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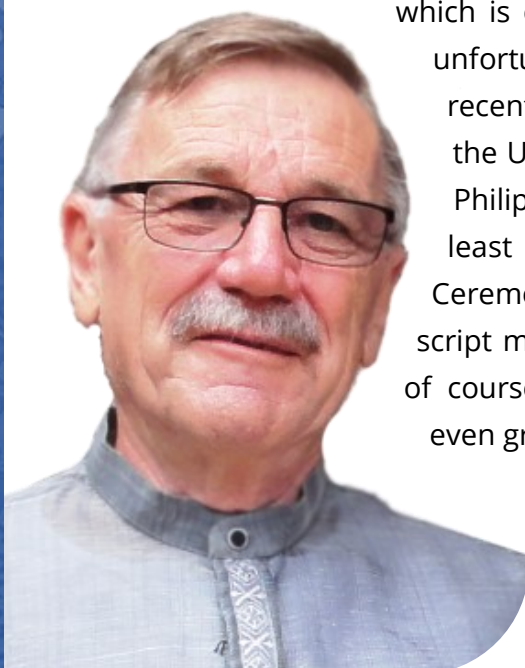
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wednesday night already and once more being harassed to complete my President's Message. I had better do as I am told - the upside is this will be the last for the calendar year.

Thank you, Kerry and Abby, for the use of your home, what a superb place to hold our Christmas Party and round off the calendar year.

I know that I have thanked all concerned ad nauseam during the evening but when the evening went so well it wasn't by accident (I'll get to the unplanned bit later) and countless people must have planned long and hard. So, in no particular order (just like B.G.T.) thank you Abby, Kerry, Vanda, Mal, George, Mick, Michael of All Seasons Catering (who, by the way, hails from Rochdale



which is only a stone's throw from Burnley – but unfortunately very much like Burnley has recently been one of the Covid-19 epicentres of the UK), Erol, Joliene and Angelica (the Parsons Philippine family) and last but by no means least to Colin for acting as our Master of Ceremonies and what a fantastic job he did. His script must have taken a lifetime to prepare and of course, behind every great man, there is an even greater woman. Thanks to both of you.

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Kerry, you touched everyone's heart with your presentations of the Jubilee Foundation and The Kerry Parsons Family Foundation and a few tears were silently shed. In my Rotary years in Davao, with Giovanna and our respective Rotary Clubs we visited quite a number of, usually Government institutions or squatter resettlement areas such as Tibungko, but you and Abby go one step, no, many steps further. I know how emotionally draining those visits can be, where do you get the strength and the energy to delve into the darkest of those corners.

Someone mentioned on Monday night that I had now passed the first six months of my Rotary Year term as President. I honestly do not know where the time has gone, then again I have been busy on many fronts, meaning that sometimes Rotary, by necessity, has taken a back seat but fingers crossed the last part of my year will not be as hectic.

Looking forward, the Joint District Conference is, if not quite around the corner, then certainly getting close. I received an email from DG Colin this morning acknowledging the clash of RC Fremantle and RC Attadale's Golf Day with the Conference. The District is offering a special discount to our members to attend the Saturday and Sunday events. Click on this link for further details:

<https://events.humanitix.com/rotarywa-joint-district-conference?accesscode=GOLF>

This brings me to the end of this President's message. Our thoughts go out to Carole as we wish her a speedy recovery and of course also to Gillian.

All that is left is for Giovanna and me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year and look forward to catching up with you on Monday, 1 February, if not earlier at the Australia Day festivities at the Sharp's house or the once in a year crabbing day at Halls Head with Jim and Jenny.

Merry Christmas.

Neil



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## FAMILY OF ROTARY

First, Gillian's dad's Funeral is **Monday, 21 December at 1:30PM** at Bowra and O'Dea, South Street, Hilton. There will be a wake at the Kardinya Hotel from 4PM to 6PM.

Second and sadly, after our great Christmas Party, three people had falls when leaving Kerry and Abby's home. Neil and Colin escaped relatively unscathed from their falls, but unfortunately, Carole took a heavy tumble and an ambulance had to be called and she was taken to Fiona Stanley Emergency.

Carole is now under a neurological team in Royal Perth Hospital. She is unconscious and has moderate head trauma issues. These are expected to take weeks to recover.

**The hospital has asked people not to phone for updates on Carole and no visitors until advised.** Please keep Carole and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SUNDOWNER

Thank you to John and Trish for offering to host our annual Australia Day Sundowner on **Tuesday, 26 January 2021**, 6:00 for 6:30PM, at the Sharp's. Please bring a plate to share.

