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APRIL IS

ENVIRONMENT MONTH

"Try to leave the earth a better place than when you arrived"  
Sidney Sheldon

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH



2025-2026 Rotary International calendar, April is officially designated as "Environmental Month". This month focuses on supporting the environment, aligning with Rotary's seventh area of focus by promoting environmental sustainability, conservation, and action against climate change.

Key Aspects of April in Rotary:

- Theme: Supporting the Environment (formerly often associated with Magazine Month or Maternal & Child Health in older, pre-2020 calendars).
- Focus Area: Encouraging clubs to focus on initiatives like protecting natural resources, reducing pollution, and improving air/water quality.
- Key Date: "Earth Day" on April 22 is a major highlight, prompting environmental action projects.
- Activities: Local clubs often organize community clean-ups, tree plantings, and environmental education campaigns.

2025-2026 రోటరీ అంతర్జాతీయ క్యాలెండర్, ఏప్రిల్ అధికారికంగా "పర్యావరణ మాసం"గా నియమించబడింది. ఈ నెల పర్యావరణానికి మద్దతు ఇవ్వడంపై దృష్టి పెడుతుంది, పర్యావరణ స్థిరత్వం, పరిరక్షణ మరియు వాతావరణ మార్పులకు వ్యతిరేకంగా చర్యను ప్రోత్సహించడం ద్వారా రోటరీ యొక్క ఏడవ దృష్టి రంగానికి అనుగుణంగా ఉంటుంది.

రోటరీలో ఏప్రిల్ యొక్క ముఖ్య అంశాలు:

థీమ్: పర్యావరణానికి మద్దతు ఇవ్వడం (గతంలో తరచుగా మ్యాగజైన్ నెల లేదా పాత, 2020 ముందు క్యాలెండర్లలో మాత్రమే శిశు ఆరోగ్యంతో సంబంధం కలిగి ఉండేది).

ఫోకస్ ఏరియా: సహజ వనరులను రక్షించడం, కాలుష్యాన్ని తగ్గించడం మరియు గాలి/నీటి నాణ్యతను మెరుగుపరచడం వంటి చొరవలపై దృష్టి పెట్టడానికి క్లబ్లను ప్రోత్సహించడం.

ముఖ్య తేదీ: ఏప్రిల్ 22న జరిగే "భూమి దినోత్సవం" ఒక ప్రధాన హైలైట్, ఇది పర్యావరణ కార్యాచరణ ప్రాజెక్టులను ప్రేరేపిస్తుంది.

కార్యకలాపాలు: స్థానిక క్లబ్లు తరచుగా కమ్యూనిటీ శుభ్రపరచడం, చెట్ల పెంపకం మరియు పర్యావరణ విద్య ప్రచారాలను నిర్వహిస్తాయి.

## EDITOR'S DESK

### శ్రద్ధ, సహనం మరియు కర్తవ్యం....



సోఫాలో కూర్చున్న 75 ఏళ్ల తండ్రి, కిటికీ మీద ఉన్న కాకిని చూపిస్తూ తన పెద్ద కొడుకుని, "అది ఏమిటి?" అని అడిగాడు. కొడుకు సమాధానం చెప్పాడు, కానీ తండ్రి అదే ప్రశ్నను నాలుగు సార్లు పునరావృతం చేయడంతో, కొడుకు సహనం కోల్పోయి విసుగుతో అరిచాడు.

నిశ్చయంగా, తండ్రి తన కొడుకు చిన్ననాటి పాత డైరీని బయటకు తీశాడు. అందులో, మూడేళ్ల వయసులో కొడుకు వరుసగా 23 సార్లు కాకి గురించి అడిగినట్లు ఉన్న ఒక ఎంట్రీని చూపించాడు. అప్పుడు, తండ్రికి ఏమాత్రం చిరాకు కలగలేదు; దానికి బదులుగా, అతను ప్రతిసారి ప్రేమతో కౌగిలించుకుని సమాధానం చెప్పాడు.

