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## President's Message



It was a fantastic night at our change of officers dinner. I need to put a big thank you out to all that helped but especially Laurie for all the work she did to make this a special night.

A huge thanks to now past president Scott for such a great job this past year. The bar has been set high for Avon Rotary thanks to his leadership. Our membership is up, our giving to the foundation is up. Member engagement has improved and will continue to improve as we put even more focus on it.

My congratulations once again to our Paul Harris recipients Terry, Steve, and Sandi. Such a well deserved recognition for all you have done and continue to do for our club and community. I'd also like to again congratulate Dom and Julie for your awards. Both of you do such an outstanding job for our club and I know everyone is extremely grateful for all your efforts. Each of our recipients on Tuesday night demonstrate to a high level what our theme for this year is all about "Making a Difference".

I love this theme for many reasons. It's not only how we make a difference as Rotarians which is significant but also the fact that each and every day we have the opportunity to make a difference no matter how big or small that act may be. If it's holding a door open for someone or helping in any small or large way it means you are making a difference in someone's life. I'd like to challenge all of us in the Avon Rotary Club to look for some way to make that difference each and every day. This world is filled with so many opportunities for us to help our fellow man. Think about what you do for someone and we will be able

to share some of the stories throughout the year.

I mentioned on Tuesday that I plan for this to be a fun year. We will have many opportunities to work together and play together. Our meetings will be fun and informative and of course there is always the "man cave" afterward which all are welcome at.

We are looking forward to our first project which will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> as we work with the Spencerport and Penfield clubs to host the lunch at the Gilda's Camp Open Arms Carnival day. This is a chance for us to not only write a check but also provide the hands on to do the work needed to feed all the kids who come with cancer along with their families. The estimate is about 300 people will attend. This will be a nice start to the Rotary year for us.

I'm asking that all Avon Rotarians look for opportunities to participate in a hands on project. Please bring your ideas to myself or someone on the board. No matter how big or small the project we are going to look at all the things we can do to "make a difference" this year.

I'll say thank you now to everyone for putting your faith and trust in me to lead our club through the 2017/2018 Rotary Year.

President Tom Vonglis



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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

#### Board of Directors

Tom Vonglis, President  
Heather Ayers, President Elect  
Dom Lalisce, Senior Director  
Terry Lemen, Director  
Bill Wall, Member at Large  
Scott Holmes, Past President  
Laurie Vonglis, Secretary  
Kelly Cole, Treasurer

## Change Of Officers Highlights—June 27, 2017



Welcome the 2017-18 Board of Directors!

Pictured: DG Don Milton, President Tom Vonglis, Member at large Bill Wall, PE Heather Ayers, Director Terry Lemen, Sr. Director Dom Lalisce, Secretary Laurie Vonglis, Past President Scott Holmes. Missing: Treasurer Kelly Cole



Change of Leadership  
Scott Holmes transfers the gavel to Tom Vonglis, President 2017-18



Congratulations to Dom Lalisce,  
Rotarian of the Year!  
Also pictured, Helen Zamboni, presenter & President Scott



Congratulations to Julie Welch,  
Rookie of the Year!  
Also pictured, Heather Ayers, presenter



Perfect Attendance Certificate for  
Ted Coyne



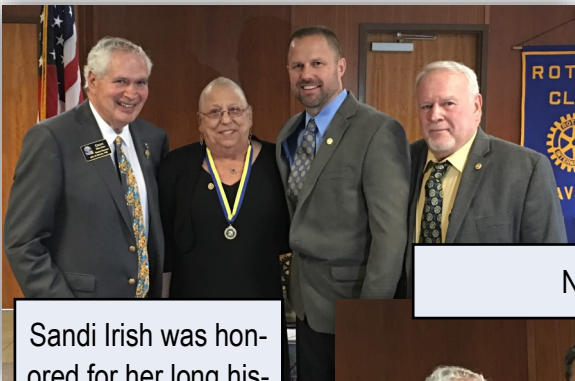
Thank you for your service Kirk Vanderbilt, filling  
the Past President position on the board



# Change Of Officers Foundation Highlights—June 27, 2017



Avon Rotary Sustaining Members 2016-2017



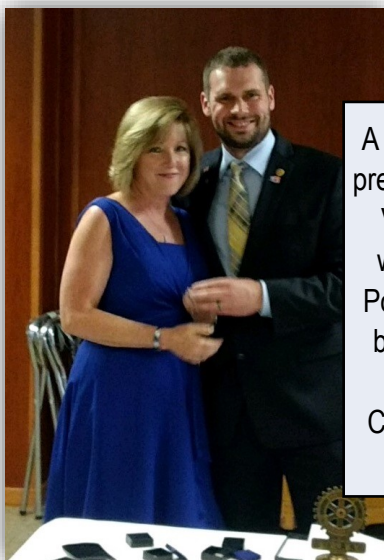
Sandi Irish was honored for her long history as a friend of Avon Rotary and generous citizen in the Avon community.