### CRABBING DAY

Our annual Crabbing Day is on **Sunday, 31 January 2021** at the Calcei's. Bring a plate to share, please. If anyone wants to join a boat, you will have to **let Jim know** 0418926601 and be at their **Mandurah house by 7:45 AM**, otherwise arrive at 11:45'ish

### NEXT MEETING

Our next regular club meeting is on Monday, **1 February 2021. Venue to be announced**





*Abby Parsons and Vanda Bacich*



*Mick Donnes, Diane Curran, Kerry & Abby, and Garth Curran*



*Giovanna & Neil McKay*



*Colin & Gail McCulloch*



*John & Trish Sharp*



*Barb Kitto & Graeme Thygesen*





**George & Anne Lewkowski and Mick Donnes**

**Dellys & Bob Rodgers**



**Elaine, Vanessa, and Mal Bennett**



**Betty Bright and Martin Houchin**



**📍 Jacquie & Ian  
Pittaway, Ray Purdon,  
and Carole Maxwell**



**Keith & Heather  
McNaught, Yvonne Rate,  
and Shelley & Egon Konig**





From top left: Evadne & Jeff Spickett, Melody & Behzadnia Majid; Judy & Winston Marsh

☺ Bev Moffat, Joyce Smith, Colin, Yvonne Rate, Judy, Mick, Winston, and Jenny & Jim Calcei



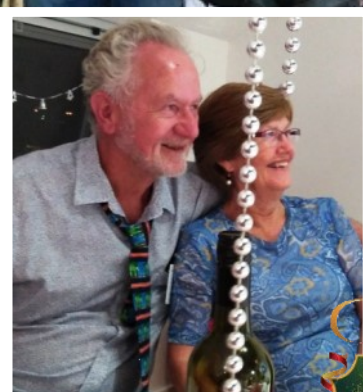
Greg & Helen James



Bev & Charles Moffat, Viv & Mick, and Kaye Southern



☺ Wendy Castles, Evadne, Selwyn Castles, Melody, Ivan Bacich, Jeff, and Behzadnia



John and Gail





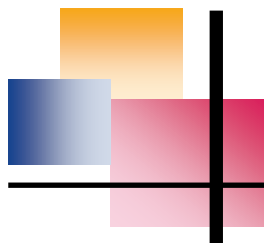
Christmas sing-along with Heather and Rod Rate's happy dollar (or two?)



Mick auctions off a Christmas hamper, and live-streamed from Davao City, the Philippines, a Christmas message from the students of the Kerry Parsons Family Foundation, Inc., the reason behind RC Attadale's Benefit Christmas Dinner







## December 2020 –DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  <b>WORLD AIDS DAY</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7  Dinner Meeting 6:00 for 6:30PM at <b>LIMONES</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Mike McGettigan  <b>Chair:</b> John Sharp  <b>Host:</b> Ian Pittaway	8  <b>Board Meeting</b> 7:00PM at the McCulloch's	9	10	11  <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Wendy & Selwyn Castles	12  <b>INDUCTIONS</b> ▫ James Doogue ▫ Giovanna McKay ▫ Neil McKay ▫ Bev Moffat
13	14  <b>Christmas Dinner Meeting, 6:00 for 6:30PM at the Parsons'</b>  <b>BIRTHDAYS</b> Tom Slater	15  <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Dellys & Bob Rodgers  <b>BIRTHDAYS</b> Don Rodger	16	17	18	19  <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Colin Taylor
20  <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> Heather & Keith McNaught	21	22  <b>BIRTHDAYS</b> ▫ Louise Soale ▫ Evadne Spickett ▫ Sonya Matheson	23	24  <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Jeff Spickett  	25  	26
27  <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Giovanna McKay	28	29  <b>BIRTHDAY</b> Kerry Parsons	30	31  		

Wishing you peace and hope at Christmas and  
a safe New Year full of better days!



# Highlights of RI Board decisions - October and November 2020

The 2020–21 RI Board of Directors met virtually on 26 October and 18–19 November 2020. At these meetings, the Board reviewed nine committee reports and recorded 27 decisions.

## Programs and Awards

The Board

- clarified its September decision removing the past governor qualification for serving in the positions of Rotary coordinator or Rotary public image coordinator to further stipulate that such a non-past governor must have “strong relationships with the district and zone leadership” to qualify for serving in these positions;
- agreed, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to restrict long- and short-term youth exchanges through 30 June 2021;
- amended the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution to encourage a recommended number of 12 charter members to start a new Rotaract club;
- recognized the Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration.

