



## DECEMBER 2018

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### President's Message



The holidays are a time to reflect on the things we are grateful for and that bring us joy. For me, I am thankful for the hard group of dedicated Rotarians that I have the pleasure to know and call my friends.

It is only appropriate that I start by saying 'Thank you' to all Rotarians, friends and family who stepped up to make our 51st Rotary Auction a success. In particular, our steering committee led by Kelly Cole did an excellent job making sure the event continued to be a highlight for our community. Thank you all for stepping up and putting in late nights leading up to the Auction and a long day's work the day of. The work you do is so important – because of your success in this endeavor, we are able to make contributions to our community. This month, we made donations to many organizations including Chances and Changes, Avon Food Pantry, Teresa House, and more. These organizations count on our support, particularly at this time of year when their patrons needs them most.

This month we also had our first in-meeting service project that supported Stone's Community Resources at Avon Central. We were able to work alongside our Interact Club and pack backpacks with food for a group of children for the entire month! What a treat to be

able to support the youth of our community that need us while working alongside a group of Avon's future leaders.

In spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, we hosted the Avon Lions club to give thanks to a great group of people that have as much heart in giving back to our community as we do.

Finally, we had the pleasure of welcoming two more new members to Avon Rotary – Chris Ferra and Rhonda Hirschler. Chris and Rhonda, we welcome you both and look forward to continuing to get to know you and working alongside you in the years to come. Thank you for choosing Avon Rotary as the place to continue making your mark.

We do so much together and I continue to be inspired by the thanks and praise we receive from community members that encounter our amazing group. I look forward to continuing to celebrate the holidays with our service projects and upcoming holiday party. Thank you again for continuing to be my inspiration!

Yours In Rotary Service,  
Heather



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# November Highlights

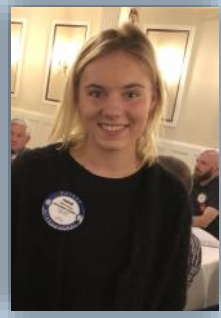
## On November 6

Our meeting was run by Interact President Maggie Dempsey. We completed our 1st service project for Avon Central School's, Stone's Community Resource Closet, filling backpacks with food for children on the weekends.



## On November 13

Foundation Area Director (FAD), Bob Owens paid us a visit, talked about the Foundation and how well Avon historically supports it. This year we are challenged to top Rush Henrietta's giving!



We finally had the opportunity to present Sofie with her official club badge!

Bruce Amey skillfully and meaningfully conducted the induction ceremony for our 2 new members—Rhonda Hirschler & Chris Ferra. President Heather and AG Dan Cole pinned them and presented them with their official member certificates.



*Welcome*

## On November 20

we enjoyed a very special Thanksgiving meeting with the Avon Lion's Club. With over 65 people in attendance, we shared not only a meal, but sincere comradery. President Heather shared our club highlights as well as Lion's President, Bob Hayes. Together, we completed a holiday service project, writing words of thanks and greetings which will be distributed over the month of December at the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center. Many thanks to Shawn Rice for making the special delivery. We also kicked off the season of giving with a 'Giving Tree' for those wishing to provide a gift for a child in our community. With so much to be thankful for, we all enjoyed this great occasion.





## November Highlights continued...

On November 10th, the 51st Avon Rotary Auction was held under the leadership of Kelly Cole, with a strong contingent of Rotary members assisting in the execution of acquiring, organizing and auctioning almost 300 items.



**"THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A PERFECT TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS AND SEEK OUT WAYS TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THOSE AROUND US."** -TERRI MARSHALL



The kids made some fabulous desserts to help support the Rotary Auction and made roughly over \$300. at concessions. We put together care kits for the local food pantry. Some items included deodorant, Chapstick, toothbrush and toothpaste. We also made the bags that Santa passes out for the community event on December 1st. Maggie and Maria ran the Rotary meeting and did an awesome job! Great leaders! Proud of these kids volunteering their time. #betheinspiration is a great theme to pass on to these kids and the program keeps growing as more students find out what we do!