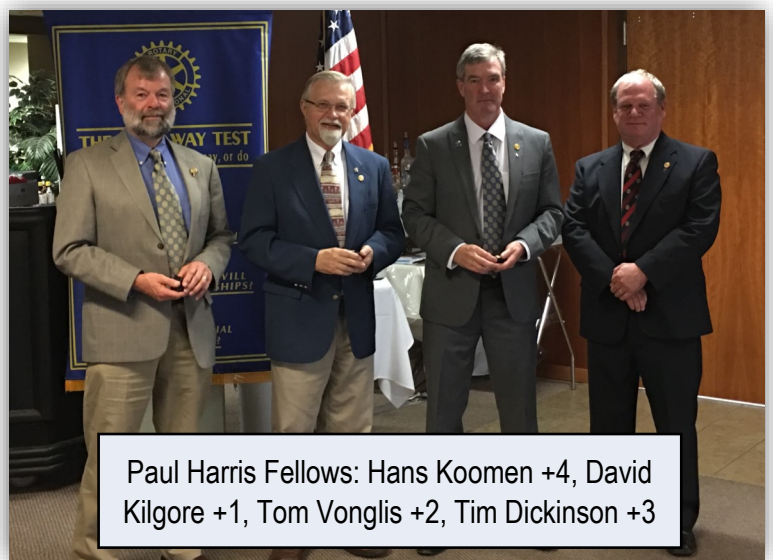
Terry Lemen was honored for her tireless committee work for our club.



Steve Csapo was honored for his volunteer work in our club and community.



A Paul Harris was presented to Laurie Vonglis for her work as District Polio Chair, given by Zone 29 End Polio Now Campaign Chair, Geoffrey Goll



Paul Harris Fellows: Hans Koomen +4, David Kilgore +1, Tom Vonglis +2, Tim Dickinson +3

## July Club Schedule

Tues. July 4	No Meeting—Hope you enjoyed the holiday
Mon. July 10	Board of Directors Mtg—7 pm @ Hurricane
Tues. July 11	Business Mtg—New Year, New President
Tues. July 18	Regular Mtg
Wed. July 19	Service Project—Gilda's Club Rochester
Tues. July 25	Picnic & Games —5 pm @ Downs



**Reminder... Food Pantry  
Collections 3rd Tuesday  
Of The Month... 7/18**

**This months list of needs:**

**Canned fruit, Tuna,  
Pancake syrup, Jam/Jelly**



## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:



1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

## July Member Celebrations

### Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Greg & Jean Antkowiak
- ⇒ Terry Lemen
- ⇒ Cathy Jo Murphy
- ⇒ Jim Ryan



### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Julie Carney 2009
- ⇒ Ted Coyne 1955
- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty 1966
- ⇒ Jim Gaffney 1971 (H)
- ⇒ Steve Stevenson 1963 (H)

### Birthdays

- ⇒ Joe Callahan (H)
- ⇒ Karl Sawicki



# Rotary International Convention, Atlanta 2017



Kirk with PDG Norma Reilly

By: Kirk Vanderbilt  
Having hosted exchange students, participated in our Milt Matthews host program, met Group Study Exchange teams, and attended every Eastern Cities Fellowship dinner since I joined Rotary in 2003, I thought I had a first-hand understanding of the international aspect of Rotary.

