



President's Message



A Great Summer to Connect! Our New Rotary year just started on July 1st and I am already amazed at the energy, passion and enthusiasm demonstrated by the Club in our gatherings and projects.

At our Change of Officers Dinner, well deserved recognition was presented to our Rookie of the Year: Mike Ford. Mike has made many significant contributions to our Club already and is taking on increasing responsibilities in our Fundraising activities. We also recognized Jake Ayers as Rotarian of the Year. Jake is a formidable asset to our Team. Over the last few years, he has led and grown the Blue Jean Ball which has increased our ability to support our Local Community.

In addition to the individual recognition, we also celebrated a great year of serving our community and the World through projects, donations and activities. While member recognition is not a key goal of the organization, the celebration gave us an opportunity to reflect on our progress and energize us for the upcoming year.

July started the year on a great note with our support of the Gilda's Camp in Penfield under the leadership of Tom Vonglis. 17 Club volunteers and family helped serve 235 people at the Camp. This service project is run in collaboration with the Penfield and Spencerport Clubs and is becoming another yearly activity for us. This ability of our club members to respond with such energy to service opportunities is one of the Cornerstones of our Organization.

In a few days the Corn Festival will start! In addition to being our most important Fund-

raiser, the Corn festival is also our biggest "vitrine" to the Community. Most Avon residents know of our Club because they attended the Corn Festival at some point. The 2019 edition is shaping up as another very successful Festival with our hopes for great weather and no rain! We are expecting Governor Dave Hannan to visit us on the day of the Festival to serve in our Corn Booth. The Corn Festival requires the participation and commitment of all our members and their family. Thank you to all volunteers for your dedication!

In August, we will also support the GVRC Camp. I invite everyone of you to participate in the Camp visit. I know it was a transformational opportunity for me to visit the Camp for the first time a few years ago. The enthusiasm of both campers and camp staff is incredibly contagious and will energize your "service" habit to a new level.

August will also see the arrival of Julia in our Club and School District. Julia is coming from Brazil and she will be our inbound student at Avon High School for the 2019-2020 school year. We are still looking for 1 or 2 additional host family for Julia if you would like to volunteer! Julia is very excited to meet with the Club and her school teammates.

At the end of August, we will have our first Membership Night. I challenge everyone of us to invite a friend, a neighbor or a colleague to join us on that evening to discover the excitement and the camaraderie of our unique organization.

Our Rotary Summer events will keep us busy! Thank you all for all you do every day for making us a valuable and vibrant part of our Community. We have a lot of opportunities to connect, let's make them all count!

President Dom

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

Board of Directors
Dom Lalisce, President
Julie Carney, President Elect
Jake Ayers, Sr. Director
Steve Csapo, Director
David Kilgore, Member at Large
Heather Ayers, Past President
Shannon DiFranco, Secretary
Kelly Cole, Treasurer

July Highlights

District Changeover Celebration: Janis McMIndes, Dom Lalisce, Laurie & Tom Vonglis attended and witnessed the 2019-20 Governors track get 'sworn in'. Our new District Governor David Hannan gave an informative introduction to the upcoming year. The Avon Club was also among five clubs chosen and presented with a check to carry out our summer project to help battle childhood hunger in our area which was PDG Don Milton's project last year.

Gilda's Club Camp Open Arms, July 9th at Penfield High School. Past President Tom Vonglis organized this 3rd annual service project, partnering with Spencerport and Penfield Rotary Club's. We provided lunch for over 230 children and counselors. Over 25 volunteers cooked and served on this warm sunny day, enjoying the smiles throughout our time there.



President Dom's 1st meeting; July 16th



Our 1st social outing of the year; July 23 at the Avon Driving Park. This well attended gathering included spouses and kids. Many thanks to Terry Lemen and her team for organizing, cooking and providing a very nice picnic that everyone enjoyed. It was a relaxing summer evening!



SUMMER FUN



Laurie,

7/2/19

Thanks for keeping me on the newsletter list. I enjoy hearing the great things that are going on at Rotary. It is neat to see that Dom, who first came on the board the year I was president, is now the president. Great work everyone. I miss you all and hope to see you at Corn fest or surprise you at a regular meeting if I happen to be in town.

