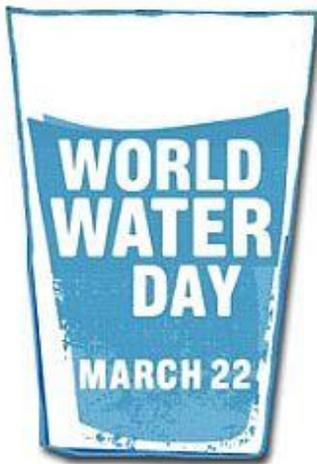




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March 22 - World Water Day

In 1993, the United Nations designated March 22 as World Water Day to highlight global issues associated with water. UN Water is coordinating March 22, 2016 with an emphasis on water and jobs. This is a great opportunity for clubs to focus on WASH and UN Water's site is a great place for ideas! [Their resources are available here.](#)

End Water Poverty is promoting a month long awareness of water and sanitation issues. Visit their [website](#) to find resources and learn more about their activities including the Walking for Water Challenge.



Save that Water!

A unique commercial that was aired by Colgate during the 2016 Super Bowl will resonate with WASRAG members. You can watch it here:

[Super Bowl 2016: Colgate Commercial](#)



Rotary International Centennial

Starting July 1, 2016 The Rotary Foundation is celebrating its 100th birthday. Lots of special events are scheduled! Significant for WASRAG is the announcement that 10 outstanding global grant projects completed during the 2015-16 Rotary year will be recognized by TRF at the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta.

Criteria are: Community Impact, Sustainability, Rotarian Involvement and Replicability. To be eligible, the final global grant report must be accepted by June 30, 2016. We know that there are many outstanding WASH projects that would be eligible! Please [contact us](#) if you have a project that would qualify. [More information...](#)



WASRAG's WWS8 gets a glowing endorsement!

The International Assembly is a huge event in the Rotary world! During the third week in January the DGEs (District Governors Elect) come to San Diego to be trained for their year in office. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase WWS8 to the Korean DGEs. WWS8 Co-Chairs Marga Hewko and Sandra Forster organized the event and RI President Ravi Ravindran, WASRAG Chair and PRIP Bill Boyd, Ian Risely (RI President 2017-18) and other senior Rotarians encouraged all Korean Rotarians to attend WWS8. The Summit will be held on **Friday May 27, 2016**. [More info...](#)



Low Cost Sanitation Workshop

The Troy Rotary Club, District 6380 and the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation (CAWST), Calgary, Alberta, will host their popular four-day workshop again this year. This year's program includes theory, instruction and hands-on experience on eco-sanitation, sanitation promotion and hygiene.

The program is being held in Ypsilanti, MI from April 28 - May 1, 2016.

To register and to get more information contact Eileen Heasley

at [Vision for Clean Water](#)



WASH e-club and Digital Presentation Library

In earlier newsletters we've mentioned Rotary's first WASH e-club. Founded in New Zealand, but with a global reach, the club plans to have it's "launch" meeting in Seoul.

The WASH e-Club is an ideal way for Rotarians with a passion for WASH to keep up-to-date.

To support e-clubs and others interested in online materials, WASRAG is developing a video library of presentations that can be used as meeting topics for e-Clubs and traditional Rotary Clubs. [Read more . . .](#)



Power of Social Media

"Girls in Nashik Schools Don't Quit School after Puberty Any More. Thanks to One Australian!" is the title of an article in [The Better India](#) on the work of Mark Balla in India.

Mark has been working in India to improve WASH services in schools - improved toilets, water, menstrual hygiene management, hand washing etc.

The article has been shared almost 3,000 times on Facebook. Social media is a powerful tool in getting out the word on WASH projects!



Masters Degree in Water Education

UNESCO-IHE is the world's largest international graduate education facility in water. The institute, located in Delft, Netherlands, offers a fully accredited Master and PhD degree program. To learn more about the program visit. [UNESCO-IHE](#)

The Rotary Foundation awards annually 10 scholarships to graduate students. For more information of the scholarships visit [Rotary Water Masters Scholarships](#)



WASH Resources

The following are some great WASH resources that you might find useful!

[Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology](#)

[The Water Network](#)

[Faecal Sludge Management - Practical Action in South Asia](#)

[Partnership for Handwashing](#)



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in the News

Read news media articles about the work Rotary is doing around the world in the areas of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

[\(Read More . . .\)](#)

Calendar of Events

April 28-May 1, 2016 - **Yipsilanti, USA**

A Vision for Clean Water and Eastern Michigan's Sanitation Workshop

avisionforcleanwater.org

May 16-20, 2016 - **Brisbane, Australia**

Wash Futures

<http://www.watercentre.org/services/events/wash2016>

May 27, 2016 - **Seoul, Korea - WASRAG World Water Summit**

Held in conjunction with the Rotary International Conference

www.wasrag.org/wws8-seoul-korea

July 11-15, 2016 - **Kumasi, Ghana**

39th WEDC International Conference: Ensuring Availability & Sustainable Management of Water & Sanitation for All

www.wedconference.co.uk/

August 9 -13, 2016 - **Brisbane, Australia**

World Water Congress and Exhibition

www.world-water-congress-exhibition-2016/



New Projects

We love hearing about your projects and are delighted to relay these great opportunities for Rotarians to get involved in WASH projects!

When posting your projects on the wasrag.org website, please remember to include the name of your Rotary club and District number.

Contact us at info@wasrag.org if you need help with your posting. We have writers ready to help tell your story!

**SUPPORT WASRAG:
BECOME A MEMBER**

WASRAG needs your membership.

Membership revenue helps cover our administrative costs, website upgrades, training, development of support materials etc. To become a member, click on the button. To check whether your membership has expired, email [Anna Shepherd](mailto:Anna.Shepherd).

To submit stories and pictures our Newsletter, please email: info@wasrag.org to the attention of Wasrag newsletter editors Ian Rumbles and Terri Black.

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[NOT ON OUR MAILING LIST? Click here to keep up to date on water & sanitation information and opportunities.](#)



The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group is a group of Rotarians whose purpose is to support Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International. Wasrag operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.
