



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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## President's Message



It is great to have another chance to lead our club as President. I really am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the year ahead. Our theme for this Rotary Year is one that we as Rotarians in a lot of ways signed up for when we joined and that is, "Serve to Change Lives". As we now can meet in person and get things back to a more normal lifestyle, I'm hopeful we will be able to get busy with service projects, fundraisers, social activities and more. It was great to see so many Rotarians along with friends of Rotary at our change over dinner. I would encourage all of you to continue showing your faces at regular meetings. While Zoom is an option for those unable to come to meetings it is still preferable to have folks in the seats.

Our change over dinner was fantastic as we honored so many people. Starting with our new Paul Harris Fellows, Katie, Rhonda, Tom, and Jim, thank you all for the work you do in our club and outside our club to make our community a better place. Very well deserved for all of you.

Congratulations to Rhonda as our Rookie of the year. Your fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm have certainly not gone un-noticed. Thank you for jumping in as a new member and finding your many niches.

And to Mike Ford as our Rotarian of the Year. Such a well-deserved honor for a person who has done so much for our club and community. Avon Rotary is very proud of you.

As we begin this new Rotary year, I will ask that all Rotarians become engaged again in both a service and social way. As we move forward through this year, please consider all you can do help change peoples lives. We are a very vibrant club with so much to offer. I will be looking for help from each and every Rotarian in one way or another to make this year successful.

Finally, thanks to Laurie for a great changeover dinner and program.

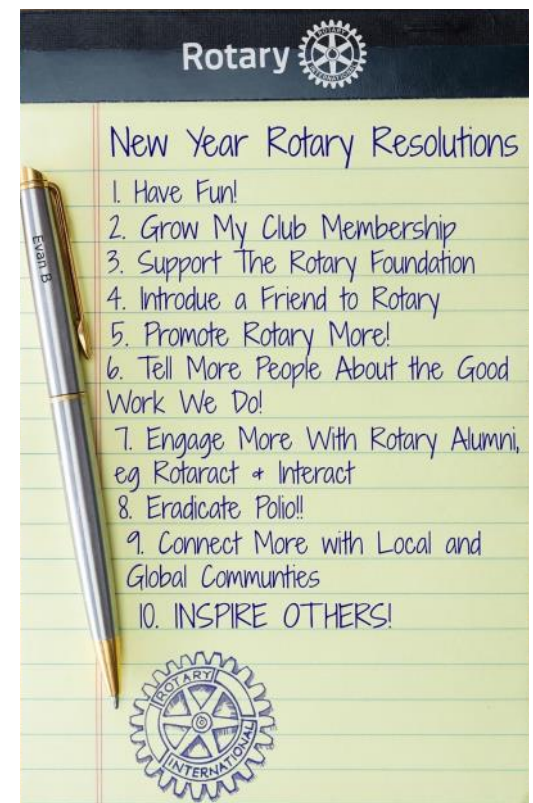
Yours In Rotary Service,

Tom Vonglis, President 2021-2022

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

### Board of Directors

Tom Vonglis, President  
Steve Csapo, President Elect  
Mike Ford, Senior Director  
Karen Vanderbilt, Director  
Bruce Amey, Member at Large  
Julie Carney, Past President  
Laurie Vonglis, Secretary  
Katie DeGraff, Treasurer



# JULY

## Club Schedule

Tues. July 6	No Meeting
Mon. July 12	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 @ Hurricane Conference Room
Tues. July 13	Regular Meeting 6:00 @ Avon Inn
Tues. July 20	Regular Meeting 6:00 @ Avon Inn
Tues. July 27	Regular Meeting 6:00 @ Avon Inn



Land of the Free  
Home of the Brave



## July Celebrations

### Birthday

- ⇒ Joe Callahan (H)
- ⇒ Charlene Masten
- ⇒ Karl Sawicki
- ⇒ Marcea Tetamore

### Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Greg & Jean Antkowiak
- ⇒ Cathy Jo Murphy
- ⇒ Ryan Pacatte
- ⇒ Jim Ryan
- ⇒ Ernie Wiard
- ⇒ Marcie Williams

### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Ted Coyne 1955
- ⇒ Steve Stevenson 1963 (H)
- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty 1966
- ⇒ Jim Gaffney 1971 (H)
- ⇒ Julie Carney 2009

## Avon Rotary Change of Officers



**Congratulations and welcome to the new 2021-2022 Avon Rotary Board of Directors!**

*R-L Tom Vonglis, President  
Steve Csapo, President Elect  
Mike Ford, Senior Director  
Karen Vanderbilt, Director  
Bruce Amey, Member at Large  
Julie Carney, Past President  
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Laurie Vonglis, Secretary*



**2020-2021  
Rotarian of the Year...**

**Mike Ford!**

**Congratulations Mike,  
So well deserved!**



**2020-2021  
Rookie of the Year...**

**Rhonda Hirschler!**

**Congratulation Rhonda,  
Well done!**

**2020-2021  
Avon Rotary President,  
Julie Carney  
was presented a  
President's plaque for  
her leadership.**



**District 7120 Governor,  
Janet Tenreiro presents President  
Tom Vonglis with his 2021-2022  
Rotary theme banner.**



**Outgoing Interact  
President Ella Vander-  
bilt gives special  
recognition to out-  
going Interact advisor,  
Shannon DiFranco**



## Changeover Foundation Moments



### ***Congratulations to all our Paul Harris Fellow Recipients!***

On behalf of the Avon Rotary Club, the Foundation Committee is proud to present Paul Harris Fellows to Rhonda Hirschler, Tom Honan and Katie DeGraff. Many thanks for your significant contributions of time, talent and treasure to Avon Rotary.



Julie Carney presents Rhonda Hirschler with her 1st Paul Harris Fellow.



Janis McMIndes presents Tom Honan with his 1st Paul Harris Fellow.



Laurie Vonglis presents Katie DeGraff with her 1st Paul Harris Fellow.



Jim Varner received his Paul Harris Fellow upon reaching the \$1000 milestone of personal giving.



Janis McMIndes received her Paul Harris Fellow plus 4 pin.

## Rambling On Rotary—July



By: Bruce Amey

New Rotary year; new beginnings; new opportunities to Serve To Change Lives. July 1st Shekhar Mehta of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, India began his term as Rotary International President. In the July Rotary magazine, one of his club members stated, “Main Hoon Na: a Hindu phrase meaning “Don’t worry, I am there for you”, embodies Shekhar’s mindset.” As we gathered as the Rotary Club of Avon at our Change of Officers meeting on June 29th, I had that sense throughout all our club members. We have been and we are and we will be here for each other, so don’t worry.

It was great to see so many club members who have been distant for so long at our meetings. Ted Coyne, Jim Ryan (and there were a few Jim’s present, as Kirk noted), Scott Holmes, Colin Bruckel, among others. PP Julie shared her final thoughts (she even came back three times, I think) of what has been an incredible year. As a club, we accomplished great things. Enough cannot be said for how Kirk and Tom made zoom happen so our “remote” members could still attend our meetings. And zoom also allowed us to have some incredible programs throughout the year.

Past RI President and RI Chair of the Rotary Foundation John Germ wrote, “July is the most exciting month in Rotary, a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. Rotarians brim with optimism, thinking about the good we can do for humanity in the 12 months ahead.” He cited a statement often attributed to Helen Keller, “The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.” Club President Tom shared his vision for our 21-22 year. He has a plan for meetings that will involve service projects (some in the meeting and some at alternate locations), committee work and reports, continuing programs, and social activities. Tom has a vision for our club in future years where conversations and visioning with our future club presidents has started to help our club grow in service and visibility.

Even though this is Tom’s second rodeo as Club President (and he is not Grover Cleveland), he mentioned several times the things he learned and the inspirations he received attending Presidents-Elect Training (PETS). District 7120 has many opportunities to continue to learn as Rotarians and I encourage each of us to attend them. RI has ongoing learning opportunities linked off its webpage, too; take a

look. We learn much by interacting with Rotarians from other clubs.

