



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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President's Message



I can't believe how quickly December went by. I hope everyone enjoyed time with their families during the holiday season and had a happy New Year.

As I write this from hot and humid SW Florida I sadly recall that just two weeks ago our neighbors in the Buffalo area had to deal with a major winter storm that cost many people their lives. We hope they are able to get their lives back on track in the near future. I can see first hand how SW Florida is still struggling with the damages from the most recent hurricane Ian.

It was nice having Barbara Herman return to our meetings after her injury in November, we are thankful that your recovery went well.

We had a inspiring program with Paul Guglielmo and having his sauce on our pasta dinner was a bonus. Thank you Kirk and Cat for working together to make this happen. Avon Holiday Spectacular was fun to attend albeit a little windy! We are thankful for past president Dom returning to cook his delicious crepes, it was great catching up with him to see how his new life is going.

We recognized Julie Carney & Bob House with another Paul Harris + pin. Your continued support of the foundation is a great example for all of us.

I'd like to thank Chris and Charlene for opening their home for our holiday party, I happened to have another event that night so Lisa and I were unable to attend but I heard it was a good time.

We had some sad news in our Rotary family with the passing of Janis McMIndes husband on the 21st. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time in your life.

I'd like everyone to wish Tom Vonglis and his many family members including his daughter Ashley, Rob and Jeanine Lupisella and their family and Jake & Heather Ayers, safe travels to Nicaragua and for safety while you are there. You are all amazing donating your time and talents for the Nicaraguan school children!

We are at the mid point of our Rotary year. I ask that each of you continue to think of ideas on how we can do good in our community and around the world.

Happy New Year to you all! Yours in Rotary Service,

President, Steve Csapo

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

Board of Directors

Steve Csapo, President
Mike Ford, President Elect
Karen Vanderbilt, Senior Director
Rob Lupisella, Director
Bruce Amey, Member at Large
Jeff Herberger, Member at Large
Tom Vonglis, Past President
Charlene Masten, Secretary
Katie DeGraff, Treasurer

happy new year



Club Schedule

Tues. Jan. 3	NO MEETING—NEW YEARS HOLIDAY
Mon. Jan. 9	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
Tues. Jan. 10	Regular Meeting
Tues. Jan. 17	Regular Meeting
Tues. Jan. 24	Regular Meeting Program: Maria & Benni, Exchange Student Presentations
Tues. Jan. 31	Regular Meeting Program: Katie DeGraff, Bank Fraud & Scams

January Celebrations

Birthday

- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty
- ⇒ Barbara Herman
- ⇒ Bob House
- ⇒ Greg Antkowiak
- ⇒ Julie Carney
- ⇒ Doug Hayes
- ⇒ Jaime Lovullo

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Helen Zamboni

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Kirk Vanderbilt 2003
- ⇒ Jim Ryan 2010
- ⇒ Chris Mastn 2011
- ⇒ Mike Ford 2017

December Highlights



December 6: We were joined by Rochester Rotarian, former radio personality, marinara sauce salesman, small business advocate, and the CEO of Craft Cannery Paul Guglielmo.



Paul's journey with Rotary began in the late 90s as an exchange student to Italy. He came to Rochester to work in the radio industry, eventually becoming part of the Brother Wease Show. While working in radio, he decided to take the leap and start making the marinara sauce he and his grandfather would make at his home in Northeast Ohio, eventually becoming the very popular local brand Guglielmo Sauce. This opened his eyes to the world of craft food vending and restaurant sales and the challenges that exist in getting their products to customers in an efficient way.

This led to his next leap of faith, starting Craft Cannery. Craft Cannery is a company that can produce sauces, oils, drinks, soups, etc in a less labor intensive way but with the same quality artisan vendors and restaurants expect. Craft Cannery was also just awarded a \$500,000 prize in the Grow-NY competition that will allow them to create jobs and continue to make the quality craft products you see in grocery stores, restaurants, and at local festivals.

Thanks for stopping by Paulie and sharing your experiences and story!

