



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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President's Message



We've had a great start to the new Rotary Year in the month of July. It was great to see so many turn out for our regular meetings at the Avon Inn along with those on Zoom. It was great to hear from the

folks from URMCC about the new health and wellness facility that is being constructed in East Avon. This will be a very needed service for our community and those around us.

Hard to believe we will go another year without our annual corn festival. I'm certainly hopeful this will be the last time we need to suspend this event since it is so important to not only Rotary but our community. It's amazing to see the efforts of so many Rotarians in planning for the upcoming "Rally in the Valley". This will be such an exciting and fun event and I certainly encourage everyone to attend and bring along friends. This fundraiser is not so much a replacement for corn festival, but with the cancellation of our festival it needs to be very successful to help our club accomplish all the things we have set out to

do. As we serve to change lives the monies we raise are an important part of how we make this happen.

Certainly a highlight of our month was the social night we enjoyed at Ted Coyne's house. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the fellowship along with so many wonderful treats. I want to thank Ted for his hospitality and the chance to see him along with all that joined us. I'd also like to thank Jeff Herberger for bringing the Rotary tables, chairs, and tents. And to everyone else who brought food and helped make the night a fun one, my sincere thanks.

As we look ahead to August I'm excited for a couple service projects that are scheduled. We can highlight these next month. I'll look forward to seeing everyone in the month of August.

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

**The foundation upon which
Rotary is built is
friendship; on no less firm
foundation could it have
stood.**

Paul P. Harris

AUGUST

Club Schedule

Tues. Aug. 3	Blood Drive 2-6 pm, Short Mtg 6:30 & Service Project—Party in a bag
Tues. Aug. 10	Service Project 5:00, Painting at the Downs
Mon. Aug. 16	Board of Directors Mtg 6:30 @ Avon Circleview Conference Room
Tues. Aug. 17	Regular Mtg 6:30—Program: Bill Gormont, Crutches 4 Africa
Tues. Aug. 24	Regular Mtg 6:30—Committee Meeting Night
Tues. Aug. 31	Regular Mtg 6:30

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others. - *Mahatma Gandhi*

Birthday

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

Rotary Anniversary

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



August Celebrations

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

July Highlights

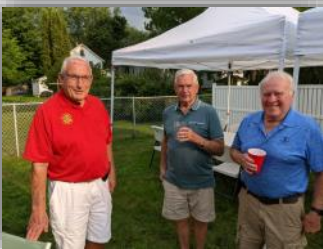


July 20:

Lynne White, Laura Bond & Lynette Green provided an update on the construction of the new UR Medicine/Noyes Health Mental Health and Wellness Center.

Life Scout , Sean Miron gave us an overview of his Eagle Scout project. He was presented a contribution of \$500 to help him construct his outdoor classroom for Avon Central School.

Josh Tonra shared his thanks, souvenir hat and photo from the Little League team Avon Rotary sponsors.



July 27:

We had a wonderful summer picnic at Ted Coyne's home. Many Rotarian's joined in the poolside fun and fellowship. There was plenty of food to enjoy and a few even took a swim. Sincere thanks to Ted for hosting and Jeff Herberger, Chris Masten and Tom Vonglis for setting up.

Rambling On Rotary—August



By: Bruce Amey

“Serve To Change Lives” ... as you know, that is RI President Shekhar Mehta’s theme for his Rotary Presidential year. As such, it has been embraced by District 7120 Governor Janet Tenreiro and our club President Tom. So, I need to ask each of you, “Has your Rotary service changed your life?” And if your answer

is, “Yes”, then would it not be great to invite others to share in your metamorphosis and watch their lives change through joining you in service to change theirs and other’s lives?

The Rotary theme for August is “Membership.” Membership is “the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization.” And what does it mean to be a member of Rotary? I can say that for me, Rotary has changed me and transformed my life.

You have heard me comment that my parents instilled in my siblings and me that serving and helping others is the right thing to do. And having the privilege of growing up and knowing all four of my grandparents, I know my parents gained that focus on service from their parents. To my recollection, neither grand father was a Rotarian (my grandmothers would not have been accepted into a Rotary club at that time) yet they served their communities by volunteering in church, the local ambulance and fire departments, among other things. My parents were not Rotarians but they never stopped serving others through volunteer service to our church family, delivering Meals on Wheels to shut-ins (until they could no longer drive), working with Habitat For Humanity, and always inviting others into our home who otherwise might have spent a holiday or special event alone.