Maria & Maggie running the Rotary meeting on Nov. 6



Maria, Maggie, Sofie & Ella—Interact Leaders at the Rotary meeting on November 6



Shannon, Ali, Sofie & Ed, shopping for the auction concession

## Meet the New Members!



My name is **Rhonda Hirschler** and I have lived in this area for over 28 years. I have 2 boys, Robert (31) and Phillip (28) and a lovely daughter-in-law, Megan (27).

My main job is "Rhonda's Cleaning Service" that I started 30 years ago. I also do side jobs such as pet sitting, selling Norwex, catering, and caring for a 101 year old once a week. I love to keep busy.

I joined Rotary because I was looking for a club/organization that would let me volunteer my time and be able to give back to people who need any help I can provide them.

I want to thank you all for welcoming me and giving me the chance to give back to others.



My name is **Chris Ferra**. I am semi-retired and looking forward to being part of this growing Rotary community. I live in Avon. For the past eleven years I have worked at the ARC of Monroe.



## TAKE NOTE... HERE ARE OUR NEW MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION

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# Rambling On Rotary—December



By: Bruce Amey

This month, forgive me, but I need to ramble about the joy of my new granddaughter Giuliana, born November 16. Diane and I had the joy of being in Detroit with my son David and his wife Lesly, along with granddaughter #1

Giavonna, when Giuliana was born. As I held Giuliana (as often and as much as I was allowed) I could only admire the wonder of new life and the promise it holds. My prayer is that she will be healthy and happy and what a joy it is to be a part of her life.

The next week Diane and I hosted much of her family for Thanksgiving but for me the best part was it was the first time Johnathan had been back to our house since he moved to Niagara Falls August 25. It was so much fun having him “home” with us again, even if it was for just the day.

Where am I going with this (I bet you ask yourself that quite often when reading my Ramblings)? November was Foundation Month for Rotary. I hope you made your donation but if you haven't yet, there is always today to do so. I look at my grandchildren and I want them to grow in a world where peace is promoted over self-interest, where all are educated about and committed to fighting diseases that plague many in our world, where all peoples have access to clean water and sanitation which will allow children to live and grow stronger, and where access to quality education is available for all which will then, in turn, help grow local economies. These are the causes of Rotary ... internationally AND locally. The Rotary Foundation provides funding for these causes.

In the December issue of the Rotarian, cyclist Ralph Zuke told how he rode his bicycle from his home in Illinois 703 miles to Toronto for the International Convention last June; it took him 22 days. His purpose was to raise awareness and funds for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. His goal was to raise \$22,000 reflecting the 22 cases of polio in the world last year. He raised \$24,000 and with the Gates Foundation 2-for-1 match was able to raise \$72,000 to fight polio. Looking at my grandchildren, I am thankful that they don't have to worry about contracting polio, but it IS only a plane flight away. Mr. Zuke was quoted, “Twenty-two cases is a really low number ... but zero is the only acceptable number.”

Every dollar we contribute to the Rotary Foundation goes for a very worthy cause. I have been blessed to have clean water, live in a peaceful community, have access to good healthcare, and been part of an excellent education system. There are many around the world who are much less fortunate. Rotarians are people of action. By giving to the Foundation, Rotary's actions are multiplied.

I look at my grandchildren and I just want to squeeze them and not let go. I wish I could do that more with my own children again. I try to make sure I hug Diane as often as possible (without getting weird). I am thankful for all that I have been blessed with and to be a part of this community and this club and Rotary International. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. All of you are my foundation. Please be sure to give to our Rotary Foundation. And now, I have truly rambled on long enough.

## 2018 Wild Polio Case Counts as of November 27

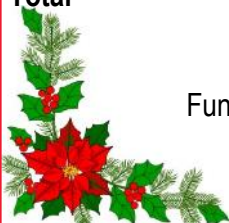
<u>Country</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Afghanistan	13	14	19	2 Oct 18
Nigeria	4	0	0	20 Aug 16
Pakistan	20	8	8	7 Oct 18
<b>Total</b>	37	22	<b>27</b>	



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!



# My Big Red Box



By: Kelly P. Cole

There I was late Friday night, watching TV and finishing a drink before turning in. (I think I was in the middle of Vespers too!!) All of a sudden, the TV news interrupts with the news of George H. W. Bush's passing.

He was a great guy, and I always admired him and his wife Barbara as I believed that they were moral upstanding individuals who served the people of our country well.

