

March is Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month

## Meeting photos + story courtesy of Gail McCulloch



Neil, Ian, Colin, Bob, Mal, and Winston

February 28 was a great Rotary Club of Attadale meeting where we were delighted to welcome Honorary member Bob Rodgers and guest Geoffrey Kay.

Our guest speakers were two of Kerry and Abby Parsons' students from the Philippines, Mary Del Poweta and Roxanne Dela Cruz. They were both selected to attend the last RYLA Camp and shared with us their camp experiences and how amazing coming to Australia has been for them both.

The RYLA Camp challenged them and they both found the experience very rewarding, enjoyable and life changing in a positive way.



**Neil and Geoffrey** 

They expressed their gratitude to Kerry and Abby for giving them the opportunity to come to Australia to study, and all they have done for them, and all the other students they help.

They were also very grateful to Rotarian Joyce Smith, for organising with The Rotary Clubs of Attadale and Melville, the opportunity for them to attend the RYLA Camp.

Everyone at the meeting was impressed with the excellent and heartfelt presentation. ❖



Abigail



Guest speakers Mary Del Poweta, Rotarian Joyce and Roxanne Dela Cruz

## Rotary projects around the globe ~ by Brad Webber

### **United States**

Rotary clubs in the ski resort towns of Park City, Utah, and Breckenridge, Colorado, have a friendly rivalry for the longest "shot ski" — a ski affixed to shot glasses that people raise together to down whiskey at the same time. In October, the Rotary Club of Park City Sunrise recaptured the crown as 1,363 people lined a street to drink rye whiskey (or apple cider) in unison from hundreds of shot skis held end to end. The event raised more than \$43,000 for grants to assist community organizations, club member Connie Nelson says. She concedes that she and fellow club member Mike Luers were inspired by the Colorado club during a "reconnaissance" tour of successful winter resorts.



"Their main street was closed for a festival. I looked at Mike and he looked at me and we said, 'We can beat that,'" she says. The festive affair is "branding for our Rotary club," Nelson adds. "We not only sell out but we have people on a waiting list to try to get on the line. It's not just to sample the alcohol. It's about the getting together, the unique community sharing."



### **Honduras**

Nearly 40 percent of adolescents are not in secondary school in Honduras, where educational achievement scores are low. The Rotary clubs of Tegucigalpa Sur and Peterborough, Ontario, teamed up to address the issue. In 2018 the clubs, which have collaborated on projects before, constructed a teacher training center in the municipality of Lepaterique and supplied books and other learning materials. Most recently, the clubs partnered with a nonprofit organization and the country's Ministry of Education to provide literacy training to primary

school teachers. "Sixteen-hour workshops are being held on a rotating basis with 160 teachers" representing 62 schools, says Marie Press, a member of the Peterborough club. "The feedback has been incredibly positive."

### **England**

For its centennial project, the Rotary Club of Halifax built a scenic overlook above the town on an ancient road and footpath known as the Magna Via. Illustrated panels identify landmarks such as Wainhouse Tower, Borough Market, Square Church spire, the Halifax gibbet (a replica of the 16th century precursor to the guillotine), and the Town Hall, designed by Sir Charles Barry, architect of Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. QR codes link to descriptions of the landmarks on the club website. "The views are magnificent and span the horizon," says Ken Robertshaw, a past governor of District 1040. The \$25,000



project, dedicated in late June, was funded by sponsoring businesses and individual donors, including Robertshaw, who contributed in honor of his late wife, Pauline. The Town Council agreed to maintain the overlook. "Given the history of the site, it seemed like an appropriate place for us to build something that celebrates the rich heritage of the town," Robertshaw says.

#### Sri Lanka

All the world's a stage for young Sri Lankan thespians who, with their Rotarian supporters, take their Shakespeare seriously. For nearly five decades, tens of thousands of them have participated in the All Island Inter-School Shakespeare Drama Competition. Known as the "Shakes," last year's contest, held in September and organized by the Rotary Club of Colombo North and the Colombo YMCA, included more than 1,000 students. The ensembles performed 30-minute scenes that organizers chose from eight plays. "They are judged mainly on acting, and marks are also allocated for direction, teamwork, and effects," Club President Lasika Jayamaha



says. Rotaractors assisted with front of house and backstage roles. "The competition has been a springboard for thousands of young people across the island" to careers in acting, directing, and media, Jayamaha says. Adding to the shine, the coveted rotating trophy is a silver bust of Shakespeare that was a gift from the mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of the Bard.



### Senegal

The Rotary Clubs of Dakar-Soleil and West Chester, Pennsylvania, celebrated a milestone last year in their project to drill for water in three villages in Senegal. Despite delays during the pandemic and "several difficult months searching for water on the part of the construction company," productive boreholes were drilled in July and August in the southeastern Kédougou region, reports Samuel Lowry, a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville, Alabama, who assisted with the project. Three of five planned pumps are now in use providing potable water, Lowry says. A \$130,000 global grant supported the project. Funds were also raised online during the pandemic. A project Facebook page yielded

contributions as well as comments like "How can we get one of these where we are?"

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# Reminders

ROSTER FOR NEXT MEETING - MARCH 13				
SET UP & CLEAR AWAY	Jeff Spickett			
ATTENDANCE & DOOR PRIZE	Joyce Smith & Kerry Scott			
INVOCATION	Shelley Konig			
JOKER	Martin Houchin			
HAPPY DOLLARS	Jeff Spickett			
THE CHARGE	Abby Parsons			
SWEET TREATS	Betty Bright			
If you can't undertake your duty for any reason, please arrange a replacement and notify Colin				

### March 2024 life events 02 Anne Lewkowski\* ~ Birthday 03 John Sharp ~ Birthday 80 Jenny & Jim Calcei ~ Weddng 09 Elaine Bennett\* ~ Birthday 10 Betty Bright ~ Induction (2008) 10 Abby Parsons ~ Birthday Joyce Smith ~ Birthday 12 \*Partners

# Reminders: Four volunteers per date, 8:30am to 12:30pm

Please nominate which date/s you'll be available to volunteer



	31-Mar-24	12-May-24	22-Sep-24	3-Nov-24	15-Dec-24
Mal Bennett					
Betty Bright					
Jim Calcei		YES			
Helen Carwardine					
Selwyn Castles					
Mick Donnes	YES				
Martin Houchin					
Shelley Konig			YES		
George Lewkowski					
Winston Marsh					
Carole Maxwell					
Colin McCulloch					
Gail McCulloch					
Neil McKay	YES				
Abby Parsons	YES				
Kerry Parsons	YES				
lan Pittaway					
Rod Rate					
Kerry Scott					
John Sharp			YES		
Joyce Smith					
Jeff Spickett					
Llew Withers	YES				

Contact Shelley on shelley.konig@iinet.net.au or 0427 761352 with date/s you'll be able to volunteer

## Rotary International Convention 2024



**SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024** 

#Rotary24





31 March - Preregistration discount ends for the **Rotary International Convention** 



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### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The Rotary Club of Attadale meets three Wednesdays a month 6:00 for a 6:30PM start, at the Royal Fremantle Golf Club.

Meeting and meal: \$32 Meeting without meal: \$10

Pay at the door by credit card

#### If you would like to:

- visit our meeting, please contact our <u>Attendance Officer</u> no later than 9AM on the morning of the meeting
- speak to our Club, please contact our <u>Programme Chair</u>
- join the Rotary Club of Attadale, please fill in the <u>Contact Form</u>. You will be invited to one of our meetings to meet our members and see how our club operates. You will be made very welcome.

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