

## President's Message



As the year progresses, I continue to be inspired by our membership. We have had another busy month, giving us a chance to continue to do great work in the community and reflect on some of the work that we have done in the past. This month, we were honored by the presentation PDG Don gave recognizing our club as 1 of only 7 in the entire district to receive the Presidential Citation. This award is due to the hard work and dedication our club brought last year. I want to thank each of you for your tireless efforts and unwavering faith in the power of Rotary and the work we do in our community. Without that, an award like that wouldn't be possible.

That spirit and dedication is also contagious, which is part of the reason why we were honored to welcome three new members in October. TJ Vonglis, Nick Lavulo and Tom Honan will be wonderful additions to our club and they are already jumping in to all things Rotary. Welcome gentlemen!

We had another moment of reflection at the Eastern Cities Dinner with Rob and Jeanine Lupisella presenting on the work they have done through the partnership between Rotary and Linking Hands for Learning in Nic-

aragua over the past 9 years. Their passion, talent and dedication are truly an inspiration and they were able to help paint the picture of the impact that work has had not only on the people of Nicaragua, but on those that lent a hand to help. This year's dinner also included a special address by this year's Rotary International President, Barry Rassin. He came with a message of inspiration, building a Rotary of and for the future, and embracing change. He encouraged everyone to "be the flamingo of change" – meaning, if you have a great idea that you are passionate about, the crowd will eventually join in even if it is initially unpopular. This idea is exemplified by the work we saw from Dr. Jonas Salk during Laurie's presentation on World Polio Day. Having the courage to stand up for an idea, cause or person – even when it is the unpopular thing to do – is what makes this world change for the better.

As Rotarians, we are naturally wired to be "flamingos of change". So, here's to being pioneers and helping cause change in our world.

Yours In Rotary Service,  
Heather

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**Avon Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 6pm at Avon Inn**

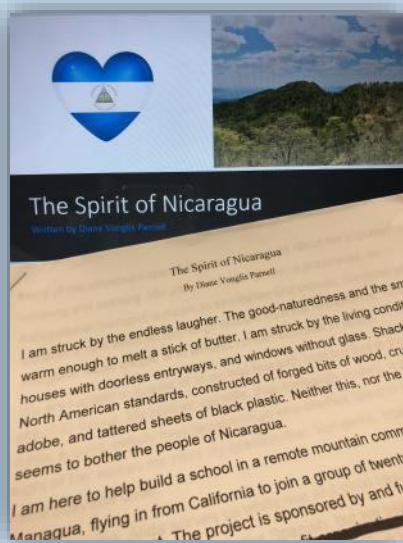


# October Highlights



## On October 2

Our program this evening was a reading of a story written by Diane Vonglis Parnell. The story titled "The Spirit of Nicaragua" was written following her trip in April to help build a school with the Linking Hands for Learning group in the remote village of El Papalon, Nicaragua. Photos of the experience accompanied the story which was a moving account of Diane's time there.



## On October 9

Avon Rotarian, Helen Zamboni and her husband Steve Rosen provided our program tonight which highlighted their 3 month, cross country bike trip this summer. With a focus on their bikes, technology and equipment they taught us what great lengths they went to to plan and carry out this amazing accomplishment. Helen also provided photos of their travels as they demonstrated their art of packing.



## On October 13

It was a rainy, cold Saturday morning and 3 dedicated, available, Avon Rotarians met at the storage building to do our semi-annual roadside cleanup. Despite the good intentions, the weather won out and the work was postponed for October 20.



## On October 16

We had the honor of having special guest, Past District Governor, Don Milton join us to present the club and Past President Tom Vonglis with the 2017-18 Rotary Presidential Citation. We learned it was quite an achievement last year as only 7 clubs in our district reached this goal. Congratulations to all and many thanks to Tom for his wonderful leadership.



# October Highlights continued...

## On October 16

We grew! Rotarian Bruce Amey performed the Induction Ceremony and PDG Don Milton assisted with the official pinning of our 3 fine new Rotary members. Please welcome TJ Vonglis, Nick Lovullo and Tom Honan. Good job Jake Ayers and Tom Vonglis on recruiting and sponsoring our newest members.



## On October 20

Take 2... Roadside cleanup did happen on this day. Good weather, good crew and lots of garbage cleaned up along Route 39. Many thanks for taking time out of your weekend to help make Avon even better.



