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President's Message



It's October already, can you believe it? One quarter of my president year is gone already yet I am amazed at how much we have accomplished. September brought us two new members with

Ainslie and Leann. I know these two ladies will be a great asset to our club as I see them jumping into help with projects already. We also had the privilege of hosting the Avon Rotary Honors event again. Congratulations to all the Paul Harris recipients; Bonnie, Sandy and Peter. Also congratulations to the Bruckel Family for their investment in our community with the new Quicklee's Travel Center. We were fortunate to have Don Alhart and Mike Slovak take time from their busy schedules to attend and help with the presentation. The honors program really does highlight those in our community that have given of themselves in ways that represent "service above self". Many thanks to the foundation committee for making this event happen.

We have so much to be grateful for here in Avon especially as we look out into the world and see so much upheaval of lives that are torn by hurricanes and earthquakes. Our hearts go out to all of them with nothing but hope that they will survive these crisis's. As Rotarians, we can all play a part by contributing to organizations that are helping in these areas where mother nature has taken her toll.

As I look back on this past month I cannot be

more proud of our club for the great work we did in providing the "party in a bag" to the Avon Food Pantry. These items will be such a great help to those in need that cannot otherwise provide this kind of special occasion for their child. To have our District Governor Don along with his partner Ruth attend the meeting where we are actually putting our efforts in action was the best. My thanks go out to Jake, Heather & Laurie for your coordination of this first in-meeting service project. This was a great example of what we can do, in what really was a short amount of time, that will make a difference in our community. I'm also so thankful for such a great turnout at this meeting to assist and see how Avon Rotary is taking action to make that difference. I encourage all members to attend our meetings whenever possible. Together, I know that we have more ideas for in-meeting projects. Please get your ideas rolling and take the action needed to make it happen.

The upcoming month is full of things to do. Walk for Polio and World Polio Day, trunk or treat and roadside cleanup are at the top of the list. A line up of programs you won't want to miss. Plenty of opportunity to get involved and have fun doing good with your fellow Rotarians.

**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



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

September Meeting Highlights...

Sept. 5— Exchange student Veerle Beckers presented President Tom her home club flag.



Sept. 8—Avon Rotary had two teams play in the District Golf Tournament at Lima Country Club which benefited childhood hunger.



Sept. 12—Avon Rotary Honors Night. Steve Csapo presented the building award to Josh & Justin Bruckel for the brand new beautiful Avon Quicklee's Travel Center.



Sept. 12—Avon Rotary Honors Night. Paul Harris Fellows were presented to local community leaders. Jim Tompsett presented to Peter Maynard, long time volunteer for the Corn Festival. Bruce Amey presented to Bonnie Taylor-Davis, long time community advocate and champion. Bill Wall presented a Paul Harris for Sandi Irish for her years of support to the Avon Community. Accepting on her behalf was her son & daughter-in-law, Rob & Autumn Welch.

Sept. 19—Avon Rotary presented a check for \$2500 to the Avon Ambulance with funds raised from the May 2017 Blue Jean Ball. Accepting the check was Jan Cole, President of the ambulance board.



Avon Rotary Clambake—September 16

Thank you Terry & Kim Dougherty for hosting our BBQ Clambake where fun was had and memories were made.



A gathering of Rotary family & friends

Avon Rotary Inducts 2 New Members—September 19



Ainslie Johnson

Ainslie and her family have been members of the Avon community since July 2016. Her husband, Aaron, works for the Avon Central School District. Her son, Abel, is an energetic toddler who keeps her and Aaron on their toes.

Ainslie also has a Jack Russel that tests her patience on a daily basis.

Ainslie is an elementary teacher in the Gates Chili Central School District where she grew up. She is currently team teaching in fourth grade at Paul Road School. This is her 19th year! Ainslie has been involved with many of her school's activities and is a proud member of Paul Road's School Improvement Team. Last year, Ainslie was given permission to bring back their school's "bookstore" with a twist. Paul Road's Panther Peddler started selling school supplies on a mobile wagon in January. It gave students in fourth grade an opportunity to experience running a small business and provided students in the intermediate grades a chance to purchase school supplies.

Now that Ainslie is a parent of a future "Brave," she has the desire to take part in community projects to help others. She is hoping to support her fellow Rotarians and their endeavors. Ainslie is proud to be a part of a club that is open to new ideas and whose hearts are always in the right place. She is very appreciative of the warm welcome she received.



