, which recognizes local businesses for significant investment in either new construction or major renovations or improvements to their existing buildings in our community. Avon Rotary appreciates these types of investment and recognizes them as a commitment not only to their own business, but the Avon community as a whole. The awards this year were given to Fratelli’s Restaurant for their renovation and to Gray Metal Products for their new warehouse construction.

Congratulations to all our honorees!

Pictured Right:

PDG Don Alhart

John Marks

Mark VanDurme

Brian Bartalo

DG Bill Gormont

President Dan Jones



Bridges For Brain Injury/Wild Life Defenders



By: Laurie Vonglis

On Tuesday September 29, Avon Rotary enjoyed a very unique and meaningful program called "Bridges For Brain Injury/Wild Life Defenders."

Their Mission: ***"is to guide individuals with a traumatic brain injury and physical disabilities and their families, by 'bridging the gap' between surviving and living lives of independence with dignity and hope."***

They accomplish this mission through core values: ***"building teamwork, respecting consumers values & coworkers, integrity, developing employee professionalism, guidance in partnerships, education and service with exemplary standards."***

The Wildlife Defenders Program ***"is a wildlife education outreach group run by the staff and day program members. As part of their rehabilitation, members are trained in the handling and care of live native and exotic animals, birds, reptiles and more."***

Avon Rotary witnessed these program members speaking in front of our group, showing courage and sharing their knowledge of the various animals they brought. One particular speaker—Ari Duton shared her personal story of injury, recovery and how this organization has helped her get her life back.

We had a packed room full of Rotarians and family. It was pretty exciting meeting the various animals, including an alligator, opossum, porcupine, wallaby and lemur.

At the end of the presentation, President Dan presented a \$250 donation on behalf of Avon Rotary.



Pictured Right:

Christian Yann, WL Defender

Many Weber, WL Defender

Lori Stahlman, WL Education Coordinator

Lance Hohm, WL Education Specialist

Ari Duton, WL Defender





Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

Avon Rotary Auction

Saturday, November 14th, 2015

*Get Creative, Get Donations, Get It Done
Your Items & Efforts WILL Make A Difference*

October Club Schedule

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| Tues Oct 6 | Reg Mtg. - Program: Genesee Valley Paranormal Investigators. BJB Mtg following |
| Mon Oct 12 | Board of Directors |
| Tues Oct 13 | Reg Mtg.—Auction Pep Rally. Auction Mtg following |
| Sat Oct 17 | 8:00 AM Roadside Cleanup & Breakfast |
| Sun Oct 18 | 4:30 pm Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner |
| Tues Oct 20 | Reg Mtg.—Program: Joseph's Hammer |
| Tues Oct 27 | 5:30 Halloween Party @ Hayes's |

October Member Celebrations

Rotary Anniversary

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

Wedding Anniversary

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

Birthdays

- ⇒ Hal Cole
- ⇒ Terry Lemen
- ⇒ Charlie Pease
- ⇒ Carmine Simone
- ⇒ Josh Tonra
- ⇒ Steve Vanderbilt
- ⇒ Laurie Vonglis
- ⇒ Helen Zamboni

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

WHEN: OCTOBER 27TH AT 5:30

WHERE: HAYES'S SPOOKY DUNGEON

WHAT: WEAR A COSTUME AND BRING A DISH TO SHARE



THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Nov 7, 2015 7:30 AM— 3:30 PM

Canandaigua Inn on the Lake

770 South Main St.

Canandaigua, NY 14424

This is a must event for current and future Rotary leaders!

It is a multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.

Go to the District 7120 website to register.



Avon Rotary Blue Jean Ball

Kickin' It Up For Hands That Help

Saturday, May 14th 2016

Proceeds To Benefit

GVRC ~ Honor Flight ~ Teresa House

Avon Rotary Social Events 2015—2016

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| Sunday, October 18, 2015: | Eastern Cities Dinner @ Roch Conv Ctr |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2015: | Halloween Party @ Hayes's |
| Saturday, November 14, 2015: | Auction Dinner @ Fratelli's |
| Wed. November 18, 2015: | Thanksgiving Meeting w/ Lions @ Avon Inn |
| Saturday, December 5, 2015: | Christmas Party @ Wall's |
| 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 |

*It's a new season. A perfect opportunity to do
something NEW, something BOLD, something BEAUTIFUL!*