Submitted via Social Media: Mike Ford

Foundation Moments



December 6: Rotarian Julie Carney was presented with her Paul Harris plus 3 pin.

December 20: Rotarian Bob House was presented with his Paul Harris plus 2 pin.

Congratulations and thank you both for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation!



The week of December 12—16: several Avon Rotarians volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Avon NY Service Unit's holiday fundraising campaign at Tops Friendly Market. Thank you to all the community members that generously donated to the campaign to help their neighbors in need.



Submitted via Social Media: Mike Ford

Linking Hands for Learning

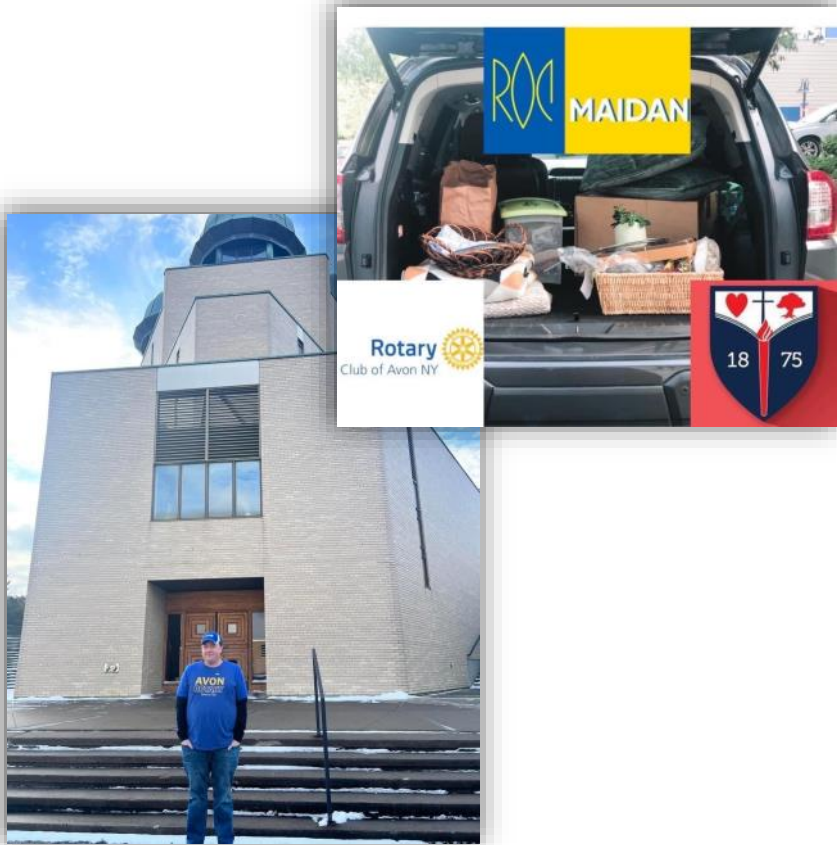
January 2, 2023: A team of 14 volunteers travel to Nicaragua to help build a school in the remote village of El Carrizo in El Sauce. The funding for the project is only possible with the help of donors, volunteers & partners of the Enlace Project, especially Enrique Corrales. Thank you to family, friends, Avon & Rochester Rotary Clubs, colleagues and HFL/Avon Community members for helping us raise \$20,000 to build this school! *Rob & Jeanine Lupisella*



Ukraine Service Project

Throughout the month of December, Avon Rotary teamed up with St. Agnes School - Avon as part of their Advent service project to collect items for RocMaidan (The charitable wing of Rochester's Ukrainian Cultural Center). We were able to collect two trunk loads of clothes, winter hats, gloves, socks, diapers, medicines, blankets, crutches, walkers, and more. These items were dropped off at the beautiful St Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Irondequoit and will be sent to aide Ukrainian refugees in the near future. Many thanks to Rotarian Mike Ford for coordinating the effort, Rotarian Katie DeGraff for teaming us up with St. Agnes, Avon Rotarians for their donations, St. Agnes staff and parents, and of course the many service minded students from St. Agnes School.