Each year, our Change of Officers meeting also has two very special recognitions in our Rookie of the Year and our Rotarian of the Year. Congratulations to Rhonda Hirschler and Mike Ford, respectively, on the well-deserved awards. Thank you for your commitment to service and dedication for our club and for others.

A very moving part of our meeting for me was the recognition of new Paul Harris Fellows by our club. As you all know I am a Foundation Fanatic and was humbled when I received my PHF at a Christmas meeting celebration several years ago. Being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, as Kirk stated, is “in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world”. Congratulations to Jim Varner, Rhonda Hirschler, Tom Honan, and Katie DeGraff. As Past RI President and RI Chair of the Rotary Foundation John Germ encouraged, “Make the Foundation a part of your vision for a better world [and community], and you will see the world, yourself, change.” President Tom noted the significance of our members contributions to the Foundation and his vision for our club’s support for the Foundation in this Rotary year.

A new Rotary year, new beginnings, and new opportunities for Service Above Self. RIP Mehta said, “No challenge is too big for Rotarians. The bigger the challenge, the more passionate the Rotarian.” He went on to say, “The biggest gift we are given is the power to touch a life, to change, to make a difference in the circle of life. If we can reach out with our heart, hand, and soul, the magic will start to happen as the wheel begins to roll. Let’s turn the wheel together so all humanity thrives. We have the power and the magic To Serve To Change Lives.” Let us begin anew and continue together in our mission. Our club’s Vision statement is: “The Rotary Club of Avon is an organization where service-minded individuals unite to provide resources, take action for those in need, and support lasting change in our world, our community, and in each other.” Our service is to change lives. And, as RIP Mehta said, by serving others “It changes not only others people’s lives, [it changes] also our own.” Main Hoon Na! And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

# Linda Kime Memorial Scholarship



Dear Avon Rotary,

Thank you so much for this amazing scholarship! I am so excited to start this next chapter of my life and grateful that I have your generous gift to help me along the way. I am so honored to have been a member of the Rotary Interact Club and have my name associated with such an amazing woman. Rotary has given me so many opportunities to be involved in my community and meet new people; I will cherish those experiences

forever. Thank you so much for everything.

Ella Vanderbilt



Celebrating at the District 7120 Changeover dinner at Belhurst Castle on July 1. Congratulations to both Linda Kohl & Janet Tenreiro!



## SAVE THE DATE SAVE A LIFE

Our next blood drive will be our 10th!  
August 3rd from 2 pm to 6 pm  
At the Avon Inn

Our March blood drive was very successful as we collected 31 units of blood which had the potential of assisting 99 people in need!



**June 1:** We were joined by Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC) staffers Mike and Sue. GVRC is a one week summer camp for young people ages 8-21 with various disabilities. GVRC allows these kids to have a traditional camp experience with a highly skilled staff that can attend to their specific

needs. GVRC is supported by various Rotary clubs throughout Livingston, Steuben, Wyoming, and Allegany counties.


Mike and Sue were with us to give their experiences working at the camp and to promote their upcoming Big Sky Golf Tournament fundraiser. To learn more about GVRC and to be a part of their golf tournament, please visit [www.gvrc.org](http://www.gvrc.org) Submitted by: Mike Ford

## Other June Highlights

**June 15:** Our club was able to present Hans Koomen with a Paul Harris Plus 8 pin for his continued contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. The Rotary Foundation is also consistently ranked as one of the world's top charitable organizations year after year. Congratulations Hans! Submitted by: Mike Ford








## 2021 Wild Polio Case Counts as of June 30, 2021

Country	2019	2020	2021	Date of last case
Afghanistan	29	56	1	Feb, 2021
Pakistan	147	84	1	Feb, 2021
<b>Total</b>	176	140	<b>2</b>	





For more information go to: <https://polioeradication.org/>

JULY IS



## NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.


[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

*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 July are:**

Ketchup, relish, mustard, salad dressing, mayo and jello

Please drop off at the food pantry or bring to a meeting.

Questions—ask Rhonda. Thank you!

