



WASH NEWS

WASH ROTARY ACTION GROUP

Message from WASH-RAG Board Chair



Our new Board Chair explains why she is a WASH Rotary Action Group member.

Read one example from her 30-year career in healthcare on how clean water and following standards for sanitation and hygiene can dramatically reduce newborn deaths.

Pat is a strong advocate for WASH in general and especially, WASH in Healthcare Facilities, as she knows its impact.

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Where WASH Professionals Meet



13 Years and 3,700+ Registrants

The UNC Water and Health Conference, October 14 - 28, in Chapel Hill, NC, has earned a reputation for being where the top researchers, policymakers, and those with boots on the ground meet.

Excellent presentations and professional posters focus on drinking water supply, sanitation, hygiene, and water resources in both developing and developed countries with a strong public health emphasis.

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Nurturing Resilience in WASH

WASH Symposium - Sat. Oct 19 - Denver, CO



District 5450 and the Rotary Club of Evergreen are working jointly to provide a hybrid symposium you can attend in person or virtually on Sat. Oct 19, in Denver, CO.

Building resilience in water, sanitation, and hygiene projects is crucial for ensuring sustainable and effective systems. This is especially true in the face of climate change, population growth, conflict, and emergencies.

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Ambassador Corner



Creating Awareness

The WASH Ambassadors have a monthly Zoom training program called "Conversations." This month, WASH Ambassador Charlotte Roehm presented on the resources available on WASH in general and WASH-RAG specifically.

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Bonjour Hola Salut



The WASH Ambassador program is expanding rapidly around the globe. With over 120 members, it has been divided into geographic regions to allow programs to be tailored to the area's languages, cultures, and time zones.

Recently, some resources have been translated into numerous languages.

<https://www.wash-rag.org/marketing-resources/>

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Why I am a WASH Ambassador



by Blessing Muderhwa, WASH Ambassador

Growing up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Blessing saw firsthand that only two out of twenty-two villages had access to clean water, and waterborne diseases were widespread.

Read how he experienced the power of community-driven initiatives to bring clean water to his village.

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100 Toilets for Girls in Nepal



The Rotary Club of Dhulikhel is spearheading an ambitious project to construct 100 toilets for girls in Nepal within five years.

Through this project, thousands of girls will see improved health, safety, and education.

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Critical Success Factors



By Abe Jacob, WASH Ambassador

In the last four years, the Rotary Club of Sentosa, Singapore, has completed Eleven Global Grants, nine related to WASH in Schools projects in the Siem Reap area, of Cambodia. Learn their Club's Guiding Principles and what they consider to be the Critical Success Factors.

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Rotaract Clubs Tackle Menstrual Hygiene Project



The Rotaract Club of London and the Rotaract Club of Accra Ring Road Central, Ghana, are leading a Menstrual Hygiene project in Ghana. Their focus is on school-aged girls in rural communities of Ghana.

Working with multiple partners, read how these Rotaract Clubs have a well-thought-out plan.

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WaterIsLife Donation

Donation to Water Is Life

The Whisk(e)y D.R.A.M. Fellowship, starting in 2022,



uses a portion of its membership fees to support clean water initiatives. Recently, they donated \$4,000 to WaterIsLife, a program run by the Rotary Club of Fishers, IN. This program digs wells in Sierra Leone.

To date, WaterIsLife has drilled over 155 wells, providing water for over 150,000 people in Sierra Leone.

Operations Team



Make a Difference

The WASH Rotary Action Group is divided into two sections; the Board of Directors, which sets policy. Elections to the Board happen once a year.

The other section is the Operations Team, which does many activities, from reviewing Global Grants to WASH Ambassadors. We are always looking for new people to get involved.

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Calendar of Events

- 3 Sep - 10 am EDT - WASH Ambassador Conversation
- 5 Sep - 8 pm EDT - [eClub of WASH](#) - Erica Gwynn
- 6-7 Sep - [Inka Project Fair](#), District 4455, Peru
- 10 Sep - 2 pm EDT - [eClub of WASH](#) - Baby WASH Program
- 17-19 Sep - [Spain Smart Water Summit](#), Madrid
- 19 Sep - 8 pm EDT - [eClub of WASH](#) - Baby WASH Program (Recording)
- 24 Sep - 2 pm EDT - [eClub of WASH](#) - eClub Delft Scholarship

- 14-18 Oct - [UNC Water & Health Conference](#) Chapel Hill, NC
- 15 Oct - [Global Hand Washing Day](#)
- 19 Oct - [District 5450 WASH Symposium](#) Denver, CO
- 24 Oct - [World Polio Day](#)
- 19 Nov - [World Toilet Day](#)
- 22 Mar 2025 - [World Water Day](#)
- 28 May 2025 - [World Menstrual Hygiene 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

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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.

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