



President's Message



I would first like to congratulate all the recipients of Awards and Recognitions that occurred on July 14th at the Change of Officers Event. You are all examples of Service Above Self!!

This year's Rotary Theme is ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES and the image is of three doors that are slightly open. This can allude to so many different things. This past year has been filled with many challenges: the way we run our meetings, hold our fundraisers, and provide Service to Others – either in the community or globally. As things start to “open up” and things start to “go back” to some sort of normalcy, I encourage us to look at the doors of opportunity and choose to NOT go back to where we were – but instead go through and create new opportunities. The work that Rotary does is far too important to wait for “normal” to return. The support that we provide is needed now. We are a very resourceful and energetic club that has never shied away from challenges. As a Club we need to seek new opportunities to provide that help. It could be a new fundraiser, like the Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt where we are working with communities to build better friendships as well as working with other Service Organizations. I look forward to working with other community organizations throughout this year to create goodwill and friendships throughout our area. Be it with Lions Club, other Rotary Clubs, Churches, Schools, the Fire Department.... the idea of doors that we can open within our community is endless. And I would like to thank Kevin VanAllen for taking on the role of Community Service Project Chair to help reach that goal.

Some of my other goals for the year include moving forward with the Mentoring Program. This will fall under the Membership Committee that is chaired by Josh Tonra. I feel that every new member should have the opportunity to learn as much as they want about every aspect of our club and to feel encouraged to share new ideas and find their niche. We have a Guidelines Manual

that is on our Avon Rotary Website. This document is a detailed description of everything that our Club organizes. Knowledge is power and power is what is going to keep us moving forward through the doors of opportunity. If you try one door and you find out it is not for you – choose another door!

As most of you know, I joined Rotary in 2009 because of the Youth Programs that are offered. I learned so much from the Rotarian mentors who educated me, challenged me, and led me to be a mentor to students and other Rotarians wanting to move forward. I would like to see our club continue with our great track record of supporting the Youth Exchange Program, RYLA, Interact, New Generations Service Exchange. This year, I would like to have our Club sponsor a Rotaract Club. ROTARACT MEANS – ROTARY IN ACTION. Our past exchange student Henry Lemen is interested in pursuing this opportunity with us. The young professionals want to feel that they are making an impact. They need a club where they can be creative and be the leaders of change within Rotary. They know that Rotary is a great idea – and there are millions of younger adults who want to be a part of it. However, they feel that the “old way” is boring and slow, they want to be people of Action!

Our club has been very proactive with in-meeting service projects. I would like to see this return to a monthly activity and Rhonda Hirschler has agreed to spearhead this. If anyone has any ideas, please contact her. I look forward to continuing Party in a Bag and the backpack program as well as be creative in what we, as Rotarians, can do for our community.

I know that having meetings that are engaging and that provide a sense of purpose are vital to the health of our Club. Your time is important. Besides the great social enjoyment, we get from our fellowship at the meetings I want you to walk away with a feeling that your time was spent working towards the goals of Rotary. If anyone has any program ideas – please contact me.

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**Avon Rotary Club meets
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm**

Board of Directors

- Julie Carney, President
- Tom Vonglis, President Elect
- Steve Csapo, Senior Director
- Mike Ford, Director
- Bruce Amey, Member at Large
- Marcia Cameron, Past President
- Leann Hill, Secretary
- Katie DeGraff, Treasurer

President's Message continued

Speaking of the Health of our Club – the Strategic Planning that was started a few years ago under the presidency of Heather Ayers – has become a valuable part of how our club is going to continue to move forward. This plan is a continually changing mechanism that will provide vision for now, and well into the future. Thank you to Bruce Amey for continuing to Chair this committee.

I would also like to see more opportunities for family friendly social activities like sledding, kickball games, picnics and our service projects – if you think of it, we can make it happen!! We are trying to engage new members - some with young families and we need to be conscious of the time spent on Rotary is not keeping families apart – but bringing them together. The children of Rotarians are vital to continuing to

grow the values of Rotary and Service Above Self.

As a Club, I would like to go through these doors with you and I am confident that we will be entering into a new and exciting Rotary World. Our Club has always been one of determination and resilience. During these unknown times, it is easy to choose returning to the comfort of the old ways, the familiarity of once what was. I choose to go through the doors of new opportunities and embrace the unknown of what is on the other side. I hope that you will also choose to enter the future of Rotary and be a part of the new opportunities that are yet to be discovered!

Yours In Rotary Service,

Julie Carney, President 20-21

Change of Officers Celebration—July 14, 2020



President Julie Carney
2020-2021, leading our Change of
Officers celebration



Past President Dom Lalise
accepting his President's
plaque



On behalf of the club, Paul Harris Fellows presented to
Janis McMIndes, Josh Tonra, Shawn Rice & Mike Ford
for their service to the club and community



Jeff Herberger being presented with his
Paul Harris Fellow for his generous contri-
bution to the Foundation



CONGRATULATIONS
Bruce Amey on being selected
Rotarian of the Year!

