

President's Message



Be the Inspiration
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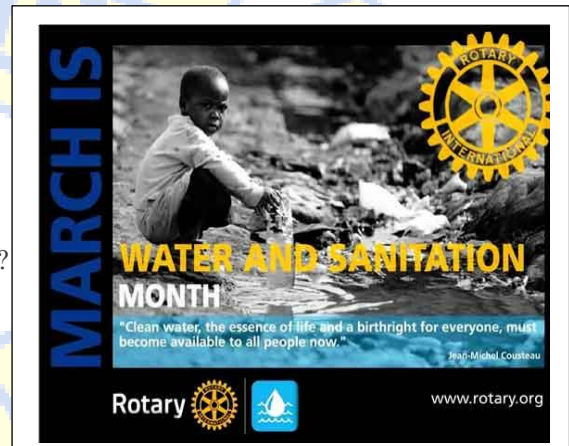
Good Things happen in Rotary

March - Water & Sanitation- 2019

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation Month.

Where can Rotary create awareness on **Water Conservation?**

- Magothy River Association Partnership
- High School Interact Clubs
- Boys & Girls Club
- Freetown Elementary School



How? Club talk/ Street play / Banners / Literature Distributions / Seminars

- Throughout much of the developing world, water is the most precious commodity around.
- Saving water helps to preserve our environment

Clean Drinking Water and Public Toilets Facilities; create **Awareness** on Sanitation at Schools

- Globally, 783 million people do not have access to clean water, and 2.5 billion people have no water-based sanitation resources such as toilets or clean bathing facilities. A lack of clean water isn't just an inconvenience; for millions around the world, it's fatal. Each year, between 6 to 8 million people die from drinking contaminated water and from other water-related hygiene issues

Economically Challenged and Oppressed Areas

- Absence of toilets and safe water means that 943 million people around the world have no choice but to practice open defecation, which contaminates water supplies and contributes to the spread of water-borne diseases
- In the past 25 years, the global community has made great strides to bring clean water to 2.6 billion people, and sanitation facilities to another 2.1 billion.
- These advances demonstrate that it's possible to make radical improvements to the way billions of people access and use water.
- Fortunately, there are organizations like **Rotary International** who promote cost-effective and evidenced-backed ways to help make universal water and sanitation access a reality for all.

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change. Rotary clubs and partners built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand

filters. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water.

Maybe we can too!

Yours in Rotary Service,

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