## Meetings

The Board

- agreed that the 2021 International Assembly is to be held virtually between 1–11 February 2021 and further agreed that subject to the 2021 RI Convention being held onsite in Taipei, Taiwan, to hold a two-day, in-person event in Taipei as a continuation of the Assembly program;
- recognizing the successful shift of Rotarians’ use of online training resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic, recommended that after the pandemic clubs and districts adopt a flexible training approach that uses a combination of online and in-person learning options;
- extended the current Taipei convention registration fee structure for all registration categories through 15 February 2021.

## Administration and Finances

The Board

- following the nomination by President Knaack, elected Hendreen Dean Rohrs to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Jones as a Rotary Foundation Trustee;
- reviewed President-elect Mehta’s 2021–22 committee structure, which includes four Board committees: Executive, Administration, Programs, and Council on Legislation Advisory; and 12 standing committees: Audit, 2022 Houston Convention, 2023 Melbourne Convention, Communications, Constitution and Bylaws, Districting, Election Review, Finance, Membership, Operations Review, Rotaract, and Strategic Planning. President-elect Mehta further planned five other committees to advise the Board: 2022 International Assembly, Interact Advisory Council, Leadership Development and Training, Shaping Rotary’s Future, and Young Past Governors;
- continued its discussion of a possible new structural model for Rotary and requested the Shaping Rotary’s Future Committee to continue developing this structure in discussion with Rotary senior leaders and with feedback from Rotarians and Rotaractors via virtual focus groups;
- encouraged districts to adopt and use, where beneficial, virtual and virtual/in-person district conferences, for efficiency, efficacy, cost-savings, and inclusiveness;
- in its ongoing response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, continued restrictions on Rotary-funded travel through 31 March 2021;
- adopted the 2021–22 annual goals for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as follows:

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### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 1 – INCREASE OUR IMPACT**

1. Eradicate polio and highlight Rotary's role.
2. Increase contributions to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus while building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025.
3. Improve and effectively communicate the measurable impact of:
  - a. Service projects by clubs;
  - b. District grants, global grants, programs of scale, PolioPlus and the Rotary Peace Centers.
4. Build new partnerships, including opportunities with government agencies, to enhance the global foot print of humanitarian projects.
5. Focus our program efforts to increase our impact.

### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 2 – EXPAND OUR REACH**

6. Grow Rotary membership to 1.3 million by:
  - a. Emphasizing "Each One, Bring One" as the call to action for attracting new and more diverse members into our existing clubs;
  - b. Increasing and diversifying participant base by starting new and innovative clubs and participant engagement channels.
  - c. Increasing the coordination and accountability of the directors, regional leaders and district membership chairs.
7. Strengthen Rotary's brand and image including increased focus on social media.

### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 3 – ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT**

8. Enhance engagement with an emphasis on leveraging technology among Interact, Rotaract and Rotary club members and other Rotary participants.
9. Increase collaboration between all participants, in particular between Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs.
10. Use our core values as a focus for engagement.
11. Enhance engagement through business networking opportunities amongst Rotary participants.

### **GOALS FOR PRIORITY 4 – INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT**

12. Support and encourage the use of virtual connectivity to optimize in-person meetings, trainings, fundraising and service projects.
13. Review our volunteer leadership structure and improve responsibility and accountability.
14. Support regionalization of governance and service delivery.





**Gail and Colin McCulloch**  
**The Rotary Club Attadale**

Hi Gail and Colin,

On behalf of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, I want to express our deep appreciation for your generosity in donating non-perishable food towards our food pantry and Christmas Hamper Project in 2020 for people who are in-need, homeless and marginalised in our community. Our Christmas Hampers are distributed to different community groups and organisations such as Disability Services, Women's Refuge, Foster Families, Melaleuca Women's Prison Families and groups that work with the homeless in Fremantle area.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to all the members of Rotary Club Attadale. Your donation of food is greatly appreciated.

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas!

Regards sincerely,

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*Creative Ministries, Missional Links & Connect Group Pastor*



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# *Special Thanks*

**MAL AND ELAINE BENNETT  
ABIGAIL AND KERRY PARSONS**

For generously funding the catering  
for the Christmas Dinner Meeting

**The Parsons children** (in alphabetical order)

Erol Elle Ceniza, Jr.

Joliene Crame

Angelica Reyes

Vanda Bacich, Event Organiser

Michael Towey, Caterer

**ALL SEASONS**  
*Catering*