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## Language Teaching Programme for Government Teachers



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*Dignitaries at the Madras Rotary Club press meet.*

The Rotary Club of Madras North, in association with the English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI), is all set to offer a free intensive programme in English language teaching for 300 government school teachers. The programme comes in the wake of the revelation that the lack of English skill is the prime reason for the abysmal performance of first year engineering students of Anna University affiliates.

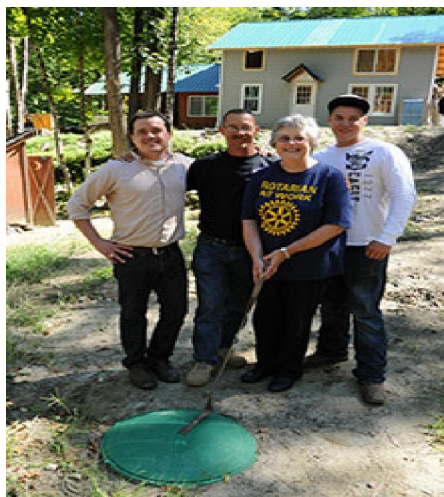
A 30-hour programme for six hours daily that includes listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and linguistic skills such as lexical items and grammar is scheduled in the month of June.

"The strategies learnt in the training will help teachers at primary and secondary levels to impart the subject's rich content through precise usage of the language — the teaching tool," said Joseph Raja, president, Rotary Club of Madras North, on Tuesday. Announcing the launch

of the programme K Elango, national secretary ELTAI, said that the programme was open not only to English teachers, but also to subject teachers who use English as the medium of instruction. "As subject teachers play a vital role in enabling learners acquire the language skills, awareness on a different teaching approach becomes imperative for producing better literates," he said.

The rotary club and ELTAI have planned to extend the programme to other places across TN in the next three months. A certificate will be issued to participants, who in turn can conduct similar programmes with the help of Rotary clubs in different cities for teachers in their regions to cascade the training.

## Recovering from Tropical Storm Irene in Vermont



*By Marilyn Bedell, Rotary Club of Lebanon-Riverside, New Hampshire, USA, and Jan McElroy, Rotary Club of Henniker, New Hampshire*

Rotary members in the New England region of the United States are providing long-term recovery from Tropical Storm Irene, with the help of Rotarians around the globe. Here's one story of the difference we are making.

Irene, a large and destructive tropical cyclone, affected much of the Caribbean and East Coast of the United States during late August 2011. In Vermont, Irene

flooded most of the state's rivers and streams and in many places stripped away the earth itself, leaving fields of stone and boulders where lush crops and gardens once stood. Hundreds of homes and businesses were destroyed and thousands badly damaged.

Many clubs were involved in the cleanup, and we received a grant from The Rotary Foundation to fund long-term recovery efforts. One of the beneficiaries was a 47-year-old U.S. veteran who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and his son, a disabled veteran from the war in Afghanistan.

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In the months before the storm, the father and son had moved to a home in Marlboro, Vermont, about two miles up a long, narrow, beautifully wooded road. Unfortunately, a beaver pond, which was holding back large volumes of water uphill, was breached during Irene, sending torrents of water down the hill behind and around their home. Half the home was washed away.

"I lived in Florida so when I heard about a hurricane in Vermont, I thought how bad could it be?" the father said. "Well, I have never seen anything like it. It was wild water coming from everywhere."

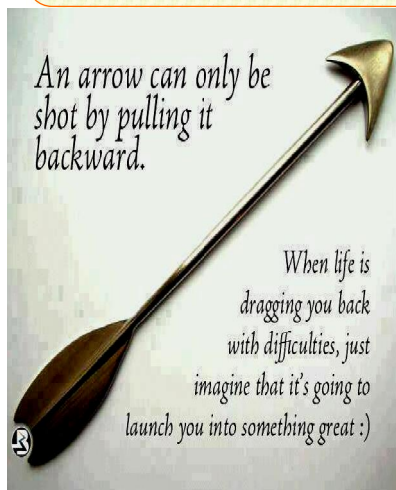
They were determined to rebuild on their land, but it was clear it was going to take more than just the work of volunteers. The section had been knocked clear off the foundation and they needed professional work to avoid further damage. Since they were rebuilding, and intended to live in the residence more than 60 days a year, the zoning board ruled they would need to add a septic system. We used a portion of our recovery grant to pay for the septic system. The rebuilt home has given these two veterans a base from which to seek stability and establish a new sense of "normal."