Leann Hill

I graduated from SUNY Fredonia with a bachelors in Business in 2003. I obtained my helicopter pilot's license from Pocono Air in 2006. I've been in financials for over a decade. I have an 8 year old son, named Hunter, who is my everything. I have been with Habitat for

Humanity for close to 2 years with Erie county, but have now switched over to Livingston county- different county, but it's the same great kind of people. I joined with Edward Jones because I wanted to help people protect what they have and prepare for their family's future. I love the idea of "service above self". I fully believe that when you find good people in this world, you should keep them as close as possible, and that's why I joined Rotary.



September 19, 2017: Aaron Johnson sponsored his wife, Ainslie Johnson. Jim Ryan sponsored Leann Hill, pictured with President Tom Vonglis. Both women join with hope to make a difference in the Avon Community.



Don't miss the October 10th program with special guests, Jennifer & Jim Krause. They will give an update on the Avon Inn project during our meeting and provide a tour of the Inn following our meeting. A perfect program to fit the Rotary theme for October.

DG Don Milton Visits - September 26, 2017



We had the honor of having DG Don Milton & Ruth visit our club. Don delivered a great message and praised our club for our work in the community, the Foundation and membership. DG Don's focus includes feeding the children that go hungry and encouraged us to take on projects that can help combat this. The evening's service project was timed perfectly as it will benefit the Avon Food Pantry, specifically a child's celebration. Don & Ruth seemed to enjoy helping us with our party in a bag service project. Don left us with his "Bone Theory", wish bone, back bone, funny bone. To elaborate this means that we all have a wish of things we want to accomplish, we must have a backbone to make it happen, and most important we need to have fun doing it. What a great theory for all members of Rotary to carry on.



Our 1st In-Meeting Service Project—September 26, 2017



On Tuesday September 26th, Avon Rotary completed our first In Meeting Service Project. This project was called "Party In A Bag". We learned of this project and many others while attending a breakout session in Atlanta for the 2017 Rotary International Convention. After speaking to the Avon Food Pantry we knew this was a project that could help our Avon Community tremendously.

We were happy to have a great showing of Rotarians, friends of Rotary and a few distinguished guests to help with assembling our bags. The whole process only took about 20 minutes to complete since we had so many helpers!

We were honored to have District Governor Don Milton and his partner Ruth in attendance to help with our project. It was great to hear Don deliver his message and talk about Rotary "making a difference" and then see that statement put into action!

There are a few people to thank for making this project so successful. First is Tom Honan from Geneseo Wegmans. Tom helped us acquire all the cake and decorating supplies needed for our project. Wegmans also contributed a monetary donation to our project. We can't thank Tom and Wegmans enough for their contributions! Also, Tom is a perspective member so we were happy to have him attend his first meeting on such a special night.

I also want to thank Laurie Vonglis and Heather Ayers for all their hard work acquiring items and getting all the details set. I think I speak for everyone when I say the project was easy, and very productive!

I hope this gave some other Rotarians an idea of what an in-meeting service project can look like. I hope we can get more ideas going and put them into action. Remember, Heather and I are happy to help with coordinating a time to complete the project and getting the funds necessary to carry out your project. The rest is up to YOU!

Good luck and thanks for all your hard work. I hope this is the beginning of a new tradition for Avon Rotary! Mr. Jake



Rambling On Rotary—October 2017



By: Bruce Amey

The October 2017 edition of *The Rotarian* had a great letter from RI President Ian Riseley. He stated:

“Some years ago in the Melbourne, Australia museum where my daughter used to work, an iron lung was on display. For most people my age who remembered the terrifying polio epidemics of the 1950s, that iron lung was a testament to how far vaccination had brought us: to the point where that once-critical piece of medical equipment had literally become a museum piece.

For much of the world, the story of polio is a simple one: After years of fear, a vaccine was developed and a disease was conquered. But for some of the world, the story was different. ... While the rest of the world relegated polio to its museums, in these countries, the disease continued to rage – until Rotary stepped forward and said that all children, no matter where they lived or what their circumstances, deserved to live free of polio.

In the years since PolioPlus was launched ... the number of cases of polio (have been brought down) from an estimated 350,000 per year to just a few so far in 2017. But we must reach zero cases, and stay there, to achieve eradication. To do that, we need everyone’s help.”

