

# Avon Rotary News

## July 2016



### President's Perspective

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#### Board of Directors

Scott Holmes, President  
Tom Vonglis, PE  
Heather Ayers, Sr. Director  
Dom Lalisce, Director  
David Henehan, Member at Lg.  
Kirk Vanderbilt, Past Pres.  
Shannon DiFranco, Secretary  
Kelly Cole, Treasurer



We celebrated another great year in Rotary at the COO dinner on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a great evening to celebrate everything we accomplished over the last year and took a look to the coming year. I would like to congratulate Jake Ayers, Ed Kime and Steve Vanderbilt for being honored with special recognitions at the meeting. We also had Past District Governor Gavin Hurley and his wife Kathy joins us. We also had incoming District Governor Tom Rogers join us as well.

As I touched on at the Change of Officers dinner our theme for this Rotary year is "Rotary Serving Humanity." This is a very fitting theme for our club. We do a lot to serve our community and people all over the world. I want to really showcase our Rotary club this year and all the great services we provide.

Our Board of Directors this year consists of Scott, Tom, Heather, Dom, Kelly, Shannon, Dave and Kirk. Our July meeting will focus on the upcoming year financially. It also looks like we are going to have some challenges this year. I look forward to identifying a solution for those challenges. I look forward to serving the

club as President this year. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns. Other members of the BOD are also available to hear your concerns as well. We are all committed to enhancing the reputation of our great Rotary Club. Remember to check out the webpage for any questions on meeting dates and details. We also have information about the upcoming events there as well. The next social event is the summer cookout. It is Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> @ Vitale Park. Then we have a Regular meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> at Peppermints. This is also when District Governor Tom Rogers will be out for his annual visit.

President Scott



Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Peppermints Restaurant

## Welcome 2016-17 Avon Rotary Board of Directors



President Scott Holmes, PE Tom Vonglis, Secretary Shannon DiFranco, Treasurer Kelly Cole, Sr. Director Heather Ayers, Member-At-Large David Henehan, Past President Kirk Vanderbilt. Missing—Director Dom Lalisie



President Dan Jones being presented his presidential plaque from good friend and treasurer Kelly Cole. Great job this year Dan!



President Dan Jones passing the gavel to new President Scott Holmes. Should be a smooth transition with more fun and good work planned.



## Avon's Newest Paul Harris Fellow



By: Steve Vanderbilt

Never in the world did I suspect I would receive this very meaningful award! I remember well the warm fuzzy feeling I had when Kirk received his Paul Harris Fellow in 2008, thinking to myself "Wow, it didn't take them long to recognize his accomplishments and his potential. His mom and I basked in his reflected glory for quite some time. I continue to do so.

It's my opinion that our village brings out the best in each of us. With its varied opportunities to serve our community either as a member of one of the organizations or as a volunteer, we all get to select where we choose to spend our spare time and efforts and have a good time with friends. To have been selected to receive the Paul Harris Fellow for being involved and having fun is humbling and gives me an unbelievable level of pride. Thank you so much!

**Left—Kirk Vanderbilt & Steve Vanderbilt at the June 28th Change Of Officers Dinner. Kirk proudly presented his Dad with the well deserved honor.**



**The Steve Vanderbilt Family**

## Rotarian Of The Year—Ed Kime



Ed Kime & Nico Bariletto,  
15-16 Exchange Student from Italy

By: Laurie Vonglis

This year's award goes to a very special Avon Rotarian who joined in 2010 and has been growing into his role ever since. His story is one of my favorites. It's a love story filled with devotion, compassion and loss. It's a story of over-coming obstacles, personal growth and new family bonds. Let me go back a few years to when I first met Ed Kime in 2004. A quiet man and constant companion to Linda. Always assisting her to and from meetings, by her side as she worked the greeters table, escorting her to all the various Rotary events. When she took on resurrecting the Interact club, he helped out each step of the way. As fate would have it Ed's beloved wife passed way too early. It was a very sad time for him, his family and the club.

The next chapter for Ed includes the lesson in the power of Rotary, our Rotary. This family he began to know embraced him in every way. Becoming a member was part of his journey and continuing in Linda's path was a natural fit under Julie Carney's mentoring. Ed found his niche working with the youth. Interact and the exchange program are his passion and the kids love him. He is a youth exchange officer as well as country officer for Italy. Those that truly know Ed understand his quiet strength, work ethic and humble generosity. To watch this evolution is inspiring. To see him orchestrate the exchange weekend with Cathy Jo at his side, taking

charge of the kids and all the details is remarkable. To see his level of involvement at the District Conference with all the exchange students is so awesome! He chaperones, he counsels, he leads by example, he mentors, cares for and sets rules for the future leaders of the world. This quiet man very comfortable behind the scenes, now in a leadership role. Over the last 6 years we've all seen it. I can now take a picture of Ed and he cooperates with only a little fuss! And with a bit of coercion he can even be talked into wearing a tie. Now that my friends is progress. He works tirelessly for corn festival the day of and behind the scenes. He oversee the interact concession for the auction. He's a man that now wears many hats. He is the kind of person that you know when asked will drop everything to help out. Generous for sure and almost always follows the rule 'if you don't have something nice to say, don't say it'. Ed is a special man, a loyal, caring friend and Rotarian.