ఈ స్పష్టమైన వ్యత్యాసం ఒక శక్తివంతమైన పాఠాన్ని నేర్పుతుంది: ఒకప్పుడు మన తల్లిదండ్రులు మన అంతులేని ఉత్సాహంతో అలుపెరుగని దయతో ఎదుర్కొన్నారు. వారు వయసు పైబడినప్పుడు, ప్రతిఫలంగా అదే నిస్వార్థమైన ప్రేమ, సహనం మరియు దయకు అర్హులు.

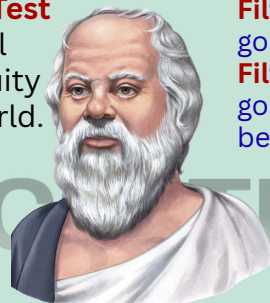
### Attention, Patience and Duty....

Sitting on a sofa, a 75-year-old father pointed to a crow on the window and asked his grown son, "What is that?" The son answered, but as the father repeated the question four times, the son's patience snapped into a frustrated shout.

Silently, the father retrieved an old diary from the son's childhood. He pointed to an entry where, at age three, the son had asked about a crow 23 times in a row. Back then, the father hadn't felt an ounce of irritation; instead, he had answered every single time with a loving embrace.

This stark contrast serves as a powerful lesson: our parents once met our endless curiosity with tireless grace. As they age, they deserve that same selfless love, patience, and kindness in return.

Comparing Socrates' three filters and **Rotary International's Four-Way Test** reveals a surprising ethical continuity between antiquity and the contemporary world.



SOCRATES

- TRIPLE FILTER TEST**
- Filter of truth:** Is it True!
  - Filter of Goodness:** Is it good!
  - Filter of usefulness:** Is it going to be useful!

## Short Takes



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## Presidential Message — April 2026

In the village of Aaye, Nigeria, a mother and her twins were saved because a community health worker—trained by the Rotary Foundation’s Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria program—had the skills to manage an emergency delivery. This story illustrates that maternal and child health is not an abstract goal; it is the difference between life and loss.

### Investing in Resilience

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria focuses on:

- **Strengthening Systems:** Building reliable healthcare procedures before a crisis hits.
- **Training Workers:** Equipping front line staff with lifesaving obstetric skills.
- **Sustainable Solutions:** Combining local knowledge with global partnerships.

### The Heart of Rotary Service

True service isn’t just for ideal conditions; it’s for when resources are limited and the need is urgent. By investing in people and systems long before they are tested, Rotary ensures that lifesaving care depends on preparation, not luck.

When we Unite for Good, our impact is measured in the human moments where families remain whole. Rotary continues to go where the need is greatest, providing a lifeline for communities worldwide.

Francesco Arezzo, President 2025-26

## Trustee Chair’s Message — April 2026

Rotary’s focus on the environment empowers clubs to make a lasting local impact. Through the Community Action for Fresh Water partnership with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), clubs can adopt and restore local water sources using expert technical guidance.

Technical adviser Salvador Rico emphasizes that this mission is personal. Having lost his sister to disease from a polluted river, he views clean water not as an abstract issue, but as a fundamental matter of life and dignity.

### Global Support, Local Action

The partnership provides a platform for clubs to:

- **Access Expertise:** Connect with UNEP professionals for technical solutions.
- **Secure Funding:** Apply for global grants and collaborate with other clubs.
- **Share Knowledge:** Upload and learn from freshwater projects worldwide.

A recent success in Mexico highlights this impact: Rotarians worked with UNEP experts to implement bioremediation strategies for a river polluted by textile factories. This collaboration fostered shared responsibility between local businesses and government authorities.

**Take Action:** Look for a water body in your community that needs protection. Register your project at [communityactionforfreshwater.org](http://communityactionforfreshwater.org) to access the support and funding needed to create a cleaner future.

Holger Knaack

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair 2025-26



In October, Rotary and Rotaract members responded within hours to deadly floods and landslides in Poza Rica, Supported by District 4185

and international partners, volunteers rescued residents, cleared mud, and cleaned homes.

To address urgent needs, the Rotary Club of Poza Rica collaborated with:

- **Planet Water Foundation:** To install water towers and provide purified water.
- **World Central Kitchen:** To deliver hot meals to survivors.

