



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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President's Message



As we start this new Rotary year, I would like everyone to take a moment to remember the two active members that we lost last year who were both long serving members. Former first lady Margo Harper and past President Mark Evans (1999). Please try to remember their positive way of life and their commitment to service above self!

I would also like to take this moment to thank Tom for his steadfast leadership this past year and to our club members for accomplishing so much during the year. It is truly amazing how much we donated as a group to the Rotary Foundation and the many community groups and individuals we supported during the year! With that I am humbled to serve as your president. We wish past President Dom and past Secretary Shannon well on their future endeavors in their new locations. May they continue to serve their new communities as well as they did ours. You will both be missed and thank you for all you did with us!

Last Tuesday was a wonderful celebration to this past Rotary year as we recognized the following individuals for their commitment to our club and community:

Paul Harris Fellows by the club – Jean & Greg Antkowiak, Charlene & Chris Masten.

Paul Harris Fellow – Jill Wall by member Bill Wall
Rookie of the year – Cat Jansen

Rotarian of the year – Karen Vanderbilt

Foundation Sustaining members - All 39 of us!

Outgoing Interact president Jojo VanRy.

I look forward to this upcoming Rotary year and wish to continue the many great things we do in our community and in the world! Have a safe Independence Day weekend and I hope everyone enjoys their time spent with friends and family.

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



July Club Schedule

Tues. July 5	NO MEETING
Mon. July 11	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 at Circleview Conference Room
Tues. July 12	Regular Meeting & Corn Festival Committee meeting
Tues. July 19	Regular Meeting & Party in a Bag Service Project
Tues. July 26	Regular Meeting



Thank you to all the Rotarians this year for giving me unforgettable memories and experiences, you are all unbelievably kind and I'm so honored to have been a part of this club for the last year. Especially thank you to Mrs. Vanderbilt for all your hard work and kindness to me throughout our hectic year with Interact. Rotary has been so much fun to be a part of and I am hoping to come back and help at any chance I get.

Sincerely, Jojo VanRy



July Celebrations

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Greg & Jean Antkowiak
- ⇒ Mike Giso
- ⇒ Will McLaughlin
- ⇒ Ryan Pacatte
- ⇒ Jim Ryan
- ⇒ Ernie Wiard

Birthday

- ⇒ Joe Callahan (H)
- ⇒ Charlene Masten
- ⇒ Karl Sawicki
- ⇒ Marcia Tetamore

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Ted Coyne 1955
- ⇒ Steve Stevenson 1963
- ⇒ Jerry Dougherty 1966
- ⇒ Julie Carney 2009

Rambling On Rotary—July



By: Bruce Amey

July is Rotary's Installations Month. So here we are again at the start of a new Rotary year and some new faces on our Avon Club Board of Directors and in District 7120. We transition from "Serve To Change Lives", RI President Shekhar Mehta's presidential year theme, to "Imagine Rotary", 2022-23 RI President Jennifer Jones' theme. And locally we transition from President Tom's year into

President Steve's year.

One of Steve's goals for his 2022-23 year is to increase membership to at least a net of 65 members. I say "net" because, wherein we had new members join last year, we also lost some members due to inactivity or death. Past RI President Mehta challenged Rotarians to "Each One, Bring One" in order to grow our membership. As our club membership "ages up", i.e., gets older, it would also help us to try to encourage younger community members (under 40?) to join our ranks in Service Above Self. We must continue to purposely engage current members so they want to continue in Rotary, but we also need to invite others to join us.

Steve has stated he would like to have every club member lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a meeting this year, although with a maximum of 48 meetings in the year, I think he may have to have duets in some months. He would also like to have us recite the Rotary Four-Way test at each meeting, as well, to continually remind us of our Rotary focus. "Of the things we think, say, or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? With so much fake-news and false information barraging us every day, the Four-Way Test is even more important. Is it in the fore-front of the things we "think, say, or do"?

As a club, we have a very busy year ahead of us. Our Past-President Julie Carney is the District Governor-Elect. That is, she will be the 7120 District Governor in Rotary Year 2023-24. As DG for 2023-24, our club is responsible for planning and executing the District 7120 District Conference in May (or April) 2024. Julie is already engaging some club members in beginning preparations for the conference but as the subsequent year's District Conference theme is presented at the current year's DC, plans and preparations have to be well underway by that time. DG President Ralph Brandt has already announced his DC will be held May 6, 2023; which means, in support of Julie, our club has to have most of the planning for the 2024 District Conference done by that date. All club member hands will need to be on deck for this. Julie will be Avon Rotary's first District Governor and, as her club, it is our responsibility to help make her year a successful one.

President Steve's District Grant application was approved for our club project for this year. His grant project is to build a pergola and furnish some outdoor furniture for the new

UR/Noyes Hospital Mental Health Facility in East Avon. The concrete pad is already in place; Steve is hopeful we can complete that project by October of this year, depending on delivery of some materials which cannot be ordered until after July 1st. Many club members were able to attend the facility's ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony on May 25th. The facility was dedicated to the memory of Liz Griswold Green, long-time Social Worker in the Avon Central School District and in Livingston County. She was our club's main contact for our fundraising activities for Stone's Community Resources, formerly known as Stone's Closet. This district grant project will continue our club's community-visible support for the children and adults in our community. Be listening for opportunities to assist with the construction/installation of the project.

