



Avon Rotary News

November 2015



President's Perspective

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November is Auction and Foundation month. Connecting our hard work with one of the primary expressions of our service around the world helps to make all the extra time and effort more meaningful. Asking for gift cards is really asking for Polio vaccines. Baking pies and cookies is actually digging a well that will provide clean water for a village. Donating a gift basket is in fact the donation of education. Gaining a holistic perspective provides a great motivation to do our best in the auction.

Reflecting on the Rotary Foundation makes me think of our legacy as a club. The work of the Rotary Foundation is likely what most not-yet-Rotarians think of when they hear of Rotary. Established patterns of exceptional service in the fight against Polio and other diseases, along with the newly established inroads into justice and peace around the earth through fellowships makes the Rotary Foundation a true legacy. One of the goals I have for Avon Rotary is that we would establish a meaningful legacy in the Avon Community and beyond.

What is our legacy in the community of Avon? Is it the Corn Festival, Auction, Ambulance or playground? Or is it more? As a club we have a strong history of service to our community and this must not waver. In fact, as our community grows and new families are added to the social circles we inhabit it is increasingly important that we renew our efforts to make meaningful and significant contributions to our local community. However, our greatest legacy is not the programs and financial contributions but the people of Rotary. There is a reason the Rotary Foundation names its highest honor after Paul Harris, and we name our senior scholarships after Rotary members.

The board of directors is committed to making sure the legacy of the Avon Rotary Club remains strong. But what is of greater value to the families of Avon is that each of us commits to building a strong legacy as a Rotarian. If every member of the club embraces the calling to be an exemplary Rotarian, modeling the 4-way test in everyday life and being a gift to the world the legacy of the Avon Rotary Club will remain strong for decades to come.

Dan Jones, President

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Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Peppermints Restaurant

November Is A Great Month



By: Kirk Vanderbilt

So November is a great month, my birthday, my daughter's birthday, and my anniversary are all recognized. We are also asked to recognize and/or be aware of Epilepsy, Diabetes, Transgender, Lung Cancer, Bone Marrow, Prostate Cancer,

Pet Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, and yes - Sweet Potatoes.

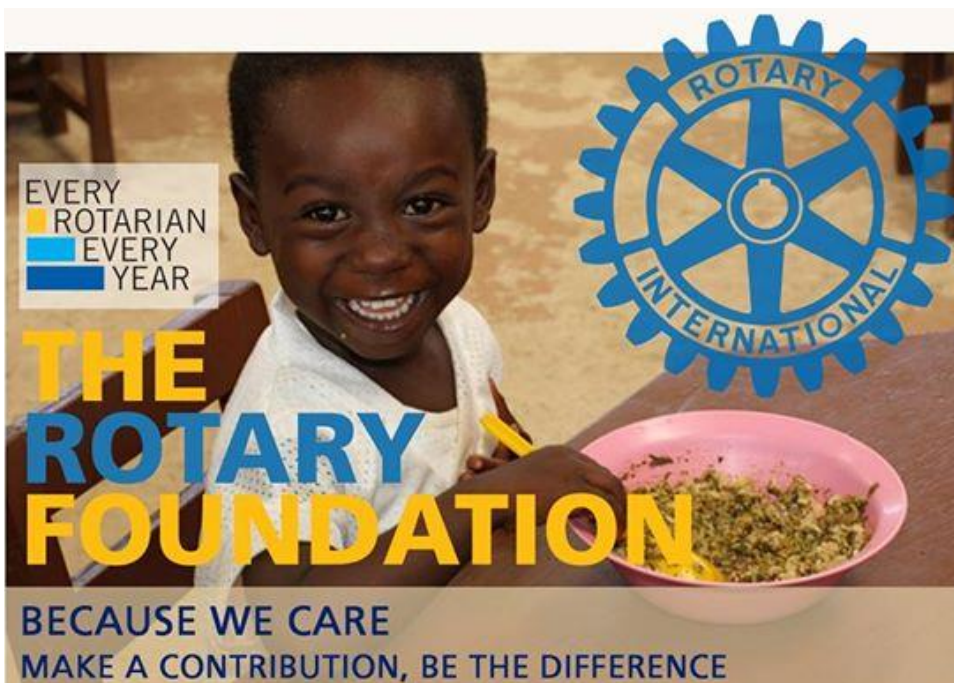
November is, however, most importantly Foundation Month. It is Rotary International's month to promote the Rotary Foundation (RF) and encourage us all to become supporters. For our new members, it's important to understand what the RF is, and how it works (generally). For our "more experienced" members, it's nice to be reminded of why it's important that we continue to support the RF at an appropriate level for each of us.

