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Rotarians Carol Metzker of the United States, and Kathleen Boohene of Ghana, examine the vines growing on a tree at the Aburi Botanical Gardens during Metzker's Rotary Friendship Exchange to Ghana. *Photo courtesy of Carol Metzker*

Booking a trip to global peace and understanding

When Rotarians participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange, they return with more than souvenirs and laundry. They bring back lasting friendships, a global perspective, and a newfound appreciation for Rotary's work.

In July, Carol Metzker of the Rotary Club of West Chester, Pennsylvania, USA, traveled to Ghana on her first Friendship Exchange. Taking advantage of the exchange's visitor program, Metzker and her daughter spent a week touring the capital city of Accra with their hosts Kathleen Boohene, a member of the Rotary Club of Accra-South, and her husband.

Among the many sites they visited was a fishing village. "The poorest of the poor were there repairing wooden fishing boats and mending fishing nets," says Metzker. "There was a crude facility and an open sewer that served as toilets for the villagers. It was clear why Rotary's work is so vital."

A seasoned exchange participant and three-time District 7810 Rotary Friendship Exchange chair, Canadian Pam Harrison has traveled on three trips and helped organize three more. Last year, she accompanied Rotarians from her district on a two-week exchange with District 3030 in Maharashtra, India.

"I also work with clubs in our district to organize visits for incoming teams. It all takes time, but these exchanges build such goodwill and even better friendships," says Harrison, a member of the Rotary Club of Sackville, New Brunswick.

Participating in a Friendship Exchange also is an ideal way to celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day on 23 February, Rotary's anniversary. And Rotarians now have a new resource to help locate an exchange destination. The RFE Matching Board provides a forum for districts to publicize exchange opportunities in their regions. Launched in August, this Web-based publication is updated quarterly.

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Please "Make Up"

We need 100% Attendance! Local Clubs welcome you for your "Make Up" meeting:

- Tuesday Inverness 12:00 PM VanderValk (n/ k/a Lakeside Bar & Grill)
- Tuesday Sugarmill 5:00 PM Sugarmill Woods Country Club
- Wednesday Central Citrus 7:30 AM Black Diamond Clubhouse
- Wednesday Kings Bay 12:15 PM Café on the Avenue
- Thursday Homosassa 7:00 AM Luigi's Restaurant

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ARE MAKE-UPS TOO!

Birthdays

Eddie Levin 2/9



Anniversaries

Jim and Frances Shidner 2/9

Club Anniversaries

Robert Haines 2/8—2 years
Wendy Hall 2/8—2 years



SERVICE Above Self

Visitors and Visiting Rotarians

Guests:

This Week:

Tom Feeney—Ink by the Barrel
MEETING AT CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Next Week:

Rotary Day!
Rotary Calendar

- February 16—Travels with KC at Pecks (Travel photos and commentary by KC Nayfield)
- March 10, 2012—"Rotary Goes to the Races" – more information contact Diane Sharp sharpdc@hotmail.com or Rick Borgstrom governor98@hotmail.com
- April 19–23 Annual Rotary District Cruise—Royal Caribbean's Jewel of the Seas



Of the things we think, say or do

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?

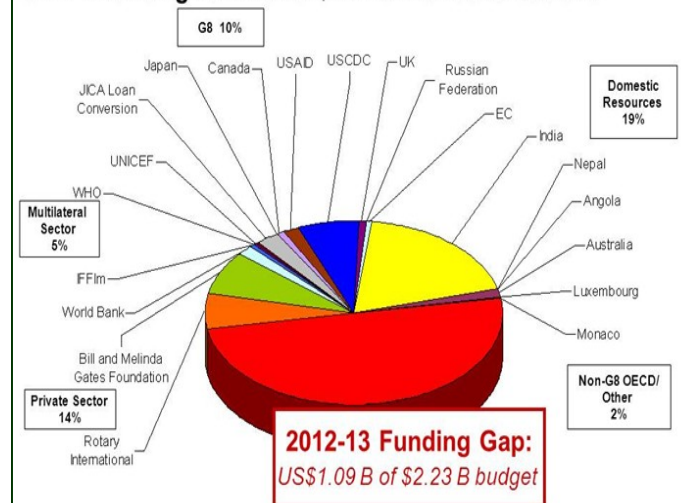
Interesting Facts.....

Financial Resource Requirements 2012-2013

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is financed by governments, private foundations, development banks, humanitarian organizations, nongovernmental organizations and corporate partners. The GPEI's Financial Resource Requirements (FRR) are updated quarterly, based on the prevailing epidemiological and financial situation. Programmatic and financial scenarios for the Polio Endgame (i.e. for 2014-2018) will be presented in an upcoming edition of the FRR.

Between 1988 and 2013, donors will have invested over US\$ 9.5 billion in polio eradication. To finally rid the world of polio, increased financial support is urgently needed from the international donor community and national governments. Insufficient funds at this stage will jeopardize the entire eradication effort. In a continuing trend, the largest funding sources are not from the international public-sector development community, but from domestic contributions (accounting for 19% of contributions) and private contributions (accounting for 14% of confirmed contributions).

GPEI Financing 2012-2013: \$1.14 billion contributions*



Other includes: the Governments of Cyprus, Finland, Italy, Monaco, Nigeria, Nepal, and Romania; and other institutions: CERF, Islamic Development Bank, Shimmyo-en.

*As of 1 February 2012