As you know, one of my Rotary passions is the Rotary Foundation. I was very proud with our M&M Foundation drive during our May 31 meeting where club members donated more than \$2,000 to the Foundation Annual Fund in memory of club members Mark Evans and Margo Harper, who both died in October 2021. As John Germ RI Foundation Chair has stated, "Until hungry people are fed, families have access to clean water, and children everywhere are educated, we won't truly have peace in the world." Donations to the Annual Fund help address these needs and other Rotary Areas of Focus through global and district grants ... well done Avon Rotarians. But the mission of the Foundation is on-going and a club goal is to have every club member donate at least \$25 every year, hopefully more. Giving to the Foundation can be done on a monthly basis or annually through your MyRotary account. If you need assistance creating or accessing your MyRotary account, please let Kirk know and assistance will be provided. Let us continue to lead our world to peace by helping fund projects in our community and around the world through your Rotary Foundation donations.

As I started this article, July is Rotary's Installations Month; new beginnings for a new Rotary year. RI President Jennifer Jones stated, "There is nothing that can't be accomplished when Rotary members unite – and we are ready to get started." She continued, "Dream Big and Take Action. We all have dreams but acting on them is a choice." Will we as Rotarians choose to act? Are we ready to grow our Service Above Self and to invite others to join us? Those questions are rhetorical because I know for Avon Rotarians the answer is a resounding, "YES!" And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.



June Highlights

Field Trip to Route & Roost

June 7: At last night's meeting, Avon Rotary went on a field trip to Avon's newest restaurant, the Route & Roost - Kitchen & Trading Post. Owners Kaylie Sturnick & Matt Cobb



along with Chef Wendy Teeter served up great healthy scratch made meals and gave us the story of how they

opened, why they chose their location, and how restaurants have had to pivot in a post-Covid environment. Welcome to Avon and we look forward to you serving our community for years to come! Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Garden Project Celebration Meeting

June 21: Avon Rotary's last regular meeting of the Rotary year was a busy one full of service and celebration. Our busy meeting included:



1.) Our last in-meeting service project of the year in which Rotarians and guests packed kits for the Avon Free Library's Summer reading program and we also were able to present a \$500 donation to library board members Josh Tonra and Jaime Lovullo.



2.) A slide show celebrating our District Simplified Grant project where we built twelve garden beds at the Avon Central Schools that can be used for many years to come by Avon students of all ages to learn gardening and nutritional skills. This project was the brainchild of retiring Elementary School Principal Rob Lupisella. After the slide show we presented him with a plaque which will be posted at the gardens that reads:

"This garden has been established by the Rotary Club of Avon, NY in honor of Rob Lupisella who faithfully served the children of Avon Elementary for 24 years. His vision and commitment were the seeds nurturing children to grow and prosper."



3.) Finally, our grant project would have been impossible without the help of Vonglis Enterprises, LLC. and their owner Peter Vonglis. Peter donated his time and the equipment needed to make this project possible. As a thank you for his community service, Peter's brother Tom, Avon Rotary's President, presented Peter with a Paul Harris Fellow pin and a Paul Harris medal which once belonged to their mother. Thank you to Peter and your employees for making this project possible and for everything you do for the Avon community. Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Change of Officers Celebration



Congratulation and welcome to the new 2022-2023 Avon Rotary Board of Directors!

R-L Steve Csapo, President, Mike Ford, President Elect, Karen Vanderbilt, Senior Director, Rob Lupisella, Director, Bruce Amey, Member-at-large, Tom Vonglis, Past President, Katie DeGraff, Treasurer and Charlene Masten, Secretary. Missing is Jeff Herberger, Member-at-Large



**2021-2022
Rookie of the Year**

Cat Jensen!

**Congratulations Cat,
So well deserved!**



**2021-2022
Rotarian of the Year**

Karen Vanderbilt!

**Congratulations Karen,
So well deserved!**



President Tom Vonglis was presented a President's plaque for his dedicated leadership.



Interact Advisor Karen Vanderbilt gives special recognition to outgoing Interact President, Jojo VanRy



Best Wishes to President Steve as he begins his year as President of Avon Rotary.

Changeover Foundation Moments

Congratulations to all our Paul Harris Fellow Recipients!

On behalf of the Avon Rotary Club, the Foundation Committee is proud to present Paul Harris Fellows to Greg & Jean Antkowiak and Charlene & Chris Masten. Many thanks for your significant contributions of time, talent and treasure to Avon Rotary.

In addition, a well deserved PHF was presented to Jill Wall from her husband Bill for her inspirational support of family and support of this club.



Kirk Vanderbilt presented Jill Wall with her Paul Harris Fellow.



Shannon DiFranco presented Jean & Greg Antkowiak with their Paul Harris Fellow



Tom Vonglis presented Chris & Charlene Masten with their Paul Harris Fellow

Corn Festival Quilt #2

Many of you familiar with the Corn Festival have seen our t-shirt quilt with shirts from the first twenty-five festivals displayed in the Avon Historical Society window every August. Now we are proud to introduce our supplemental quilt with our last nine shirts. The supplemental quilt was the brain-child of Avon Rotarian Mark Evans who passed away last fall. The quilt was completed by his wife Pat and will be proudly displayed with our twenty-five year quilt for many years to come. Thank you to Pat for all the time and effort you put into making this quilt, Avon Rotary is extremely grateful.





**END
POLIO
NOW**

2022 Wild Polio Case Counts as of June 30, 2022

<u>Country</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Afghanistan	56	4	1	Jan 2022
Malawi	0	1	0	Nov 2021
Mozambique	0	0	1	Mar 2022
Pakistan	84	1	10	May 2022
Total	140	5	12	



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

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THE FOUR WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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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.

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 July are:

Coffee, oil, salad dressings, cereal,
soap in any form

Collection is the 3rd Tuesday each month.
Place in bin at our meeting. For questions
contact Cat Jenson or David Kilgore.

