

## WASRAG E-Newsletter - May 2018

### May 28 - Menstrual Hygiene Day

The theme this year is "Empowering Women and Girls through good menstrual hygiene."

The website <http://menstrualhygieneday.org/> has posters, speech bubble graphics, informational brochures and even documents you can customize. The downloadable materials are available in English, French, Spanish, Hindi, Chinese and many other languages.

The organizers are encouraging the use of the hashtag **#NoMoreLimits** on social media posts.

### WWS 10 - WASH and Health - June 22, 2018

Learn what Rotarians can do to help the thousands of hospitals and health care facilities that lack safe water and sanitation. President Elect Barry Rassin, a Hospital Administrator himself, will share how Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects impact the health of millions of people.

The full-day program, that precedes the Rotary International Convention, will include round table discussions on current topics, panel discussions and break-out sessions.

The WASRAG member rate of \$175, includes a light breakfast and full lunch. The program is being held at Toronto's Delta Hotel on Friday, June 22, 2018. [Register Here](#)

### WOW ! WOW ! WOW!

Thank You to all the Clubs who submitted an entry to the **World Water Day Competition**. We received A LOT of entries and the Selection Committee has a challenge to select The Best Project and the Most Innovative Project.

Winners will be announced at the WASRAG Annual Meeting, in Toronto, Canada, in June. An upcoming issue of the WASRAG Newsletter will be highlighting the projects submitted.

### Enhance your Global Grant

Writing a Global Grant for The Rotary Foundation takes a lot of effort. Whether you are writing your first grant or have completed dozens, it is important to have it reviewed in order to improve the chances of getting it approved by the Foundation.

WASRAG has experts in a variety of fields in all parts of the planet, they will review your Global Grant application and make recommendations on how it can be approved.

There is no cost to have your application reviewed. In fact, if you send it to us at [info@WASRAG.org](mailto:info@WASRAG.org) and incorporate our suggestions into your final submission, WASRAG will donate \$500 to your project, when it is approved by The Rotary Foundation.

If addition, if your project is a water, sanitation and hygiene project for a school (WASH in Schools - WinS), then through the generosity of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. located in Australia and the NGO "We Can't Wait" they will contribute \$500 more to your project.

WASRAG is your Rotary partner in water and sanitation. The success of your project is a collective success for us all. WASRAG looks forward to working with you.

### **The Livingstonia Water Project**

For a decade, Sylvia and Ken Gentili volunteered in Malawi, Africa. In a special insert of the Usisya Herald, called "A Decade of Growth in Malawi" they describe the many changes to the community of Livingstonia.

One of the stories they highlight is the Rotary International project that brought water to over 13,000 people. Read [The Livingstonia Water Project](#) on the WASRAG website.

### **The Toilet Warrior's US Tour**

Australian Mark Balla, aka "The Toilet Warrior" recently completed a three -week tour of the United States. He gave his entertaining, informative, and passionate speech on the need for WASH in Schools to three District Conferences and numerous Rotary clubs across the country.

At the Rotary Club of Cary Kildaire, in North Carolina, he provided a short talk that was posted to YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5pCdRpkk7I>

### **Giving a Filter Changes Lives**

Since 2012, the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur has provided over 2,000 water filters to families and schools in the Puerto Vallarta area of Mexico. They provide the water filters for free.

The filters have made a significant positive impact on the communities, The residents no longer are susceptible to gastro-intestinal illness, no longer purchase sugared drinks in order to stay hydrated, and without having to pay for water they can spend more on food, health care, and education.

Contact Malcolm Laird at [mjalaird@hotmail.com](mailto:mjalaird@hotmail.com) if you are interested in partnering with this club to expand this project.

### **E-Club of WASH creates Video**

In 2016, Rotary International chartered the first E-Club with a focus. The E-Club of WASH, which is part of District 9980, is focused specifically on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene.

The E-Club recently released a polished short video that explains what is WASH and about their club. You can view the video on YouTube at [E-Club of WASH](#)

You can also learn more about the club by going to their website <http://rotarywasheclub.org/>

## Become a Water Warrior

Take a picture or a video, offering a glass of water, in one of the three Water Warrior Poses and then make a donation to The WASRAG Fund.

The picture can be of you, with someone else, or even your whole Rotary club. Have fun with the idea and don't forget to post to Social Media.

Learn more about this campaign by going to [Water Warrior](#)

Donations are tax-deductible in Canada and the USA, and support WASRAG's clean water and sanitation projects.

## WASRAG Newsletter On-line Archive

Back issues of the WASRAG Newsletter are stored at <http://www.wasrag.org/>.

## Calendar Of Events

**May 28, 2018 - MENSTRUAL HEALTH DAY**

<http://menstrualhygieneday.org/>

**June 22, 2018 - World Water Summit 10 - WASH and Health - Toronto Canada**

<http://www.wasrag.org/page/wws-10>

**June 23, 2018 - WASRAG Annual Meeting - Toronto, Canada**

Toronto Convention Centre, Room 809, 8:30 am EST

**June 25, 2018 - WASRAG - BREW Reception - Toronto, Canada**

[WASRAG - BREW Reception](#)

**Oct 5, 2018 - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene Symposium - Denver, Colorado**

**Oct 29 - Nov 2, 2018 - Water and Health 2018 - Chapel Hill, NC. USA**

<http://waterinstitute.unc.edu/conferences/#>

## Become a WASRAG Member

Developing Best Practices guidelines for water, sanitation, and hygiene projects; maintaining the [www.WASRAG.org](http://www.WASRAG.org) website; supporting the WASRAG Professional Services Team; and creating this newsletter are some of the benefits of becoming a WASRAG member.

Follow this link to [Become a Member](#). To check whether your membership has expired, email [Anna Shepherd](#).

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