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ROTARY IS INVOLVED IN WATER, SANITATION & HEALTH

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Access to safe drinking water for communities worldwide

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

Access to safe drinking water for communities

IMPROVING SANITATION

Building dignified toilets, reducing disease, ensuring hygiene

ENHANCING HEALTH

Disease prevention, maternal/child health, education, and disease eradication

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TOGETHER, WE CAN
CHANGE LIVES



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Water connects us all. From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighbourhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain humanity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse, and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge.

Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured, and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served Indigenous communities in Panama's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity, and reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks.

To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialised water organisation, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would continue flowing long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who had once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities.

This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise, and long-term thinking.

That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands, and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions.

Data is not an end. It is a tool that helps us learn and improve so that Rotary's service delivers real, measurable change. Each project entered and each waterway restored adds to a shared story of stewardship and responsibility. You can learn more and get involved at communityactionforfreshwater.org.

As we observe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, I encourage you to reflect on the freshwater systems that sustain your community and the role Rotary can play in protecting them. When we connect local action to a global vision, we strengthen Rotary's ability to make lasting change. Together, by extending our reach and working side by side, we truly *unite for Good*

Fellow Rotarians and friends,

April reminds us that the future of our world is cradled in the arms of mothers and in the hopeful eyes of children. As Rotary focuses this month on Maternal and Child Health, we are called to strengthen the most fundamental bond of all – that of a healthy mother and a thriving child – so that every family can dream without fear and grow with dignity.

Around the world, Rotary has shown that simple, timely interventions save lives: access to safe deliveries, essential nutrition, routine immunization, and education for caregivers. In our own district, I am proud of the quiet but powerful work Rotary has been doing – from supporting antenatal check-up camps and anaemia screening, to providing newborn care kits, breastfeeding counselling, and ensuring children complete their vaccination schedules. Each intervention may seem small, but for one mother, one child, it can mean the difference between loss and life, between despair and hope. This month, I urge every club to look again at the needs of mothers and children in their own neighbourhoods. Partner with local health centres, ASHA workers, paediatricians, gynaecologists, and NGOs. Strengthen government programmes through last-mile support. Adopt anganwadis and primary health centres to improve infrastructure, sanitation, and health education. Involve Rotaractors and Interactors as ambassadors of awareness, taking messages on nutrition, menstrual health, and hygiene into communities. Let us also remember that care goes beyond the first thousand days.

Children need safe water, a clean environment, mental well-being, and opportunities to learn and play. When Rotary serves the mother, we serve the entire family. When we protect the child, we protect our shared tomorrow.

Dear Rotary Friends,

Every mother's story begins long before a child is born – in her dreams, her fears, and her quiet strength. As we observe April as Maternal and Child Health Month, I am reminded of the countless mothers in our communities who carry the weight of their families with grace, often putting their own needs last so their children can move one step closer to a brighter future.

As District First Lady, I have seen how Rotary's love in action touches these lives in very real ways – a safe delivery ensured, a baby wrapped in warmth, a young girl who learns about nutrition and hygiene, a mother who finds the confidence to care for her child better. Behind every medical camp, every awareness session, every check-up, there is a heartbeat of compassion that says, "You are not alone."

This month, I invite every Rotary family to look at mothers and children not just as beneficiaries, but as partners in change. Let us listen to their voices, respect their wisdom, and support their journeys with kindness, dignity, and empathy. Involve spouses, children, and Rotary families in projects that bring a gentle human touch – storytelling sessions, mother-child bonding activities, nutrition drives, and simple gestures of care.

When we uplift a mother, we steady an entire home. When we protect a child, we safeguard our shared tomorrow. Let April be the month when our district wraps its arms a little more tightly around every mother and every child, and reminds them that the Rotary family walks beside them, today and always.

Together, let us make April a month where every project, every partnership, and every act of service moves us closer to a world where no mother is left alone and no child is left behind.



**Yours in Rotary Service,
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District Governor (RID 3142)**



**Priya Makol
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Club President Rtn. Daly's monthly letter



Dear Skyliners,

March, being Women's Month, gave us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strength, resilience, and achievements of women. It was a time to acknowledge the invaluable role women play in our families, communities, and our club, inspiring us all with their determination and compassion.

One of the most memorable highlights of this month was our first international trip to Bhutan. Set against the backdrop of its serene landscapes and peaceful monasteries, the trip offered not just scenic beauty but also deep fellowship and bonding. It was truly a refreshing and enriching experience for everyone who was a part of it.

Adding further meaning to the month, we celebrated Women's Day in a unique and heartfelt manner with visually challenged ladies. The interactions were filled with inspiration, reminding us of the importance of inclusion and empathy in all our service efforts.

On the service front, we are proud to share that our second Global Grant is in process, marking another significant step in our commitment to impactful projects.

As we move ahead, April will be an important month as we gear up for the OCV. Let us continue this momentum and showcase the very best of our club.

Our club has successfully secured a Global Grant of \$30,800 in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Lewisville, Tennessee, USA, the Rotary Club of Thane Garden City, and the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Palm Beach. This grant is allocated for establishing an eye care centre at a TMC hospital in Thane, and we expect the project to be completed within a month.

In addition, our club is pursuing a second Global Grant this year, which amounts to \$10,300. This initiative is being developed in partnership with the Rotary Club of Oklahoma and the Rotary Club of Garden City to establish a Rotary Dialysis Centre at Nippon Hospital in Thane. The paperwork for this grant is currently in progress.

This is the first time our club is attempting to undertake two global grant projects within a single Rotary year.



Our IPP, Murli, represented our club at the District RYLA, which our club co-hosted, and he was a guest speaker on 'team building.'



PRE OCV meeting with our AG Hemali Shah. Our OCV is scheduled for 19th April.



Our PP, Sachin, made a lively presentation on "Cricket as Life" at our club meeting. In his well-researched speech, he articulated how this popular sport occupies an integral part of life in India, cutting across all social barriers.



Our district's DISCON was well represented by the Skyliners.



Rtn. Rekha was recognised and celebrated at a function for her outstanding achievements in swimming.



Love for adventure drives Murli and his ever-willing soulmate, R'Ann. They have explored the wildlife in the safari parks of Zambia and Zimbabwe. This couple has travelled to more than 60 countries and continues to explore new destinations, making them the envy of those who prefer a more relaxed lifestyle.



At a recent club meeting, guest speaker Vandana Joshil delivered an engaging presentation titled "Beyond Empowerment: Women as Architects of Change." She discussed the rapidly changing perspectives on women's status within families, society, and the world, emphasising that women no longer require assistance from men. However, she stressed that they still deserve greater understanding, given the significant empowerment women have already achieved.

The event also coincided with International Women's Day, during which the spouses of the women were recognised and honoured for their support.

Our club's first-ever international fellowship tour to Bhutan included twelve members who joined the memorable journey to this mystical land.



International Women's Day was celebrated with over 100 visually impaired women hackers. Participants enjoyed a variety of games and activities, along with delicious refreshments and gifts. The event was led by Rtn. Anjali and her family members, as they have done every year.

