October, the club instituted a mathematics training project for around two dozen teachers at schools serving older children. The program includes courses on topics such as set theory, equations, functions, plane geometry, and trigonometry. "You have to use mathematics at every level of your life, and statistics show that in Suriname kids have low grades" in the subject, says club member Yvonne Mohabir. A retired school dean and Rotarian, Ewald Levens, leads the sessions, which are funded with the support of the Dutch Association of Mathematics Teachers.

Nigeria

Nigeria has one of the world's highest breast cancer mortality rates, a statistic that has not gone unnoticed by the Rotary Club of Ikoyi. "With an incredibly scary rise of the incidence of breast cancer in Nigeria, the club became saddled with the huge responsibility of combating this scourge with every resource available," says club member Winifred Ebiye Imbasi. The club partnered with the Sarah Ayoka Oduwaiye Foundation to conduct free breast cancer screenings for more than 500 women at Lagos Island General Hospital in July 2023 and for 400 women in the neighborhood of Obalende in December. In January, the club held a Jazz Nite concert and awards ceremony at the Alliance Française theater to raise awareness.

Macao

The Rotary Club of Macau's meeting place — one of the world's most profitable casinos — has turned out to be an ace in the hole for the club. Sands China, the operator of The Venetian Macao, sponsors the club's signature project, a Christmas party for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It supports the gala that is the club's primary fundraiser. And in December, Sands employees were among about 200 volunteers involved in a club effort to assemble 27,000 hygiene kits destined for the Philippines. The packages were provided to an organization that collects bath items from hospitality companies to be recycled and redistributed. Club President João Francisco Pinto says the club's projects align with Sands' philanthropic endeavors.

THE EARLY RISER





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First: Is it the TRUTH?

Second: Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Third: Will it build **GOODWILL and BETTER** FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ROTARY PRAYER

Oh Lord, and giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help to serve Thee all of our

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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

April 5	Matthew Milhollor
April 12	Radkar Mrunalin
April 19	Board Meeting
April 26	Bill Neale
May 3	Rob Noble
May 10	Oku Okeeke
May 17	Board Meeting
May 21 Scotland Park Elem	entary School Staff Hamburger Cook
May 24	Mark Petersor
May 31	Jeani Secord
June 7	Troy Secord
June 14	Linda Sherif
June 21	Board Meeting (Matt)
June 28	Tom Sherif
July 26	Julie Day

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING HELD AT THE HAMPTON INN

Julie led the club in the Rotary Prayer and Mike led the club in the Pledges.

The brag bucket was fed by Troy, Gary, Ajay (3) and Clint.

President Ajay presented a "Rotary moment".

A birthday was announced for Ajay and a "Happy Easter" was announced for everyone.

Julie announced that there would be no Interact Club for Rotary North this year.

Julie also had the program responsibility last week. She gave a "classification talk" about herself.

The raffle raised \$26.00 and Phil was the big winner. Phil drew the jack of spades for a \$10.00 prize. If this week's raffle winner draws the ace of spades the will win $308.00 + \frac{1}{2}$ of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!



NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE: April 2024

United States

OysterFest has been a calendar highlight of the Pacific Northwest's fishing industry for more than four decades. The two-day festival is hosted by the Rotary Club of Shelton Skookum, Washington. Last year's event, held in October, attracted 13,000 seafood enthusiasts and raised \$170,000 for community organizations. Seasoned seafarers and landlubbers alike got in some serious shelling, as the victor in a speed-shucking competition opened 24 oysters in 73 seconds. The champion in the half-shell — a separate challenge that also accounts for presentation, with penalties for errant cuts — clocked in at an adjusted time of 2 minutes and 10 seconds. "It is quite an event with the crowd cheering on their favorite to win," says Laurie Brown, the club's president-nominee. "Anyone can sign up, but most of the shuckers come from the various shellfish farms or restaurants."

Suriname

Passing rates on secondary school entrance exams that have dipped as low as 50 percent have vexed officials in Suriname. The Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence, whose members include several teachers or retired educators, is aiming to improve those results and reduce dropout rates. In