## On October 23

President Heather and Foundation Chair Kirk presented Bob French with his Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin. Many thanks to Bob for his generosity to the Foundation which helps people and projects all over the world.



## Meet the New Members!



My name is **Tom Honan** and I grew up in Chili, with my parents and my sister. I went to Churchville-Chili Schools, graduated in 1997 and then went on to college at MCC where I studied Business Management. From there I went on to SUNY Brockport. I met my wife while visiting a friend at SUNY Geneseo.

We were married in 2004, I then moved to Avon. We now have four daughters Nora (11) Kate (8), Evie (6) and Emie (5) and they mean the world to me.

I have been with Wegmans Food Markets now for 25 years. I started Stocking shelves, worked in HR, produce, prepared foods, front end and have worked for the past 7 years as a Service Area Manager. I truly love my job and the company I work for. I love to be able to make a difference in someone's life, to teach, mentor and guide.

For the past five years, I have been a t-ball coach for Avon Youth baseball. I have worked with the Hillside work scholarship program, where I have been a mentor. Joining Rotary is a way to be able to make a difference and a way to give back. This is also a way to work with a great group of people and develop long lasting relationships and work together for the good of our community. Thank you all for allowing me to join and welcoming me with open arms.



My name is **Nick Lovullo**, and I've lived in Avon for almost my entire life. Volunteering is very important to me, and something my wife Jaime and I actively try to instill in my children Natalie, 11, and Jackson, 9. I've been active in coaching youth sports including baseball, football, and am also a co-founder of RIOT, a running group with an emphasis on character development along with physical health for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Avon Central School. I am an active member of Avon Braves PTA since 2012.

I am a CNC Machinist/Programmer at DP Tool and Machine, located in Avon, NY. I have worked there since August of 2000. Some of the projects I am involved in are automotive systems, and gear cutting tools and logistical solutions.

As my children are getting older, the volunteer opportunities through their schools are becoming less frequent. I feel that being a member of Avon Rotary is the exact place I need to be to continue helping others in my community and elsewhere.



**R** My name is **TJ Vonglis**. I'm 35 years old and have 2 sons, Reed (9) and Archer (6). I live in Henrietta but grew up and went to school in Avon. I work with my parents/Rotarians at Hurricane Technologies which they own. I work as a network cable installer and have been doing it for over 6 years. I graduated from FLCC with 2 associate degrees in conservation and wildlife.

My hobbies include staying active as much as possible by playing softball for the Avondale Pub during the summer as well as kickball. I also enjoy hiking and camping in the Adirondacks and anything that involves nature.

I joined Rotary to become more active in the community and doing good things for people less fortunate than me. I also like the family atmosphere of the Avon club which was another reason for joining. In the future as a member, I would like to try to incorporate not only humanitarian things but wildlife things as well. To me, the more Rotary can help out in every aspect of the world, the better.

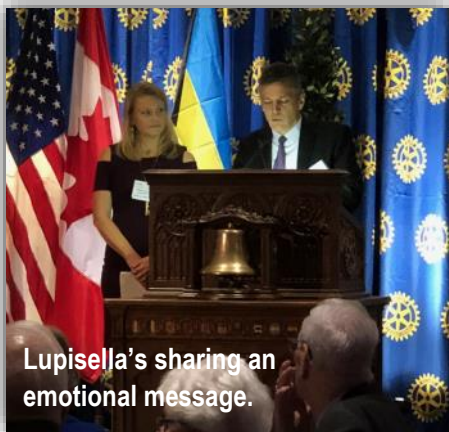
## On October 28 EASTERN CITIES DINNER

This annual event proved to be one of the most inspiring evenings yet. The spotlight shined on Rob & Jeanine Lupisella and their story of inspiration. They reflected on the multiple school builds in Nicaragua through their not-for-profit organization, Linking Hands for Learning. It was a trip down memory lane for many of us and a deep reminder of how this project has affected so many lives.

We had a great number of club members in attendance and perhaps a record number of 1st timers—8 pictured below; Jake & Heather Ayers, Karen Vanderbilt (soon to be member), Nick Lovullo, Katie Degraff, Tom Honan and (missing) Jean & Greg Antkowiak. We had 4 students with us too, Maggie, Sarah, Henry and Sofie. The evening was a great opportunity to visit with others in the District, hear words of wisdom from Don Alhart and be inspired by our RI President.