I was wrong. Attending the International Convention in Atlanta, June 9 – 14, 2017 was truly eye opening to the true international meaning of Rotary, and its reach. 40 Thousand Rotarians from 160 countries attended the convention and it was almost overwhelming. We had only been in Atlanta for an hour or so when I met Woo Soo Poo, a Rotarian from Malaysia. I watched a Rotarian from Africa walk a 3K walk to end Polio in his suit and stocking feet while carrying his shoes. I met a maggot farmer from the Netherlands (no, really), countless Aussies, and school teacher from Colombia. I watched an entire contingent of Kenyans sing a traditional song and met another Rotarian named Kirk from Napa Valley. In addition to the people, I was very excited to see the hundreds of booths with projects from all over the world. I spoke at length with a club that is selling special soccer balls to fund an educational program for young women in Viet Nam to give alternatives to the sex trade. I met a guy who developed a hand operated well drill that can go 90 meters deep. I spoke with an organization that provides "rocket" stoves that reduce smoke and increase efficiency for people who still need to cook on open fires. I could go on and on, but it was so fun and interesting to see these projects first-hand and it was inspiring

and energizing to meet the people behind them. And all of this was before the opening session of the convention.

The opening and general sessions of the Convention were impressive on many levels. From the sheer numbers (imagine 20 thousand folding chairs), to the flag ceremony, to the AV displays, to the fascinating guests, speakers, and celebrities and the inspiring and moving messages they brought, these sessions were truly a sight to behold. The excitement generated in that room as Bill Gates and dignitaries from all over the world pledged 1.2 BILLION dollars to finally end polio was absolutely palpable. I also believe we saw a glimpse into Rotary International's next target (after polio) and that is the goal to end slavery and human trafficking. From a candle-light vigil on Saturday, to hearing Ashton Kutcher, and Senator Bob Corker speak on Monday, we were made aware of this very real and surprisingly pervasive scourge in our world. We heard first-hand and heart-wrenching accounts from trafficking victims, and it was devastating to learn that it goes on right here in the good ol' USA, right under our noses.

I could go on and on about who and what I saw in Atlanta, but what is more important perhaps was the feeling I had knowing that I was part of this pretty awesome Rotary Family. It was just me and 40 thousand of my Rotary buddies hanging out and catching up in the ATL for a nice long weekend. Friendships made, friendships strengthened, and some food, drinks, and plenty of laughs along the way. It's great to be a Rotarian. Special thanks to my traveling companions as well, Jerry, Tom, Laurie, Jake, and Heather. I couldn't imagine a better team with whom to share this awesome experience.

Toronto - 2018 be there!



Atlanta 6 with R.I. President John Germ



Foundation Team celebrating the Foundations 100th anniversary



# R. I. Convention Highlights—June, 2017



Warm welcome as soon as we arrive in Atlanta!



You never know who you're going to run into.



Avon Rotary Pride!



End Polio Now was a major focus throughout the week. The end is in sight!



We learned about the next big area of focus, human trafficking. Gut wrenching stories told by survivors. We also took in the sights via ferris wheel located near Centennial Park. Walking through the park each day was a treat.



Unforgettable images and people from all over the world. If you ever get the chance to attend a RI Convention—do it. See you in Toronto 2018.



## Meet R.I. President Ian Riseley



President's Message, July 2017

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

There are as many reasons to come to Rotary as there are Rotarians – maybe even a few more. But each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives. Through Rotary, we are Making a Difference in the world;

and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives.

What kind of difference Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organization, we are guided by the three strategic priorities our Board has set in our strategic plan: to support and strengthen our clubs, to focus and increase our humanitarian service, and to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

In the year ahead, our clubs will have the support of a greatly augmented array of online tools, including a refreshed Rotary.org, a simplified Rotary Foundation grant application process, an improved My Rotary experience, and a rebuilt Rotary Club Central. As we look to strengthen our clubs, two specific challenges stand out in our membership: our gender balance and our average age. To keep our clubs strong, we need to build a membership that reflects the communities we serve and that will continue to develop knowledgeable leaders for generations to come.