The Foundation is the engine that powers Rotary International and all of the important work that we do. The mission of The Rotary Foundation *is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and*

the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Our club or district can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such **as eradicating polio** and promoting peace. Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.

Our Club has a proud history of giving to the RF, with donations totaling near \$130,000. Currently we have 42 EREY members, 22 Sustaining members, and 1 Paul Harris Society Member. It's also important to know that our Club also donates to the RF and with those donations, our per capita giving is over \$150.

You will learn more about the RF throughout the month with our "Foundation Minutes" at the next few meetings, and you will be asked to consider making a contribution that you feel personally appropriate. If you have any questions about the RF or how best to become a contributor, please contact a member of our Foundation Committee. (Me, Jim Tompsett, Mark Evans, or Heather Ayers)



Through the generosity of people like you, our work has made a difference in the lives of millions around the world. Your gift to The Rotary Foundation allows us to improve communities by promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation.

World Polio Day



A Letter From PDG Gaven Hurley, District Polio Chair:

Friday, October 23, was celebrated as World Polio Day, and honored Dr. Jonas Salk who developed the first approved polio vaccine in 1955. For more than 50 years we in the U.S. have been polio free, and most of us believe polio has been eliminated world--wide. Wrong.

Polio (poliomyelitis) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease. There is no cure, but safe and effective vaccines are available to fight this highly infectious viral disease which invades the nervous system and can cause irreversible paralysis in just a few hours. While it can strike at any age, children under five years of age are the prime targets.

In 1985 the UN's World Health Organization (WHO) along with the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) and Rotary International (RI) formed a partnership to eliminate polio. While it has taken longer than anticipated, the end is near. When we started there were more than 300,000 new cases of polio annually. So far this year there have been 51 cases reported and they are confined to two countries: Pakistan (38) and Afghanistan (13). The immunization efforts are ongoing and 35 million were immunized in Pakistan in September, including 3 million previously missed.

When fully immunized against polio, the virus can not find susceptible victims to infect and dies out. Thus, we must not reduce our efforts.

Why? Because polio is spread by person to person contact. When a child is infected, the virus enters the body via the mouth and multiples in the intestine and enters the environment in feces. Where there is poor sanitation and hygiene those not immunized are ready sources of transmission. And, most people infected with wild polio virus have no signs of illness and are never aware of being infected. Thus, they carry the virus in their intestines and "silently" spread the infection to thousands before the first sign of paralysis is noted.

The eradication of polio is consuming billions both in dollars and immunizations and, when completed, will be only the second disease eliminated from the earth-- the first being Small Pox. Polio eradication, while a gift to all, is a special gift to the children of the world both present and future.

You can help this effort by just knowing polio still exists in the world and by supporting your local Rotary Club in its efforts for the eradication of polio. For this the children of the world thank you.



The Clock Is Ticking! Get Your Items In...

Avon Rotary Auction

Saturday, November 14th, 2015

Get Creative, Get Donations, Get It Done

Your Items & Efforts WILL Make A Difference

Eastern Cities Dinner



By: Julie Carney

The 90th Annual Eastern Cities was a wonderful event that was held at the Rochester Convention Center on October 18, 2015. It was attended by hundreds of Rotarian's from across the Northeastern United States and Canada. It is a cornerstone of the Rotary tradition...fellowship. This multi-district event showcases Rotary at its finest. It was a great opportunity to see fellow Rotarian's from the district that have contributed to our day to day lives. Almost all of the Exchange Students were in attendance and were able to experience first hand the impact that Rotary has around the world.

The evening started out with the beautiful voice of 10 year old Brianna Collichio, who showed all of us in the room, that with determination and courage anything is possible. Brianna was born with Cystic Fibrosis and has never given up her dream to be a singer.

She exerts courage and faith to pursue a dream that could easily become silenced. It was extra special for me, because her mom Colleen and I were classmates in high

school. It was great to reconnect.

