

# WWS12

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VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Thursday, June 18, 2020  
@ 7:00 pm (Eastern Time)

## WORLD WATER SUMMIT 12



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# Children's Safe Drinking Water



**HANWASH**

Haiti National Clean Water,  
Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy



# Agenda

- 7:00 PM**      **Welcome: Julia Phelps**, WASH Rotary Action Group, Operations Team Member
- Welcome & Reminders for Zoom
  - WASH Rotary Action Group Promotions
  - Unveiling our new name and logo
  - Introduction of Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin

- 7:05 PM**      **Presentation: Partnerships in Action**
- Past President Barry will share with us how the collaboration among HANWASH (Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Strategy, Rotary District 7020, The Rotary Foundation, and DINEPA (The Haitian Government's National Water and Sanitation Agency) works. These organizations also partner with other NGO's such as Haiti Outreach and Pure Water for the World. All of these organizations are committed to providing thoughtfully managed and sustainable clean water and sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti, along with the associated health, community and economic benefits.

- 7:25 PM**      **Questions** from our viewers about this partnership

- 7:35 PM**      **WASH Rotary Action Group:**
- Winners of our Photo & Video competition: Ian Rumbles
  - Membership Opportunities for Service: Mary Beth Growney Selene
    - o Become a Member
    - o WASH Ambassadors
    - o Professional Services
    - o Breakout Session in July as part of RI Convention
  - Watch for WASH's Fall Sessions: Julia Phelps
    - o Survey to follow – tell us what you want to learn about: suggest topics, speakers, organizations

- 7:45 PM**      5 MINUTE INTERMISSION (We hope you will stay with us!)

- 7:50 PM**      **Welcome Back: Julia Phelps**
- WASH Rotary Action Group Promotions
  - Unveiling our new name and logo

## **PANEL DISCUSSION:** Sanitation & Hygiene in the Era of COVID-19

Moderator: **Pat Merryweather**, Board of Directors, WASH Rotary Action Group (USA)

Panelists: **Heidi Rickels**, President-Elect, WASH E-Club

**Julio Grazioso**, ( Past District Governor 4250: Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize)

**Ryan B. Mahoney**, (USAID Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Advisor)

- 8:30 PM**      **Q&A**

- 8:40 PM**      **WRAP UP: Julia Phelps**

- 8:45 PM**      **End**

# Moderators & Presenters



**Julio Graziozo** is a Civil Engineer in Guatemala, and worked in the catering and food industry for 38 years, serving as CEO of Banquetes de Guatemala.

Julio has been a member of the Rotary since 2006 and served as District Governor of District 4250 and is a member of the Water and Sanitation in Schools committee of The Rotary Foundation.

He is also active within Guatemala following the eruption of Volcano Fuego serving as President of Committee of Reconstruction. He is also a Representative of Shelter Box, a Member of the Board of Engineers without Borders, Guatemala Chapter, Advisor of the Guatemala Literacy Project, and Peace Ambassador for the Government of Guatemala.



**Mary Beth Growney-Selene** has been a member of the Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton since 1987 and she served her club as President in 1993-1994.

In District 6250 she served as Governor in 2000-2001 and subsequently as District Membership Chair and District Rotary Foundation Chair.

Mary Beth served as a member of the Rotary International Board of Directors in 2013-2015 and as a Rotary Foundation Trustee in 2016-2019. While a Trustee, she was a member of the Finance, Programs and, Stewardship Committees of The Rotary Foundation; the RI-USAID Partnership Steering Committee and; the US PolioPlus Advocacy Committee. She continues to serve on

the Rotary-USAID Partnership Steering Committee. She is also a member of the WASH Rotary Action Group (formerly WASRAG) Operations Team.

Mary Beth and her husband Alan Selene are Major Donors and Bequest Society members to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund and they are both Paul Harris Society members to the Annual Fund.

She is committed to helping others understand the value of their personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The unique model of OUR Rotary Foundation enables our donors to become actively involved in transforming lives through our District and Global Grant initiatives.



**Ryan B. Mahoney** is a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Advisor and institutional contractor for the US Agency for International Development (USAID). For three years, he has been providing WASH technical support to USAID country offices, crafting guidance on monitoring, evaluation, and learning, and leading on the Bureau for Global Health's WASH strategic partnerships (such as the Rotary International-USAID Partnership).