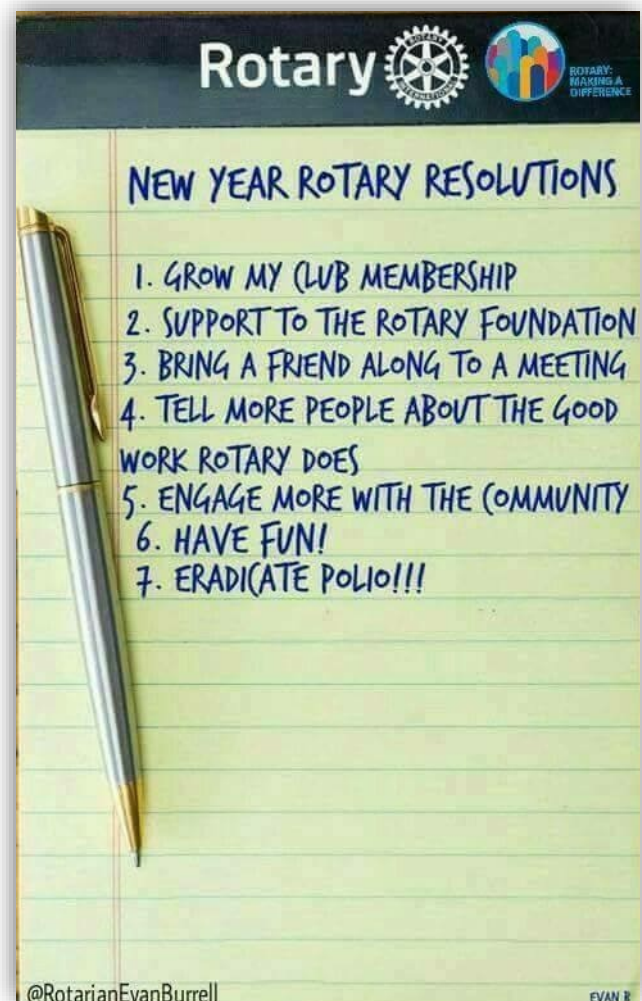
For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us. And

when it comes to polio, we aren't working to contain it; we're working to end it.

Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a permanent benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our No. 1 priority until the job is done.

For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bears a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from generation to generation, in Rotary: Making a Difference.

IAN H.S. RISELEY  
President Rotary International



# Rotary Youth Leadership Academy



By: Jessica Rozanski, Interact President

From Sunday the 25th of June to Thursday the 29th of June I attended RYLA at the RIT campus. My name is Jessica Rozanski and I am going to be a senior this fall as well as the President of Interact. RYLA has been an unforgettable experience that I am proud I was a part of. I learned many different skills while attending this leadership camp that I know I will use next year as Interact President and later in my life. Along with the leadership skills I acquired, I made many friends with people who live all over New York State.

My experience started as soon as my parents dropped me off, and I was greeted by Mr. Carney. We had to sprint through a downpour that left me drenched. That night we got to know each other by playing ice breaker games and eating pizza. The next day we listened to Dr. Ted Baumhauer speak, and then traveled to the Red Barn on campus for activities that coincided with his message about leadership. On our way to the barn we were blindfolded and had to trust others to lead us there safely. Inside the barn we did multiple activities that we had to learn how to trust and work with each other to achieve goals.



On Tuesday, we attended the Rush Henrietta Rotary meeting. Following their breakfast, we talked about situational leadership. There are four types of leadership options: supporting, delegating, directing, and coaching. There is a time and place for each leadership option and they don't always work for every situation. We also listed reasons why groups fail, and later played a game that demonstrated that. Later that day we attended a leadership Improv session. At this session we learned to let go of insignificant problems.

The last full day we learned the IDEAL Problem Solver. IDEAL stands for Identify, Define, Explore, Analyze, and Learn. You can use IDEAL as steps to find solutions to issues. We were taught "Don't fix blame, fix problems". This quote is essential in any case, because putting blame on one person doesn't fix the ongoing issue. Everyone can learn from their mistakes, and it is important to always look for a solution rather than a scapegoat. On Thursday, we had a "Radical Careering Panel" to ask questions about the book we read, and how to get the best out of your future careers. We ended with a luncheon that our family attended.

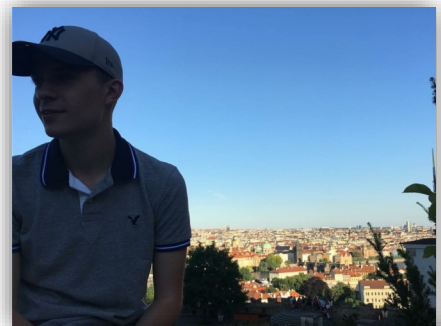
My experience at RYLA was one I'll never forget. Thank you Avon Rotary for sponsoring me to attend RYLA. I learned how to better my leadership skills, made many friends, and lasting memories.

