

# November 2022 Newsletter



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### **President's Message**



October had us welcoming two new members to our club – Katie & Collin! I hope your Rotary experience will be everything you imagined it to be and more.

During the month of October, we had presentations from Dave Terry with the Veterans

affairs & Kate Kingsley & Tom Wiggins with the Teresa House. Thanks to Cat for continuing to bring in these informative programs!

October 24th was world polio day; The following is a refresher as to what polio is –

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a crippling and potentially deadly infectious disease caused by the poliovirus that invades the brain and spinal cord, causing paralysis. The virus spreads from person -to-person and only affects humans; children are especially susceptible. Because polio has no cure, vaccination is the only way to protect children and stop the disease from spreading.

In 1988 the World Health Assembly worldwide adopted a <u>declaration to eradicate polio</u>. Since then:

- We've achieved a 99.9% reduction in wild poliovirus transmission worldwide.
- Polio cases have fallen from an estimated 350,000 in 1988 to 6 in 2021.
- Wild poliovirus transmission has been eliminated in 5 of 6 WHO regions.

One of Rotary's main goals is to assist in the eradication of Polio and in 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 3 billion children in 122 countries.

Please remember that the auction is currently running. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Honan.

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





# Club Schedule

Oct.30—Nov.10	AVON ROTARY AUCTION
Tues. Nov 1	Regular Meeting 6:30 Program: ROC MAIDAN (Ukraine Relief), Darka Hawryshkiw
Mon. Nov 7	Board of Directors Meeting
Tues. Nov 8	Regular Meeting 6:30 Program: Corn Festival Report
Tues. Nov 15	Regular Meeting 6:30 Program: Interact Update & Foundation Presentation
Tues. Nov 22	NO MEETING — HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Tues. Nov 29	Red Cross Blood Drive 2 pm—6 pm @ Avon Inn (no meeting)



# November Celebrations

#### **Birthday**

- ⇒ Heather Ayers
- ⇒ Steve Csapo
- ⇒ Katie DeGraff
- ⇒ Nick Lovullo
- ⇒ Kathy Shrestha
- ⇒ Kirk Vanderbilt
- ⇒ Jim Varner
- ⇒ Tom Vonglis

#### **Wedding Anniversary**

- **⇒** Bruce Amey
- ⇒ Colin Bruckel
- ⇒ Jeff Herberger
- ⇒ Dave LeFeber
- ⇒ Kirk & Karen Vanderbilt

#### **Rotary Anniversary**

- ⇒ David Henehan 1980
- ⇒ Wayne Warriner 1986 (H)
- ⇒ Bruce Amey 2006
- ⇒ Shawn Rice 2016
- ⇒ Janis McMindes 2016
- ⇒ Jeff Herberger 2016
- ⇒ Bob Mellen 2016
- ⇒ Kathy Shrestha 2017
- ⇒ Joe Yantachka 2020
- ⇒ Marcea Tetamore 2020
- ⇒ Ryan Pacatte 2020

#### **Welcome New Members!**

On October 4th we had the pleasure of inducting two new individuals into our Rotary Club. Please join us in welcoming Collin Hayes and Kate Carbone. We look forward to working with them as we serve our wonderful community. Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis



Pictured Left:
President, Steve Csapo
New Rotarian, Kate Carbone
Sponsor, Cat Jensen



Pictured Right:
President, Steve Csapo
New Rotarian, Collin Hayes
Rotarian & Uncle, Dave LeFeber
Missing: Sponsor, Julie Carney





#### Meet Collin Hayes

Hello fellow Rotarians! My name is Collin and I am honored and proud to join you all in your commitment to service above self. I'm fortunate to have been raised in a wonderful community where I have roots that go back many decades. To paraphrase Kirk Vanderbilt: "you can't swing a dead cat in this town without hit-

ting someone that Collin is related to." I couldn't have put it more delicately. Among those relatives are many doctors, farmers, and educators. What they all have in common (besides frequently being assaulted by dead cats) is their commitment to hard work, public service, and the betterment of their community. These are the values that I was raised on and that have inspired me to join Rotary. I was introduced to the Avon Rotary Club early in life, through their involvement with the St. Agnes Golf Tournament. My involvement with the Club continued through high school with the Interact Club and the foreign exchange student program. I am also a third generation Rotarian, as my grandfather Bob Hayes is an honorary member of Avon Rotary and my father Tim Hayes is a member of the Geneseo Club.

After graduating from Avon HS in 2011, I attended Nazareth College for two years before taking some time off to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA at Community Legal Aid in Akron, OH. I completed my undergrad degree in political science at the University of Akron and then earned a graduate degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University. After living and working in DC for a couple years, I grew tired of the hustle and bustle and decided to move back home last summer. I currently work as a legal editor for General Code, a Rochester-based company that publishes municipal laws. I also serve as a member of the Avon Town Planning Board. I would like to thank the Avon Rotary for welcoming me into the Club, and I look forward to serving with you all!





#### **Meet Kate Carbone**

Hello, I'm Kate Carbone who was born and raised in Wisconsin until my Senior year of High School when my family relocated to Livonia. Camping, fishing, and golf are a few of the things I enjoy with my family and friends.

