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District Rotarians Address Clean Water Concerns

By Debbie Meegan

Rotary's theme for the month of March is *Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene*



We all know when people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water. This is what motivates Rotarians to build wells, install latrines, and teach good hygiene practices all over the world.

Three of our District 6890 Rotary Clubs have been passionate about furthering Rotary's Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene initiative. The Lakeland Rotary Club and the Fishhawk Riverview Rotary Club just returned from Honduras where they partnered with Honduras Compassionate Partners to install latrines, water purification systems and construct brick and concrete water retention basins known as Pilas. The Lake Wales Breakfast Rotary Club makes yearly



trips to Honduras to install wells and bring access to clean water. Rotarians in our District truly show they are *People of Action* committed to providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene education not only to residents of Honduras but to people all over the world. Each of you, through your contributions to The Rotary Foundation,

support grants that provide Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs that mobilize resources, form partnerships and invest in infrastructure that yield long-term change. [Providing Clean Water | Rotary International](#)

What a wonderful opportunity to share with friends and associates as an invitation to join Rotary! Who wouldn't want to be a part of this global impact for good?

Have a good month,
Yours in Rotary Service

DG Debbie Meegan



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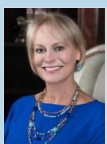
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Providing Water Filtration System to Roberto's Family—Honduras 2022

Let's all celebrate in **March** our commitment as **Rotarians** to create healthier communities by supplying **Clean Water and Sanitation Facilities.**

Debbie Meegan
District Governor
2022-2023



Installation of Latrine for family of 4 - Honduras 2022

Imagine What's Next – 27-31 May 2023 – Melbourne, Australia

By Gary Michael Gunter



The Melbourne 4 Way test

1. **Is it the truth? Have you registered?** Register at <https://convention.rotary.org> – Take advantage of the early bird pricing up to 15 December 2022 (\$475 for those 31 and older, \$125 for age 30 and under, \$20 for guests aged 5-18, guests under 5 are free). You can also reserve your hotel room once you have registered, and there is no hotel deposit – just give them your credit card info to hold your room. Tip – If you want easy access to the General Sessions, book a hotel close to the Rod Laver Arena.
2. **Have you booked activities for all concerned?** Go to www.Rotarymelbourne2023.org and click on the Events tab for nightly events you can sign up for (Remember that General Sessions are from 10am to noon each day, followed by Breakout Sessions in the afternoon, along with entertainment at the giant House of Friendship).
3. **Will you build goodwill and better friendships by participating in a tour before or after the convention?** Yes! Once you have looked at the Events on the above site, look at the Tours tab and you will find many options. Also, our friend and former RI Director Brad



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- Howard is offering tours just for Rotarians that are quite good – go to www.HowardTours.net and check them out. You can also find other tours listed in the Rotary magazine.
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?** It most certainly will be beneficial to those who attend! Melbourne's iconic tram network – the largest operational network in the world – is free for you within the central business district. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! Did we mention the nice cool weather?

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Return on Investment

By Duane Williams



Working on the principle that “Every member is valued; every member is valuable” we must ask ourselves how hard we work to retain current Rotarians and recruit new members for our Club's - or do we work on the basis that they're “in the Club” and therefore members do not require further attention.

Given the fact that most members who leave their Rotary Club do so in the first or second year of membership, we must recognize that this is a critical time to continue the engagement process. During the Attraction process I trust that we are not only preparing candidates by telling them about our Club and what to expect, but we are also finding out what their expectations are.

Knowing what to expect from their membership and what is expected of them is critical as many who leave report that membership was not what they thought it would be. And remembering that Rotarians are people of integrity with a willingness to serve, getting new members involved in your Clubs and its projects is an important early step.

Rotary is a networking fellowship that does great things, so getting our new members engaged in all aspects turns them into long term members and assets for our Club. Fulfilling their membership expectations will also give them a return on their investment and let them know they made a great decision to join your Rotary Club.



Duane Williams
District Membership Chair
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Rotary, What's The Point?

By Nicholas R. Hall

We've all heard countless presentations acknowledging the accomplishments of Rotary; improved sanitation and access to clean drinking water, learning



opportunities through the building of schools, and improved health and living conditions for the underserved. These are just some of the ways Rotarians have made the world a better place.

However, the relentless news cycles describe a world where living conditions in some countries are so bad, a mass global migration is underway as entire families risk their lives to escape poverty and strife. Indeed, conditions seem to be getting worse instead of better! An example is the recent uptick in polio cases after a steady decline. Are we really 'that close' or are we deluding ourselves?

If, like me, you have on occasion asked, "What's the point?", stop imagining novel ways Rotary can shape the future. Instead, imagine what the world would be like were it not for the past and ongoing efforts of Rotarians. For example, the countries we would stop visiting because polio, cholera, and other diseases might still be rampant. Yes, we should be proud of the fact that despite circumstances we exert little control over, we have and are making significant progress. That

becomes abundantly clear when instead of imagining the world with Rotary, we imagine the world without.

That's what it might be like without your continued personal and club support of the Rotary Foundation and our top priority global project, the End Polio Now campaign.

\$330 Million in Rotary Grants Awarded

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick



How does your club create lasting change?

Using **The Rotary Foundation** you and your club can have a long-term impact making a difference in the world!

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to eradicate **Polio**. Because of your help, Rotary's commitment, and the hard work of many people around the world, there have been no reported cases of wild poliovirus type1 so far this year; in fact since November 1, 2022 the number is **zero**! There were 30 cases total in 2022.

We are not done. We are very close to the finish line though, so we can't stop! To be complete, we need one year of zero cases and then 3 more to be sure. Then we can celebrate as the world will be officially declared Polio Free! Rotary started this world wide campaign in 1979 and we have continued to lead the world in this effort.

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Ahoy! Last Call.

Ahoy Mateys!



**Now is the time to book your
Cruise to the Caribbean!**



**Come join your fellow District 6890 Rotary Pirates as we take to the seas
March 27- April 1 from Tampa!**

**Don't miss out on the fun things we have planned for you on this
District Conference Cruise! Come get squiffy (pirate speak for slightly
drunk) at our pirate party with grog! There will be a pirate costume
contest, great inspirational speakers, and still lots of time in the sun
or the spa! We also plan to participate in a service project with
Rotarians in Cozumel. Imagine the possibilities for fun and
fellowship on board and in our ports of call!**

Cabin choice and price are subject to availability!

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