



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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## President's Message



Well, here we are starting the month of November. There is still a lot to be thankful for during these uncertain times. I, personally, am thankful for family, friends and all that Rotary

has to offer.

Our first On-Line Auction has kicked off thanks to the leadership of Tom Honan and Janice McMIndes. It is during these uncertain times that we are reminded about our strength and determination to work together for the "greater good". It makes me happy to see newer members, push through difficult situations and show the resilience of our Club. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to a successful event!

The first week of November is Interact Week and I know for a fact that this program is the steppingstone for future Rotarians. Linda Kime was instrumental in my beginning steps of becoming a Rotarian. She taught me that mentoring the youth and building a foundation of respect and listening to the needs of others is the basis of the Four Way Test. It is with the youth that the ideals of Rotary will be carried on. We, as Rotarians, need to continue

mentoring and guiding the youth as they, themselves, try to figure out their path in the world. I thank Shannon DiFranco and Ed Kime for their commitment to the Interact Program, and I invite any one of you to get involved and help make a difference in the lives of our most valuable resource, our youth!

This month is also Foundation Month. We all have the power to make a difference in the lives of others whether it be locally or internationally. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. I thank Kirk Vanderbilt, our Foundation Chair, for all his work for the Foundation. He will be presenting to the Club all the opportunities for participating this month, as well as throughout the year. Please have a safe and healthy November!

Yours In Rotary Service,

Julie Carney, President 2020-2021

### 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

In a world  
where you can be anything

**BE KIND**

# October Highlights

**October 6:** We were joined by Amaris Hood from Bivona Child Advocacy Center. Bivona provides support to children that have survived sexual and physical abuse through its partnerships with legal entities, law enforcement, mental health facilities, medical professionals and child protective services. These partnerships allow a child to tell their story once so they don't have to keep reliving the horror of their abuse. Avon Rotary is proud to support their mission and greatly appreciate the work they do for our children.

*Submitted by Mike Ford*



**October 13:** We were joined by Webster Rotary Member and Shelter Box Ambassador, Rich Comins. Avon Rotary is proud to annually support Shelter Box's mission. Shelter Box is a global organization made up of people who believe in shelter as a human right and that shelter from the chaos of disaster and conflict is vital. When people are plunged into crisis, normality is suspended. But good, quality shelter can cut through the chaos. This is why they provide tools that enable people to rebuild homes and transform their lives.

*Submitted by Mike Ford*



**October 27:** We were joined by Joanna Collins, a local foster parent and foster care advocate for Glove House and Jane's Grace Foster Care Closet. Glove House is an organization that provides foster parents with training and support, finds homes for foster children, and provides resources to foster kids to help with their transition to foster care. Jane's Grace is a foster care closet started by Joanna. Many times when a child is placed into foster care it can be immediate and traumatic and they must leave many personal items behind. Jane's Grace finds out the needs of these kids and parents and collects clothing, bedding, books, toys, potty chairs, etc. to help ease a child's transition into foster care. As part of an in-meeting service project we made no sew blankets that will be provided to kids through Jane's Grace. To see Jane's Grace's current needs, check them out on Facebook. Search Jane's Grace Foster Care Closet.

*Submitted by Mike Ford*





# Preaching to the Choir



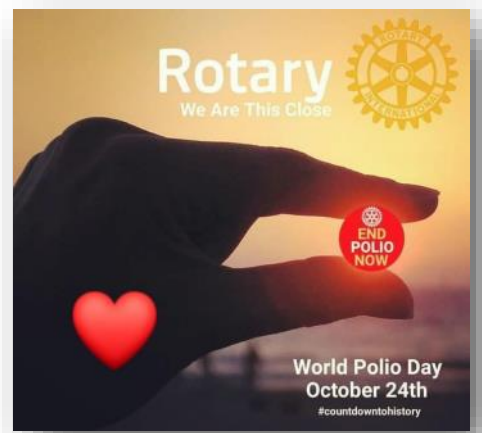
As most of you know, November is "Foundation Month" on the Rotary Calendar, and I just want to thank everyone in advance for their continued support. Avon Rotary continues with its long history of strong support both at the Club and the individual level, so I realize that as my headline suggests, I'm preaching to the choir. I'm reluctant to ask or suggest to anyone to make donations during times like these. We are called upon all the time to support various Rotary initiatives whether it be with our time or our money, and lately I'm hyper-aware of that fact. So, I will only remind you of all the important work that the Rotary Foundation is doing around the globe and ask that you please continue to support those efforts at whatever level you feel comfortable. For our newest members and prospective members, I'll offer to answer any questions you may have about the foundation and help to facilitate your participation when and if the time is right. If you do wish to make a donation, I (or Karen) will accept checks made out to The Rotary Foundation at any time, or there are several ways to donate and participate online at <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>.

