

Avon Rotary News

October 2016



President's Perspective

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Here we are in October. This is my favorite time of year. I enjoy the cooler weather and leaves turning colors.

In September we had an excellent Rotary Honors program. Thank you to Shannon for hosting a wonderful Patio Party at her house. One of the great things about our club is the social events that we have and the great member participation at those events. This kind of fellowship helps keep our club strong.

Don't forget we have the Rotary Auction coming up on November 12th. Mark the date on the calendar. Keep up the hard work to secure those items for the Auction to make it a successful one. It is always great to follow up a successful Corn Festival with an equally successful Rotary Auc-

tion. With these 2 fundraisers we are able to serve humanity through our financial giving not only locally but throughout the world.

Thank you to all the Rotarians who donated to the food pantry last month. We are going to have a tote out every 3rd meeting of the month. This will help to ensure our Avon Food pantry receives all the necessary supplies they need. Thank you to Steve Vanderbilt for bringing this need to the Board and to the Club for helping fulfil this need.

We have our Halloween Party coming up on October 25th. It is going to be located at the Avon Commons. As always this should be a great event with lots of fellowship.

President Scott

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Board of Directors

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



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

September Highlights



Sept. 9—District 7120 Golf Tournament

2 Avon Teams participated and enjoyed a sunny, warm afternoon supporting this annual district fundraiser. Both teams scored well but Team 1: Laurie Vonglis, Kirk Vanderbilt, Scott Holmes & Karl Sawicki won "Best Dressed". Sporting country attire and shamelessly promoting the Blue Jean Ball scheduled for May 13th 2017



Sept. 13—Rotary Honors Program

Avon Rotary presented building awards to Avondale Pub and Zion Episcopal Church for their investment in the Avon Community, rehabilitating their buildings. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

Left: Rotarian Steve Csapo presents to Mother Kelly of the Zion Episcopal Church

Right: Steve presents to Autumn, Rob & Tori Welch of the Avondale Pub



Sept. 13—Rotary Honors

Avon Rotary Foundation Chair, Kirk Vanderbilt (far right), presented 4 Avon Rotarians with Paul Harris + pins for their generous contributions to the RI Foundation.

Right: District 7120 Governor, Tom Rogers,

Ted Coyne +4

Jim Tompsett +2

Tim Dickinson +2

Helen Zamboni +1

These donations make a significant difference in Rotary's efforts around the world!



Rambling On Rotary—October 2016



By: Bruce Amey

September was a great month for Avon Rotary. The district golf tournament was held on September 9 at Lima Country Club. Our club had registered two teams. Team 1 consisted of Past-President Laurie, President Scott, Past-President Kirk, and Karl; this team did a promo for our Blue Jean Ball on May 13. Team 2 consisted of President-Elect Tom, Rookie of the Year Jake, Chris, and Bruce (a last minute substitute); I had a great time filling in for Shannon. It was a great day with DG Tom Rogers monitoring the putting contest and the camaraderie was great.

September 13 saw our Annual Rotary Honors Program. Jan Cole and Chris Ryan received Paul Harris Fellow Awards for their contributions to the community; recognizing their *Service Above Self* in the Avon community. Our club also honored The Avondale Pub, the Zion Episcopal Church, and Pioneer Auto for making investments in the community as reflected in their building improvements this past year. It was a wonderful evening with DG Tom Rogers attending and PDG Don Alhart present to describe "What it Means to be a Paul Harris Fellow". Of course the evening would not be complete without Mark's emceeing the event, although I am not sure talking about the wildest dreams of the DG's wife is always best. Then again, when his political posture entered suggesting that one of the presidential candidates wanted to make Kraft sell only block cheese so that he could "Make America *GRATE* Again", that was a bit much. Personally I think he must have been referring to limburger cheese because that pun, even from my perspective, stunk.

September 20 we inducted new member Marcie and had a great presentation on RYLA by Avon Interact President Sarah Carney.

September concluded with a club picnic on the 27th. I was unable to attend, but I thank Shannon for opening her

home to the club for the social event.

The September issue of *The Rotarian* had some very good articles. The one that drew my attention immediately (because of my good friend's affinity for the beverage) was entitled *Southern Comfort*. Much to my surprise, it had nothing to do with the beverage but was a very good article on the upcoming 100th Rotary International Convention to be held June 10-14, 2017 in Atlanta. I'm not sure I will be able to attend, but it is nice that the centennial celebration will be in the US. *The Rotarian* is always a good read.

Now we need to be focused on helping put together the best auction ever. As Tim has asked, secure and submit your auction items as soon as possible so they can be advertised.

I am proud of Steve Vanderbilt's promoting our local Food Bank and the Board's support of that endeavor. Please remember to mark your calendars to bring items to the meeting the THIRD Tuesday of each month. In October, that will be the October 18 meeting. Our *Service Above Self* commitment is always nice to be seen immediately in our community.

