



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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President's Message



September was a quieter Rotary month as school resumed and parents with older school aged children having to drive all over the county following their sports schedules – I remember those days fondly having 3 children in a row was challenging to attend all their events but somehow Lisa and I managed to divide and conquer it as best as we could.

On September 6th Jaime's service project with writing thank you cards for all the school staff was a big hit. We have received many thanks in return from school staff. The generosity of the businesses in the community and our club by stepping up and making it possible for each member to receive a \$15.00 gift card was a proud Rotary moment!

On the 20th we had another service project with Stephanie Dempsey and the "cool down" gift bags for our soldiers serving overseas in the extreme heat. We also presented her chapter of the Daughters of the American

Revolution with a \$100.00 donation to help them with their operating costs.

Please remember that the auction is our next major fundraiser with items already starting to come in. Jim Tompsett has already knocked on so many doors his knuckles are sore – Thank you Jim! Any questions or concerns please contact Tom Honan.

In October we look forward to welcoming two new members to our club with Katie Carbone & Colin Hayes joining us. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them if you do not already know them.

As I finish this letter, I am happy to announce that our condo in Florida survived another direct hit with only a screen ripped and our lanai door damaged. I wish I could say the same for the rest of the people in that area. Please keep all those who suffered a significant or total loss in your thoughts!

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

Rotary 

**OCTOBER IS
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

"IF YOU WANT TO GO QUICKLY, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER."
- ANON





OCTOBER Club Schedule

Mon. Oct. 3	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm @ Circleview Conference Room
Tues. Oct. 4	Regular Meeting 6:00 pm Induction of New Members, Katie & Colin
Tues. Oct. 11	Regular Meeting 6:00 pm Program—Dave Terry, Veterans Affairs
Sat. Oct. 15	Roadside Cleanup 8:00 am meet at Rotary storage barn
Tues. Oct. 18	Regular Meeting 6:00 pm Program—Kate Kingsley & Tom Wiggins, Teresa House Update
Mon. Oct 24	WORLD POLIO DAY
Tues. Oct. 25	Halloween Party & Happy Birthday Benni!



Avon Interact Students serving up refreshments at the Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, October 1st at Avon Central School.

Morning Assistants: Maria, Benni, Liv & Maggie

Afternoon Assistants not in photo: Laura, Lena & Ella

October Celebrations

Birthday

- ⇒ Terry Hayes
- ⇒ Janis McMIndes
- ⇒ Dan Oswald
- ⇒ Carmine Simone
- ⇒ Josh Tonra
- ⇒ Laurie Vonglis
- ⇒ Joe Yantachka
- ⇒ Helen Zamboni

Wedding Anniversary

- ⇒ Rodney George
- ⇒ Doug & Terry Hayes
- ⇒ Rob Lupisella
- ⇒ Jim Varner

Rotary Anniversary

- ⇒ Kelly Cole 2002
- ⇒ Hans Koomen 2002
- ⇒ Tom Vonglis 2002
- ⇒ Tom Honan 2018
- ⇒ Nick Lovullo 2018
- ⇒ TJ Vonglis 2018
- ⇒ Mike Giso 2021
- ⇒ Dan Oswald 2021

September Highlights

Welcome Back Project

September 6:

Every September Rotary International's theme is Basic Education & Literacy. In keeping with that theme, at a recent meeting Avon Rotary wrote personal welcome back cards to every Avon School Teacher and Staff Member. Several local businesses donated gift cards to being given out with the cards as well.

Thank you to these local businesses for their contributions to our Welcome Back Teacher & Staff Appreciation Project:

Annabel's Gifts & More
The Avondale Pub
Dontonio's Pizzeria
Fratelli's
Geek Chic Floral Boutique
Livingston County Pizza Company & Gluten-Free Bakery
Mark's Pizzeria
Pizza Land
Salvatore's Old Fashioned Pizzeria
Tom Wahl's
Avon Village Restaurant

Submitted by Mike Ford via Facebook



Soldier Cool Down Project

September 15:

Stephanie Dempsey was our special guest this evening and provided us with a program about her organization, Daughters of the American Revolution.

DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War. DAR members provide millions of hours of community service each year around the world.

Stephanie shared with us her current project, seeking our assistance assembling cool down items for a troop stationed over seas. Of course we were happy to oblige and also presented a check for \$100 to help cover costs for shipping.

Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis



ONE DAY.
ONE FOCUS.
ENDING POLIO.

No child anywhere should suffer from polio, a completely preventable disease.

Join Rotary for World Polio Day on October 24 to support polio eradication.

GIVE

- ◆ Help us reach a polio-free world and donate.
- ◆ Every donation that Rotarians commit to polio eradication is matched 2:1 by the Gates foundation.
- ◆ Mark your calendar and GIVE on October 24



TAKE ACTION

Eradicate a Disease Forever

Stay tuned for Avon Rotary's World Polio Day campaign details

For more information visit endpolio.org

Avon Rotary



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 Auctria App in your App store,
enter *Avonrotary2022* to add the Event.

Veerle Returns

During the month of September, our former exchange student from the Netherlands returned to visit from September 1—23. Needless to say, it's been a long four years since last we saw her but the young woman that returned is now a college graduate and registered nurse ready to begin her career. We had the honor of hosting her and once again, fulfilling her bucket list during her stay.

Our initial reunion was spent in Inlet at the cabin she so loved and enjoyed previously. Joining us was the Vanderbilt family, also her former host family. It was a very nice Labor Day weekend getting reacquainted.

Throughout the month we 'chased waterfalls'. Many of these adventures were ones I had not discovered yet, so it was truly double the fun. As we ventured throughout the Finger Lakes we went to Watkins Glen, Taughannock Falls, Stoney Brook, Letchworth State Park, Grimes Glen and a grand finale at Niagara Falls Canada.

We also ensured Veerle was reunited with two of her host sisters, Ashley (Vonglis) & Ella (Vanderbilt). Ashley returned home from North Carolina to reunite with her Dutch Sister for a weekend which included Watkins Glen, a winery or two, a trip to Buffalo to do the eternal flame hike and a visit to the Buffalo Bills stadium. Later during the month we spent some time in Syracuse with Ella discovering Green Lakes State Park.

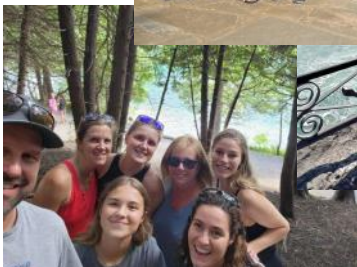
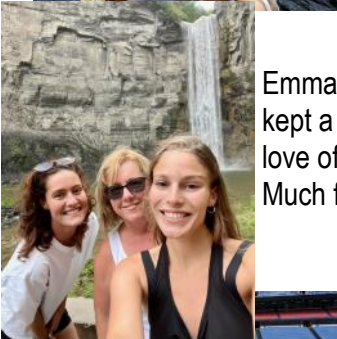
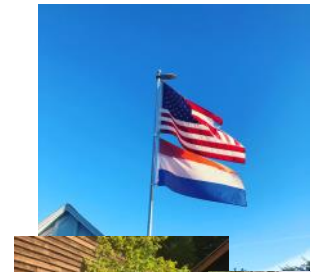
An added bonus midway through Veerle's stay was the addition of her older sister Emma. Emma was with us for ten days and she immediately became a welcomed addition. The three of us kept a full schedule which included another trip to Inlet for hiking and kayaking. We also shared our love of football season with them including a tailgate party and cheering for the Bills in the mancave. Much fun and a Bills win was enjoyed by all.

Veerle was very happy attending our Rotary meetings, seeing some familiar faces and reuniting with special individuals like Ed, Julie/Jim, and Cathy Jo, just to name a few.

The girls enjoyed shopping for candy to pack and bring home to share with friends and family. It was quite amusing watching their excitement over all the M&M choices (which they don't have in the Netherlands) and then purchasing at least two of everything! The packing part was definitely a challenge.

