



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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## President's Message



How fast the month of January has gone by. We were able to enjoy our meetings at the Avon Inn despite them taking a few weeks off. We should all be grateful to Jen and Jim for their hospitality.

In January we enjoyed a wonderful program via Zoom from Tanya McCready, sharing their family adventure of raising sled dogs and following dreams. She told us of her husband Hank's pursuit of racing in the extremely difficult Iditarod which he was able to accomplish. This was a very inspiring, exciting program, relating to life lessons.

I'm very grateful to Jamie Lovullo for her coordination of our service project as we put together care packages that were delivered to the Avon Nursing home. It was wonderful to partner with the local Girl Scouts to make this project successful. Many thanks to all that donated and assisted with this much needed service project.

During January we were also able to present more Foundation recognitions. Congratula-

tions to Barb Herman and Bruce Amey for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation.

As we look forward to the month of February we will once again have our annual Sweethearts dinner as we celebrate Valentine's Day. I hope to see all of you at this event and help support the Interact Club's Dessert Auction.

We will continue to offer Zoom for each of our meetings as we progress through the Covid mandates. If you are not able to attend meetings or are out of town (Snowbirds) please consider joining us on Zoom.



We will begin preparation for our annual Corn Festival with meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Many thanks to Mike Ford for his leadership on this important fundraiser.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Avon Rotary.

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



### District Training Assembly

**Host:** Honeoye Lake Rotary Club  
**Date:** Saturday, April 9, 2022  
**Time:** 7:30 am - Registration & Breakfast;  
8:30 am - Opening General Session;  
9:00 am - Breakout sessions start.  
**Location:** Honeoye Central School, 8528 Main St., Honeoye.

If interested contact  
President Tom



## Club Schedule

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| Tues. Feb 1  | <b>Regular Meeting 6:30</b> Program: Brian Lewis, Eagle Scout and <b>Corn Festival Kick Off Meeting</b> |
| Tues. Feb 8  | <b>Regular Meeting 6:30</b> Program: Diana Ray, Center for Dispute Settlement                           |
| Tues. Feb 15 | <b>Sweethearts Dinner Meeting 5:00</b> Cocktail Hour, 6:30 Buffet Dinner                                |
| Mon. Feb 21  | <b>Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 @ Circleview Conference Room</b>                                     |
| Tues. Feb 22 | <b>Regular Meeting 6:30</b> Veterans Service Project led by Jake Ayers                                  |

## ★ HELP WANTED ★



## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2022 CORN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



For more information, contact Mike Ford 447-1511

## February Celebrations

### Birthday

- ⇒ *Hans Koomen*
- ⇒ *Steve Stephenson*
- ⇒ *Brock Thrasher*
- ⇒ *Karen Vanderbilt*



### Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ *Julie Carney*

### Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ *Bill Shaw 1971 (H)*
- ⇒ *Jim Tompsett 1979 (H)*
- ⇒ *Joe Callahan 1987 (H)*
- ⇒ *Barbara Herman 1999*
- ⇒ *Karl Sawicki 2007*
- ⇒ *David LeFeber 2019*

## January Highlights

### Meeting Program: Winterdance Dogsled

**January 11:** We were joined via Zoom by Tanya McCready, of Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton, Canada. She and her husband Hank DeBruin left their careers in 1999 to turn their love of Siberian Huskies into a home-based business. Their first few years were a struggle – to find a banker willing to lend to them, to build a kennel, to build a house, and to raise four children. Now, on their 80 acres in Haliburton, Ontario, Canada, they have custom-built radiant floor heated kennel facilities for 150 dogs. They offer a variety of guided tour packages. Tanya is the business manager/promoter, while Hank is the lead guide, helped by their older children and other seasonal guides. Hank has also competed in two Iditarods & four Yukon Quests, typically using a team of 16 dogs over these long, gruelling, world-famous races. A huge amount of money, preparation, logistics, and training is needed to participate in either of these races, where the weather, race conditions, and luck present a variety of challenges. After Hank's first unsuccessful Iditarod race attempt, which included frostbite and a disqualification, he and Tanya learned the lessons that sometimes one has to look after oneself before looking after one's team in order to achieve success and the only way one truly fails is if they give up. Hank & Tanya are a driven couple, who are clearly living their dream.

*Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media*



*Choose to be positive it feels better* 

### Meeting Program: Care Packages for the Avon Nursing Home

**January 18:** Avon Rotary partnered with Avon Girl Scouts to collect and put together personal care packages for local Avon Nursing Home Residents. At a recent meeting we joined forces and made this happen. Many thanks for the leadership from one of our new members, Jaime Lovullo, who spearheaded this project. Thank you to all who donated so generously.

*Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis via social media*





## Foundation Moment



### January 25:

At tonight's meeting Rotarian Barbara Herman was presented with her Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 pin for her continued support of the Rotary Foundation. Her generosity is helping improve lives all over the world. Congratulations Barbara!

We also recognized Bruce Amey as a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation for his generous contributions to the Rotary Endowment Fund. Thank you Bruce!



## Avon Rotary Sweethearts Dinner

*Please join us at the Avon Inn*

*Tuesday, February 15, 2022*

*5:00 Cocktail Hour ~ 6:30 Buffet Dinner*

### **Buffet Dinner—\$19 per person**

Salad with Balsamic and Ranch Dressings

Baked Ham with Fresh Pineapple

Chicken and Biscuits

Vegetable Medley

Rolls and Butter

Scalloped Potatoes

Mac and Cheese

Assorted Cookies, Cannolis and Cream Puffs

**Interact Dessert Auction at 7:15**

**Know Your Spouse Game at 7:45**

**RSVP to Steve Csapo**

**Email [scsapo@frontiernet.net](mailto:scsapo@frontiernet.net)**

**Deadline is 2/12**

## Next Service Project: February 22



We are planning our next in-meeting service project for February 22nd. This project will benefit the Veterans Outreach Center. We will be putting together back packs for individuals that benefit from the Career Development Program. Many of you will remember the project we did a few years ago for the VOC that was very similar. This time we will again be assembling back packs and filling them with items that can be used as they work on gaining employment. We will also work on getting items for personal care and dietary needs. Thanks to the board for approving the purchase of some of these items. I am working with Tom Honan on getting some food items through a donation from Wegmans.

Here is what I am looking for Rotarians to donate for the project:

⇒ Personal Hygiene items for Men & Women

Full size bars of soap, shampoo/conditioner.

Razors, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs and hair brushes.

⇒ Clothing items

Women's underwear sizes 7, 8, 9, 1x and 2x.

Men's underwear or boxers L, XL, XXL.

We plan to assemble approximately 20 back pack sets that evening. Any extra items will be greatly appreciated and used by VOC. Feel free to bring any donations with you on the 22nd or to any meeting before that. Thanks for your help in making this another successful, meaningful in-meeting service project.

Jake Ayers

## It's Official... Announcing the 2022-2023 Avon Rotary Board of Directors

Steve Csapo, President

Mike Ford, President Elect

Karen Vanderbilt, Sr. Director

Rob Lupisella, Director

Tom Vonglis, Past President

Charlene Masten, Secretary

Katie DeGraff, Treasurer

Bruce Amey, Member at Large

Jeff Herberger, Member at Large

Many thanks for your time and dedication for the good of the club.

## Rambling On Rotary—February



By: Bruce Amey

RI President Shekhar Mehta has challenged every club to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service in 2021-22 to “bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and to celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community.” At our recent meeting when we put together gift bags for Avon Nurs-

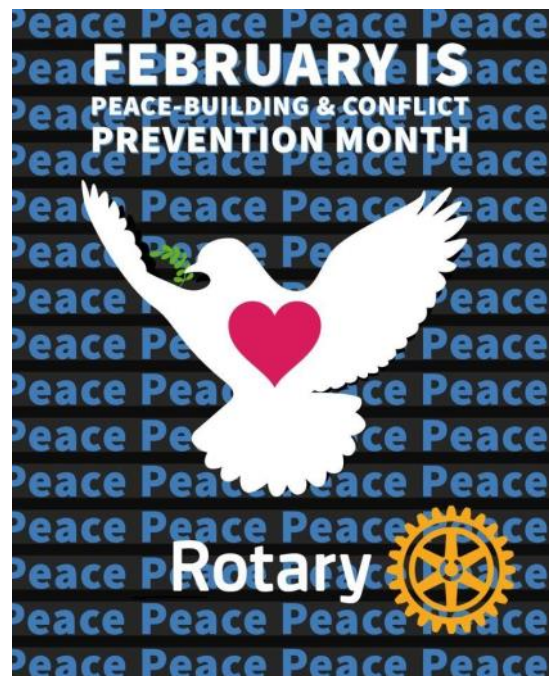
ing Home residents, I was thrilled to be working with our local Girl Scouts/Brownie troop on this project; thank you new member Jaime Lovullo for the idea and coordinating this. But, it got me thinking, what else should we be doing to serve in our community? Is our club relevant to our community?