Certificate of Appreciation
For 15 years of Service as
Treasurer presented to
Kelly Cole.
Accepting for him, Jan Cole and
brother Marty Cole



Welcome 2020-2021 Avon Rotary Board of Directors



(L-R) Marcia Cameron, Past President
Katie DeGraff, Treasurer
Mike Ford, Junior Director
Leann Hill, Secretary
Steve Csapo, Director
Tom Vonglis, President Elect
Julie Carney, President
Bruce Amey (missing), Member at Large

Interact News



Congratulations Avon Interact Club

1st place Service Project,
Care kits for the Food Pantry
Presented by our District 7120

L-R Ella Vanderbilt & Abby Decillis, Past
President

Welcome to the 2020-21
Avon Interact President, Ella Vanderbilt
Proudly wearing her Interact
President's button





Foundation Highlights

At our Changeover Dinner, the following club members received their PHF plus pin:

Rodney George – Plus 1
David Henehan – Plus 2
Janis McMIndes – Plus 1 & Plus 2
Laurie Vonglis – Plus 4
Bruce Amey – Plus 5 & Plus 6

At our Changeover Dinner, the following club members were recognized as being Sustaining Members for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year:

Bruce Amey	David Kilgore
Heather Ayers	Ed Kime
Jake Ayers	Hans Koomen
Colin Bruckel	Dom Lalisce
Marcia Cameron	David LeFeber
Kelly Cole	Chris Masten
Ted & Dorothy Coyne	Janis McMIndes
Steve Csapo	Cathy Jo Murphy
Katie DeGraff	Shawn Rice
Shannon DiFranco	Jim Ryan
Jerry Dougherty	Steve Stephenson
Mike Ford	Jim Tompsett
Bob French	Josh Tonra
Rodney George	Karen Vanderbilt
David Henehan	Kirk Vanderbilt
Jeff Herberger	Jim Varner
Barbara Herman	Laurie Vonglis
Tom Honan	Tom Vonglis
Bob House	Helen Zamboni

HELLO! Greetings from Margo Harper



Hi to all our club members at Avon Rotary. I miss making meetings but health concerns prevent that. I have 24 hour home care and go to dialysis on M – W – F. I joined Avon Rotary in 1999.

My husband, John was club president in 1984. He joined in 1974. I am also a Paul Harris Fellow. My son, Randy is Col. Corn Festus at the Corn Festival and has been since about 1989.

Margo is hoping that everyone is healthy and safe. She had successful eye surgery in June. When I visit her she always enjoys my reading the “Rambling on Rotary” article from the newsletter by Bruce Amey. She said “I am doing well for an “old lady!” Submitted by Jim Tompsett

Volunteers Decorate the Historical Window

Many thanks to Marcia Cameron, David Kilgore and Karen Vanderbilt for volunteering to decorate the historical window for the month of August.

It features items about the Club, Corn Festival and upcoming Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt.

Well Done!



Rambling On Rotary—August



By: Bruce Amey

“Rotary Opens Opportunities.”

What a great opportunity we enjoyed on July 14 as the first time in four months we were able to be physically together; our last regular meeting was March 10th. July 14th marked our traditional Change of Officers event, originally scheduled for June 23rd. At this event we recognize club members being honored as Paul Harris Fellows on behalf of the club, club members

who have earned additional Paul Harris recognition based on their own contributions to the Rotary Foundation, our Rookie of the Year and Rotarian of the Year. Our new Board for the new Rotary year is introduced, our Past President offers some closing thoughts, and our new President offers her vision for the coming year. We were honored by the presence of 2020-21 District 7120 Governor Linda Kohl and District Governor Elect Janet Tenreiro; so glad they could attend our event.

Our new Board of Directors is President Julie Carney (who emceed the evening), President-Elect Tom Vonglis, Senior Director Steve Csapo, Junior Director Mike Ford, Director at Large (please, no commentary on my weight) Bruce Amey, Past-President Marcia Cameron (in lieu of Dom), Secretary Leann Hill, and Treasurer Katie DeGraff.

President Julie shared an inspiring message for her vision of our club’s year. She challenged our club members to walk through the doors of opportunity to a new future rather than walking back through the doors desiring a former normal. She is looking forward to having more programs as part of our meetings; if you have an idea for a program, contact Rhonda Hirschler who has agreed to help coordinate these. Julie would also like to see our club continue our in-meeting service projects which inspired our club members two years ago. Julie’s experiences with youth since she joined our club has her wanting our club to adopt a Rotaract Club to improve our interaction and support of youth interested in serving others, interested in Rotary. Young people are the future of Rotary! Her message was inspiring to begin our new Rotary year.

As you know my commitment to the work of the Rotary Foundation, I am always thrilled to see others achieve Paul Harris status. A Paul Harris Fellow is presented “in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations

among peoples of the world” and reflects a donation of \$1,000 to the Foundation in the name of that honoree. Our club awarded Paul Harris Fellows to Josh Tonra, Shawn Rice, Mike Ford and Janis McMIndes. The club also presented Jeff Herberger with a Paul Harris Fellow based on his own donations.

