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Topic this evening : Speaker

Sergeant: Rick, Finesmaster: :Marlene, Grace and Loyalty Toast: Mike T,
Fellowship and Attendance: Loraine

***George Rotary, celebrating 65 years of changing lives and
improving communities***



Good news for Ghana sanitation efforts

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Rotary and USAID are creating Tippy Tap devices to encourage good hygiene in remote areas. The devices use a simple foot paddle to tip a water container so people can safely wash their hands

By Mohamed Keita, RI staff, Administrative Coordinator, Areas of Focus, Programs and Grants

In January, a new government came into office in Ghana and set a different tone in addressing access to water and public sanitation in the country. President Nana Akufo-Addo announced the creation of a Ministry for Sanitation and Water Resources. It is the first time an administration has dedicated the centrepiece of an executive cabinet agency to public sanitation.

Ghanaian Rotarians who are involved in the rollout of the [Rotary-USAID International H2O Collaboration](#), a \$4 million initiative to support lasting, positive change to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) initiatives in Ghana, have welcomed the move.

“A major challenge facing our country is access to water to our people. Indeed, ‘water for all’ is one of our slogans for our 2016 manifesto,” the president declared in the press. “We also made a slogan ‘a toilet for all’ and these are matters we take very seriously.”

Previously, WASH related issues in Ghana fell under the purview of the [Ministry of Water resources, Works and Housing](#). President Akufo-Addo said the change was necessary because of the major challenge facing the country with respect to access to water and sanitation.

Both [local](#) and [international](#) stakeholders involved in WASH activities in Ghana have applauded the creation of the **new ministry**. **“This is like being alone in a boat which is struggling to go upstream and suddenly getting another person to help with the rowing,”** Ako Adotei, chair of the Host Committee of the Rotary-USAID partnership in Ghana, **told me. The partnership, which involves 36 Rotary clubs, Global Communities, USAID’s implementing partner in** Ghana, and the government via the Community Water & Sanitation Agency (CWSA), is preparing to roll out activities to improve water and sanitation conditions in 165 rural communities.

Beyond simply building infrastructure, the Rotary-USAID partnership involves peculiar aspects that are unusual in most Rotarian projects: empowering communities in: a) financial self-sustainability to support infrastructure maintenance b) advocating with local authorities for equitable resource allocation c) developing innovation from lessons learned. To this effect, about two dozen Rotarians participated in a training workshop on advocacy in mid-January in the capital Accra.

In Ghana, the poorest communities rely on local government and outside support for funding maintenance and operations costs for sanitation infrastructure. However, funding gaps and delays at the local district assemblies prevent the resources allocated by the Ghanaian government to trickle down to the neediest communities.



Rotary joins International Week of Service

Rotary is partnering with other service organizations to inspire volunteers around the world to participate in International Week of Service, 25-31 March 2017.

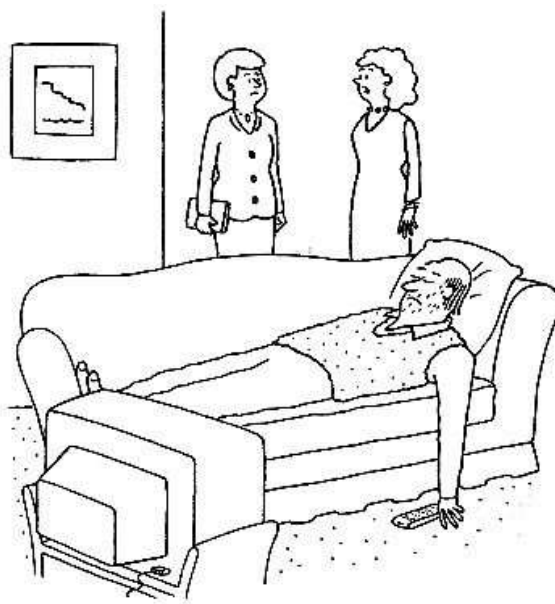
Each year, Rotary members around the world log 16 million volunteer hours on projects on an international scale and in their own back yards.

Information and resources for the event can be found at weekofservice.org.

Organizations participating in this event include: Lions Clubs International, Rotary International, Optimist International, Junior Chamber International, Kiwanis International, Moose International, Soroptimist, Y's Men International, Pilot International, and Sertoma Inc.

What are WE going to do about it???

COMMUNICATION SLOT



"I'm told that, at school, he inspires zeal and enthusiasm among his students."

CLUB NEWS

A very interesting talk by PE Simon on how to grow a Vibrant Club!
Welcome back Phillip Gibbs!!!

CLUB CALENDAR JANUARY – MARCH 2017

Duties for March

Date	07/03/2017	14/03/2017	21/03/2017	28/03/2017
Type	Speaker	Business	No meeting PH: Human Rights Day	Fellowship
Sergeant	Rick	Rick		Rick
Grace & Loyalty Toast	Mike T	Pauline		Philip
Fellowship & Attendance	Loraine	Loraine		Loraine
Fine Master	Marlene	Frances		Martin
Introduction of Speaker	tba			

MEMBER SNIPPETS

Apologies for this meeting: Frances

ROTARY UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25 Cancer Relay

April May

June Rotary Golf Day .Details TBA

Snippets of wisdom from the greats