Lastly, I want to pick up on Kirk's leadership and commitment to the Rotary Foundation. It was a nice addition to our Paul Harris Honors Program to recognize the giving of our members to the Foundation. It made me proud to see the generosity among our members. It would be great if every member of Avon Rotary was to donate to the Foundation this year, and to commit to that donation every year. Please make the commitment to make your donation during October.

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



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?

The Rotary Foundation

Doing Good In The World







Big Month for The Rotary Foundation



By: Kirk Vanderbilt

Avon Rotary celebrated service and dedication to community in September by hosting its 4th annual Avon Rotary Honors Evening at the Avon Central School Auditorium on the 13th. In a ceremony open to the public, we presented

Avon Rotary Building Awards to 3 local businesses, the Avondale Pub, Pioneer Auto, and the Zion Episcopal Church.

Big thanks go to PDG Don Alhart and DG Tom Rogers in helping to honor Jan Cole and Christine Ryan with Paul Harris Recognitions. 1000\$ each has been donated in their name because Jan and Christine have provided service and dedication to our community for years and help us to remember the ideals of Rotary and the foundations on which it was built.

"Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined effort of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation."

These are the words that Rotary founder Paul Harris shared at his greeting speech to the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta. These words seem to reflect my understanding of what Rotary is truly about. As we enter into this Centennial year of the Rotary Foundation (RF) I'm excited to help spread the word and promote the RF to our many new and "seasoned" Rotarians alike. The RF is the

engine which drives our mission forward, and WE (and our donations) are the fuel. It is my hope that Avon Rotary embraces my goal of being a EREY club and that everyone who is able can become sustaining members. To date, Avon Rotary and its members have contributed over \$139,000!!!

More Big News!

Our decision to become a sustaining member may have gotten even easier with recent news that Charity Navigator has recently given the Rotary Foundation a perfect score of 100. Charities with scores of 100 execute their missions in a fiscally responsible way while adhering to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities. The Rotary Foundation earned perfect scores for its financial health and its accountability and transparency. Those two scores then translate into a perfect 100 point overall score. Less than one percent of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator have earned perfect scores. In days when other "charities" are being called into question, The Rotary Foundation stands head and shoulder above many others and is actually **"Doing Good in the World"**.

Paul Harris Fellow



Avon Rotary Honors...



Avon Rotary proudly presented Paul Harris Fellows to 2 deserving Avon Community members for their years of exemplary service. Janis Cole & Chris Ryan have both dedicated most of their adult life to service in various ways. In recent years Jan has been committed to the Avon Ambulance Board of Directors and Chris has led the Avon Food Pantry. Both Women are shining examples of Rotary's motto; Service Above Self.

Above: Avon President, Scott Holmes, Past District Governor, Don Alhart, PHF Janis Cole, PHF Chris Ryan and District 7120 Governor, Tom Rogers

Right: Janis Cole & Chris Ryan, new Paul Harris Fellows



Reminder... Food Pantry Collections
3rd Tuesday Of The Month



New Avon Rotarian



September 20, 2016

A Little About Marcie Williams:

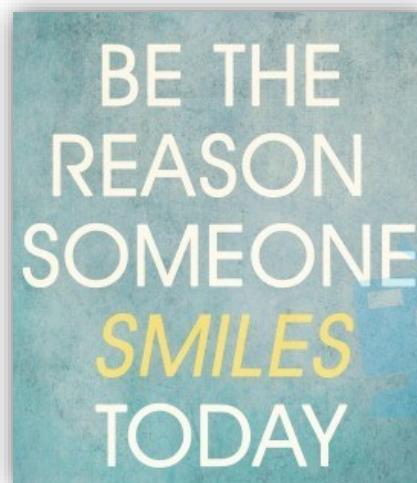
I was raised in Honeoye, NY. I had a good friend whose father was in Rotary and they were always having exchange students and that interested me. I love to travel and meet new people. I went to college at Cal State Long Beach. I lived in Southern California for 15 years before returning to NY. I have been teaching primary school for 21 years now. I have two sons, Jackson 17 and Carson 13. My husband and I like boating, traveling, and landscaping. We love Avon and look forward to being a part of Avon Rotary.

Marcie is currently hosting our exchange student, Fernando Gomez from Mexico.



L-R: Sponsor & Rotarian Rob Lupisella, New Rotarian Marcie Williams, Avon President Scott Holmes

Welcome Marcie!



October Club Schedule

Tues. Oct. 4	Reg Mtg Program: Steve French—Mongolia Trip
Mon. Oct. 10	Board of Directors 7 pm
Tues. Oct. 11	Reg Mtg Program: Vicki James—2017 Medicare
Sat. Oct. 15	Roadside Cleanup 8 am
Tues. Oct. 18	Reg Mtg Auction Steering Com. Mtg Following
Tues. Oct. 25	Special Mtg Halloween Party



Interact News



By: Cathy Jo Murphy:

The Interact Club began their year by operating the bounce house at the Corn Festival in August. Our first official meeting of the year was September 6th where we welcomed 12 new members. Their major fundraising event of the year is the selling of Save Around coupon books which is in progress now.

Sarah Carney is this year president, Madison Luft is secretary and Wolfgar Lobo is our treasurer as well as club photographer.