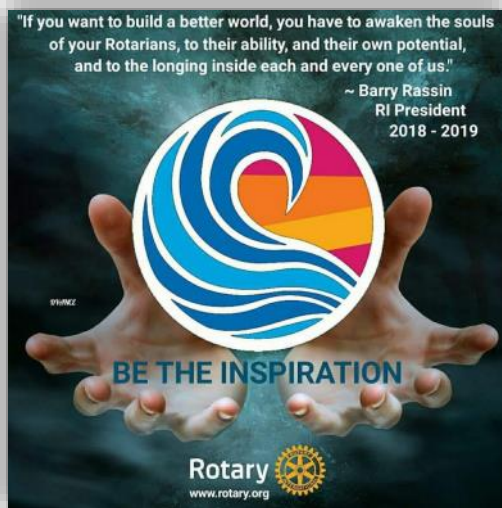
28 proud representatives from Avon Rotary!



Lupisella's sharing an emotional message.



1st time attendees, happy they came.



RI President Barry Rassin inspired us with his presentation.

On October 30

# HALLOWEEN MEETING

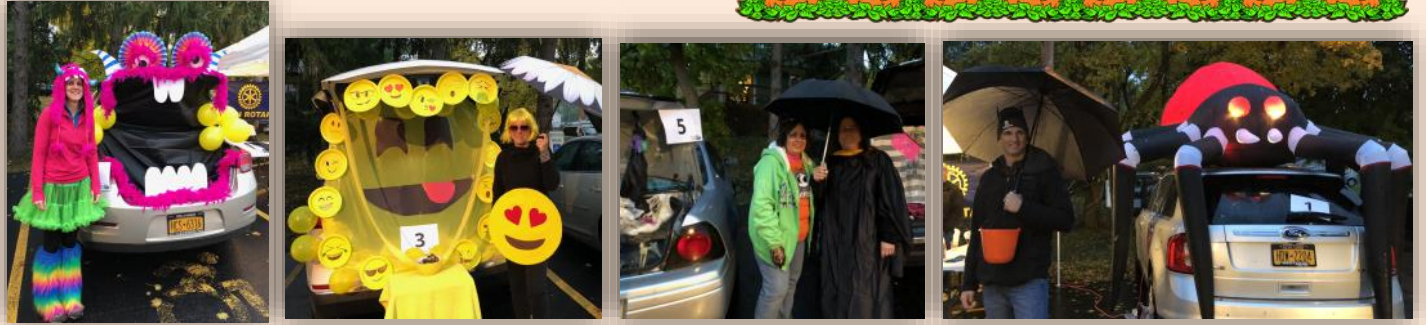
Fun times celebrating together! Many thanks to the club members who participated in the costume contest.



On October 31

# TRUNK OR TREAT

We braved the weather, partnered with the Wesleyan Church and provided a fun area for families to trick or treat. Thank you to the Rotarians that decorated their trunks, helped set up and organize, especially Kelly Cole, Katie DeGraff and Tom Vonglis. We collected some Avon Food Pantry items to help fill shelves for community members in need. (missing is Leann Hill's trunk)



October 23:

Special guest appearance by Chase Holmes, son of Past President, Scott Holmes. The young lad listened and smiled throughout the program about Polio. Chase, now 1 year old, is a happy, healthy boy. Don't we wish all the children of the world were healthy like Chase?!



# AVON ROTARY CLUB

## World Polio Day Efforts 2018

Tuesday, October 23 at our regular club meeting we celebrated World Polio Day.

With 43 members present, we designated our 'happy dollars' & 50/50 funds to the PolioPlus fund. This, in addition to the \$2500 we have budgeted.

We watched the video titled: "Jonas Salk—The Shot Felt Around the World"

We listened to District Polio Chair, Laurie Vonglis provide an update on our progress in the battle to eradicate Polio.

All were encouraged to raise awareness, advocate and contribute.



### 2018 Wild Polio Case Counts As of November 1

<u>Country</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Afghanistan	13	14	19	2 Oct 18
Nigeria	4	0	0	20 Aug 16
Pakistan	20	8	6	25 Sept 18
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	



How close will we get to zero this year?

Funding is as important as ever so consider making a donation to the PolioPlus fund and the Gates Foundation will match 2:1.

The children of the world thank you!



**2 Polio Drop  
Every Child  
Every Time**



Learn More  
Visit  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Why Should a Rotarian Contribute to the Foundation?