Dan Jones, Past President

SAVE THE "NEW" DATE!

94th Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner

Monday, September 23rd

Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center



Keynote Speaker:
Holger Knaack
RI President Elect 2019-2020
RI President 2020-2021

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NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES,
SOME WEAR APRONS!



See you at the Corn Festival!

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2019 District 7120 Golf Tournament

You are invited—Get your foursome together

WHAT: District 7120 Golf Tournament

WHERE: Island Oaks Golf Course at Lima Country Club

WHEN: Friday, September 6, 2019; Registration at 12:00 noon, tee off at 1:00 pm

FORMAT: Scramble

COST: \$85 per person includes; golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes

For more information and to register go to: <http://bit.ly/7120-Golf2019>

Deadline to register is August 27th



Rambling On Rotary—August



By: Bruce Amey

We have started the new Rotary year with our new leadership team: President Dom Lalisce, President-elect Julie Carney, Senior Director—to be determined, Director Steve Csapo, Member at Large David Kilgore, Treasurer Kelly Cole, Secretary Shannon DiFranco, and Past President Heather Ayers. I am pleased that these club members have agreed to serve in our club's leadership. I know it is a dedication of time and energy and it is generally a multi-year commitment.

In Dom's first President's Message in the July edition of our club newsletter, he stated that he feels "humbled by the tremendous legacy of the Club and all our members." ... "In the last 3 years on the Board, I have had the opportunity to listen and learn from a wonderful set of leaders: Scott Holmes, Tom Vonglis, and Heather Ayers." Leadership doesn't just happen, but to groom our leaders requires someone to ask and then someone to say yes. President Dom joined Avon Rotary in 2014. Two years later (2016) he accepted the invitation to serve on the Board and prepare to be our club's president. In 2017 he was selected to be our club's Rotarian of the Year. This year, 2019, he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

In the August edition of *the Rotarian*, there was an article "What Happens When You Say Yes To

Rotary". The byline for the article was, "These 17 people joined Rotary to make a difference – only to find themselves transformed." From the Rotary Club of East Mississippi, Paul Bucurel stated, "I was absolutely humbled that somehow I was asked to be part of the leadership of the world's greatest humanitarian organization." Bucurel says Rotary has made him more generous with his time, his money and his efforts. "When we say yes to Rotary, I don't think many people really understand the scope of what they're saying yes to. The great joy is finding that out."

We say that Rotarians are people of action, we change lives. I would say that not only do we change lives as Rotarians but that WE are also changed lives because of Rotary. When we welcome new members into Rotary we tell them to find their niche, find where they are comfortable and grow with it. This Rotary year we have new leaders emerging not only in our Board but in some key fundraising roles as Tom Honan (just joined our last year) will chair our auction along with Janis McMIndes (member 2016) and our Blue Jean Ball will be chaired by Nick Lovullo (also just joined our club last year) and Julie Welch (member 2015). These new leaders in our club will need the support of every club member. A new Rotary year brings new opportunities for growth and excitement ... and leadership. Accepting those leadership opportunities are humbling moments ... to have been asked to step forward, to accept the challenge, and then to work towards the success.

I know that I have been transformed by having become an Avon Rotarian. I was asked to join the club by Barbara Herman. I was accepted by the club and president Jim Tompsett in 2006. I was tremendously humbled when Bruce Burritt presented me with my Paul Harris Fellow in 2012. I have been humbled many times over recognizing and realizing what our club accomplishes in our community and our world. It humbles me to know I have helped in some way.