The events we have scheduled for the year so far are Pirate Toy Drive, Rotary Auction, Breakfast with Santa, Salvation Army Red Kettle and Exchange Weekend.

Ed and I are looking forward to a great year working with these amazing students.



L-R: Avon President Scott Holmes, Avon Interact President Sarah Carney, Youth Exchange Chair Julie Carney, Interact Chair Ed Kime

Exchange Corner



By: Terry Lemen

Day 56, Happajaarvi, Finland: Henry woke to a very chilly 30 degrees. It's a very good thing I just sent him a Halloween care package with two extra sweatshirts and his North Face. His language acquisition is coming along and he is able to understand quite a bit of what is being said to him, and is slowly beginning to respond in Finnish. He has also seen the Northern Lights twice. This has excited him the most so far. You can read his third blog installment at www.thatfinnishlife.wordpress.com.

After a 12 hour delay due to a missed flight Fernando finally arrived in America to be met at the airport by his host mother and brother. He immediately started on the Avon soccer team with his host brother and is thoroughly enjoying playing left midfielder. Even though their record is only 3 and 5, he is making many new friends. Fernando is doing well with his English. He started learning it in the first grade in Mexico. Fernando says that he started out feeling shy, but is now enjoying school and is looking forward to Spirit Week and Homecoming.



Henry's Morning View in Finland



Fernando Gomez, Mexico

Patio Party



By: Heather Ayers

September 27, 2016

September brought another great opportunity to get together and participate in some much needed fellowship with our membership, their families and a few

perspective members.

Shannon DiFranco was an exceptional hostess. She had something for everyone - Cuban sliders, sugar cookies with the Rotary logo, custom cocktails, a giant game of Jenga, and so much more. It was such a beautiful night to spend outside cozied up by the fire with many of our favorite people. A special thanks to Ernie for being our fire pit master! It was a perfect way to send off summer and welcome the opportunity to do many more wonderful things throughout the rest of this Rotary year.



L-R: Jim Tompsett, Dom Lalisce, Terry Lemen, Heather Ayers, Laurie Vonglis, Karen Vanderbilt, Jan Cole, Jan Ryan



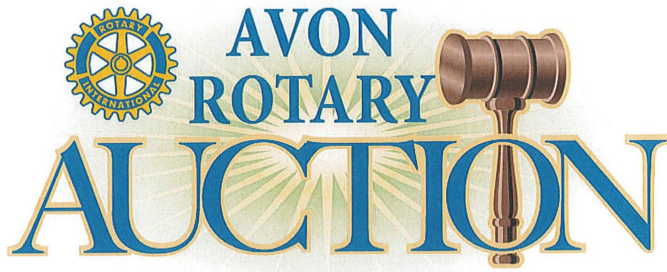
Jenga queen and Party hostess—
Shannon DiFranco



L-R: Jake Ayers, Kirk Vanderbilt, Kelly Cole, Ernie Wiard, Jerry Dougherty, Doug Hayes



Jim Ryan, Jerry Dougherty, Shawn Rice, Tom Vonglis



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

November 12

Get your item information in!

Blue Jean Ball



By: Jake Ayers

While our Auction committee is in the midst of Auction preparation, I wanted to give a quick update. The 2nd annual Avon Rotary Blue Jean Ball has begun to prepare. This years event will be held on May 13th, 2017. Again, the event will be at the Avon Century Barn. The Blue Jean Ball committee is looking to add a few new members to help with preparations. If you are interested in joining our committee please let myself or Laurie Vonglis know. We will find a place for you to help make this great fundraiser even better in our second year. Also, we are looking for perspective charities that will benefit from our fundraiser. If you have any ideas please let us know. We hope to benefit one "local" and one "regional" charity this year.

Get your cowboy/girl outfits ready, it's going to be another great party to raise money for wonderful charities!!



October Member Celebrations

Birthdays

- ⇒ Aaron Johnson
- ⇒ Terry Lemen
- ⇒ Carmine Simone
- ⇒ Josh Tonra
- ⇒ Steve Vanderbilt
- ⇒ Laurie Vonglis
- ⇒ Helen Zamboni



Wedding Anniversary

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

Rotary Anniversary

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

World Polio Day 2016 — October 24

No child anywhere should suffer from polio, a completely preventable disease.

Join Rotary for World Polio Day on October 24 to support polio eradication.

G I V E

- ⇒ Help us reach a polio-free world and donate.
- ⇒ Every donation that Rotarians commit to polio eradication is tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation.
- ⇒ Mark your calendar and GIVE on October 24th to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Foundation.



POLIO GLOBAL
ERADICATION
INITIATIVE

Update as of October 1, 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	9	11 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	26	



SIGN UP NOW

SAVE THE DATE!
91st Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner
Tuesday, December 6th
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, October 25, 2016:	Halloween Party
Saturday, November 12, 2016:	Auction Dinner
Tuesday, November 22, 2016:	Rotary/Lions Thanksgiving Dinner
Tuesday, December 6, 2016:	Eastern Cities 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



Avon Rotary Club