I had an uncle who survived polio. In the early 1950s, I remember getting my polio vaccine and I swear the needle for the injection was as big as a straw ... it really hurt. But I also remember my mother telling me she loved me enough to not want me to go through what my Uncle Bob had endured ... which is why I had to get the shot.

At our September 19 meeting, past-president and Foundation Committee chair Kirk Vanderbilt announced some plans for October to emphasize to our community the commitment of Avon Rotary to eradicate polio in the world. On Saturday, October 14, following our roadside clean-up and breakfast at the Village Restaurant, plans are being completed to have a walk around the village ... a walk to end polio.

Other than Rotarians, most likely no one ever thinks about polio as it has been eradicated in our country thanks to vaccinations we all get as children. However, until it is eradicated everywhere it will still have the potential to travel and develop elsewhere. Too frequently when goals are set and they near completion, the steam in the engine lets up and we feel like coasting to the finish line. As Rotarians, we cannot allow ourselves to coast. We must run full force to complete this goal, this commitment to eradicate polio from the world.

Our walk on October 14 is our local effort to raise awareness in our community that the goal is not yet accomplished; that polio still exists in the world, and that all children deserve to live free from polio. October 24th has been designated World Polio Day; it is a Tuesday and we will celebrate what we have been able to accomplish at our meeting that evening. As Rotarians we are all part of something so much bigger than ourselves. We are 1.2 million strong and together we have and are making a difference ... but we need to keep the steam up to accomplish the goal.

Invite your family and friends to join us at 10AM on October 14 to walk to end polio. It will be a great opportunity to educate our neighbors and for our community to also see our club in action ... not only locally but around the world.

On a final note, I encourage as many who can to register for the Rotary International Convention that will be held in Toronto, Ontario June 23-27, 2018. The cost of travel will be comparatively minimal. Registration is less than \$350/person for a 5-day opportunity to witness Rotary in action from around the world. Diane and I are going and, to save housing costs at the recommendation of Heather and Jake, we are staying at a bed and breakfast (arranged through AirBnB) for less than \$70/night. When I attend the district conference, I am amazed at what I learn and feel a part of; I cannot yet fathom how memorable it will be to attend the International Convention and to interact and listen to Rotarians from around the world. The September 2017 edition of *The Rotarian* has a lot of convention information or you can go to rotary.org, click on the “for members” tab and click on “RI Convention”.

And definitely, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.



Take Note

Please add the following to your membership directory:

1. Ainslie Johnson
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585-414-4750
Painslie@aol.com
2. Leann Hill
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Avon, NY 14414
716-771-4617
Leann.hill@edwardjones.com
3. Margo Harper—new phone #346-7626



Roadside Cleanup
Saturday, October 14
8:00 AM

Come Help Keep Avon Clean
Meet At The Storage Garage



Mission of Rotary

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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October Meeting Set-Up Schedule

- Oct. 3: Terry Lemen, Doug Hayes
Oct. 10: Helen Zamboni, Julie Carney
Oct. 17: Katie Degraff
Oct. 24: Katie Degraff



Show Your Pride!

On October 14th, 2017 at 10:00 AM Avon Rotary will “WALK FOR POLIO”

No child should have to suffer from this vaccine-preventable disease. Help us make an impact on World Polio Day.

Please join us as we raise awareness!

Meet at 53 Genesee Street for a 2 mile walk around the Village of Avon.



Invite your family & friends. Sign up today.

Polio Update

Update as of September 27, 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	5	21 Aug 17
Afghanistan	20	13	6	9 July 17
Nigeria	0	4	0	20 Aug 16
Total	74	37	11	

World Polio Day—One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:30 pm

Get ready for the 5th annual World Polio Day event, co-hosted with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The event will stream live from Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, Washington to bring together more than 50,000 viewers around the world. Join as global health experts and celebrities share our progress on the road to polio eradication.



Trunk and Treat

What: Avon Rotary Service Project

When: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:30 pm

Where: Pineview Heights across from the Wesleyan Church

Why: Increase exposure of Avon Rotary in the town, to offer a safe place for kids to trick or treat, and to collect food for the Avon Food Pantry.

