

Avon Rotary News

September 2016



President's Perspective

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I can't believe it is September already. Time is flying by. We have finally had a small break in the hot and humid weather. The summer is unofficially coming to an end. Parents are looking forward to sending their kids back to school. The kids are trying to enjoy the last few days of freedom before school starts.

We have a lot to celebrate over the last month. We had an excellent Corn Festival. The 30th year turned out to be one of the biggest festivals we have ever seen. It was a typical hot summer day until around 4. Rotarians sprang into action when the rain moved in and made sure the rest of festival went smoothly. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather we had to cancel our Skycoasters concert. Job well done to all the Rotarians and community members who helped put on the Corn Festival.

I want to thank Rodney George. He hosted the social gathering on Sunday to cele-

brate another Corn Festival job well done. This has turned into a great tradition on Sunday's after the Corn Festival. I know many people enjoyed the event and especially the pool to escape the heat.

Now we start looking forward to upcoming events. We have the Avon Rotary Honors coming up on September 13th. This is always a great night to promote all that Avon Rotary does in the community. More importantly we also honor those community members and businesses that have made a positive impact in our community. Also coming up in November is the Rotary Auction. It does come up quick and Rotarians need to be diligent in soliciting items. This will help ensure we have a successful Rotary Auction this year. All the money we raise through our fundraisers goes back out into our communities and to noble projects around the world. We do this to Serve Humanity.

President Scott Holmes

Thinking of a good program?

Make arrangements today.



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



30th Annual Avon Rotary Corn Festival



By: Chairman, Tom Vonglis

For the past 6 years I have acted as chairman for the annual corn festival. This year turned out to be the first time in those 6 years that we had rain that caused us to stop the festival early. Despite the rains the crowds of people enjoyed many crafters and plenty of different food options. Up until 4:00 everything went very well for everyone. I'm extremely grateful to all our volunteers that helped make the 30th festival successful despite the unfortunate storms we endured. Once again we were praised by our vendors for how well this festival is run and how helpful we were to them both in setup



and when the rains hit. This is certainly a demonstration of what Rotary stands for in "service above self". Our results have not yet been calculated but we expect them to be only slightly lower than last year. Again this is a testament to the great



work done by our committee. Next year Rodney will take the helm as chairman of this festival. I want to thank everyone that has sat on the committee to make these past 6 years so easy for me. I extend my deepest gratitude to all of you.



Corn Festival Picnic... the day after



44 guests enjoyed a very relaxing day together. The 30th corn festival is in the books.

A very special thank you to Rodney & Donna George for hosting the picnic again!



Political shenanigans coupled with good sports.

Bill Wall & Mark Evans



Fellowship & relaxing were plentiful.

Bob House & Jan Ryan



Winning 50/50 ticket drawn during the picnic due to the rain storm at the festival. Congratulations Chris Masten!

You are the lucky winner.

Other August Highlights...



August 9th representatives from GVRC—Chris Wood, Teresa House—Denise Bentley and Honor Flight Rochester—Elaine Fahselt joined our meeting. Blue Jean Ball Chairman, Jake Ayers presented each organization with the funds we raised from this event which totaled \$5000. Chris, Denise & Elaine all expressed their sincere gratitude on behalf of the organizations.



Ed Kime presented Erica Steele with her \$1000 Linda Kime Memorial Scholarship from 2015.

Food Pantry Collections



Our Board of Directors has approved a proposal to hold monthly collections for the food pantry. The program will begin in September and will be held as part of the meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month thereafter.

We ask each member to bring a non-perishable item and deposit it in the bin provided for that purpose. I will act as the liaison with Jennifer Palmer, the food pantry coordinator and will, from time to time, have requests for specific items needed by the pantry to meet their needs. I will be sending reminders about this program via the club e-mail system each month.

The Board of Directors and I thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in this project.

Steve Vanderbilt



Rambling On Rotary—September 2016



By: Bruce Amey

This past summer was one of the hottest of all time ... not only temperature-wise, but in activities of Avon Rotary. We started with our annual Change of Officers Dinner this year held in Pavilion for President Scott Holmes. It was nice having DG Tom Rogers attend the evening. For me, the highlight, however, were the various recognitions.

First, the Paul Harris recognition for Steve Vanderbilt, made all the more special by Kirk doing the presentation. Does it get any better than that?

Then the Rookie of the Year Award to Jake Ayers, made all the more special by wife and Board member Heather making the presentation.

And finally, the Rotarian of the Year presentation to Ed Kime. For me, this award is the most special recognition each year because those who make the determination always do a great job keeping it a secret which makes it special. As you all know, Ed is my right hand for the steamers every year for the Corn Festival but his work with Cathy Murphy for the youth of Rotary is the gift for our future. His work with all the Youth Exchange students and our Interact Club is inspiring. Congratulations to Steve, Jake and Ed!!

