



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



February has come and gone, and we have had another very successful month. Thank you to Marcia Cameron for running the first meeting of the month while I was away visiting my sister in Arizona. I very much appreciate it when we have people step up to help when needed. This won't be the last time I will need to ask for help.

Our sweetheart's dinner was fun for all in attendance. Many thanks to Laurie and Katie for organizing and make this happen for us. The Interact dessert auction certainly proved to be both fun and prosperous as the bidding for all items went to peak levels. I can attest that the \$200 cake I bought was worth it considering dollar to calorie ratio!

The Veterans service project organized by Jake Ayers was extremely well done. The backpack donations from Jake, food items from Tom Honan & Wegmans, along with all the members of the club who also brought in items was a great help in making this project so successful. Marianne Sernoffsky from the Veterans Outreach Center did a great job explaining how all our donations will help the Veterans who rely on the Center. Once again Avon Rotary has stepped up in a big way to help Veterans & their families and I am very grateful for that.

As we look forward to the future we are now in the planning stages for this years Corn Festival. For all those on this committee we are looking forward to a great event that has

dodged us these past couple years. I know the community is looking forward to this event. I encourage members who are not involved, to consider volunteering on the committee.

I'd also like to ask that everyone look at your calendars and consider attending our District 7120 Conference the weekend of April 29—May 1. This years conference will be held in Oswego. Registration information is on the district website at <https://districtconference.org/>. I'm hopeful that we will have a large group of Avon Rotarians attend.

We will be planning our District Simplified Grant project for a Saturday in early May as the weather starts to turn a bit warmer. I'll have more information on this as we get closer to project time. As all of you know we will be building 12 garden beds at the primary school that will be used as instructional opportunities as well as provide food items for those in need.

In hopes that the Covid pandemic is winding down I'm hopeful that we will see more and more of you at our regular meetings at the Inn. I'm looking forward to the last four months of this Rotary year to be productive and informative.

Thank you all for everything you do for Avon Rotary and our Community.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Tom Vonglis, President 2021-2022





Club Schedule

Tues. March 1	Regular Mtg 6:30 — Program: Building Awards, Corn Festival Committee Mtg following
Tues. March 8	Regular Mtg 6:30—Program: Tom Rogers, District Foundation Update
Mon. March 14	Board of Directors Mtg 6:30 @ Circleview
Tues. March 15	St. Patrick's Dinner Meeting 5:00 cocktail hour, 6:30 buffet dinner—Nicaragua Program
Tues. March 22	Regular Mtg 6:30—Program: Lynne Mignemi, "Lock & Talk Livingston"
Tues. March 29	Regular Mtg 6:30

Join the 2022 CORN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Make A Difference



Committee meetings are the
1st Tuesday of the month

For more information, contact Mike Ford 447-1511



March Celebrations

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Dan Oswald
- ⇒ Kathy Shrestha

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Helen Zamboni 2005
- ⇒ Carmine Simone 2010 (H)
- ⇒ Jake Ayers 2014
- ⇒ Heather Ayers 2014

Birthday

- ⇒ Ted Coyne
- ⇒ Rodney George
- ⇒ Cat Jensen
- ⇒ David Kilgore
- ⇒ Ed Kime
- ⇒ Paul Warren
- ⇒ Wayne Warriner

February Highlights

Meeting Program: Eagle Scout Project

February 1: Eagle Scout candidate Brian Lewis presented his Eagle Scout project to our club. Brian has been diligently working on a mobile advertising sign for the Avon Community Theatre. The sign will be easy to move and will allow for loan inserts for musical and play advertising and can be used by other local charitable organizations to advertise events as well. Avon Rotary was proud to present Brian with a \$500 donation for his project and wishes him luck as he attempts to achieve Eagle Scout rank! *Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media*



"Miss Pat" has not been an active member of our Rotary Club, but she has constantly been a "backstage" supporter of past president Mark Evans' long-time commitment to all things Avon Rotary Club.