AvonRotaryRocks!  
Kirk Vanderbilt, Foundation Chairman

# World Polio Day



Why give it the finger you ask? Well purple ink on the pinkie finger tells both the vaccination volunteers and the vaccinated child's neighborhood that one more person is safe from the horror of polio. It is more than a way to identify who has been immunized. It is a symbol of defiance against a crippling disease and a symbol of hope for a polio free world. No one is safe until all are safe. So let's give polio the finger and end polio now.  
For more information visit [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)



## 2020 Wild Polio Case Counts as of October 28, 2020

Country	2018	2019	2020	Date of last case
Afghanistan	21	28	53	Sept 13, 2020
Pakistan	8	135	79	Oct 3, 2020
<b>Total</b>	29	163	<b>132</b>	



## Rambling On Rotary—November



By: Bruce Amey

November is Rotary Foundation Month. As you know, I am a Foundation Fanatic. The September Rotary magazine spoke about “A Life Changing Adventure” sharing many stories about exchange students. But it also shared strategies to help clubs become better Peoples of Action by better understanding our club’s “story” and its “purpose”. The article suggested, using a verb from Rotary, to complete the headline, “Together we ... *Connect, empower, end*

*polio, fight hunger, inspire, learn, mentor, promote peace, save lives, transform.*”

Our club’s Mission Statement is, “The Rotary Club of Avon is an organization where service-minded individuals unite to provide resources and take action for those in need and support lasting change in our world, in our community, and in each other.” “Providing resources”, taking action”, and “supporting lasting change” are all Rotary verbs, too. So how do we put our Mission into action? How do we make it shine as our “purpose” and use it to write our “story”. I believe our club has a strong mission but that we need to make our club more visible in our community.

Our club is renowned throughout the district as a growing, inspired club that knows how to work hard and to play well. But our work is not that well known in our own community. How do we change that? How can we become more visible as a service organization in our own community? How do we write our story in such a compelling way that others want to be a part of our story, of our action and are thankful for our action?

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Rotary Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. With your help, we can make lives better in our community and around the world. Through our donations to the Foundation, our club qualifies to receive a District Grant that helps us do some special service in our own community.

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. I think it would be great if each Avon Rotarian became a sustaining member of

the Rotary Foundation so that we could better advance understanding, goodwill, and peace throughout our community.

A sustaining member of the Foundation means you commit to donating \$100 each year. By enrolling through your My Rotary account to a monthly gift to the Foundation of \$8.35, that would make every Rotarian a sustaining member of the Foundation. But even if you cannot commit to be a sustaining member, I believe we all need to make some level of investment in the work of the Foundation, to have some skin in the game. Being thankful for the work that Rotary does, for the work we do together as Rotarians ignites my inner fire to do more. I know doing good things together attracts doing more good things and for this I am thankful.

Service Above Self are not just words of a motto but a way of life. It is worth remembering every day that we are changed for the better when we serve others. We are on a Life Changing Adventure, changing the lives of others through our actions and our service. And for that I am thankful. And as usual, I have rambled on long enough.



**NOVEMBER**

*“The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.”*  
Ethyl Percy Andrus

**ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

Rotary  **TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Give**



# Interact News



Interact met Saturday morning at the Village Hall and put 200 care kits together for the Avon Food Pantry.

This school year has certainly been a struggle! We are working on new ways to better our communication with our Interact chain which will work more efficiently and easier for the students and myself.

We passed out our shirts from our cancelled exchange weekend from last year.

Please bid on the interact desserts up on the Avon Rotary Auction page!!! Some of best bakers will be able to get these Interact hats as gift for their hard work.

