

Members of the Rotary of Avon Canton – plus a couple from the Rotary of Farmington – prepare to ride 110 miles on Friday, April 28, from Avon to Providence, R.I., for the Rotary International Multi-District Conference Saturday and Sunday. The group, led by Avon-Canton Rotarian Paul Mikkelson, will be collecting donations for Favarh – The Arc of the Farmington Valley – from other Rotarians attending the huge conference. From left are Augusto Russell, chair of the Favarh Board of Directors and a Farmington Rotarian; Lauren Traceski, a Favarh client as well as a member of the Favarh Board; Joe Anastasio; Paul Mikkelson; Ron Beliveau; Wink Tharpe, another Farmington Rotarian whose wife, Kerry Tharpe, is also a member of the Favarh Board; and Ralph Leonard, a friend of Paul, Joe and Ron who came to wish them well on the century-plus ride. The Avon-Canton Rotary and Favarh have entered into a partnership through which the Rotary Club has pledged to donate \$150,000 over five years to help defray the construction of a new Life Enrichment Center for Favarh. The building will be named in honor of the Rotary of Avon-Canton.

