



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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**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

President's Message

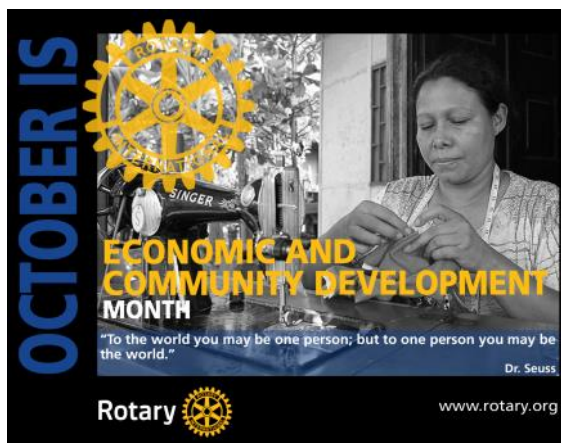


Wow how the month of September has flown by. I hope everyone had a good Labor Day weekend and enjoyed the time with Family and Friends. I was fortunate enough to have a week in the Adirondacks with a group of old friends I used to work with at Kodak. Each year we get together seems to be more special as I know time is flying by and each of use are getting older. I see some of the same things with Rotary. Time still fly's by, we are all busy helping in whatever manner we can and yet we accomplish so much to help our community and beyond. I am always grateful for our club, it's members and all we do with each other. September saw our very successful "Rally in Valley". We can't thank our committee enough along with Dan and Julie Welch for our venue. This fundraiser exceeded our expectations in the amount of money raised that will certainly help as we move forward this year. The Rally itself was so much fun as we drove around from stop to stop following our clues. This would be the first time I have done anything of this nature and certainly something I hope

we are able to continue. Again, many thanks to all who helped co-ordinate this wonderful event. We enjoyed our visit from DG Janet on the 28th. Janet's message was absolutely wonderful and so meaningful. Her spirit and inspiration were so good to hear and I'm hopeful all in attendance felt the same way as I did. Thanks to AG Kirk for setting this up for our club. PDG Dave Hanan was also in attendance and presented the club with multiple awards from a couple years ago during Dom's presidency. These were well deserved and were supposed to be given at the district conference for that year. We all know how Covid put a halt to many of these things. My thanks to all the district leaders who were in attendance on the 28th. It's great to hear all of them praise our club and all we are able to accomplish. As we move into the fall season we can look forward to the changing of seasons and the color of the leaves. I would like to encourage all members to do your best and come to meetings each month. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in person.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Tom Vonglis, President 2021-2022





Club Schedule

Tues. Oct 5	Regular Mtg 6:30
Mon. Oct 11	Board of Directors Mtg 6:30 Circleview Conference Room
Tues. Oct 12	Regular Mtg 6:30—Program: PHF Presented to Louie Lee
Tues. Oct 19	Regular Mtg 6:30—Program
Sun. Oct 24	World Polio Day
Tues. Oct 26	Grant Project Work 3:30 @ Elementary School and Celebrate Halloween 6:30

News From Linking Hands For Learning

The Los Jobitos school is almost finished thanks to the Enlace Project and the Los Jobitos community! A special thanks to Enrique and Pepe for leading the charge, our boots on the ground in El Sauce, Nicaragua. We are so grateful for you.

Thank you to all of our donors for your continued support, school after school, as well - Avon Rotary, Rochester Rotary, Hurricane Technologies, Canandaigua Teachers Association, Ultimate Cabling Services, Hans and Tricia Koomen, Bruce Amey, Tom and Laurie Vonglis, Betty Reinhart, Monique Stewart Liberti, and so many more!

Submitted by: Rob Lupisella via Facebook



Birthday

- ⇒ Terry Hayes
- ⇒ Janis McMIndes
- ⇒ Carmine Simone
- ⇒ Josh Tonra
- ⇒ Laurie Vonglis
- ⇒ Joe Yantachka
- ⇒ Helen Zamboni

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Kelly Cole 2002
- ⇒ Hans Koomen 2002
- ⇒ Tom Vonglis 2002
- ⇒ Tom Honan 2018
- ⇒ TJ Vonglis 2018

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Ted Coyne
- ⇒ Rodney George
- ⇒ Doug & Terry Hayes
- ⇒ Rob Lupisella
- ⇒ Jim Varner

October Celebrations



September Highlights



September 12: Thank you to everyone who donated to Crutches 4 Africa! Our Club was able to deliver: 8 Crutches, 7 Walkers, 5 Canes, 1 Elbow Brace and 1 wheelchair.

Submitted by Julie Carney

September 21: Every year, Avon Rotary conducts its Honors Program to recognize, honor, and celebrate citizens and businesses that have made a difference in our community. Usually, we like to have a big public event to honor our recipients with a Paul Harris recognition, however due to pandemic postponements we adapted and will honor recipients at smaller gatherings during our regular meetings over the next few months. This year's first recipient we chose to honor is Norm Barrett. This is a posthumous honor for Norm who passed in 2019. Norm was a generous and dedicated community volunteer, especially when it came to our town's youth. He served 12 of his 14 years on the Avon School Board as president, 15 years on the board of BOCES, coached numerous youth sports teams, founded the youth football program in Avon, helped build stadium seating for the Avon football field, used his own equipment to film football games for Avon coaches, and so much more. With this in mind, Avon Rotary proudly donates \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in Norm's name in honor of his decades long service to our community. Thank you to Norm and your presence in this community is truly missed.