My career began with a Distribution Company and then a Bakery, who are both supply companies for McDonald's Corporation. Currently I'm the School District Payroll Clerk for Avon CSD.

Rotary is a wonderful fit for me personally because I believe in many of the rotary values such as "service above self". Giving back to the community is of importance to me and it makes me grateful and happy to be among like minded folks. I want to thank my fabulous sponsor, Cat Jensen, for introducing me to this great organization. Additionally, thank you to everyone for being so friendly and welcoming.

#### **Rambling On Rotary— November**



By: Bruce Amey

November is Rotary's Foundation Month. You have all heard me talk about THE Foundation. THE Foundation is the financial arm of Rotary International that allows it to conduct service projects around the world. THE Foundation helps deliver polio vaccines, water and sanitation projects, promote peace, support

education ... among other causes. So don't get me wrong, THE Foundation is essential to the work of Rotary. However, these past nine weeks, since my heart surgery on August 22, have caused me to be thinking about the real foundation of Rotary ... its people, its members.

I have always tried to be generous with my time, talent (?) and resources, but it has been brought to my attention that to truly be a giver, one has to be a generous receiver ... not a strong suit of mine. But, as I said, these past nine weeks have shown me the real foundation of Rotarians, of friends.

When I was taken back into the hospital on October 6, foundations erupted around me. There were those who immediately reached out to our daughter Madison to come care for Diane while I was going to be absent. It turned out to be even more important as my cell phone went "missing" on October 7 and I had no way of communicating with anyone. When I got home from the hospital on October 14, I had Madison take me to order a new phone; it arrived on the 19th and I am still trying to configure it. But once I had a phone, the foundations were overwhelming. I had more than 100 voice mails and text messages waiting for me.

In addition to the technology, there were also the Hallmark traditional cards for me to read. One in particular hit my heart. "I know things are kind of crappy right now and I wanted you to know I'm thinking about you. I do that a lot. You're important to me and to more people than you might realize. I hope that helps make your day just a little brighter and brings you a little closer to feeling better." (It definitely did!) So many from our club and my church and neighbors have reached out to support Diane and me, and to be there for whatever Madison might need while she cares for us working remotely at her job from our home.

On top of that, the coordination of meals for my family has been truly amazing to me. Foundations! I never imagined the time involved with the healing process following a major procedure; this August was the first time I had ever spent a night in a hospital.

I have always been proud to be a part of Rotary, of an organization whose sole purpose is to serve others. But I am even more proud to recognize the real foundation of Rotary ... each of you! During this Rotary Foundation month, by all means support the work Rotary does around the world through THE Foundation. But please, don't be so busy admiring the forest that you miss the beauty of each tree. Enjoy the beauty of all the foundations created by your generous giving to others around you. Be thankful for the real foundation of Rotary. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

# END POLIO NOW

#### 2022 Wild Polio Case Counts as of October 26, 2022

<u>Country</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	2022	Date of last case
Afghanistan	56	4	2	August 2022
Malawi	0	1	0	Nov 2021
Mozambique	0	0	7	September 2022
<u>Pakistan</u>	84	1	20	September 2022
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**Total** 140 5 **29** 



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



**Proudly Presents our 55th Annual** 

# Rotary ON-LINE Auction

October 30th - November 10th, 2022

#### Past Auction Items

Baked goods
Fresh Produce Boxes
Flat Screen TV
Electronics
Weekend Getaways
Theater Tickets
Home & Garden Services
Gift Cards



Scan our QR Code



# **BIDDING OPENS**

October 30th at 8 AM

## BIDDING CLOSES

November 10 at 7 PM

# Item Pick-Up Day

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

Visit our On-line Auction site to sign up and register! www.charityauction.bid/avonrotary2022

or download the <u>Auctria</u> App in your App store, enter *Avonrotary2022* to add the Event.





# Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition Give Blood

# **Avon Rotary Blood Drive**

#### **Held at Avon Inn**

55 E. Main St. Avon, NY 14414

# Tuesday, November 29, 2022 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

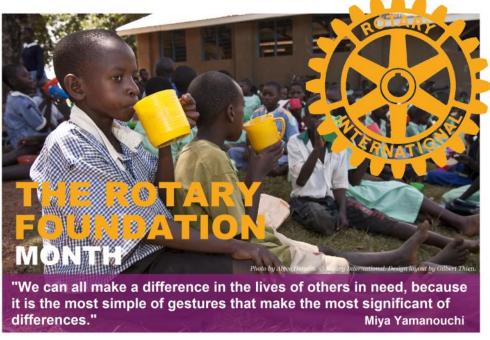
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: avonrotary to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B– or A– donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Give Something that Means Something** 

# NOVEMBER IS







TAKE ACTION: www.rotary.org/give

# **Avon Food Pantry**

**Grocery Items Needed in November are:** 

Canned Pineapple, Peaches, Mixed Fruit

**Ketchup** 

Tea, Coffee

**Canned Soup** 

Cereal

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 Agent

Barbara Herman 226-6735

Please keep Jerry Dougherty & Bruce Amey in your thoughts as they continue to recover from their recent surgeries.

