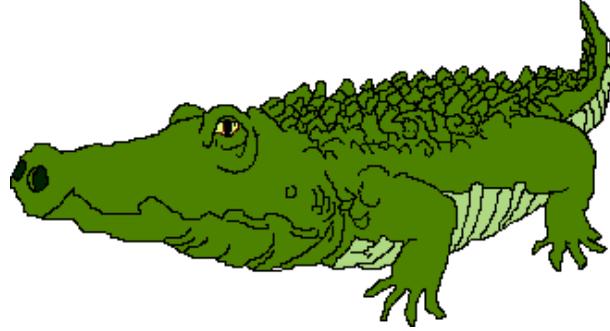


## Florida Woman Stops Alligator Attack Using a Small Beretta Pistol

Another good reason to have a concealed weapons permit.

This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a small pistol against fierce predator.



Here's her story in her own words:

“While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in ‘The Villages’ with my soon to be ex-husband, discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft. alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive.”

“If I had not had my little Beretta .25 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today!”

“Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. The gator got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible, and his life insurance was a real big bonus!”



ROTARY 2018-2019

## SEMINOLE SMOKE SIGNALS



Club Number 4289

May 15, 2019

**PRAYER FOR TODAY:** Lord, thank You for the wise words of others that help me be a better person. Amen.

**PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Deputy Sean O'Brien, PCSO, Crime Prevention and Community Awareness Unit**

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Marianne Fisher of Safe Harbor Eldercare Services, panel discussion on Eldercare issues, please bring questions**

**PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Lt. Haisch, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas Safe Harbor**

### Upcoming Events:

May 29th	Ron Stephens, Save the Tides
June 5th	Tim Tran
June 12th	Dennis Tenenboym "Dan DiCicco Memorial Scholarship Foundation"
June 19th	Pamela Wood - Human Trafficking
June 26th	Ginger Hayes/Jen Reynold, Installation Banquet

### Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2018-2019:

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## How Rotary has changed to help people get clean water for longer than just a few years

By Ryan Hyland

The lack of access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene resources is one of the world's biggest health problems — and one of the hardest to solve.

Rotary has worked for decades to provide people with clean water by digging wells, laying pipes, providing filters, and installing sinks and toilets. But the biggest challenge has

come after the hardware is installed. Too often, projects succeeded at first but [eventually failed](#). Across all kinds of organizations, the cumulative cost of failed water systems in sub-Saharan Africa alone is estimated at [\\$1.2 billion to \\$1.5 billion](#), according to data compiled by the consulting firm Improve International.

Rotary projects used to focus on building wells, but Rotary started to focus on hygiene education projects, which have a greater impact.

Rusted water pumps and dilapidated sanitation facilities are familiar sights in parts of Africa, South America, and South Asia — monuments to service projects that proved unsustainable. A [2013 review](#) by independent contractor Aguaconsult cited these kinds of issues in projects Rotary carried out, and the review included a focus on sustainability to help plan more effective projects.

That's one factor in why Rotary has shifted its focus over the past several years to emphasize education, collaboration, and sustainability.

With Rotary Foundation global grants, a dedicated Rotarian Action Group, and a [partnership](#) with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Rotary's water, sanitation, and hygiene, or WASH, programs are achieving greater, longer-lasting change.

"All Rotary water and sanitation projects are full of heart and well-intentioned, but many of them didn't always meet the actual demands of the community," says F. Ronald Denham, a founding member and chair emeritus of the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#).

The group, formed in 2007, stresses a needs-based approach and sustainability in projects. In the past, equipment and facilities were usually installed properly and received well, but the local ownership, education, and sustainability were sometimes lacking. Communities often did not receive enough support to manage the projects independently for the long term.

One obstacle to sustainability: the ongoing human involvement that's required.

Rotary members, by their nature, are volunteers. "Like everyone else, Rotarians have priorities like work and family," says Denham, who has worked with clubs on water, sanitation, and hygiene issues for more than 30 years and led projects in Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, and Uganda.

Speaking of the Rotary members who work to make improvements in their own communities, he says, "It's difficult for host clubs, for instance, to manage WASH projects long-term," especially if the projects have complex technical components. "We're extremely dedicated, but we need help. Reaching out is essential to our success."



### Community engagement, community ownership

That success now increasingly depends on collaborations with organizations that provide complementary resources, funding, technology, contacts, knowledge of a culture, and other expertise.

Rotary members work with local experts to make sure projects fit a local need and are sustainable. Educators Mark Adu-Anning, left, and John Kwame Antwi work with engineer Jonathan Nkrumah, center, Rotary member Vera Allotey, and Atekyem Chief Nana Dorman II on a sanitation projects in Ghana.

"Clubs need to better engage with the community, its leaders, and professional organizations," Denham says. "More important, we need to understand the needs of the community. We can't assume or guess what's in their best interest."

[The Rotary Foundation](#) has learned over time that community engagement is crucial to making long-term change. It now requires clubs that apply for grants for some projects in other countries to show that local residents have helped develop the project plan.

The community should play a part in choosing which problems to address, thinking of the resources it has available, finding solutions, and making a long-term maintenance plan.

No project is successful, Denham says, unless the local community ultimately can run it.

In 2010, his club, the [Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada](#), became the lead international partner in a water and sanitation program in the Great Rift Valley of Kenya, where clean water is scarce.

When initial groundwater tests revealed high levels of fluoride, the sponsor clubs changed their plan to dig shallow boreholes. Given what they learned, rainwater collection was a safer approach.

The [Rotary Club of Nakuru, Kenya](#), the local host club, now provides materials and teaches families how to build their own 10,000-liter tanks. Each family is responsible for the labor and maintenance. With a \$50 investment, a family can collect enough water to get through the dry season.

To date, the project has funded the construction of more than 3,000 tanks, bringing clean water to about 28,000 people. Family members no longer have to walk several miles per day to collect water, a task that often fell to women and children.

As owners of the tanks, women are empowered to reimagine how their households work. And with the help of microloans they get through the Rotary clubs, mothers are running small businesses and generating income instead of fetching water.

"With ownership comes liberation, not just for the mothers but for their children, who now have the time to attend school," Denham explains.