Submitted by: Mike Ford via Social Media



Ho-Ho-Ho-liday Highlights

MANY, MANY THANKS to Chris & Charlene Masten for hosting the Avon Rotary Christmas party Saturday, December 17. Over 40 club members and family joined together for food, drink and merriment. We all enjoyed the 'favorite things' gift swap and 'saran wrap' ball game but nothing beat the Buffalo Bills game for another WIN!

Jill Wall braved the architectural challenges and safely enjoyed the party, in part thanks to Char's clever safety measures.

Speaking of safety, our funny little host presented a wheel chair to those couch potatoes needing a lift out.

It was fun to get together and 'kick off' the holidays!

Laurie Vonglis



Welcome 2023-2024 Board of Directors

President – Mike Ford

Secretary – Jaime Lovullo

Treasurer – Hans Koomen

President Elect – Karen Vanderbilt

Senior Director – Rob Lupisella

Director – Katie DeGraff

Members at Large - Rodney George, Nick Lovullo, Cat Jensen

Past President – Steve Csapo

Rambling On Rotary— January



By: Bruce Amey

The new year of 2023 is upon us. January is Rotary's Vocational Service Month. What does that mean? From the RI web page, during this month, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. It is an opportunity to begin yearlong vocational service activities; it spotlights club projects related to

vocational service using professional skills in service projects.

What is Vocational Service? Every Rotarian is called to aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society, and encourages members to serve others through their vocations, educations and skill sets.

What does Rotary view as "ethical standards"? Open and honest communication, treating all people fairly and with dignity, encouraging diversity of opinions, and accountability for our own actions. When you joined Rotary, it was stated that you had the responsibility of representing your business or profession to the club and representing Rotary ideals within your business.

Some ideas for Vocational Service projects include: post "What Rotary Stands For" on prominent posters around town, display the "ideals of Rotary" at your workplace and make colleagues aware of your commitment to Rotary, support RYLA programs with an emphasis on ethics, and in-

clude "place of employment visits" as part of our club meeting programs.

Last year, club PE Mike Ford encouraged our club to offer vocational scholarships to Avon graduates intended to provide financial assistance to two (2) students who enroll in an accredited career/trade path program or vocational program at a college or trade/technical school or apprenticeship program within New York State. These scholarships are awarded to students who exemplify the character traits of service, honesty, hard work and humility and may be used for tuition or other expenses incurred in pursuit of the educational program, such as tools or memberships. Hopefully the scholarships will provide another opportunity to expose young people to Rotary and its ideals of service to others.

So, as we as Avon Rotarians enter a new year, how can we promote vocational service? Are there program suggestions for our meetings that can be forwarded to Cat Jensen which promote vocations within our club membership and/or our community? How can we support others in their vocations in reflecting Rotary ideals? We are all committed to service in our community and our world and we need to model the Rotary ideals in all that we do. A new year offers excellent opportunities to begin again. Let us begin 2023 with a vision to do so. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

Rotary



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

"TEAMWORK IS THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON VISION. THE ABILITY TO DIRECT INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES. IT IS THE FUEL THAT ALLOWS COMMON PEOPLE TO ATTAIN UNCOMMON RESULTS."

- ANDREW CARNEGIE





**END
POLIO
NOW**

2022 Wild Polio Case Counts as of December 31, 2022

<u>Country</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Afghanistan	56	4	2	August 2022
Malawi	0	1	0	Nov 2021
Mozambique	0	0	8	November 2022
Pakistan	84	1	20	September 2022
Total	140	5	30	



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

“Let our New Year’s resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” GORAN PERSSON

Avon Food Pantry

Grocery Items Needed in January are:

Pancake Mix Syrup

Canned Fruit Coffee

Cooking Oil Tea



Collection is the 3rd Tuesday each month. Place in bin at our meeting.

For questions contact Cat Jenson or David Kilgore.

Is a fellow Rotarian ill or in need?

Please contact the club Sunshine Liaison

Barbara Herman 245-2637

*Please keep Jerry Dougherty & Janis McMIndes
in your thoughts & prayers*

