

Avon Rotary News

August 2016



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President's Perspective



Dear Avon Rotarians,
Here we are one month into my term as President. We had a very busy July. We had a great social outing at Vitale Park. We had to change meeting locations. We also had a visit from the District Governor.

We had our first meeting at the Avon Commons on July 26th. I think it is going to be great for our club. It is one of the nicest venues in town. They allow us to store our Rotary items there free of charge. I know change is tough but I ask everyone in our club to embrace this change and make the best of it.

I also want to apologize to all Avon Rotary members who felt they were slighted because we did not have a club vote for a venue change. We as a board were not aware that there had previously been club votes on this type of change. The current Board of Directors made an informed decision on what information we had. I feel the correct decision was made to benefit the entire Avon Rotary Club.

I look forward to the rest of this Rotary

year. We have the 30th Anniversary of the Avon Rotary Corn Festival coming up on August 13th. I want to thank everyone on the Corn Festival committee for all of their hard work on putting together this great festival. From the reports at the last committee meeting I know this is going to be a great year to remember. I look forward to fellowship during setup and the day of the event.

The month of August is Membership month for Rotary. I would like to take this time and encourage every Rotarian to invite someone they think would be a great addition to our club. It could be as simple as asking them to help during the Corn Festival. You could also invite them to attend one of our regular meetings. One of our Presidential citation goals is to add 4 new members to our club who are under the age of 40. We are a great club and provide a lot for our local community. This is a great reason for people to join our club.

President Scott

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. — MAHATMA GANDHI

Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Avon Commons Clubhouse

30th Annual Avon Rotary Corn Festival



By: Tom Vonglis

Preparations are nearly complete as we ready ourselves for the 30th annual Avon Rotary Corn Festival. There is still time to sign up to volunteer in a variety of positions. Please contact me at tvonglis@hurritech.com if you're interested. I'd like to thank the entire committee for all their hard work since January. Without this committed crew the event would not be possible. It's extremely important as the Corn Festival is one of our major fundraisers that allows us to generate the funds necessary to do good in our community. Special thanks to our new committee members who stepped up to the responsibilities right from the start. The food court is full of old and new vendors, including our famous corn booth. Stop by and say hello to District Governor Tom when he serves with a smile. Our arts and crafts area will have many selections for all to enjoy. Stop by the kid zone and say hello to the student volunteers. There will be a wide variety of entertainment throughout the day culminating with the Skycoasters concert as our grand finale at night. Be sure to check out our program featuring our corporate, entertainment, business and patron sponsors. The program also highlights Avon Rotary, all the good things we do locally and beyond. Make sure to wear your awesome Rotary Corn Festival t-shirt and encourage others to get theirs at the souvenir booth.



After 5 years of being chairman, I'll be stepping aside to prepare for the role of club president. I look forward to the help and support that everyone will give Rodney as he takes on the chairmanship next year.



The Clubhouse—597 Collins Street



By: Tom Vonglis

On July 26th Avon Rotary moved to a new meeting place after many years at Peppermints Restaurant. This change in venue will have many benefits as well as adapting to some changes. The board is hopeful for a smooth transition and would like suggestions as we work on laying out meals and drinks, set up and take down. This new venue provides more space and better affordability for our members.

Many thanks to the individuals that helped with the move. We will be sending out a check list for set up and take down so everyone is aware of the simple procedure. Ideally people will pitch in and assist with the new routine as we iron out the details.

The board is grateful for your patience and understanding as this change happened in a short timeframe. We look forward to our regular meetings here along with many special events at this beautiful location.

Sincere thanks to Marissa Burke who manages Avon Commons and helped make this possible. The use of this facility is now offered to Avon Rotarians at a special discounted rate of \$125.

Let's look forward to many meaningful meetings and fellowship opportunities in our new club home.



'Piano Man' Kirk assisting with the move

A Visit From Our DG Tom Rogers



On July 19th Avon Rotary enjoyed a special visit from DG Tom Rogers. It was a great way to start this Rotary year with his message focusing on this year's theme, "Serving Humanity" and the importance of the Foundation. We as Rotarians have much to celebrate, celebrating the Foundations 100th anniversary and nearing the end of Polio.

Left—DG Tom Rogers handing the theme flag to President Scott Holmes

POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE

Gear up to celebrate the Foundations 100th Anniversary by donating \$26.50 More on that coming soon....

Update as of July 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	13	18 June 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
Total	359	74	19	

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Avon Rotary Club

RI President John Germ—Presidential Theme



By Ryan Hyland
Rotary News
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Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, believed that serving humanity is "the most worthwhile thing a person can do," RI President-elect John F. Germ said, and that being a part of Rotary is a

"great opportunity" to make that happen.

Germ unveiled the 2016-17 presidential theme, *Rotary Serving Humanity*, to incoming district governors on 18 January at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity," said Germ.

Rotary members around the globe are serving humanity by providing clean water to underdeveloped communities, promoting peace in conflict areas, and strengthening communities through basic education and literacy. But none more important than our work to eradicate polio worldwide, he said.

After a historic year in which transmission of the wild poliovirus was stopped in Nigeria and all of Africa, Germ said

we are closer than ever to ending polio.

"We are at a crossroads in Rotary," he added. "We are looking ahead at a year that may one day be known as the greatest year in Rotary's history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio."

Last year's milestones leave just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the virus still circulates. Polio would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

When that moment arrives, it's "tremendously important" that Rotary is ready for it, said Germ. "We need to be sure that we are recognized for that success, and leverage that success into more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to come."

Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, encouraged attendees to return to their clubs and communities and spread the word about Rotary's role in the fight for a polio-free world.

"People who want to do good will see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world. Every Rotary club needs to be ready to give them that opportunity," Germ said.

Enhancing Rotary's image isn't the only way to boost membership. "We need clubs that are flexible, so our service will be more attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people."

He added: "We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward."

August Club Schedule

Tues. Aug 2	Regular Mtg
Mon. Aug 8	Board of Directors Mtg 7 pm
Tues. Aug 9	Regular Mtg—Presentation of BJB Proceeds, Corn Fest Mtg
Sat. Aug 13	Corn Festival
Sun. Aug 14	Corn Festival Picnic 1 pm
Tues. Aug 16	Special Mtg—GVRC Visit & Picnic 6 pm
Tues. Aug 23	Regular Mtg
Tues. Aug 30	Regular Mtg—Auction Kickoff



Avon Rotary's website will be moving to Club Runner in the near future. Club Runner is a widely used website company providing many features beneficial to Rotary Clubs throughout the world.
Stay tuned....



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
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 & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- ④ Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Wedding Anniversary

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

August Member Celebrations

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Scott Holmes 2011
- ⇒ Steve Vanderbilt 2011

Birthdays

- ⇒ Jeff Deragon
- ⇒ Bill Shaw



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 <i>Sign Up Now!</i>
Tuesday, August 16, 2016:	Visit GVRC & Picnic <i>Sign Up Now!</i>
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