This is only one of many amazing stories that came out of our grant. We also helped a 40-year-old single mother rebuild on her property and a retired childcare worker replace her damaged mobile home. Our efforts would not have been possible without the generosity of Rotary members from Taiwan, South Africa, England, Canada, and the United States. The Rotary Club of Sherbrooke, Quebec, served as our international partner for the grant.

U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont had this to say. "Thousands call themselves Rotarians, giving time, money, and energy to causes across the globe. When Vermonters needed help the most, Rotarians answered the call here at home, not just neighbors helping neighbors, but Rotarians from all over the world helping Vermonters."

This is a powerful witness to how Rotary brings leaders from around the world together to make positive change.





### Minutes of Meeting

**Meeting no.1232 Dated. 30.05.14**  
President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1232 to order  
National Anthem led by Rtn. Pradeep Kr. Choudhury  
Minutes of the last meeting confirmed

### Discussions

President informed members present, his communication with Mr. Amal Chakraborty to scrutinise the feasibility of initiating USHA International Ltd. affiliated Sewing School at RCC Ashram Anandam.

President discussed on a mail received from DG and requested members for becoming "Paul Harris Society Charter Member" this year by a contribution to TRF.

President discussed on a mail received from District Thalassaemia Committee Chair, Rtn. Dr. R. Homchoudhury and requested members to propose names of volunteers from local community to attend a two days thalassaemia eradication training seminar for awareness campaigning at South Bengal, organised by District 3291, scheduled on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014.

President discussed on a mail received from DG and requested members especially new members to attend a one day RLI

orientation course to refresh and update with changes in Rotary.

President informed member present that the last date of submission, Dist. Award Reporting extended to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

President & Members present discussed primarily on the ensuing Installation 2014-15.

The schedule RWM dtd. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014 postponed to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 with COTS 2014-15.

The Joint Board Meeting of the Board 2013-14 & 2014-15 will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The last RWM of the Rotary year 2013-14 dtd. 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 postponed to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014(Sunday) followed by family fellowship & dinner.

President handed over the business to the Secretary, who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs, upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President. There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

**Members Present : 7**

**Sunshine Collected : 140**



### Upcoming District Event

- Members' Orientation Programme on **8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Rotary Sadan**
- District Quiz & Antakshari on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Rotary Sadan**
- Volunteers' Training Seminar for Thalassaemia eradication on **21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014**
- District Award Ceremony on **28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Birla Sabhaghar**

### Upcoming Club event

**COTS 2014-15 : 15<sup>th</sup> June 14**



### Rotary International awards five journalists

**KATHMANDU, May 13 :** Rotary International District 3292 (Nepal and Bhutan) has awarded five journalists with the Rotary Journo Award 2014.

The meeting of a Committee comprising the Rotary experts has decided to award Baburam Bishwakarma in the education sector, Laxman Adhikari in the health sector, Pramila Manandhar in the environment sector, Nirmal Sharma in the women and social development sector and Pradeep Chapagain in the youth and economic development sector.

Each of the awards carries a purse of Rs. 25,000. The award is established by Rotary International in collaboration with Federation of Nepali Journalists and organizations of different beats journalism since 2011/012.

To promote positive communication in the society through sharing inspiring efforts of individuals and organizations in their communities, Rotary in Nepal has initiated "Rotary Journo Award" from last two years to be given to media people working in the field of literacy, health, environment, women and community development, and new generation and economic development.

The seven member Jury Committee consists of District Governor Dilendra Raj Shrestha, Immediate Past District Governor Yogendra Man Pradhan, Spokesperson Nugal Vaidya from Rotary, President Dr. Mahendra Bista and Immediate Past President Shiva Gaunle from Federation of Nepalese Journalists, and Shree Ram Singh Basnet from Rastriya Samachar Samiti, Parashuram Kharel from Nepal Press Institute. The Award Ceremony will take place in Kathmandu on June 21, 2014.