By: PDG Don Alhart, June 2012

- Because you ARE a Rotarian- first and foremost. If you are only interested in contributing to your community, you can do that through other organizations. You do not need a club- and if you do- you could simply form a “Community Goodwill Club”- meet every so often- and do “good things” for your community.
- As a Rotarian- you get the best of **BOTH** worlds
  - ◊ Your club can contribute to the local community through local projects and fundraising activities.
  - ◊ You can also contribute to the **WHOLE WORLD** - as well- as part of the combined strength of 1.2 Million Rotarians across the globe.
  - ◊ We need to inspire such giving, rather than simply present it as an *obligation*. Listen to the Doctor who has traveled to a third world country and done reconstructive surgery on a child’s face- so they are no longer an outcast in their own village. Share the stories of those who have gone to countries far away- at their own expense- to help Rotary create a Polio-Free world. Hear from women- in Africa- who were given the help to start their own businesses- to gain independence, self esteem, and provide for their families without relying on a handout.
- ◊ Remember that Rotary began as a business networking opportunity. The more members got together- the more they realized they needed to do *more*. They needed a *purpose* beyond their own needs.
- ◊ Remember Arch Klumph began the Rotary Foundation with a simple premise that still holds true today- “**Do Good in the World**”
- By giving to the Rotary Foundation- you have the opportunity to request funds from that Foundation for your **LOCAL** community. As we embark on the Future Vision plan- those opportunities may actually increase. In District 7120- more than \$10,000 a year has come back to local clubs for community projects ranging from books for libraries- to community pavilions. Your gift to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund opens the door for our district to do more- regionally,- and- around the world.

Quite simply, we must remember we are not just members of “Rotary”. We are all members of “Rotary **International**”. We gain strength from numbers. When we became Rotarians we accepted responsibility to help each other- around the world. Our inspired gifts to the Rotary Foundation fund the very programs that help us **do that!** They fund programs in which Rotarians from our local clubs have taken part such as the *Group Study Exchange* and *Ambassadorial Scholars*.

Why Should a Rotarian Contribute to the Rotary Foundation? Why not?



# Sofie's Update

This month has been full of fun and exciting experiences! I have been very busy and doing a lot of different things with both friends from school and exchange students. It's amazing that I get to socialize in two great environments!

School is going well! I'm more comfortable and talk with a lot of different people. I really enjoy going to school, and everyone has been so nice and welcoming! Both teachers and students are so nice and very understanding.

Homecoming and spirit week was so much fun! It was a very different but really amazing experience. A week in a truly American style. Besides this I also participated in powderpuff. It was so much fun! (Even though I had no idea how to play American football...) I also got announced as homecoming queen! Not expected, but I truly appreciate the experience!

Besides that, school cross-country is going great! The season is almost over, which is a bit ambivalent. I have really enjoyed being part of such an amazing and supportive team. But, we still have sectionals, and luckily I get the experience to run!

I really appreciate this experience and opportunity! I appreciate everyone who is part of my exchange experience and everything that all of you guys do.



Thank you!



## November Member Celebrations

	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Rotary Anniversary</u>
	⇒ <i>Heather Ayers</i>	⇒ <i>Bruce Amey 2006</i>
	⇒ <i>Steve Csapo</i>	⇒ <i>Charles Feller 2000</i>
	⇒ <i>Katie DeGraff</i>	⇒ <i>David Henehan 1980</i>
	⇒ <i>Greg Johnson</i>	⇒ <i>Jeff Herberger 2016</i>
<u>Wedding Anniversary</u>	⇒ <i>Kathy Shrestha</i>	⇒ <i>Janis McMIndes 2016</i>
⇒ <i>Bruce Amey</i>	⇒ <i>Kirk Vanderbilt</i>	⇒ <i>Bob Mellen 2016</i>
⇒ <i>Colin Bruckel</i>	⇒ <i>Jim Varner</i>	⇒ <i>Shawn Rice 2016</i>
⇒ <i>Jeff Herberger</i>	⇒ <i>Tom Vonglis</i>	⇒ <i>Kathy Shrestha 2017</i>
⇒ <i>Kirk Vanderbilt</i>	⇒ <i>Nick Lovullo</i>	⇒ <i>Wayne Warriner 1986</i>