And so the story continues, it doesn't end... let this story inspire you and be open to change when you face it. It's never too late to start a new path on life's journey. This is a good reminder of what Rotary stands for. Doing good in our community, making a difference around the world, being a friend and supporting people in need. Do this, and watch goodness grow.

Please join me in congratulating Ed Kime as this year's Rotarian of the Year!

Nico Bariletto playing classical guitar for our listening enjoyment at the Change of Officers Dinner.





## Rookie Of The Year—Jake Ayers



Jake was recognized by the Board of Directors as this years Rookie of the Year. Since his induction in 2014 he has volunteered in many areas and most recently taken on the leadership role of co-chair of the new Blue Jean Ball fundraiser. Presenting the award was his wife Rotarian and board member, Heather Ayers. A very proud and special moment for both.

## Linda Kime Memorial Scholarship

The 2016 Linda Kime Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Caroline Christiano. Excelling in character, academics, sports, citizenship and volunteerism are high on the list of what makes Caroline such a special young lady. She will attend Cornell in the fall to study architecture.

Right—Ed Kime, Caroline Christiano, President Dan Jones



## July Club Schedule

Tues. July 5	NO MEETING
Mon. July 11	Board of Directors Meeting 7 pm
Tues. July 12	Special Mtg—Summer Picnic at Vitale Park 5:30 pm
Tues. July 19	Reg. Mtg.—DG Tom Rogers Visits, then Corn Fest Mtg
Tues. July 26	Reg. Mtg—TBD



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**Avon Rotary Club**

# \$26.50



By: Kirk Vanderbilt, Foundation Chair

So, if you were at our Change of Officers (COO) dinner a couple Tuesdays ago (and were paying attention), you would already know that we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation this year, and as your Foundation

Chairman, my goal for 2016-17 is to become an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Club. This is not a big goal, as all it requires is that EVERY member make some contribution of any amount to the Rotary Foundation (RF). BTW, we here in Rotary love abbreviations. So to make this goal a bit more challenging, my goal (and Rotary International's) is to actually get every member to simply match (or exceed of course) the very first donation ever made to the RF in 1917, which was.....you guessed it, \$26.50.

I feel like this is an attainable goal and I will work with the rest of the Foundation Committee (Pa, Heather,



Laurie and Mark) to figure out a way to

make it as painless for you as possible (and possibly even fun). I of course won't need to bother those of you who already have signed up for Rotary Direct (assuming you are doing monthly contributions of at least \$2.21). And of course, I will still encourage you to become a Sustaining Member of the RF with at least \$100 donated.

I'll throw out 2 additional challenges: Consider becoming a Paul Harris Society Member (\$1000 annual giving) OR make a donation that is equivalent to that \$26.50 adjusted from 1917 to today's dollars - \$540.33.

Rather than bore you with my own reasons I think you should help us reach these goals and challenges, I will instead encourage you to check out the following website:

<http://centennial.rotary.org/en/celebrate-centennial>

Avon Rotary Rocks - so let's Rock the Foundation too.

## Avon Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members



L-R: David Kilgore, Bruce Amey, Jerry Dougherty, Mark Evans, Rodney George, David Henehan, Tim Dickinson, Kelly Cole, Hans Koomen, DG Tom Rogers, Steve Vanderbilt, Kirk Vanderbilt, Terry Lemen, Laurie Vonglis, Tom Vonglis, Scott Holmes, Helen Zamboni, Ted Coyne. Missing—Jim Ryan, Dom Lalisce, Barbara Herman, Bob French, Robert Hayes, CA Krenzer, Chris Masten, Jim Tompsett



## Meet The New District 7120 Governor



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2016-17

#### Tom Rogers & his wife Sandie

Tom joined the Canandaigua Rotary Club in 1980. His initial Rotary experience was participation in the District 7120 GSE team to England in 1979. Tom served on the Board of Directors in 1987 to 1989 and took a leave of absence in 1989 after accepting a position at a Rochester corporation. Returning to Canandaigua in 1993, Tom renewed his efforts at the local Club level. Serving as a director from 2000 to 2008, Tom was Club President in 2006-2007, serving during the term of Canandaigua Rotarian, PDG Jim Holden. Tom was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 2005 and is a multiple PHF.

At the District level, Tom was a member of the nominating committee from 2007 to 2009, serving as Chair in 2008-2009. Tom served as Assistant Governor for area 7 during the Rotary years 2009 to 2012 and served as Treasurer for District 7120 during 2012-2013.

Tom is the owner of Herrmanns Business Service in Canandaigua. Married to Sandie, they have three grown children.