“Service Above Self” is obviously not confined to Rotarians; Lions, Kiwanians, and others are members of clubs that serve their communities. But being “a member” gives a focus to our service.

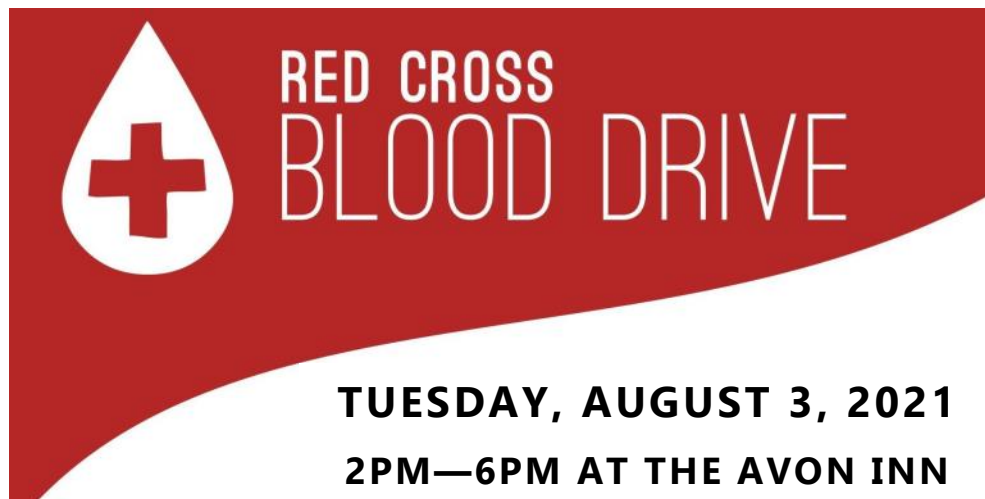
For me, being a member of Rotary also opens my mind for greater service, service beyond myself, my home, and my community. The Rotary Foundation is a marvelous source for global service with a focus on RI’s seven areas of focus: Promoting Peace; Fighting Disease; Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; Saving Mothers and Children; Supporting Education; Growing Local Economies; and Protecting the Environment.

Our club’s Mission 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.” Each of our activities and service endeavors try to address this mission and the RI areas of Focus. Membership provides me a lens through which to better see my community and the world beyond while, with adjusting that lens, providing a focus for directed activities.

I have grown and been changed by being a member of Rotary and being inspired by our club members and the work of RI through the Foundation. As I said, August is “Membership Month”. Are there others within your sphere of activity or influence that you would like to see become Rotarians? Are there others you would like to see have their lives changed by service to others through Rotary? In retirement, my sphere of interactions with others has been reduced dramatically. Most of my relationships are through church and Rotary. But it would be a great challenge for each of us if we were to invite even just one person to learn about our club, to learn what Rotary does in our community and our world, to see how they can “Serve To Change Lives”. I challenge each of us to spread the good news of Rotary to at least one other person and invite them to join us for service and celebration and watch their lives transform along with ours. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

AUGUST
MEMBERSHIP MONTH
JOIN ROTARY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE





Our 10th Avon Rotary Blood Drive is tomorrow, August 3rd. It takes place at the Avon Inn from 2pm to 6 pm. The appointment sign up list is on the Red Cross Donor App. for those who wish to donate. Plenty of time slots remain open. Thank you in advance for your consideration to donate.

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

Give more life. Donate blood.

2021 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 10, 2021; Registration at 11:00 am, tee off at 12:00 pm
- FORMAT: Scramble
- COST: \$85 per person includes; golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes

For more information and to register go to: <https://bit.ly/7120-Golf-2021>

Deadline to register is August 30th

Questions? Contact Kirk Vanderbilt or Tom Vonglis



**END
POLIO
NOW**

2021 Wild Polio Case Counts as of July 31, 2021

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



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

In the Spotlight

Did you know that our avonrotary.org website now contains our monthly newsletters since 2012? For a historical lookback, check it out. Big shout out to Hans Koomen for his help!



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:

Canned Goods, Cereal, Peanut Butter

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

Questions—ask Rhonda. Thank you!