President Tom’s District Grant project will be completed this Spring. That project will build a community garden on the school district property with the purpose of the garden being multi-purposed. One purpose is to teach students the value of composting food waste in gardening; another purpose will be growing fresh food stuff to be used for the student backpack program over weekends. This project is relevant meeting the needs of some students in our community. But how many community members will know of the project and how relevant will this be?

As a club we support many charity organizations and projects. Almost every year our club makes donations to ACS Drama Club, Avon Community Theater, Senior Bash, Avon Free Library, Honor Flight, Stones Closet, Chances and Changes, Avon Food Pantry, Avon Community Cares, Bivona Child Advocacy, Teresa House, House of Mercy, Avon Youth Baseball, Avon Lacrosse, Avon Boy Scouts Troop and Eagle Scout projects, Best Buddies, Ronald MacDonald House, and Focus on the Children. Additionally, our club provides a \$1,000 Linda Kime Scholarship to a graduating ACS student and the Board of Directors has just approved supporting two \$500 awards to provide financial assistance to two (2) students who enroll in an accredited career program or vocational program at a community college or trade school within New York State. Our club also supports the Linking Hands for Learning school-build project in Nicaragua and Shelter Box; this year we have plans to support the Cook Stove project we learned about during a club meeting presentation, along with supporting victims of the recent tornadoes in Kentucky. Our club serves our community and our world in many ways. But do these efforts make us relevant to our community? Is our community aware of how Avon Rotary serves?

Last year our club participated in the District 7120 Lake Ontario Watershed clean-up project and the tentative plan for this year is something similar on April 23, 2022. The Caledonia Rotary Club joined us in this endeavor last year. While we were out very publicly on this project, did our community see our service as relevant?

It seems to me that we all need to be more open and public about our service projects so that our community can’t help but celebrate our Rotary service. Mike Ford has done a great job with our social media presence and many members re-post his postings which spreads the news of our club. If we were to plan and advertise an Avon Rotary Day of Service and engage non-Rotarians in the process, our community would better recognize our relevance. I challenge each of us to share everything Rotary in conversations with family and friends and in our business relationships. Invite friends and family to attend a meeting and our service projects. We all joined Rotary to serve; to give back to our community. Let’s all share how good that feels to serve with others and encourage them to join us. Let’s not be selfish about the joy serving others can be. Let us strive to be relevant in our community and our world as Rotarians. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.





## 2022-2023 Rotary International Theme Announced

RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.

### Imagine Rotary the theme for 2022-2023 explained by incoming President Jennifer Jones:

- ♦ The theme graphic was designed by an Australian indigenous artist to link with the Melbourne convention in 2023.
- ♦ Circle - connections to one another
- ♦ Dots around it - Our People
- ♦ There are 7 Dots because of our Rotary's 7 areas of focus
- ♦ Circle + dots around it - Navigation star, our guiding light
- ♦ Green solid line - digging stick (used when doing hard work); for us it's People of Action, represents the tools for getting things done
- ♦ Colors: Purple, Green & White—Celebrate DEI- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Freedom to express ourselves differently but still with a special connection.
- ♦ Purple- Polio
- ♦ Green- the Environment
- ♦ White - Peace
- ♦ Represents Empowerment and Newness and also the colors were utilized for the women's movement giving us the opportunity to grow our female membership.



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**KEEP CALM**  
**TIME TO START**  
**PLANNING**  
**CORN FESTIVAL 2022!**

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# REC NNECT

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

April 29, 30, and May 1, 2022

For more information: 2022Rotary@gmail.com

7120  
**Rotary**  
District



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**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

## 2022 Wild Polio Case Counts as of January 31, 2022

| <u>Country</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>Date of last case</u>   |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Afghanistan    | 56          | 4           | 0           | Nov, 2021  |
| Pakistan       | 84          | 1           | 0           | Feb, 2021  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>140</b>  | <b>5</b>    | <b>0</b>    |  |



For more information go to: <https://polioeradication.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 February are:

Ranch or Italian Salad Dressing, Jello,  
Pudding, Graham Cracker Pie Crusts,  
Cereal, Laundry Detergent

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