Sidebar - When Barbara's image made headlines years ago, I told my brother Peter that she reminded me of the Quaker Oats guy! A week later, this caricature arrived in the mail.



I thought Barbara was a very classy lady, despite me liking her to a picture on an oatmeal container!

Back to the present - When the news announcement came, I listened to the short history of H.W. (as me and his closest friends called him! – sniff!) and they said that he was born on June 12, 1924.

“HEY!!” I said to myself!

I went out to the garage and opened the red wooden box that I bought at the auction this year. I had obtained 5 boxes from Bob Erdle, who lives in the big house on the bend of Fisk Place and South Avenue, you know,... where that magnificent garage is located! Bill Tabor, the former owner, was a bit of a recluse, and his house was filled with all sorts of items from the past, including an old Steamer trunk and the five boxes. In the bottom of the red wooden box, was a newspaper. I had read the date, and realized that the box was old, as this too had a picture of the original owners on the inside. It was one of the reasons I wanted the box. The really sad news was that I had to pay \$30 for it!!

Coincidentally, the date on the newspaper was -



So what does this mean?

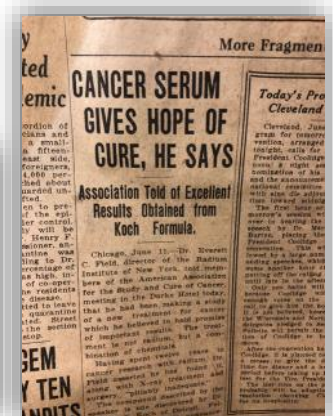
Well, I believe that it means two things –

1. Always buy stuff at the Rotary Auction, because you never know what kind of treasures you will find!
2. I believe that God is telling me to run for President of the United States! HEY! Why else would He have sent this subtle connection to H.W.?? And, I believe that ol' DJT would fund my campaign too! Why? Because I would make him look like a tame pussycat!!

I would have -

- Bounced rude reporters who interrupted me out IMMEDIATELY!
- I would have scared the Kimchi right out of “Little Rocket Man” after the first missile was launched!
- Think about it.... All kinds of cool stuff would happen!! Security at our club meetings and events would be tighter than Ted Coyne in a retail store, and instead of ‘Lumberyard Jim’ tickling the ivories every week, (not that he isn't SUPERB!) we'd have the U.S. Marine Corps Band playing for our Rotary meetings every week!

So there is my “brush with greatness”, as Mark Evans likes to say!





## December Member Celebrations

### Birthdays

- ⇒ **Jake Ayers**
- ⇒ **Colin Bruckel**
- ⇒ **Bob French**
- ⇒ **Margo Harper**
- ⇒ **Tom Honan**
- ⇒ **Chris Masten**
- ⇒ **Shawn Rice**
- ⇒ **Julie Welch**
- ⇒ **Ernie Wiard**

### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ **Greg & Jean Antkowiak 2016**
- ⇒ **Marcia Cameron 2005**
- ⇒ **Rodney George 2010**
- ⇒ **Bob House 1987**
- ⇒ **Dom Lalisie 2014**
- ⇒ **Terry Lemen 2012**
- ⇒ **Cathy Jo Murphy 2011**
- ⇒ **Jim Varner 2014**
- ⇒ **Julie Welch 2015**
- ⇒ **Ernie Wiard 1975 (H)**

### Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ **David Kilgore**
- ⇒ **Bill Wall**
- ⇒ **Julie Welch**



## December Club Schedule



<b>Tues. Dec. 4</b>	Regular Mtg—Blood Drive
<b>Sat. Dec. 8</b>	Christmas Party at the Avon Commons—6:00
<b>Mon. Dec. 10</b>	Board of Directors Mtg—7:00 at Hurricane
<b>Tues. Dec. 11</b>	Club Assembly
<b>Tues. Dec. 18</b>	Regular Mtg
<b>Tues. Dec. 25</b>	NO MEETING—MERRY CHRISTMAS! HO HO HO



### 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 Food Pantry

*Collections are the  
3rd Tuesday Of The Month*

Items most needed in December are:



- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Paper products



## **2018-2019 Rotary Calendar of Special Events**

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
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	Avon Rotary Honors @ Avon Inn 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