The keynote speaker was Michael McGovern who shared his personal story about Polio. Michael is from Maine and is the Rotary Foundation Trustee and Chair of Rotary International. He has traveled all over the world administering the polio vaccine and embracing the theme, "Closer Than Ever". Michael invited all of us in the room to do our part in ending this disease. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has generously provided a new challenge to help meet the U.S. \$1.5B funding gap in the strategic campaign to eradicate polio by 2018. Through June 2018, the first \$35 million donated via Rotary to the Polio Plus Fund each year will generate a \$2 matching contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This is a fantastic opportunity for every participant to see his or her donations



quickly expand to inoculate three times as many children.

\$1 donated through Rotary + \$2 contributed by Gates Foundation = \$3 total funding = 5 children inoculated
\$35 million donated through Rotary

+ \$70 million contributed by Gates Foundation = \$105 million total funding = 175 million children inoculated

Again, this event was a very inspirational evening and I know I always leave feeling re-energized with Rotary.

*Please Join Us Wednesday, November 18th
For a Rotary/Lions Thanksgiving at the Avon Inn
6:00 Social Hour—7:00 Dinner*

\$15. per person

*Avon Rotary Interact Students will be
having their annual Dessert Auction*



Halloween Fun



Tom, Kirk & Laurie

On behalf of the club, many thanks to Doug & Pam Hayes for hosting our annual Halloween party at their festive home on Tuesday October 27. Fun was had by all guests and the food was aplenty thanks to our generous Rotarians. The dish to pass concept works well. We had quite a variety of costumes with Ernie rocking the scariest and the Wall's hit the mark for cutest couple. Even Captain "Doug" Morgan paid a visit.

Thanks to all that participated! *Laurie*



Julie, Pam, Ernie & Helen



Jill & Bill



Captain Doug



Marcia, Jim & Margo



Terry, Heather, Mark, Pam, Julie, Laurie & Bill



Why Do I Love Rotary?



By: Diana Williams

I love Rotary the Organization for all the good it does for people not only locally and within the United States, but also Globally. Then there are the Rotarians. Of all the Rotarians I know, there is not one in the bunch that wouldn't give the shirt off their back if someone needed it. They are the most generous, kind, and caring individuals that I know. In my opinion, the world is a better place because of Rotary and the many Rotarians that support Rotary.

November Club Schedule

Tues. Nov 3	Reg. Mtg.—Mercy Flight w/ Greg Eisenhut, BJB Mtg
Mon. Nov. 9	Board of Directors @ Hurricane 7 pm
Tues. Nov. 10	Reg. Mtg.—Auction Finale, Auction Mtg
Fri. Nov. 13	Auction Prep 4:00
Sat. Nov 14	Auction 8:00 am, Dinner at Fratelli's at 6 pm
Tues. Nov. 17	No Meeting
Wed. Nov. 18	Special Mtg—Thanksgiving with Lions @ Avon inn
Tues. Nov. 24	Reg. Mtg.—Focus on the Children, Beth Sears

November Member Celebrations

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Bruce Amey 2006
- ⇒ Charles Feller 2000
- ⇒ Dave Henahan 1980
- ⇒ Kevin Tompsett 2000
- ⇒ Wayne Warriner 1986

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Bruce Amey
- ⇒ Kate Hill
- ⇒ Kirk Vanderbilt

Birthdays

- ⇒ Heather Ayers
- ⇒ Steve Csapo
- ⇒ Greg Johnson
- ⇒ Kirk Vanderbilt
- ⇒ Jim Varner
- ⇒ Tom Vonglis

Keeping Avon Clean



By: Shannon DiFranco

Road side pick on an early Saturday morning. We filled many bags of garbage including finding a box spring and a tire. We also found a dead snake but didn't pick that up! Thanks to our little helpers, Ali DiFranco and Maggie Vanderbilt who were excited to shout out 'garbage' every time they saw some. Thank you to all that came out to help.

Participants L-R: Hans Koomen, Barbara Herman, Colin Bruckel, Kirk & Maggie Vanderbilt, Helen Zamboni, Ali DiFranco, Dan Jones, Trisha Koomen, Tim Dickinson, Dom Lalissi, Marcia Cameron. Photo by Shannon DiFranco

October 17th, 2015



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

Saturday, November 14, 2015:	Auction Dinner 5:30 @ 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 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