## November Club Schedule



<b>Tues. Nov. 6</b>	Special Meeting: Interact Runs The Meeting
<b>Sat. Nov. 10</b>	AUCTION 8 am
<b>Sat. Nov. 10</b>	Auction Dinner 6 pm TBD
<b>Mon. Nov. 12</b>	Board of Directors Meeting; 7 pm @ Hurricane
<b>Tues. Nov. 13</b>	Regular Meeting—New Member Inductions
<b>Tues. Nov. 20</b>	Special Joint Rotary/Lions Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting @ Avon Inn 6:00 pm
<b>Tues. Nov. 27</b>	Regular Meeting

## Rambling On Rotary—November



By: Bruce Amey

We recently had the joy of three new members being inducted into our club and, on November 13, we are looking forward to having three more join. That is six new members in our club since July. As you know, Rotary has more than 1.2 million members worldwide. As I reported in the July issue of our newsletter, I was a first-time attendee at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto this year. In the November issue of *The Rotarian*, RI President Rassin commented on his first RI Convention. My perceptions were very similar to his. “When I walked through the doors of that convention, I was stunned. It was one thing to know that I was part of a global organization with over a million members around the world. It was something else altogether to stand there in the middle of it. ... That convention didn’t just open my eyes. It opened my mind. It inspired me to completely change the way I saw Rotary, what Rotary could do for me, and what I could do through Rotary.”

Every time we welcome new members, I am encouraged by what they will teach me about their vocations and their businesses. I look forward to getting to know their families, their interests, and their desires. As each new member joins, I am confident our club will become better and stronger in our service in our community, our country, and our world.

Speaking of Rotary service in the world, November is Rotary Foundation month. The Rotary Foundation is the financial arm of Rotary affording it the opportunity to support projects such as eradicating polio, improving/providing water, providing recovery efforts in the aftermath of natural disasters, among others. In addition to “world” projects, Foundation donations also provide funds for us to complete local projects. Please make your donation to the Foundation today.

As we approach our national holiday of Thanksgiving, the world has much to be thankful for because of Rotary and because of each of us committing to be Rotarians. Service Above Self are not just words of a motto but a way of life. It is worth remembering everyday what Rotary can do for you; we are changed for the better when we serve others. What can I do through Rotary? The opportunities are limitless but always start with my willingness to be involved as much as I can. I am thankful to be a member of Avon Rotary and Rotary International. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.



BE  
grateful  
AND give  
thanks

### Contact the Sunshine Liaison Agent



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

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**AVON  
ROTARY  
AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018**

Avon Elementary School

Preview: 8 a.m. Auction: 9 a.m. sharp!



**KEEP  
CALM  
IT'S  
CRUNCH  
TIME!**



Interact has started off this year with a bang. We have 70 kids involved this year! We have been busy at work raising funds for charities. Getting ready to kick off our food donation boxes at the high and middle schools. Getting ready for the auction with the concessions and desserts. National Interact week is the first week in November and our president, Maggie will run a Rotary meeting. Avon Interact Rocks!

WORK FOR  
A CAUSE,  
NOT FOR  
APPLAUSE.  
Live LIFE TO  
EXPRESS,  
NOT TO IMPRESS.

STAY POSITIVE.ME

**Avon Food Pantry**

*Collections are the  
3rd Tuesday Of The Month*

Items needed in November are:

- Canned green beans
- Gravy
- Canned pumpkin
- Pie crust
- Stuffing mix
- Mushroom soup
- Cranberry sauce
- Evaporated milk





# Save The Date

## 2018-2019 Rotary Calendar of Special Events

Saturday, November 10, 2018	Auction 8:00—2:00 @ Avon Elementary School
Saturday, November 10, 2018	Auction Dinner—TBD
Tuesday, November 20, 2018	Rotary/Lion's Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting 6:00
Friday, November 30, 2018	Foundation Brunch at Ventosa Vineyards 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 8, 2018	Christmas Party 6:00 @ Avon Commons
Tuesday, February 12, 2019	Sweethearts Dinner 6:00
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	St. Patrick's Dinner 6:00
Wednesday, May 1, 2019	Lions/Rotary Picnic Meeting 6:00
Friday, May 3– May 5, 2019	District Conference, Mt. Pocono, PA
Saturday, May 18, 2019	Blue Jean Ball, Oak Knolls Manor 6 pm
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Quad Cities Golf—Avon
Tuesday, June 25, 2019	Change of Officers, Avon Inn