Being Veerle's host mom four years ago was a first for me and a truly enriching experience. Her return filled my heart all over again. It was difficult to say good bye but we already have plans to visit her in the spring. Our time spent together filled me with joy and makes me thankful to be a host mom. Once again, Rotary changed my life.

Laurie Vonglis



Rambling On Rotary— October 2017



By: Bruce Amey

The October 2017 edition of The Rotarian had a great letter from RI President Ian Riseley. He stated: “Some years ago in the Melbourne, Australia museum where my daughter used to work, an iron lung was on display. For most people my age who remembered the terrifying polio epidemics of the 1950s, that iron lung was a testament to how far vaccination had brought us: to the point where that once-critical piece of medical equipment had literally become a museum piece.

For much of the world, the story of polio is a simple one: After years of fear, a vaccine was developed and a disease was conquered. But for some of the world, the story was different. While the rest of the world relegated polio to its museums, in these countries, the disease continued to rage – until Rotary stepped forward and said that all children, no matter where they lived or what their circumstances, deserved to live free of polio.

In the years since PolioPlus was launched the number of cases of polio (have been brought down) from an estimated 350,000 per year to just a few so far in 2017. But we must reach zero cases, and stay there, to achieve eradication. To do that, we need everyone’s help.”

I had an uncle who survived polio. In the early 1950s, I remember getting my polio vaccine and I swear the needle for the injection was as big as a straw, it really hurt. But I also remember my mother telling me she loved me

enough to not want me to go through what my Uncle Bob had endured, which is why I had to get the shot.

Other than Rotarians, most likely no one ever thinks about polio as it has been eradicated in our country thanks to vaccinations we all get as children. However, until it is eradicated everywhere it will still have the potential to travel and develop elsewhere. Too frequently when goals are set and they near completion, the steam in the engine lets up and we feel like coasting to the finish line. As Rotarians, we cannot allow ourselves to coast. We must run full force to complete this goal, this commitment to eradicate polio from the world. Polio still exists in the world, and all children deserve to live free from polio. October 24th has been designated World Polio Day. As Rotarians we are all part of something so much bigger than ourselves. We are 1.2 million strong and together we have and are making a difference, but we need to keep the steam up to accomplish the goal.

This is an excerpt from Bruce’s 2017 October Rambling on Rotary article. As he continues to recover from his recent surgery he has taken a break from his ‘writing duty’ for the first time. Please keep Bruce in your thoughts as he puts his energy into getting his ‘ole self’ back.

And as unusual, he has not rambled on at all...



**END
POLIO
NOW**

2022 Wild Polio Case Counts as of September 27, 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	6	August 2022
Pakistan	84	1	19	August 2022
Total	140	5	27	



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



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



On September 9th, the leadership team of Tom & Laurie Vonglis and Kirk Vanderbilt held the annual District 7120 Golf Tournament. It was another beautiful day at Lima Country Club with almost 80 golfers from across the District. Many thanks to all the Avon Rotarians who helped that morning with registration and tournament contests later that day! Congratulations to Katie, Jim, Rodney & Chris on winning the mixed team division.



2022 District Golf Tournament
Avon Rotary Participants:

Tom & Laurie Vonglis, Kirk &
Karen Vanderbilt, Jim Ryan,
Rodney George, Chris Masten,
Katie DeGraff

Missing in the photo—
Bob House,
Jim Varner,
Rob Lupisella

Avon Food Pantry

Pantry critical needs in
October are:

Peanut Butter

Jam/Jelly

Cooking Oil

Seasoning

Ketchup

Dish Detergent

Cereal

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



Welcome October

New month, new chapter,
new page and new wishes.
May the month give you
courage, strength, confi-
dence, patience, self-love &
inner peace. May every
day in October be filled
with Hope, Love, Sunshine
and Energy.



Avon Rotary Halloween Party
Tuesday, October 25 @ Avon Inn
Costumes, Candy & Crazy good time