Despite these efforts, club member Pepe Badillo emphasizes that the destruction was total, and the community still desperately needs help to rebuild their lives after losing everything.

## GRANTS

during the month of March 2026 for the South Asia Region.

Rotary Grants	Number of grants	Amount (USD)
District Grants	5	210,281
Global Grants	52	3,483,365
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3,693,646</b>

Area of Focus	No. of Global Grants	Amount (USD)
Basic Education and Literacy	3	248,645
Community Economic Development	3	215,570
Disease Prevention and Treatment	35	2,422,775
Environment	2	127,585
Maternal and child health	2	67,483
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	7	401,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3,483,365</b>

## The 2027

**Rotary International Convention** will take place in **Barcelona, Spain,**



from 26–30 June 2027 at the Fira de Barcelona.

We're grateful to our members and partners in Barcelona for their enthusiasm in hosting our annual convention, which brings together people from around the world.

At the same time, we thank Dubai, our original 2027 host city, and Rotary members and leaders in the UAE for their commitment. We look forward to working with them on a future Rotary convention.

We're excited to gather this June in Taipei, and again in 2027 in Barcelona.



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**Through snow and mountains 400,000 WHO-trained polio workers immunized 45 million children during Pakistan's first national polio vaccination campaign of 2026.**

## POLIO UPDATE

- For 2026 there remains 1 recorded case of wild polio so far in Pakistan
- For 2025, WPV case count data remains steady—there were 21 WPV cases in Afghanistan and 31 WPV cases in Pakistan, 52 WPV cases in total.

## CLUB AROUND THE DISTRICT



President, Secretary and Rgnl Polio Chair with RC VZM counterparts at Dist. Polio Seminar at Vijayawada



PDG M Rama At the Inauguration of Rotary Leadership Institute at VZM



PP Jaya Krishna and me took part in the RLI on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March

## RCVC Silver Jubilee Project- Rotary Health Centre



Entrance

Generic Medicals

Doctors Consultation Chambers

Diagnostic Lab

Physiotherapy block



On 14th, March Rajayogini Dr. BK Sarswati of Brahmakumaris as a Speaker and spoke on 'Fellowship and Understanding Peace'

On 20th, March Eppili Madhu, Public Relation Inspector, Postal Dept. as a Speaker and spoke on 'How our Postal Dpt. ready to Serve You'



On 3rd March, our Rotary Raga Music group's concert held at Dr. Besant School. Only our Members enthralled the audience with their singing talent

On 6th March on the First Death Anniversary of our beloved member Late Meka Kasigaru, his Ann Rtn. Ananthalakshmi and Daughters distributed clothes to the staff of the Kailashbhoomi

CLUB VOCATIONAL AWARDS : 2025-26



Sri Lokam Prasad and Smt. Lokam Madhavi

Dr Jagadish Gupta K

Lokam Prasad

Dr Jagadish Gupta K



Smt Lokam Madhavi

With the Vocational Excellence Awardees

Group Photo with the Recipients

On 8th March, Vocational Excellency Awards Presentation Ceremony took place in which Sri Prasad. V. Lokam was honored with "Rotary Business Excellence Award" and Dr. Jagadish Gupta Kapuganti honored with "Rotary Puraskar". And 19 Government Employees were felicitated with Rotary Excellence Awards. MLA of Nellimarla Smt. Lokam Madhavi graced the occasion. PDG M. Rama Rao and Asst. Governor Krishna Gopal Agarwal attended as Guest of Honors. President Vijay, Secretary Uday SJP Shiva Babu and Vocational Director Sai Manoj Kolla with Vocational Committee Sashi Kukreja, Rama Krishna, and the members of the club attended. The entire program went under the Master of ceremony PP K Prakash.



Birthday of our Secretary Uday

Our Member Radhika M received the title of "Sabha Bharathi" from Vamsee Art Theatres at Hyderabad

Poilo Fund Collection by Shankar Reddy

Our Members with the Dist. Collector inconnection with Potti Sreeramulu Jayanthi

RCVC Prestigious Project- Kailash Bhoomi, Thotapalem



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