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GREETERS

March 1

Sandy Williams
Mindy Kissner

March 8

Millie Ryan
Clark Gruening

March 15

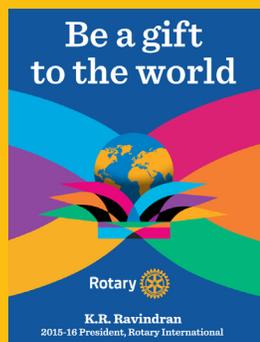
Ruth Hamilton Heese
Warren Russell

March 22

Sally Smith
Courtney Nelson



2015-2016 Rotary
International Theme:



This Week's Program: Mary Lou Gerbi, What I have learned so far...



*Woodland High School photo 1986,
same time as trip to Alaska.*



*Charlie and me on a Southeast Alaska beach accessed by boat
not by plane, with her handsome prince last summer.*

Mary Lou Gerbi is a fair-weather pilot, warm-water scuba diver, sunny-day gardener, and long-distance grandmother who enjoys adventure. Her husband Charlie, exploiting his mid-life crisis, dragged her kicking and screaming to Juneau after her not-yet-finished 30-year career as a high school and college teacher in California.

Settled sort of in the house on Auke Lake that her husband built, she worked as a Juneau Empire columnist and special editions editor, taught English and supervised teachers in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at UAS, was editor of The Alaskan Southeaster magazine, and short-time editor at the Capital City Weekly. She edited several books, including Gardening in Southeast Alaska. Mary Lou presented teacher workshops for the Lower Yukon School District in Yupik western Alaska and volunteered as a Disney cruise Mary Joyce "character" for a summer at Taku Lodge. She's still a character.

A Rotarian, thanks to Dave Fremming, Mary Lou subscribes to the service above self ideal. Former five-time president of P.E.O. Chapter D (a philanthropic and educational organization), KTOO and Coast Alaska board member, she is currently interim president of the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum (FoSLAM.org). She believes in Rotary's fight against polio. Her mother and two of her four brothers were victims of that disease.

Today she plans to share how she first experienced Alaska in 1986, flying the coast from northern California to Yakutat and return via the Rocky Mountain trench and Watson Lake into Montana. She's still here even though she loves sunshine because of the people, including her husband.

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Chuck Bill, CEO Bartlett Hospital; Jane Sebens, Deputy Municipal Attorney CBJ; and Luke Fanning, VP with First National Bank Alaska; speak to Juneau Rotary on Feb 23, 2016



Here is a picture of the great folks who purchased Bob and Karen Rehfeld's Rotary Auction wine dinner last fall. A good time was had by all.

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE: GOODWILL GAMES

The fierce July sun beat down on us as we approached the field where the match was to take place. It wasn't much of a soccer pitch, with its uneven terrain and rusty poles for goalposts, but the local teens we had met came ready to play. They guided us over the piles of bricks and broken tiles that separate their neighborhood community center from the field behind it and took their positions.



Much like any schoolyard competitors, incursions from grazing cows notwithstanding, players stretched and warmed up, took turns retrieving out-of-bounds balls, and, after the final goal, lined up to exchange high-fives. The Vietnamese contingent handily outscored our group of American Rotary volunteers, but the defeat was far from bitter. The five Rotarians, four Interactors, and two 20-something alumni of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards had already achieved what they had come to Vietnam to do: distribute durable soccer balls to promote play and to spread Rotary's message of service and goodwill.

The community center sits on the outskirts of Hoi An, a resort town on the South China Sea. Orange and fuchsia bougainvillea blossoms spill over stalls selling scarves and spices at one of Vietnam's oldest marketplaces, and along the banks of the Thu Bon River, food vendors serve aromatic pho (noodle soup) and banh mi (sandwiches). By night, tourists dine under glowing silk lanterns at the seaside restaurants and hotels.

The kids we met in Hoi An have a few soccer balls on hand, but are just as likely to kick around rocks or bundles of banana leaves. Tim Jahnigen first observed this phenomenon in 2006 as he watched news footage of a refugee camp in Darfur, Sudan. The children on the screen were playing soccer using a bundle of trash tied with twine. Struck by the evidently universal tendency of children to play no matter how difficult the circumstances, Jahnigen set out to develop a soccer ball tough enough to endure the harshest conditions.

READ FULL STORY AT <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/goodwill-games>

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