Our Rookie of the Year was not able to attend the gathering so (s)he will be recognized at a later date. This year’s Rotarian of the Year Award states “Be it known that Bruce Amey having shown by his excellent fellowship; exemplary attendance and loyalty; and his unfailing willingness and endeavors in serving his community is hereby proclaimed Rotarian of the Year by the Avon Rotary Club. We extend our sincere congratulations and commendation in receiving this meritorious award.” When Past President (and now President-Elect) Tom Vonglis was reading the nomination, I was incredibly moved, surprised, and numbed. At the presentation platform I was emotional and almost speechless; watching via zoom, Rodney said he was sure I would make up for it in my next Rambling article.

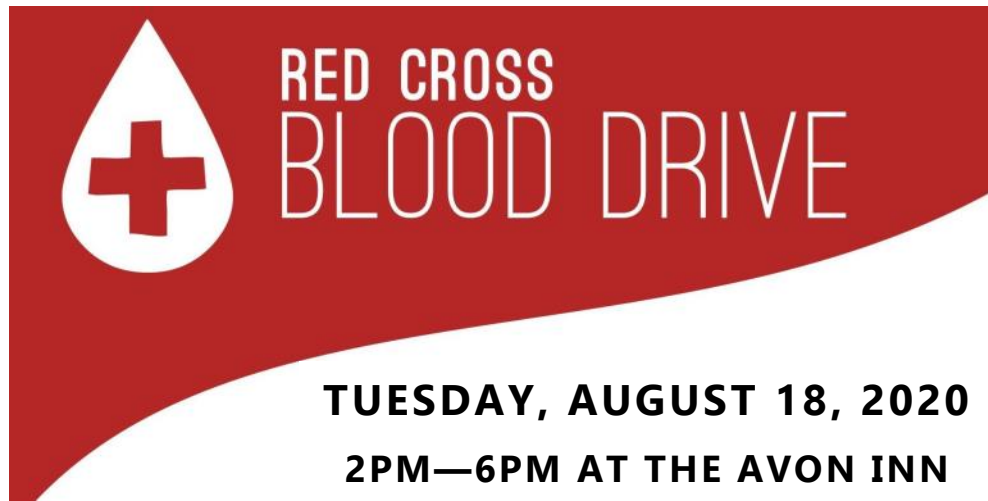
For me, our Change of Officers event is always memorable and gets me pumped for our new year and the opportunities it will provide; this year’s event will remain with me for many years to come. After the past four months of being apart, I was incredibly pumped to be together, even if I was in the most remote location of the yard as I was quarantining prior to visiting my granddaughter for her birthday. President Julie emphasized that our community and our world needs Rotary now more than ever, even if we cannot be physically together. I could not agree more. RI’s logo this year is three doors and as Julie said, her charge and our challenge is to walk through them together to new opportunities. We are a resilient club and our mission has been and will always be Service Above Self. We are off to a great start of a new Rotary year. And, as Rodney predicted, I have rambled on long enough.



WE NEED YOU!

We are getting so close to the Avon Rotary **Cornantine** Classic Road Rally and Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, August 8th!

If you haven't volunteered yet, please do so and contact Julie Carney.



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If you are a returning user, scroll down to the Blood Program Leader log in box. It is the second box down on the page. Enter your user name and password and make sure the Blood Program Leader user role is selected.

If you do not know your login information, please click on the "Forgot Username and Password" link and enter your email address in the field provided. If you need additional assistance, please contact your Red Cross Account Representative or Customer Care at customercare@redcross.org

If you have questions, contact Karl Sawicki, 746-8315

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2020 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 11, 2020; Registration at 11:00 am, tee off at 12:00 pm

FORMAT: Scramble

COST: \$80 per person includes; golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes

For more information and to register go to: <http://bit.ly/7120-Golf2020>

Deadline to register is August 30th

Questions? Contact Kirk Vanderbilt or Tom Vonglis



AUGUST



Club Schedule

Tues. Aug 4	Regular Zoom Mtg 6:30
Sat. Aug 8	ROAD RALLY/SCAVENGER HUNT 10 AM—10 PM
Mon. Aug 10	Board of Directors Mtg @ Hurricane 7 PM
Tues. Aug 11	Regular Zoom Mtg 6:30
Tues. Aug 18	Regular Zoom Mtg 6:30
Tues. Aug 25	Regular Zoom Mtg 6:30



August Celebrations

Birthday

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

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Scott Holmes 2011
- ⇒ Katie DeGraff 2017
- ⇒ Charlene Masten 2017

Wedding Anniversary

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



Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus

- Peace & Conflict Resolution
- Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Water & Sanitation
- Maternal & Child Health
- Basic Education & Literacy
- Economic & Community Development
- Supporting the Environment

Is a fellow Rotarian ill or in need?

Please contact the club
 Sunshine Liaison Agent—Barbara Herman
 226-6735



Avon Food Pantry

Pantry critical needs in August are:

Peanut Butter, Pudding, Jello

For pick up, contact Rhonda at 919-9719 or drop off at Julie Carney's house, in box on porch.



2020 Wild Polio Case Counts as of July 29, 2020

Country	2018	2019	2020	Date of last case
Afghanistan	21	28	29	June 13, 2020
Pakistan	8	135	56	June 8, 2020
Total	29	163	85	