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In addition to serving as the State Representative for District 4, Matt Gaetz is an attorney with the Keefe, Anchors and Gordon law firm in Fort Walton Beach where he practices business and open government law.

The son of Vicky and Don Gaetz, Matt grew up in Okaloosa County and graduated from Niceville High School where he won the Florida state debate championship. Matt went on to Florida State University and earned his law degree from the College of William and Mary.

Matt was elected to the State House in 2010 and has been re-elected twice without opposition. In the legislature, Matt has focused on regulatory reform and public safety.

Matt has authored and passed legislation repealing thousands of regulations, and has blocked the imposition of regulations that increase costs for small businesses.

As the chairman of the Criminal Justice committee, Matt is working to protect Florida's position as a great place for gun owners and a bad place for criminals.

Matt is a member of the First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach.



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Team of experts helps Rotarians design a sustainable project in India

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary News -- 26 February 2013

A Rotarian-led team of hydrologists, engineers, geologists, and other experts traveled to the Thane district of northwest India in October to help local Rotarians and their international partners design a global grant project to bring clean water and sanitation to more than 1,800 villagers.

The team, funded by The Rotary Foundation and a grant from the Annenberg Foundation, is one of the first of its kind. It's the product of the Project Enhancement Process (PEP) pilot, which is designed to enlist the help of Rotarians with expertise in the water and sanitation area of focus so that clubs and districts can put together larger-scale, sustainable projects.

The PEP pilot runs through July and involves nine districts testing The Rotary Foundation's new grant model. The Foundation also collaborated with the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) to produce technical guides that walk Rotarians through planning an effective water and sanitation project.

“This process is an excellent approach,” says Arvind Phukan, a civil engineer and member of the Rotary Club of Tacoma, Washington, USA, who served as team leader. “Sometimes districts don't have the technical expertise or the experience to do a larger project. This approach helps them think bigger and promotes better projects that will have a more significant impact.”

After deciding to pursue a water, sanitation, and hygiene project in the Akre Gram Panchayat region of India, the Rotary Club of Thane North and its international partner, the Tacoma club, requested an evaluation team through the PEP Pilot to help them assess and plan their project. The project would benefit about 350 households in nine villages in the Supi River watershed, where villagers are trying to eke out a living growing rice.

Needs assessment

The team met with villagers to assess their needs and determined that many of the local wells ran dry during nonrainy seasons because the area's shallow, impervious rock prevents water from seeping into the ground and replenishing the wells. In addition, some of the wells were poorly designed or damaged, and systems intended to funnel groundwater were inadequate.

As a result, many of the women are forced to haul water from the Supi River or one of its tributaries. The villagers use the same water for cleaning and bathing, and also share it with their livestock, all of which introduces contaminants into the drinking water. And since there is no running water, the toilets that do exist go unused. The villagers' lack of good hygiene contributes to the spread of disease.

The team's findings were the basis for recommendations that the Thane North and Tacoma clubs will turn into a global grant application with a budget of about US\$333,000. The recommendations constitute a holistic approach to the area's needs that includes installing bore wells with submersible pumps near several of the existing wells to pump water to storage tanks, with the water flowing by gravity to the villages, where it would be treated and purified. A variety of rainwater-harvesting structures such as check dams and surface ponds would be built to replenish the groundwater.

Sustainability

A cluster of latrines would also be built in each village, along with washing basins and cattle troughs. Trenching and diesel pumps would be used for irrigation so the villagers can grow vegetables along with the rice. Adults and schoolchildren would receive instruction in hygiene and its impact on disease and health.

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

March 6	General Harris, Eglin AFB
March 6	Stuff Back Backpacks after Weekly Rotary Meeting
March 13	Mike Rojas, YMCA of the Emerald Coast
March 20	Jim Szabo, Shalimar Point CC

PAUL HARRIS MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE

Are you close to completing your Paul Harris Fellow?

The club will match up to ½ of the remaining balance for anyone with \$600 or more in their account.

Matching funds are limited and will be administered on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, please contact Jody Henderson at 585-6504 or jody.henderson@warrenaverett.com.

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Phukin notes that the process began by talking to villagers, a key step in making a project sustainable. "It all starts with the community. You must involve the community at every step of the process. You can't just hand them things."

Sustainable, large-scale projects also require a broad base of support. Phukan and team members have been helping to recruit other clubs and districts to join the Thane North and Tacoma clubs in supporting this project.

"When this is done, and it can be done in phases, it will bring lasting change to the community," Phukin notes. "The villagers' lifestyle will change for the better."

This Day in History

On this day in 1792, President George Washington signs legislation renewing the United States Post Office as a cabinet department led by the postmaster general, guaranteeing inexpensive delivery of all newspapers, stipulating the right to privacy and granting Congress the ability to expand postal service to new areas of the nation.

On this day in 1962, From Cape Canaveral, Florida, John Hershel Glenn Jr. is successfully launched into space aboard the *Friendship 7* spacecraft on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut.

On this day in 1942, Lt. Edward O'Hare takes off from the aircraft carrier *Lexington* in a raid against the Japanese position at Rabaul-and minutes later becomes America's first flying ace.

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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CPA

Arthur, Jack PHF SM
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Non-Profit Administration

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Public Utilities

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Dentistry

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Commercial Properties

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Financial Services

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Accounting/Auditing

Henley, Mitzi (4) SM
Retail Shopping Center

Hooton, Jeff (5) SM
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Real Estate-General

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CPA Retired

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Banking

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Foundation Development

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CPA

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Restaurant/Fast Food

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Personnel Staffing

Page, Brian SM
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Professional Counseling

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Pastor

Plummer, Mary PHF SM
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Paint & Body Shop

Pooley, Jan (6) PHF SM X
Department Store

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Property Management

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News Media

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Compliance Services

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Surge Suppression Systems

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Architecture

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Commercial Banking

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Past Service

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Real Estate

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Condo Management

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Retired

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Dentist

WrightReynolds, Mike (1) PHF SM
Photography

Yeiser, Jack PHF SM
Mortgage Broker

Youngblood, Russ PHF SM **
Psychologist

PHF: Paul Harris Fellows
SM: PH Sustaining Members
* FWB Club Past Presidents
** Past President Other Clubs
X FWB Rotarian of the Year

Members in purple are recognized as achieving perfect attendance as of the end of the previous year (June 30th)

Members in blue font are on a leave of absence.

Don't forget that you can make up a missed meeting at a neighboring club. They include:

Crestview: Wednesday noon, Ryan's

Destin: Tuesday 7:15 a.m. Rutherford's at Regatta Bay

DeFuniak Springs: Wednesday 12:00 p.m., McLain's Family Steakhouse

Mid-Bay: Wednesday 7 a.m., Bluewater Bay Golf Club

Navarre: Thursday noon, Tuscan Grill at Hidden Creek

Niceville: Thursday noon, OWC Bld. K

South Walton: Thursday 7:30 a.m., Embassy Suites