What we need:

- 6 volunteers who will decorate the trunks of their cars with Halloween decorations and will be willing to pass out candy (which will be provided) to the trick or treaters.
- A couple of people willing to man the table under the tent to pass out donuts and cider and to collect non-perishable food items for the Avon Food Pantry.
- People dressed up in costumes.
- White 10x10 tent, one 6-8 foot banquet table, 3 folding chairs, one tub to collect food, 6 gallons of cider, 100 cups, a package of napkins and 8-10 dozen donuts, 12 bags of candy (2 per vehicle).

Contact Terry Lemen to assist.



Best Buddies

Best Buddies New York is hosting the FIRST annual Champion of the Year Event at The Arbor Loft on Thursday, November 16, and we would be delighted to have you help make our mission a reality for the citizens of the Western New York Region by donating to our auction or becoming a Sponsor of the event. The event will be attended by approximately 225 individuals who support our mission of social inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



The funds raised enables Best Buddies of Western New York to:

- Provide direct support to 2 elementary school, 4 middle school, 12 high school and 8 college chapters. Almost 200 one-to-one friendships were fostered and over 1,000 people with and without disabilities participated in Best Buddies this academic year.
- Host a Friendship Ball (Prom), where students with and without disabilities are able to come together in an all-inclusive, safe environment. In 2017, over 250 students danced the night away!
- Send over 20 of our high school and college student leaders with and without disabilities to the Best Buddies' annual International Leadership Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. At the 2017 conference, our student leaders interacted with over 2,300 participants from around the world, gaining skills that will help them be future leaders.

All donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions. We thank you for your consideration of this request!

For questions or more information contact Janis McMIndes, 905-1949.

Outbound Exchange



By: Sarah Carney

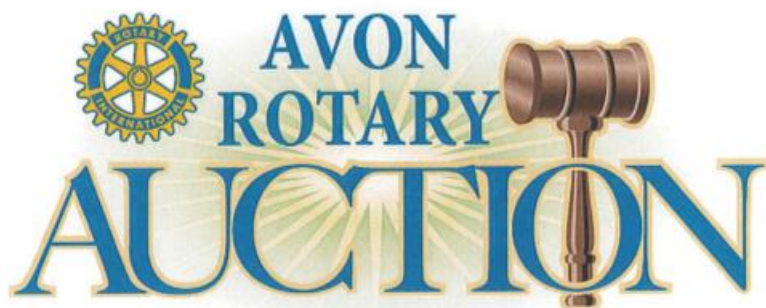
Life has slowed down for me within the past 3 weeks here in Belgium since school has started. I finally have a routine that I stick to just about every day. The schooling here is so much different than it is back home but I like it. Here, the classes are scheduled by the hours/week so I have 4 hours of Math, 2 hours of Religion, 2 hours of English, and 2 hours of History each week.

I also only have to follow four classes so my schedule is very easy. I have a lot of free hours during my day which I spend in the study hall practicing my Dutch. On top of the four academic classes I take, I also have a lot of sport classes since I am following the Sport and Science track in school. My sport classes include Gymnastics, Running, Ball Sports, Swimming, Dance, and on Wednesdays I have 2 hours of volleyball training in school. Even though I am awful at gymnastics, that is my favorite sport class because we get to mess around for most of the class.



I have made so many great friends since I have arrived, both at school and the other Exchange Students. I can tell that I am going to make a lot of lasting memories with them. The volleyball trainings at the sports center in my town are going very well, I am very happy with the team that I am on. I have noticed that I am not the best at using public transportation. I take the bus to and from school every day so one would think that I would know the bus system by now but I guess not. I have missed the bus not once, not twice, not three or four, but FIVE times. I even have an app that tells me what time the busses are coming and where I need to be to take the bus but I still manage to miss it.

I am loving my life here in Belgium, thank you so much for sponsoring me! If you want to read more about my Exchange, check out my blog: alifeinbelgium.blogspot.be



Saturday, November 11, 2017

Avon Elementary School

Preview: 8 AM Auction: 9 AM

- ⇒ Our annual auction is only weeks away!
- ⇒ Are you getting ready?
- ⇒ Have you begun looking for those special items to donate?
- ⇒ It's time to get your thinking cap on.
- ⇒ Don't wait, send in your items as soon as possible.
- ⇒ Its success depends on YOU.

Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound



Dear Members of Rotary Avon,

This is my second piece for the newspaper of September and I hope you will like it! I am so happy right now, be-

cause I just came back from an amazing weekend in Caledonia with all the other exchange student. We went for a tour with Don Alhart at Channel 13, which was really nice to see. Also I went to the Letchworth state park, which was so high on my bucket list and it was so pretty.