Prior to joining USAID, Mr. Mahoney spent 5 years conducting global research on sanitation, hygiene, and fecal sludge/wastewater treatment in addition to spending two years working on domestic US water and wastewater projects for Kleinfelder, Inc. He also has significant volunteer experience with Engineers Without Borders USA. He holds an M.S. from the University of Colorado at Boulder where he conducted research on drinking water treatment in developing communities.



**Patricia Merryweather** Pat Merryweather-Arges is a Board Member of the WASH Rotary Action Group, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, and District International Service Chair. Pat served as District Governor and has served as Chair of the 2016 Zones 28-29 Institute in Cleveland, Chair of the Presidential Peace Conference in Chicago in 2018, and Chair of the Region 36 Virtual Leadership Conference in 2020.

Pat has traveled to over a dozen developing countries on Rotary projects of which most of them have been on healthcare and water related Rotary projects. She has spoken at Rotary Conventions and meetings and chaired a Women in WASH international program in India.

Pat is Executive Director of Project Patient Care, a not-for-profit organization that brings the voice of patients and families to clinical interactions, research, policy and regulatory matters, and quality improvement and safety.

Pat has served in executive leadership positions at federal, state, and local levels and has overseen Medicare Quality programs in multiple states and developed the Illinois Quality Care Institute and COMPdata, a five state quality and performance information system. Pat serves on several international, national, state, and local boards and committees focused on hospitals, healthcare quality and safety, and peace and conflict resolution.

**Julia Phelps Ed.D., Rotary Foundation Trustee (2017-2020)** joined the Rotary Club of Amesbury, MA, in 1997 and served as president in 2001-02. She was very active in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program and hosted several Ambassadorial Scholars. After serving as president, she was asked to train incoming presidents at NE Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS). Julia served as a host counselor for a Youth Exchange. She has served in several positions at the district level. She worked on RYLA, served as Inbound Chair for Ambassadorial Scholars and was District Governor of District 7930 in 2007-2008. She was the District's Annual Giving Chair and the Chair for NE PETS. Julia became District 7930's Foundation Chair in July 2009 and led the district through the Future Vision Pilot. She shared Future Vision insights at the New Orleans, Louisiana and Lisbon, Portugal International Conventions. Julia served

**Barry Rassin O.D., F.A.C.H.E., M.B.A.** immediate Past Rotary International President, is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas. Barry earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and was the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he is a Director. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employers' Confederation.

**Heidi Rickels** is the Executive Director, Freshwater Project International. Heidi Rickels is a passionate and creative leader with more than 20 years professional experience in the fields of international development and marketing. Rickels is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Freshwater Project International, an organization committed to providing clean water, safe sanitation and hygiene information to people in villages, schools and health centers in Malawi, Africa. Formerly, Rickels served as Director of Communications for Project C.U.R.E and has held several positions in corporate and non-profit marketing throughout her career.

**Ian Rumbles and Terri Black** are active members of the Rotary Club of Clayton, North Carolina, where Ian is currently President. For the last five years, they have been the Editors of the WASH

as a President's Representative and the Rotary Foundation Alumni Chair (RFAC) for Zone 32. Julia prepared Governors-elect on the Foundation's new grant model at the International Assembly in 2012 and 2013. She served as International Director from 2014-2016 and was a member of the Operations Review Committee. In September 2017, Julia was appointed as a Trustee of our Rotary Foundation and is currently serving on the Foundation's Stewardship Committee. She is also on RI's Membership Committee. Julia is the recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. Steve McKenzie, her husband, and Julia are Major Donors and charter members of the Bequest Society. She is also a Paul Harris Society member. She has retired from the Massachusetts Department of Education where she served as the Associate Commissioner for Curriculum and Instruction.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as Director and as Vice Chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there.

He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rickels holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Kansas as well as a M.A. in International Development from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

Heidi is President Elect of the Rotary E-club of WASH, she is the former Co-Chair of the Rotary District 5450 WASH Committee. Heidi has travelled extensively doing international humanitarian work in Ukraine, India, Guatemala, Hungary, Romania, Poland and Belize.

Rotary Action Group monthly newsletter. They enjoy writing the newsletter as it is very inspirational to see what Rotarians are accomplishing to make this a better world.



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