Thank you to those who have invited new members to join Rotary and for those who have said yes to that invitation. Thank you to those of you who asked others to accept leadership positions and to you who have said yes. As we each continue to be transformed by Rotary, let us grow in our actions to better serve others. Let us find the joy for what we all said "yes" to when we joined Rotary. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

**DON'T FOCUS ON GETTING
NUMBERS; INSTEAD, START A
RELATIONSHIP, TELL YOUR ROTARY
STORY AND BY DOING SO YOU
INVITE THAT PERSON TO COME ON
THE JOURNEY AND BUY INTO THE
ROTARY DREAM.**

**YOU DON'T WANT NUMBERS YOU
WANT ROTARIANS!**

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August Member Celebrations



Birthdays

- ⇒ *Bill Shaw (H)*
- ⇒ *Jeff Herberger*
- ⇒ *Greg Deragon*
- ⇒ *Bob Mellen*

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ *Scott Holmes 2011*
- ⇒ *Steve Vanderbilt 2011*
- ⇒ *Katie DeGraff 2017*
- ⇒ *Charlene Masten 2017*

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ *Bob House*
- ⇒ *Wayne Warriner*
- ⇒ *Tom & Laurie Vonglis*
- ⇒ *Chris & Char Masten*
- ⇒ *Jake & Heather Ayers*
- ⇒ *Carmine Simone (H)*
- ⇒ *C.A. Krenzer*
- ⇒ *Shawn Rice*
- ⇒ *Bob Mellen*
- ⇒ *Paul Phillips*
- ⇒ *Kevin Van Allen*



August Club Schedule



Tues. Aug 6	Regular Mtg—In Mtg Service Project—Birthday Bags for Food Pantry & Abbey
Sat. Aug 10	Corn Festival—all hands on deck
Sun. Aug 11	Corn Festival Picnic 1:00 at George's Home, bring a dish to pass
Tues. Aug 13	American Red Cross Blood Drive @ Avon Inn—2:00-6:00 pm No Meeting!
Mon. Aug 19	Board of Directors Mtg 7 pm @ Hurricane
Tues. Aug 20	Visit to Genesee Valley Rotary Camp 6:00 @ Camp Sam Wood
Tues. Aug 27	District Governor David Hannan visits & Membership Night

Avon Food Pantry

Collections are the 3rd Tuesday Of The Month

Pantry needs for this month and throughout the summer:

- canned fruits, canned vegetables,
- apple sauce, apple juice, other types of 100% juices,
- cereal, snack bars,
- peanut butter, jam,
- spaghetti sauce
- tuna



Thank you,

Jennifer Palmer, Avon Food Pantry Director




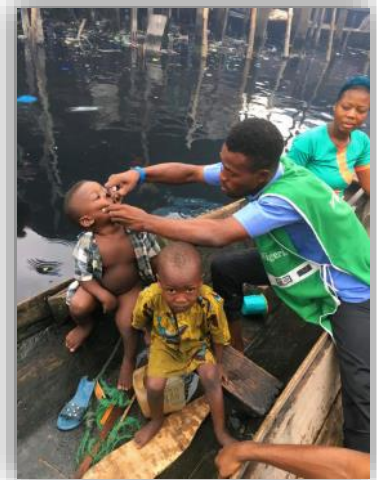
Is a fellow Rotarian ill or in need?

Please let the club President know
and he will enlist the help of our
Sunshine Liaison Agent—Barbara Herman



2019 Wild Polio Case Counts as of July 24, 2019

<u>Country</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Afghanistan	14	21	11	June 5, 2019
Nigeria	0	0	0	Aug 20, 2016
Pakistan	8	8	45	July 1, 2019
Total	22	29	56	



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!

Save The Date

2019-2020 Avon Rotary Calendar of Special Events

Sunday, August 11, 2019	Corn Festival Picnic @ George's—1:00
Tuesday, August 20, 2019	Visit GVRC—6:00
Tuesday, August 27, 2019	DG Visit & Membership Night—6:00
Tuesday, October 29, 2019	Halloween Party—6:00
Tuesday, November 26, 2019	Rotary/Lions Thanksgiving Dinner Mtg—6:00
Saturday, December 14, 2019:	Christmas Party—6:00
Tuesday, February 11, 2020:	Sweethearts Dinner—6:00
Tuesday, March 17, 2020:	St. Patrick's Dinner—6:00
Friday, May 1– May 3, 2020	District Conference—Niagara Falls, NY
Saturday, May 9, 2020	Blue Jean Ball—6:00
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Quad Cities Golf—Caledonia
Tuesday, June 30, 2020	Change of Officers Banquet—5:30