Friday evening we had a big bonfire at Rotarian Dan Cole's place, where I was staying with some other girls and it was a great evening with lots of food and dancing and singing. Saturday night we went roller-skating at the gym in high school Caledonia and I was so excited. It turned out as an amazing evening, I loved it so much. And most of us were pretty good skaters. It felt very American though.

Another thing that felt very American was Homecoming. I went to the dance. I dressed up in a pretty black dress and my blue velvet heels. It was kind of weird and if I'm honest I have to say that Dutch parties are much better. But it was fun though and I was there with some nice people. The Powderpuff game was so much fun! It was really funny to see the guys cheerleading. Dig Pink was also a great day: the whole volleyball team wore white tutus and pink shirts to school. And the game was to fundraise money for breast

cancer. Oh and last week I played my first game in volleyball. Only two minutes, but it was fun though. Thank you Tom, Laurie and Ed for coming to watch me!

Letchworth state park leads me to another place which was also very high on my bucket list: Niagara Falls! This is already almost a month ago, but my host family took me there and I loved it. It is so pretty and unbelievable that it is only an hour and a half away. The weather was great, so we walked under the waterfalls in the very fashionable yellow capes and slippers and it was so much fun.

With Cathy and her husband I went to a theatre show in Rochester of their daughter Briar. It was a nice experience to see and I love Rochester, it is such an artsy city. Then Briar took me to her Campus at Nazareth College to show me around. It is so big and pretty. I wish we had colleges like that in the Netherlands. And we had dinner and I had a giant cheesecake.

One of my favorite activities so far: going to the drive in! I went with Dana and John (my host siblings) and we watched "Home Again" and "Baby Driver". We made like a whole bed in the car and we had a crazy amount of sweet sour patch (so good) and cookies, so that was great.

Thank you Rotary for all the great opportunities, I am enjoying life! Love, Veerle Beckers



Avon Interact — September

We are off to great start. We had our first meeting early September and it was a whirlwind of kids pouring in. Returning members and many new ones. A rough figure of 58 students signed up! It will be a task to engage all these students and find equal areas of service they can help with. We are excited for our October meeting to get the ball rolling for our charities, community and interactions with the exchange students. Jessica is our current president, which many of you have met by now as she gave a speech at Honors night, will lead the October meeting. Stay tuned to for further projects we will be working on.

Ed Kime, Shannon DiFranco and Marcie Williams



October Club Schedule

Tues. Oct. 3	Reg. Mtg, Program: Gilda's Club, Sally Cramer
Mon. Oct. 9	Board of Directors Mtg 7 pm @ Hurricane
Tues. Oct. 10	Reg. Mtg, Program: Jen & Jim Krause -Avon Inn Project
Sat. Oct. 14	Roadside Cleanup 8 am
Sat. Oct. 14	Walk For Polio 10 am
Tues. Oct. 17	Reg. Mtg, Program: Veerle Beckers, Youth Exchange
Tues. Oct. 24	Special Meeting: Celebrate World Polio Day
Tues. Oct. 31	Halloween Service Project– Trunk or Treat



**Reminder... Food Pantry
Collections 3rd Tuesday
Of The Month... 10/17**

**Cereal Ranch Dressing
Jam/Jelly Pancake Mix
Syrup**

October Member Celebrations

Birthdays

- ⇒ Aaron Johnson
- ⇒ Terry Lemen
- ⇒ Janis McMIndes
- ⇒ 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



The Four-May 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 **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Who Have We Provided Financial Support Too Lately?

- ⇒ \$500. to Rush Henrietta Rotary Foundation for Literacy
- ⇒ \$50. to Chances & Changes Golf Tournament Hole Sponsor
- ⇒ \$2500. to Avon Ambulance from Blue Jean Ball Benefit





Save The Date

2017-2018 Rotary Calendar of Special Events

Saturday, October 14, 2017	Roadside Cleanup 8 am & Walk for Polio 10 am
Tuesday, October 31, 2017:	Trunk and Treat—5:30
Saturday, November 4, 2017:	Rotary Leadership Institute @ Canandaigua
Saturday, November 11, 2017:	Auction—9:00 AM
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

Contact the Sunshine Liaison Agent

to report any members or extended family that may need a card or some cheer.

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