

Rotary International encourages the efforts of Rotary clubs with district support to provide clean water and improve sanitation in communities where needed as an important aspect of Rotary's goals to improve health, economy and alleviate poverty. Clubs are encouraged to conduct projects that will be sustainable, easily useable by and relevant to the communities where the project is implemented. Clubs and Districts are requested to raise the level of consciousness of these critical life issues.

Preparation for and Implementing Projects:

- Select an area and community to conduct the project
- Assess the type of water and sanitation project best suited for the selected community (there are many methods used in these projects, ie drilling wells, installing biosand filters, constructing purification plants, building dams, installing pipes, water tanks and structures to harvest rain into cisterns etc.)
- Find one or more Rotary Clubs, NGOs and other entities with whom to partner.
- Consider the assistance of a Rotary Volunteer (information available online) or a non Rotary group such as Engineers Without Borders.
- A substantial part of the project should include education of the community on the need for clean water, good hygiene and good sanitation.
- The project should also educate and provide for the maintenance of the equipment.
- Contact WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group- wasrag.org) to get information, speakers, and partners for a project
- Evaluate whether a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) could be formed to help install and/or maintain the project and achieve maximum sustainability.

Criteria for Zone 32 Award

A club must complete five (5) activities including the commencement of at least one project that addresses water and sanitation needs before **April 15, 2012**.



Rotary International 2011-2012
Zone 32 Water and Sanitation Award

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**Suggested Activities for the Water and Sanitation
Zone 32 Award**

- Develop or partner in a water and sanitation project which has commenced or received approval as a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant
- Raising the level of awareness of the world crisis to provide clean water and improve sanitation to developing countries where more than one billion people have no access to clean water and/or good sanitation
- Inform local communities about the increasingly more important need to implement better management of water in countries where there is currently no lack of available clean water
- Invite speakers to present programs about aspects of water and sanitation at a club meeting
- Invite your local community to see a movie or hear a presentation by a well known speaker about water and sanitation.
- Be a Rotary Volunteer to help on a water and sanitation project
- Arrange to have a group of Rotarians visit a site in which you are assessing a future project or implementing an on going project
- Conduct a seminar whereby students and members of Interact and/or Rotaract are made aware of water and sanitation issues.
- Celebrate World Water Day on March 22, 2012 at a public or Rotary Forum where information about water and sanitation is presented
- Prepare an exhibit of your club's water and sanitation projects and display them at your district conference or community events where your Rotary club is allowed to maintain a table or booth.

Participate in five (5) of these or any other Water and Sanitation activities, including at least one project and Zone 32 will recognize your efforts. For further information contact Assistant Rotary Coordinator, Bob Cucinell at Bcucinell@aol.com

Water and Sanitation Certification Form

I, _____, *President of the*
Rotary Club of _____, *District*
_____, *Country* _____, *certify that*
our club has completed the water and sanitation activities listed
below to qualify for a Water and Sanitation Zone 32 Award:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

President's Signature:

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

***Please send this completed form to
Zone 32 Assistant Rotary Coordinator
By 15, April 2012***

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