This year's COY Dinner was different than any I have attended because it was also a farewell to outgoing President Dan Jones as he was moving to Orchard Park for new employment opportunities. Dan did an incredible job this year as President, especially given all the upheaval around him, most notably the loss of his job. Dan's even disposition and sense of humor carried him and our group through an excellent year. He set a goal for celebration donations (and fines, which some of us suffered more than others) that was more than exceeded. During his presidential

tenure, the club embarked on a new fundraiser of the Blue Jean Ball whose sole purpose was to support local charities. It was a great year for the Avon Rotary under Dan's leadership, but it was sad to see him leave our community. (It was GREAT to see him and wife Karen at the Corn Fest, though.)

Next, we enjoyed a nice first meeting for President Scott (which he did not attend) at Vitale Park. Great location for family and friends to kick-off a new year. The next week, we enjoyed our last meeting at Peppermints and then the change to a new meeting place at the Avon Commons. Change is rarely easy, but, given the time to find root, often grows into great opportunities. I am confident that under the leadership and nourishment of President Scott and the Board of Directors, this "transplanting" of our meeting location will take root.

Our summer concluded with our annual Corn Festival. The work of many months of many Rotarians resulted in a great day of hard work and fellowship, even given the only storms of the summer season fell on our parade. We got wet together while still providing an annual summer celebration for our community. Our hard work was celebrated the next day at the George's Estate (thank you Rodney and Donna). It was a fun day to relax, spend time with family and friends, and even enjoy some political discourse (I apologize if my discourse offended any).

Well, I'm sure many of you are saying I have rambled on enough ... I KNOW Rodney is saying that. But as always, there is no lasting success without the contributions of many. I am grateful to be a part of Avon Rotary. Now let's amble our ramble towards a successful fall auction.

The foundation upon which Rotary
is built is friendship; on no less firm
foundation could it have stood.

— Paul P. Harris —

The Exchange Corner



By: Terry Lemen

Henry had been in Finland for about 2 weeks now and loving it!!! His family is enjoying him and he is fitting right in. If you would like to share in his experience this year, please follow his blog, www.thatfinnishlife.wordpress.com.



Henry Lemen (3rd from left) pictured with his Finland host family. August 2016



By: Cathy Jo Murphy:

Fernando Gomez, our Rotary exchange student from Mexico, has arrived in Avon. He arrived late Friday evening 8/19 after missed flights and delays. He was met at the airport by myself, Ed and his host family. His first host family is Marcie Williams. He still needs one host family so if you know of anyone who would be interested please give me their contact information.



September Club Schedule

Tues. Sept. 6	Regular Mtg. TBD
Mon. Sept. 12	Board of Directors 7 pm
Tues. Sept. 13	Special Mtg. 6 pm —Avon Rotary Honors at Avon Central
Tues. Sept. 20	Special Member Induction Mtg.— followed by; Auction Steering Committee Mtg.
Tues. Sept. 27	Special Mtg. 6 pm —Patio Party @ Shannon's

GVRC Visit, August 16th



22 of us traveled to GVRC and witnessed the love, dedication and fun occurring all around us. We were treated to a delicious meal thanks to Ernie as well as a camp update from Director Brian. The camp hosted the largest number of campers ever at 118.

Campers enjoyed a program that provided a variety of creatures to see and learn about. The room was full of campers, counselors and us visitors.

Once again, a humbling experience and one that makes us proud to be Rotarians, supporting such a great organization; GVRC.



POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE

Update as of September 7, 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	14	27 July 16
Afghanistan	28	20	8	8 Aug 16
Somalia	5	0	0	11 Aug 14
Nigeria	6	0	3	6 Aug 16
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	25	

Government of Nigeria reports 2 wild polio cases, first since July 2014



World Health Organization

New cases come on the two-year anniversary since the last confirmed case of polio was reported in Africa

News release

11 AUGUST 2016 | GENEVA - After more than two years without wild poliovirus in Nigeria, the Government reported today that 2 children have been paralyzed by the disease in the northern Borno state.

As an immediate priority, the Government of Nigeria is collaborating with WHO and other partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to respond urgently and prevent more children from being paralyzed. These steps include conducting large-scale immunization campaigns and strengthening surveillance systems that help catch the virus early. These activities are also being strengthened in neighboring countries.

“We are deeply saddened by the news that 2 Nigerian children have been paralyzed by polio. The Government has made significant strides to stop this paralyzing disease in recent years. The overriding priority now is to rapidly immunize all children around the affected area and ensure that no other children succumb to this terrible disease”, said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

Genetic sequencing of the viruses suggests that the new cases are most closely linked to a wild poliovirus strain last detected in Borno in 2011. Low-level transmission of the poliovirus is not unexpected, particularly in areas where it is difficult to reach children with the vaccine. Subnational surveillance gaps persist in some areas of Borno, as well as in areas of neighboring countries.

On the brink of polio eradication

“We are confident that with a swift response and strong collaboration with the Nigerian Government, we can soon rid the country of polio once and for all. **This is an important remind-**

er that the world cannot afford to be complacent as we are on the brink of polio eradication – we will only be done when the entire world has been certified polio-free,” said Dr. Michel Zaffran, Director of polio eradication at WHO Headquarters.