**DG Tom shared his passion and message with Avon Rotary at our Change of Officers Dinner on June 28th.**

**DG Tom assisted with the presentation of a PHF to Rotarian Steve Vanderbilt.**



## Meet The New RI President



### JOHN F. GERM

PRESIDENT 2016-17

ROTARY CLUB OF

CHATTANOOGA

TENNESSEE, USA

John F. Germ is board chair and chief executive officer of Campbell and Associates Inc., consulting engineers. He joined the firm as an engineer in 1965 after four years in the U.S. Air Force. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the board and executive committee of the Public Education Foundation, Orange Grove Center Inc., and as board chair of Blood Assurance Inc. He also is founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Foundation and president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation.

He was Tennessee Young Man of the Year in 1970; Engineer of the Year, 1986; Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, 1992; and Tennessee Community Organizations Volunteer of the Year, 2009. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award and the Arthritis Foundation Circle of Hope Award. In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change.

Germ joined Rotary in 1976 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, aide to the Foundation trustee chair, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, RI Board Executive Committee member, RI president's aide, Council on Legislation representative and chair, membership zone coordinator, chair of numerous committees, area coordinator, RI training leader, and district governor.

Germ has received RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation. They have four children and six grandchildren.

## POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE

Update as of June 30th, 2016

### Wild Polio Case Counts

<u>Country</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Pakistan	306	54	11	26 April 16
Afghanistan	28	20	6	29 May 16
Somalia	5	0	0	11 Aug 14
Nigeria	6	0	0	24 July 14
Cameroon	5	0	0	9 July 14
Equatorial Guinea	5	0	0	3 May 14
Iraq	2	0	0	7 April 14
Syria	1	0	0	21 Jan 14
Ethiopia	1	0	0	5 Jan 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>17</b>	

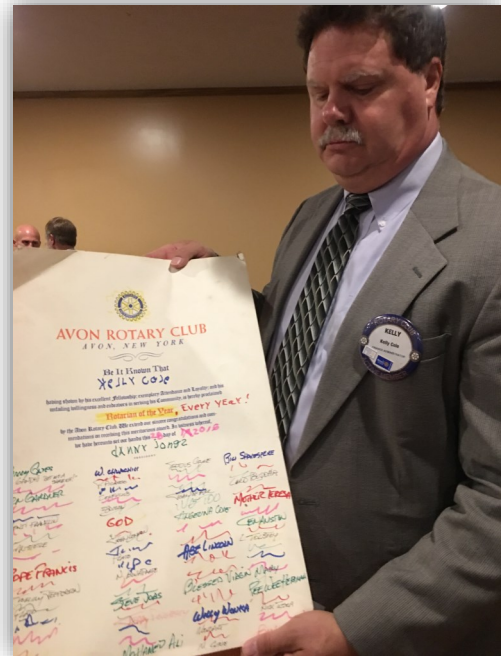


## Shenanigans



Past 'Golden Shovel' recipient Kelly Cole passes on the coveted 'trophy' to a well deserving shenanigan master, Bill Wall

Humble servant Kelly Cole shows off his version of the Rotarian of the Year made out to the one that should have gotten it—himself. Signed by 'A' lister's like the Pope, Jesus and several Saints.



### 4 Way TEST

For Rotary, The **Four-Way Test** is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and it will be in the future. Of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Julie Carney 09
- ⇒ Ted Coyne 55
- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty 66
- ⇒ Jim Gaffney 71
- ⇒ Charlie Pease 87
- ⇒ Steve Stephenson 66

### July Member Celebrations

#### Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Terry Lemen
- ⇒ Cathy Jo Murphy
- ⇒ Jim Ryan
- ⇒ Ernie Wiard

#### Birthdays

- ⇒ Joe Callahan
- ⇒ Karl Sawicki



## ***Mark Your Calendars—Save The Dates***

### **2016-2017 Avon Rotary Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, July 12, 2016:	Summer Picnic at Vitale Park
Sunday, August 14, 2016:	Corn Festival Picnic
Tuesday, August 16, 2016:	Visit GVRC & Picnic
Tuesday, September 13, 2016:	Avon Rotary Honors Program
Tuesday, September 27, 2017	Patio Party @ Shannon's
Tuesday, October 25, 2016:	Halloween Party
Wednesday, November 9, 2016:	Eastern Cities Dinner
Saturday, November 12, 2016:	Auction Dinner
Tuesday, November 22, 2016:	Rotary/Lions Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, December 10, 2016:	Christmas Party
Tuesday, January 17, 2017:	Membership Event
Tuesday, February 14, 2017:	Sweethearts Dinner
Tuesday, March 14, 2017:	St. Patrick's Dinner
Saturday, April 29, 2017:	Silver Lake Drive-in
Saturday, May 13, 2017	Blue Jean Ball
May 19-21, 2017:	District Conference—Erie PA
Tuesday, May 30, 2017	Quad Cities Golf—Geneseo
June 10-14, 2017	International Conference, Atlanta
Tuesday, June 27, 2017	Change of Officers Dinner