Whether he was chairing the annual fund-raising auction -- which he did for several years -- or bringing us news of visiting Former President Jimmy Carter at his home in Plains, Georgia -- or creating one of his long introductions to a corny joke -- we could be sure that "former First Lady" Pat was supporting his devotion to Rotary.

Miss Pat was very pleased to receive Mark's membership badge and to keep it with Mark's other treasured possessions. *Submitted by: Barbara Herman*

Sweetheart's Dinner Meeting & Dessert Auction

February 15: We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and the company of many guests. The Avon Interact joined us with five of their members as well. The ladies held their annual dessert auction with a delicious assortment of baked goods. "New" Auctioneer, Jaime Lovullo, did a phenomenal job and with the support of our very generous Rotarians, the Interact Club raised over \$1500. Kudo's to all involved! To top off the evening, "Game Show Host" Katie DeGraff, rocked the stage with a "Not So Newlywed" game. After a couple rounds of questions and lots of laughs, the Tonra's were declared victorious and shared the winning chocolates with the Oswald's. Truly a fun evening! *Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis*



Peanut Butter
Cake donated
by The Cake
Place



February Highlights *continued*

Meeting Program: Veterans Outreach Center Service Project



Marianne Sernoffsky, Supportive Services Manager at Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. with President Tom Vonglis

February 22: Avon Rotary was joined by Marianne Sernoffsky the Supportive Services Manager from Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. Marianne gave a presentation on how their organization provides assistance to long time Veterans, aging Veterans, those who have just retired from service, and to homeless Veterans. Additionally, our members and guests put together backpacks with office supplies, personal care items, snacks, etc to donate to the VOC's career development programs. We were also, due to the donation of several of these supplies, able to donate an additional \$250 to VOC to help them in their mission. Thank you to VOC for all they do and thank you to all our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they've made for all of us. Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Rotarians lined up to fill each backpack for the career development programs.



Once again, many generous Club Members donated vital items for the Center. We filled bags and boxes with a variety of personal care items. At the end of the evening, everyone helped fill Marianne's car, even future Rotarian, Madden DeGraff.



Many thanks to Jake Ayers for arranging the project and donating the backpacks and supplies. Tom Honan with Wegmans, donated food items for the Center. Helping set up are Tom's daughters Kate, Evie and Emmy.

**Thank You for
helping make this
such a success!**



Introducing Jacob Davis from Livonia.
Avon Rotary will be sponsoring this out-bound exchange student next school year, 2022-2023.

Jacob will be going to Austria!



Rambling On Rotary—March



By: Bruce Amey

This Rotary year seems to be moving along too rapidly, but, then again, all my years seem to feel that way these days. As we approach March, which has been designated Water & Sanitation Month, some of our club projects will be taking fruition.

Likely during March we will have the chance to complete President Tom's District Grant project of building the community garden at the school. Again, that project is designed to education our youth regarding the benefits of composting to assist with agriculture while growing vegetables that can benefit children in the school's back-pack program with nourishment over the weekends. Per John Hewko, the General Secretary and CEO of RI and the Rotary Foundation, in the Rotary March 2022 issue, "One pillar of Rotary's strength is its deep roots in the community. The key is to find the sweet spot – to keep our focus largely local, because that is where members have the greatest satisfaction and sense of accomplishment, yet make sure that these local activities are strategically channeled so that we can have greater global impact." One of the things I love about our club is the thoughtful way we work to serve our community and how it serves the greater community.

On April 23rd we will have the opportunity to participate in the Great Lakes Watershed project within our District. And then our club's major consistent international project will be assisting Linking Hands for Learning with the Nicaragua school build will be happening soon. Our local

efforts continue to serve our community and the greater community.

RI President-Elect Jennifer Jones' theme for the 2022-23 Rotary year is Imagine Rotary. In the March 2022 Rotary magazine she said, "Imagine to me is about dreams and the obligation to run after those dreams. I want people to think about the things they want to achieve, and then use Rotary as the vehicle to get there. The most powerful thing for a member is to be able to say, "I have an idea." And then to share that with others and to amplify it and figure out where to go with it ... and they can do it because they're part of this family." We have 64 members in our club ... our local Rotary family. Imagine what we can do when we dream and imagine together. So, I ask, "Who has an idea?" Please share your ideas with President Tom or President-Elect Steve so it can be amplified and hopefully achieved.