Submitted by: Mike Ford via Facebook



September 14: Tonight we were joined by Carol Gibson-Farley the President of the Avon American Legion Auxiliary. Carol provided a history of the American Legion and stated that the Legion welcomes all veterans and their family members. Any honorably discharged

veteran (that served on or after 12/7/1941) or currently serving on active duty, in the Reserves or the National Guard can join the Legion. What was also shared was that almost any spouse, parent, or descendent of a Legion member can be affiliated with the American Legion in the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, or Juniors. The Avon Legion sponsors free soup & sandwich lunches every Wednesday open to any community member. The Legion also promotes community and patriotism for all community members. To sponsor these activities, the Legion sponsors fundraisers and activities throughout the year. Persons interested in becoming a Legion member can call 317-386-8911 or visit their webpage at <http://avonlegion.org/>.

Submitted by: Mike Ford via Facebook

September 28: At our club meeting DG Janet Tenreiro, PDG Dave Hannon, DGE Ralph Brandt, and DGN Julie Carney were all present; it was a Rotary royalty flush. DG Tenreiro discussed her goals for her Governor year; she wants all Rotarians to keep the wheel moving forward together. She shared how Rotary International President



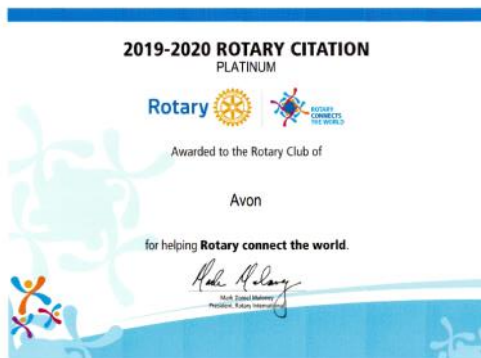
Shekhar Mehta told the District Governors from around the world that they were his Movers. Together, they were the Movers and Shekhars of Rotary. RI President Shekhar's theme for this Rotary year is "Serve To Change Lives". DG Tenreiro stated that, "Every service project we take part in serves to change someone's life." Then she inspired us with her ABCs of Life: Accept differences, Be kind, Count your blessings, Dream, Express thanks, Forgive, Give Freely, Harm no one, Imagine more, Jettison anger, Keep confidences, Love Truly, Master something, Nurture hope, Open your mind, Pat someone on the back, Quell rumors, Reciprocate, Seek wisdom, Touch hearts, Understand, Value truth, Win graciously, be eXcellent to everyone, Yearn for peace, and Zealously support a worthy cause. A great alphabet to guide life!

September Highlights continued

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DG Janet went on to say, "Rotary is such a gift that we need to give it away and not hold on to it." Two prospective new members were announced for the club as we are "giving Rotary" to others.

PDG David Hannan attended our club meeting and presented Avon Rotary with several Rotary awards recognizing our club service and donation efforts over the past 3 years. *Submitted by: Bruce Arney*



Avon Rotary received the 2019—2020 Presidential Citation—Platinum level, which is the highest distinction, for the accomplishments the club achieved during Past President Dom Lalissee's year of leadership.



Avon Rotary was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for our financial support of the Rotary Foundation—End Polio Now campaign, for our giving during the 2018—2019 Rotary year.



The 2020 –2021 Avon Interact Club was awarded the 1st Place Youth Service Award which recognized the Interact Care Kits project for the Avon Food Pantry.

Rally in the Valley



September 18

We would like to thank everyone who made our Rally in the Valley and Social Shindig a HUGE success. Props to the committee who organized the day with so many moving parts. Thanks to our neighboring Rotary Clubs who assisted with our Rally challenges. Cal-Mum Rotary, Geneseo Rotary, Mt. Morris Rotary, and John Skiptunas from Lima Rotary. Thanks to our own Avon Interact Club for a delicious lunch as well!!

Our Corporate and Entertainment sponsors and program advertisers were very generous with their continued support for all our fundraisers. HUGE thanks to Julie and Dan Welch from Oak Knolls Manor for their absolutely gorgeous facility. And of course, all the participants who came out and spent their time and dollars to help us raise some money and hopefully have some fun along the way. *Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis*



Foundation News



September 28

Past District Governor David Hannan presented Paul Harris Fellows to Jim & Julie Carney for their extensive work in the District youth programs over several years.

Congratulations and thank you for your years of service for our youth.



Make a Difference!

