

## ROTARY SERVICE ABOVE SELF

We want to encourage the clubs to educate their entire community about the need for clean water, as well as get them involved in the fundraising projects chosen by each club. Promotional materials to raise awareness will be available on the Rotary 5630 website.

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
WWW.ROTARYWATERFORLIFE.ORG  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CLEAN  
WATER MONTH AND THE ROTARY DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE IN KEARNEY, NE.**



**APRIL 2016**

**CLEAN  
WATER  
MONTH**



**JOIN THE DISCUSSION AT THE  
2016 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
ON APRIL 29TH-30TH**

**IN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA AT  
THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER**





## IMPORTANCE OF WATER GLOBALLY & IN OUR COMMUNITIES

There is an urgent need for clean water, sanitation, and hygiene in schools and communities around the world. Consider these facts: Every 20 seconds a child dies from lack of access to clean water. Women and children in many communities spend up to 60 percent of each day walking to collect water. 4,500 children die each day due to unsafe water and a lack of basic sanitation. Without access to a latrine, many girls stop going to school once they reach puberty.

The relationship between water and health is significant. An estimated two million people die every year from diarrhea-related diseases. Children, especially those under the age of five, are most susceptible to the ultimate horrors of water-borne diseases. Access to clean water and adequate sanitation substantially decreases the mortality rates among children.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene are of critical importance to a school community's health and way of life. (<http://www.h2oforliveschools.org>)

## YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE IN SOLVING THE CLEAN WATER ISSUE

Rotary provides service-learning opportunities designed to engage, educate, and inspire youth to become global citizens. Saturday, April 30th at the District Conference our Rotary youth will lead our future goal towards clean water globally.

## EVERYONE DOES & CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Within our Rotary District 5630 we are going to declare April as Clean Water month and encourage each club to do a project to raise funds and awareness for the need for clean water around the world.

## KATIE SPOTZ "KEEP ON ROWING" RAISING AWARENESS FOR CLEAN WATER

In April at the District Conference **Katie Spatz** will be our highlight speaker ([www.katiespotz.com](http://www.katiespotz.com)). Katie rowed across the Atlantic Ocean in 2013. She set a world record for the youngest ever solo ocean rower, one of many records to her name. Throughout her row, Katie wasn't just seeking to make history. She was also raising money for safe drinking water projects around the world. (You can find her charity, **H2O For Life**, at [www.h2oforliveschools.org](http://www.h2oforliveschools.org)). As interest grew in Katie's amazing exploits, donations came flooding in and at the moment, the total stands at over \$150,000.

Katie is continuing to raise awareness of the plight of billions around the world suffering from a lack of safe drinking water by giving talks to groups and organizations around the country. Along the way, she can't help but inspire all who come to see her speak as they realize that extraordinary achievements are within everyone's grasp. (<http://www.katiespotz.com/about/>)