Jonas Salk, the developer of the polio vaccine, said, "Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality." I believe Rotarians make dreams reality everyday in how we serve our communities and our world. Let's continue to imagine where and how we can impact our community and world in new and different ways. We need to stay vibrant and growing together? Let's find the "sweet spot" with our local projects that are "strategically channeled so that we can have a greater global impact". It is our obligation and responsibility to chase our dreams together. And again, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

MARCH

"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."
Gelila Bekele



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH



TIME TO REGISTER & JOIN THE FUN

RECONNECT

DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE

April 29, 30, and May 1, 2022



26 E. First St.,
Oswego, NY 13126

Visit Rotary7120.org to register!

For more information: 2022Rotary@gmail.com

Rotary District Training Assembly

District 7120

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.

Attending: Bruce Amey
Josh Tonra
Cat Jensen
Kirk & Karen Vanderbilt
Janis McMIndes
Nick & Jaime Lovullo
Rob Lupisella
Katie DeGraff
Marcia Cameron



**American
Red Cross**

Our next blood drive is:

April 5 2:00—6:00

Sign up to donate today!

For questions contact: Karl Sawicki



**END
POLIO
NOW**

2022 Wild Polio Case Counts as of February 23, 2022

Country	2020	2021	2022	Date of last case
Malawi			1	Feb 2022
Afghanistan	56	4	1	Jan 2022
Pakistan	84	1	0	Feb, 2021
Total	140	5	2	



Wild poliovirus type 1 detected in Lilongwe, Malawi

17 February 2022: As a result of ongoing disease surveillance, the Global Polio Laboratory Network (GPLN) has confirmed the presence of type 1 wild poliovirus (WPV1) in a child suffering from paralysis in Tsabango, Lilongwe, Malawi. Analysis shows that the virus is genetically linked to WPV1 that was detected in Pakistan's Sindh province in October 2019.

The three-year-old girl in Malawi experienced onset of paralysis on 19 November 2021, and stool specimens were collected for testing on 26 and 27 November. Sequencing of the virus conducted in February by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases in South Africa and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed this case as WPV1.

Detection of WPV1 outside the world's two remaining endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, is a serious concern and underscores the importance of prioritizing polio immunization activities. Until polio is fully eradicated, all countries remain at risk of importation and must maintain high vaccination coverage to protect all children from polio.

The GPEI is supporting health authorities in Malawi to conduct a thorough assessment of the situation and begin urgent immunization activities in the subregion to mitigate any risk of spread. Surveillance measures are also being expanded in Malawi and neighboring countries to detect any other potential undetected transmission.

As an imported case from Pakistan, this detection does not affect the WHO African Region's wild poliovirus-free certification status officially marked in August 2020. Malawi last recorded a case of wild poliovirus in 1992. The polio eradication program has seen importations from endemic countries to regions that have been certified wild poliovirus-free in the past, and has moved quickly to successfully stop transmission of the virus in these areas.

Polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere. Now is the time for all parties to recommit to ending all forms of polio for good.

Headlines in Afghanistan

23 February 2022: After the safe and successful rollout of nationwide polio campaigns since November 2021, we have received tragic news that 8 health workers at the forefront have been killed this morning in a series of shootings in Takhar and Kunduz in northeast Afghanistan. The vaccination campaign has been suspended in both provinces. A statement has been issued by the Regional Director of WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, as well as by the United Nations in the country, condemning these attacks, expressing condolences to the families and underscoring that the provision of health and the safety of health workers at the forefront are paramount, and must be kept neutral to any geo-political situation anywhere. Our thoughts and prayers are both with the families and our teams on the ground at this time.

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 March are:

Ramen Noodles, Chicken Broth, Juice,
Apple sauce and Dishwashing Detergent.

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