JOIN OUR BOARD

Together we can do amazing things

CALL TOM VONGLIS FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

**TRUNK OR TREAT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
AVON WESLEYAN CHURCH**

**Dress yourself up and your trunk!
Hand out candy to Avon trick or treaters.
Contact Bruce Amey to join in the fun.**

Rambling On Rotary—October



By: Bruce Amey

Our 2021 Road Rally and Shindig on August 18th was a fantastic event. The planning committee did a great job scheduling the driving route which included several “activity” stops and the assistance of other Rotary clubs. Then the event culminated at the beautiful Oak Knolls Manor with various raffle prizes plus the “cup” competition. It was great to see so many club members engaged

in the day’s activities, along with Avon Interact members. From my perspective, it was a wonderful example of Rotarians Working Hard Having Fun!

While our club is a driving force, what will we be driving towards next? October 24th is Rotary World Polio Day. Did you know that today the average cost to inoculate a child is about \$3? Did you know that more than 430 million children in 39 countries have been vaccinated? Did you know that it costs approximately \$100 million each year to continue to conduct polio surveillance? I thought it might be appropriate to provide a historical perspective of polio and Rotary’s engagement with the World Health Organization’s eradication efforts (most data from the RI web page).

In the 1940s and 1950s polio would paralyze or kill more than half a million persons worldwide each year. The first major documented polio outbreak in the United States occurred in 1894 in Vermont with 18 deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis reported.

On Saturday, June 17, 1916, an official announcement of the existence of an epidemic polio infection was made in Brooklyn, New York. That year, there were over 27,000 cases and more than 6,000 deaths due to polio in the United States, with over 2,000 deaths in New York City alone.

In 1929, Philip Drinker and Harvard University’s Louis Agassiz Shaw Jr. invented an artificial respirator for patients suffering from paralytic polio — the iron lung. Some patients needed the iron lung for weeks or months, some for the rest of their lives. Then, in 1955, Dr. Jonas Salk developed a vaccine which was declared to be “safe and effective.” By 1957, following mass immunizations promoted by the March of Dimes, the annual number of polio cases in the United States was reduced from a peak of nearly 58,000 cases to 5,600 cases. Then, in 1960, Dr. Albert Sabin developed the oral vaccine, which is the process used to administer the vaccine most today worldwide.

In 1979 Rotary International became aware of a serious polio outbreak in the Philippines which began Rotary’s mission to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Since then, Rotary has helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 coun-

tries. In 1985 RI launched the PolioPlus campaign, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of \$120 million (US). Rotary International and the World Health Organization launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. In 1994 the International Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication announced that polio has been eliminated from the Americas. In the year 2000 a record 550 million children – almost 10% of the world’s population – received the oral polio vaccine and the Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China, was declared polio-free. Rotary’s overall contribution to the eradication effort neared \$800 million in 2009. In January 2009, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$355 million and issued Rotary a challenge grant of \$200 million. That announcement resulted in a combined \$555 million in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Still today, The Gates Foundation periodically matches donations to the PolioPlus Fund of Rotary.

In 2020 the World Health Organization certified the African continent to be wild polio-free. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. With that news, some may believe that polio has been conquered; however, it is crucial to

continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts were to be stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Harriet Tubman said “Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always

remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

Thanks to the efforts of scientists and doctors who sought to change the world by developing “safe and effective” vaccines, their dream, the world has been changed. Thanks to volunteer and financial efforts of Rotarians worldwide along with their “strength, patience, and passion”... and persistence, the dream to eradicate polio from the world is “this close” to becoming reality.

Let’s get in our vehicles and drive towards eradicating polio. This month with World Polio Day, let us rally behind our Rotarian predecessors who, for the past 42 years, have chased this dream. In this endeavor, let us continue to support the work of RI’s PolioPlus project. And when we have shown that polio has truly been eradicated from the world, then we will experience a magnificent shindig. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.



Avon Rotary



Proudly Presents our 54th Annual

ROTARY *On-Line* AUCTION

October 31st - November 11th, 2021

Past Auction Items

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



BIDDING OPENS

October 31st at 8 AM

BIDDING CLOSES

November 11 at 7 PM

Item Pick-Up Day

**November 13 from 10am-12pm
at the Elementary School**

Visit our On-line Auction site to sign up and register!

<http://www.charityauction.bid/avonrotary2021>

or download the Auctria App in your App store,
enter ***Avonrotary2021*** to add the Event.



**END
POLIO
NOW**

2021 Wild Polio Case Counts as of September 30, 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

The Avon Interact Club started this year out with a meeting to add new members and get people involved and excited about community service. Interact members worked a concession booth before the September 18th Rally in the Valley and sold cookies donated by The Cake Place and Sue Moses. This year, Interact is doing multiple fundraisers to support the several charities that they donate to yearly including one community and one international project. There is often an opportunity to use extra fundraising money to donate to charities that members of Interact are passionate about and that they don't always get the opportunity to donate to. Coming up, Interact will be doing the Pirate Toy Drive and doing some Christmas volunteer work such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Jojo VanRy, Interact Club President



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 October are:

Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Baking Supplies

Questions—ask Rhonda. Thank you!
Please drop off at the food pantry or
bring to a meeting.