## Exchange Corner



By: Terry Lemen

11 days!! Only 11 days until Henry returns from his eleven month odyssey overseas. It is almost impossible for me to fathom how the time has passed by so quickly. He will be arriving back in the USA on July 12th to a very enthusiastic reception from his family. Henry certainly enjoyed his time abroad and was extremely lucky to spend two and a half weeks in June traveling with his fellow exchange students on his Euro Tour. He traveled to over 8 countries and saw some gorgeous scenery. He visited Tallinn, Estonia; Riga and Jurmala, Latvia; Kaunas, Lithuania; Warsaw and Krakow, Poland; Ostrava and Prague Czech Republic; Vienna, Austria, and Berlin, Germany. In Vienna, Austria Henry was able to meet up with his cousin Siobhan Krenzer who is also on Rotary Exchange this year living in Slovakia. Henry thoroughly enjoyed this experience. He is extremely grateful to Rotary and the opportunity they have given him. He will be sharing his experiences on exchange in August when he addresses the club. It's been a real pleasure being able to share Henry's journey with you this past year.





## Rambling On Rotary—July 2017



By: Bruce Amey

On June 27 we had an excellent evening with our Change of Offices Celebration. The Paul Harris Fellow recognitions for Sandi Irish, Steve Csapo, and Terry Lemen were very special. Julie's Rookie of the Year and Dom's receipt as Rotarian of the Year were very moving. And, it was very special to have District Governors Tom Rogers and Don Milton in attendance to present some of the awards. Tom Roger's striptease was memorable; but we should have had some music to accompany him. Their presence is truly indicative of our club's role in District 7120. Our DGs truly enjoy attending our meetings and spending time with Avon Rotary.

The COO Ceremony for me is always bittersweet. For me, the transition process carries sincere appreciation as the current president reflects on the past year's accomplishments while the incoming president's excitement and vision lays an invigorating road map for each of us to join in on.

As the gavel was passed from Scott Holmes to Tom Vonglis, Tom laid out a year of continued service and new service opportunities for us. I am excited by the Rotary slogan for our new year: *Rotary: Making a Difference*. Thinking of that slogan, I shared some thoughts with President Tom and DG Don at the meeting. As many of you know, I began my career in education as a High School Math Teacher.

I know Rotary has made a difference in the world and that Rotarians will continue to do so. However, Rotary also multiplies its impact by dividing its people and resources to address many needs within our community and our world. The sum total of our efforts is adding to the quality of life for

those with whom we interact and serve. When we dig our hands into the tasks at hand, at times we encounter square roots but together we can differentiate the situations and arrive at sound solutions. When we integrate our ideas and opinions over a wide range of variables, the results can be astounding. Around us, things may appear fractional, but I know when we work together we can arrive at rational results that benefit our community and our world. When we all pull together, Rotary's impact is exponential!

The coming year promises exciting opportunities. Tom pledged efficiencies for effectiveness for our club but always in an air of fun! Rotary does make a difference in our community and the world. We each make a difference in the lives of others. Let's embrace the new year with excitement and energy. And, especially as you have had to suffer my problematic math puns, I'm sure you can all agree, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.



Update as of July 4, 2017			Wild Polio Case Counts	
<u>Country</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Pakistan	54	20	2	12 Feb 17
Afghanistan	20	13	4	15 April 17
Nigeria	0	4	0	20 Aug 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	



# Save The Date

## 2017-2018 Rotary Calendar of Special Events

Tuesday, July 25, 2017	Picnic & Games @ Downs—5:00
Sunday, August 13, 2017	Corn Festival Picnic @ George's—3:00
Tuesday, August 22, 2017	Visit GVRC & Picnic—6:00
Tuesday, September 12, 2017	Avon Rotary Honors Program—7:00
Saturday, September 16, 2017	Clambake @ Dougherty's
Tuesday, October 24, 2017	World Polio Day Service Project—6:00
Tuesday, October 31, 2017:	Halloween In The Community—6:00
Tuesday, November 28, 2017:	Thanksgiving Dinner—6:00
TBD 2017:	Eastern Cities Dinner
Saturday, December 16, 2017:	Christmas Party
Tuesday, January 2, 2018:	Happy New Year Party—6:00
Tuesday, February 13, 2018:	Sweethearts Dinner—6:00
Tuesday, March 13, 2018:	St. Patrick's Dinner—6:00
Friday, May 4— May 6, 2018	District Conference—Saratoga, NY
Tuesday, May 29, 2018	Quad Cities Golf—Mt. Morris
Saturday, June 2, 2018	Blue Jean Ball
Tuesday, June 19, 2018	Change of Officers
Sun.-Wed., June 24-27, 2018	International Convention, Toronto, Canada