



WASH NEWS

WASH ROTARY ACTION GROUP

WASH Rotary Action Group Annual Meeting

Saturday, 28 June 2025

9:00 am Chicago / Central Daylight Time (UTC -5)

(Check your local time here <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>)

To participate in the Annual Meeting, you **NEED TO REGISTER** in advance by going to:
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CAWST Open House

Those coming through the Calgary Airport will see this welcoming sign from the [Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology](#) (CAWST). This Canadian non-profit, located in Calgary, provides professional engineering consulting on WASH, using simple, affordable technologies.

CAWST is hosting an Open House

Monday, 23 June at 3:30 pm

at their Head Office, located south of the BMO Convention Centre, 10 minutes by public transportation or 15 minutes if driving. The address is B12 - 6020 2 Street SE, Calgary (+1 403.243.3285).

CAWST staff will also be available in the House of Friendship at the WASH-RAG Booth (Booth 141).

Focusing on the WASH Ambassador Program

Over the past two years, the WASH Ambassador program has expanded to over 130 Ambassadors. In this issue of the WASH Newsletter we are focusing on the Ambassador program, to increase awareness of what it is achieving and encouraging interested WASH-RAG members to [submit an application to join](#).



INTRODUCING - The Ambassador Lens

The WASH Ambassadors use a variety of ways to get out the message about WASH. There are [Join WASH-RAG videos](#) (available in seven languages), [marketing materials](#), [educational webinars](#), and now the start of a Podcast series called, "The Ambassador Lens."

Listen to the [PodTalk Audio](#).

Episode 1: A Global Perspective Up Close.

The host, Charlotte Roehm, interviews Chuck Fisher on his journey as a WASH Ambassador.

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The Power of Two Ambassadors

Watch this excellent video on a [WASH in Schools Project in Nepal](#).

Ranjeev Shrestha, a WASH Ambassador in Nepal, and **John Boot**, a WASH Ambassador in Canada. This video shows how two Ambassadors worked together to provide dozens of children with a new washroom facility.



Ambassadors and the Calgary WASH Experience

There are a number of WASH-related activities at the Rotary Convention in Calgary. **EVERYONE can participate.** WASH Ambassadors will be involved in all these activities look for the Ambassador Pin or Ribbon, and ask them about the program.

Use the **Read More** below to see some of the key WASH events. One event you should attend is:

Saturday, 21 June

15:30 - WASH Ambassador Meet & Greet - Room 224

This event is open to everyone interested in learning more about the Ambassador program. An Ambassador can speak at your Club on the WASH Global crisis. They can work with District Leadership to establish a District WASH Committee and set WASH goals for the District. Providing Clubs with resources, and access to WASH experts to assist with a WASH Project is another service they can provide your Club.

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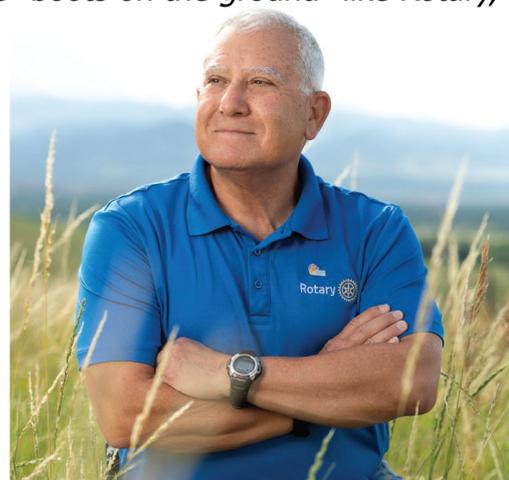


WASH Ambassador Chair Indicates Direction

"There really isn't any organization addressing WASH issues that have "boots on the ground" like Rotary," says Steve Werner. "The more you can do to advocate, educate, and motivate Clubs and District, the more Rotary will be an important partner with other organizations that share our vision of a world without water-related illnesses."

A member of the WASH Rotary Action Group Operations Team, Steve Werner is the new WASH Ambassador Chair. Read Steve's suggestion on how to start the new Rotary year with a focus on WASH.

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Ambassador Develops WASH in Schools Resource

Some of our Ambassadors provide Club and District presentations on the topic of WASH. Some Ambassadors assist District leadership in establishing District WASH Committees. Then some, like **Dilip Mirchandani**, from Belgium, use their skills and practical experience to develop excellent resources to help Rotary clubs in the development of WASH Projects.

[A Guide to Designing a WASH in Schools \(WinS\) project](#), developed by Dilip, provides a clear step by step process, from doing a community assessment, implementation of the project, and the important follow-up to ensure sustainability.



Going International

Using the term "Going" is not correct. Right from the start of the WASH Ambassador program, it had members from each of the different Rotary Regions.

However, the Ambassador team wanted to increase its impact and encourage the establishment of a WASH Ambassador in all Districts. It needed to place more focus on developing translated resources (like the video available in seven languages) and establish a Regional structure.

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Join WASH-RAG Videos

- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(EN\)](#)
- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(ES\)](#)
- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(NL\)](#)
- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(PT\)](#)
- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(FR\)](#)
- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(IN\)](#)
- [Join WASH-RAG Video \(DE\)](#)

Calendar of Events

21 Jun 2025 - **World Water Summit 17, Calgary (Sold Out)**
21 Jun 2025 - **WASH Ambassador Meet & Greet - Calgary**
21-25 Jun - **WASH HUB - Calgary**
21-25 Jun - **Rotary Convention - Calgary**
28 Jun - **WASH-RAG Annual Meeting (Virtual)**
24 - 28 Aug - World Water Week (Stockholm)
15 Oct 2025 - Global Handwashing Day
24 Oct 2025 - World Polio Day
19 Nov 2025 - World Toilet Day
22 Mar 2026 - World Water Day



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