

WASH NEWS

WASH ROTARY ACTION GROUP

People of WASH Competition

With \$1,500 in prize money, the **2025 People of WASH Photograph and Video Competition** is now open for submissions. Follow this link to get more details: <https://www.wash-rag.org/photo-contest/>

Prize Money

Photograph - First - \$300, Second - \$150 and Third \$75
Video - First - \$600, Second - \$300, and Third \$150

We will be using submissions in WASH-RAG promotional and educational materials, so there are great bragging rights in addition to the prize money.



Submit your Photos and Videos . . .

Is This Your Last WASH Newsletter?

In December, we will be moving to a new software system for creating and distributing the monthly WASH Newsletter. In addition to WASH-RAG members, who always receive the Newsletter, we have added thousands of names over the past decade at Conventions and World Water Summits to the Newsletter subscription list.

So, if you do not receive the **January 2025 SPECIAL Joint ESRA / WASH-RAG WASH Newsletter**, which is due out at the end of December, you are a non-member subscriber we could not load into the new system.

The best way to continue receiving the WASH newsletter is to become a WASH -RAG member.



Join WASH-RAG . . .

WASH Ambassadors Get Training

Through a generous donation by Wallace Genetics and the

support of Emory University, six WASH Ambassadors from around the world participated in the online certificate course: **Fundamentals of WASH in Healthcare Facilities.**

Also, this month, over 75 WASH Ambassadors participated in a WASH Ambassador Orientation program. The program has expanded significantly this year, and we wanted to make the Ambassadors aware of their responsibilities at the District level, their role in encouraging and assisting with Club WASH projects, and the resources available. You can watch a [recording of the Orientation](#) to understand the program, which might encourage you to [apply](#).



Find a Partner and Obtain Project Funding

Our members often ask, "Where can I find an International Partner?" and "How do I get other clubs to support my Project?"

This fall, we released our [WASH Project Portal](#), where you can submit your Global Grant information. The process to submit your project is easy and straightforward. You can also submit your Global Grant, Community Assessment, and any additional information (e.g. photos, promotional pamphlets, etc.)



Renovate Water and Sanitation Facilities in Schools

[WASH Project Portal . . .](#)

When to Invite the Mayor to Your Project?

"First off, it is not your project. It is the Community's Project," which is how John Oldfield, WASH Advocacy Expert, might start answering that question. He would likely follow up with, "Not when you are cutting a ribbon, but at the first meeting you hold to discuss the project."

"[Six Key Elements for Successful WASH Advocacy](#)" outlines the steps to implement and sustain a WASH project.



[Six Key Elements to WASH Advocacy](#)

Forming a District WASH Committee

District 5450 WASH Committee was formed over 17 years ago. This active committee holds monthly Zoom calls on WASH topics and has developed a well-respected annual WASH Symposium.

To learn how the District 5450 WASH Committee operates and tips on how to form a WASH Committee in your District follow this link: [Forming a District WASH Committee](#)

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Calendar of Events

22 Mar - [World Water Day](#)
28 May - [World Menstrual Hygiene Day](#)
15 Oct - [Global Hand Washing Day](#)
24 Oct - [World Polio Day](#)
19 Nov - [World Toilet Day](#)

WASH Calendar

WASH Ambassador Blessing Muderhwa, is now maintaining the [Calendar](#) on the [WASH-RAG.ORG](#) website. If you have something you want on the Calendar, send it to calendar@wash-rag.org

[View as Webpage](#)

Submit your stories, videos, and pictures for upcoming Newsletters to us at atinfo@wash-rag.org.

WASH-RAG reserves the right to edit stories for length and content. By submitting a story you give us permission to publish and make public your contact information including but not limited to your email or club's website.

The WASH Rotary Action Group is pleased to consider partnerships with any corporate supporter. Due to the unique attributes of water sources and water provision, accepting corporate support does not imply an endorsement of any particular water technology. Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, and Rotary partners must evaluate any technology to determine if it is the best solution for the conditions where the program will be implemented. The WASH Rotary Action Group can provide guidance about where different technologies work best, but Rotarians and Rotary clubs must decide how to implement their programs.

This Rotary Action Group is recognized and operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International. To learn more please contact the WASH Rotary Action Group by email at info@wash-rag.org Thank you.

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