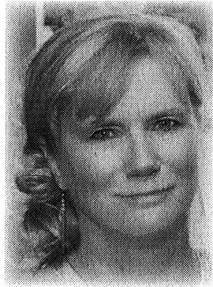
As recently as 2012, Nigeria accounted for more than half of all polio cases worldwide, but the country has made significant strides, recently marking 2 years without a case on 24 July 2016. This progress has been the result of a concerted effort by all levels of government, civil society, religious leaders and tens of thousands of dedicated health workers. Recent steps including increased community involvement and the establishment of Emergency Operations Centers at the national and state level have been pivotal to Nigeria’s capacity to respond to outbreaks.

The 2 cases in Nigeria particularly highlight the need to prioritize immunization of children in hard-to-reach areas such as the Lake Chad region, which spans several countries and is often affected by conflict and large population movements. Reaching these children requires vaccinating populations as they move in and out of inaccessible areas and using local-level groups and organizations, such as religious institutions and community based organizations, to negotiate access for vaccination teams.

Globally, the world is very close to reaching the goal of polio eradication. Only 21 wild polio cases have been reported so far in 2016, compared to 34 cases at the same point last year. Only 2 other countries are reporting polio: Pakistan and Afghanistan. Four out of the 6 WHO Regions of the world have been certified polio-free, and only one of the three types of wild poliovirus is still circulating in the world (type 1).



The Avon Rotary Honors



Jan Cole
Avon Ambulance



Chris Ryan
Avon Food Pantry

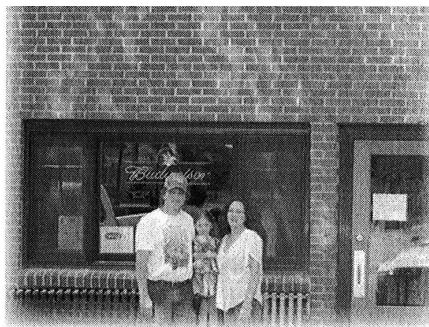
*As Paul Harris Fellows
Exemplifying the Ideals and Professionalism
of Rotary International*

Tuesday, September 13th

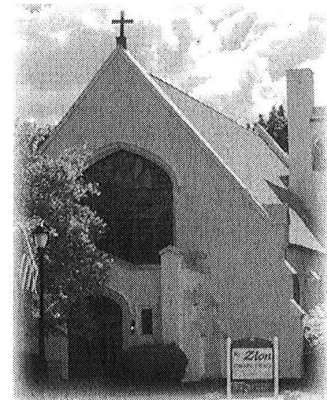
Avon Middle School Auditorium • Clinton St., Avon
6:00pm Social Hour with light refreshments • 7:00pm Program



Pioneer Auto Sales



Avondale Pub ~
Rob, Tori and Autumn Welch ~ Owners



Zion Episcopal Church

*Honored for their building renovations
and their investment in Avon's future.*

Everyone is welcome to join Channel 13 Anchorman Don Alhart, and members of the Avon Rotary Club as we recognize, honor and celebrate these citizens and businesses who are making a difference in our community.



AVON ROTARY

Patio Party

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

6PM SHANNON'S HOUSE
70 EAST MAIN STREET

APPETIZERS.COCKTAILS.DESSERT

(TAN HOUSE AND TAN BARN, HOUSE SITS BACK OFF THE ROAD
PARKING ON GRASS AROUND DRIVEWAY AND TURN AROUND)

PLEASE RSVP TO SHANNON OR LAURIE \$7.00



*Sign Up &
Join the fun*



***Time to start gearing up for the
2016 Rotary Auction...***

November 12



September Member Celebrations

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Shannon DiFranco
- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty
- ⇒ Jim Gaffney
- ⇒ Scott Holmes
- ⇒ Hans Koomen

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Josh Tonra 2014

Birthdays

- ⇒ Shannon DiFranco
- ⇒ Bill Wall



SIGN UP NOW

SAVE THE DATE!
91st Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday, November 9th
Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center



Keynote Speaker:
John Germ,
RI President 2016-2017

What is the Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner?

The Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner is a Rotary tradition, annually attracting Rotarians from across the Northeastern United States and Canada. Proudly hosted each year by the Rochester Rotary Club, hundreds of Rotarians gather in Rochester, New York to share in what is a cornerstone of the Rotary tradition...fellowship.

In addition to the many clubs represented, current and past district governors and Rotary International officers attend the dinner each year to welcome the sitting RI President.

The Rochester Rotary Club started the Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner in 1921, and over the years it has evolved from a local event in the Greater Rochester Community to an international fellowship event.

This multi-district, international event showcases Rotary at its finest, and presents the perfect opportunity for new and seasoned members alike to share in the fellowship of Rotarians. The Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner is also a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to a glimpse of Rotary in action.

Mark Your Calendars—Save The Dates

2016-2017 Avon Rotary Calendar of Events

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



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