YIRS,  
Shannon DiFranco, Interact



**Avon Rotary**

Proudly Presents our 53rd Annual

## ROTARY On-Line AUCTION

### November 1st-12th, 2020

*Past Auction Items*

- Baked goods
- Flat Screen TV
- Electronics
- Weekend Getaways
- Theater Tickets
- Home & Garden Services
- Gift Cards
- Custom Artwork
- Signed Memorabilia



**BIDDING OPENS**  
*November 1 at 8 AM*

**BIDDING CLOSES**  
*November 12 at 7 PM*

**Item Pick-Up Day**  
**November 14 from 10am-12pm**  
**at the Elementary School**

Visit our On-line Auction site to sign up and register!  
<http://www.charityauction.bid/avonrotary2020>  
or download the Auctria App in your App store,  
enter *Avonrotary2020* to add the Event.



## Club Schedule

Tues. Nov. 3	Reg Mtg 6:30 @ Avon Inn or Zoom Avon Interact Takes Over
Mon. Nov. 9	Board of Directors Mtg 6:00 @ Hurricane
Tues. Nov. 10	Reg Mtg 6:30 @ Avon Inn or Zoom Guest Speaker Frank Fazekas tells the heroic tale of his WWII pilot father
Tues. Nov. 17	Reg Mtg 6:30 @ Avon Inn or Zoom Guest Speaker Katherine Humohrey with Trees for Troops
Tues. Nov. 24	Reg Mtg 6:30 @ Avon Inn or Zoom In Meeting Service Project
Thur. Nov. 26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## November Celebrations



### Birthday

- ⇒ Heather Ayers
- ⇒ Steve Csapo
- ⇒ Katie DeGraff
- ⇒ Kathy Shrestha
- ⇒ Kirk Vanderbilt
- ⇒ Jim Varner
- ⇒ Tom Vonglis

### Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Bruce Amey
- ⇒ Colin Bruckel
- ⇒ Jeff Herberger
- ⇒ David LeFeber
- ⇒ Kirk & Karen Vanderbilt

### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ David Henehan 1980
- ⇒ Wayne Warriner (H) 1986
- ⇒ Charles Feller 2000
- ⇒ Bruce Amey 2006
- ⇒ Shawn Rice 2016
- ⇒ Janis McMIndes 2016
- ⇒ Jeff Herberger 2016
- ⇒ Bob Mellen 2016
- ⇒ Kathy Shrestha 2017
- ⇒ Chris Ferra 2018
- ⇒ Rhonda Hirschler 2018

## 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





*Make a Difference!*

# JOIN OUR BOARD

Together we can do amazing things

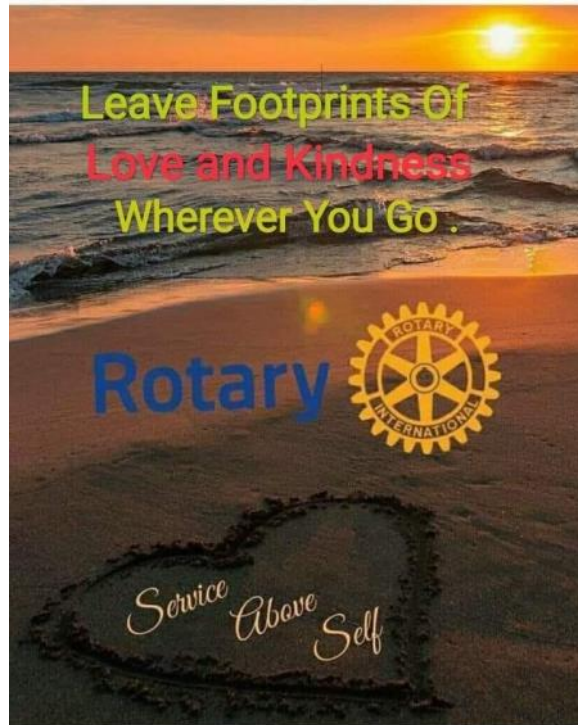
**CALL TOM VONGLIS FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SAVE A LIFE**

Our next blood drive is  
December 8th from 2 pm to 6 pm  
At the Avon Inn



***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 November are:**

Jello, Graham cracker pie crust, Applesauce, Cranberry sauce

**Please bring to a Rotary meeting to donate!**

