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Our meeting is on ZOOM ...  
**Join in  
today at noon!**



### Rotary International 5 Year Action Plan

The world today is not the same as it was when Rotary began in 1905. Demographics have shifted, the pace of change has accelerated, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and service. What hasn't changed is a need for the values that define Rotary: fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. With our new plan, we will honour our past and embrace our future. We can evolve and keep Rotary not only relevant but thriving.

**Priority 1 Increase Our Impact** — People of Action are effective problem-solvers. Let's seek out new ways to translate our expertise into making a difference—in our communities and across the globe. We've made measurable impact through our leadership in the effort to eradicate polio. Let's prove that our impact on the world has only just begun.

**Priority 2 Expand Our Reach** — People of Action activate and inspire one another. Let's build connections and opportunities that will allow people who share our drive to do the same.

**Priority 3 Enhance Participant Engagement** — People of Action strive to understand the needs of others. Let's recommit to putting the needs, expectations, and growth of our participants at the center of all we do.

**Priority 4 Increase Our Ability to Adapt** — People of Action are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient. Let's stay true to ourselves and stay ahead of change in our next 115 years.

Take the Rotary's "Action Plan and You" course on the Learning Center today.



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## APU students tested for COVID 19

In early March a task force of 30 nurses arrived at APU to test our students for Covid 19. Out of 533 students on campus, 272 were tested. We are thrilled to report that not a single student tested positive!



## Malawi Ends COVID-19 School Restrictions After Infections Drop



APU parents are very happy with the low infection rate at APU as compared to other boarding schools, and are showering APU administration with their appreciation for the way they have handled the situation. The parents of one of our Form 2 students were so thankful that they donated 750 bottles of hand sanitizer! I've attached a picture of the girls receiving the donation.

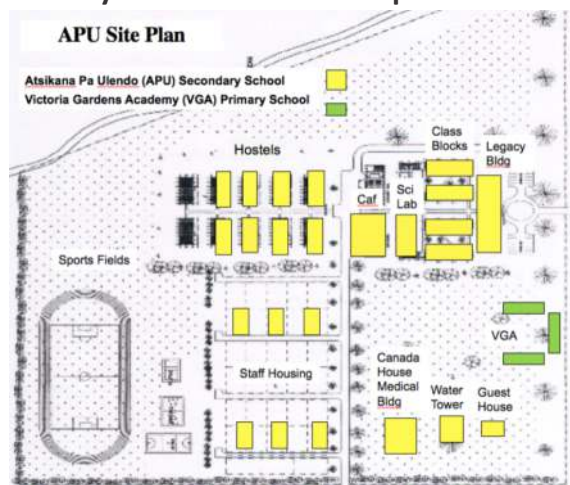
On February 22, APU, along with all other schools in Malawi, was reopened after the second country wide lockdown due to COVID 19. As most students in the country do not have access to online learning, schools have had to pick up where they left off with their students each time schools have restarted, with the result being that Form 2, 3 and 4 students (Secondary School consists of Form 1 - 4) have missed almost 7 months of school, and Form 1 students, who started their school year on Feb 22nd, have been out of school for almost an entire year.

The impact of staying at home in the village without attending school during a time when these girls are most vulnerable, was devastating for many of our girls. APU administrators and teachers alike are very worried about this cohort of Form 1 students as they truly do appear to have 'lost their way'. APU teachers have their work cut out for them this year as they try to make up for lost time.



*APU's newest cohort of Form 1 students at their first assembly on Saturday, February 20th. We look forward to watching their transformation under the wonderful guidance of Director Memory Mdyetseni and Head Teacher Steve Manda.*

## Brick By Brick Construction Update — Why our 'Finish The School' Campaign didn't actually finish the school!



In 2006, there was nothing but bush on the land that was donated for the future site of APU. Fourteen years later, 27 buildings have been constructed at a rate of about 2 buildings per year.

In 2019 we held our 'Finish the School' Fundraising Campaign, meeting our goal of \$200,000 (\$100,000 matched by our major donors, the McCallan family). This was enough to finish all of our construction. We had all the money we needed to FINISH THE SCHOOL!

Then the pandemic hit and APU was closed. Over the following 6 months, \$88,000 was spent keeping the school 'alive' during the lockdown. We needed to pay our teachers, pay our security staff, maintain the facilities, and provide online instruction, all without receiving tuition from our private students.

Now in the aftermath of the two lockdowns, APU is once again thriving. APU Malawi Education Foundation currently has \$100,000 in its

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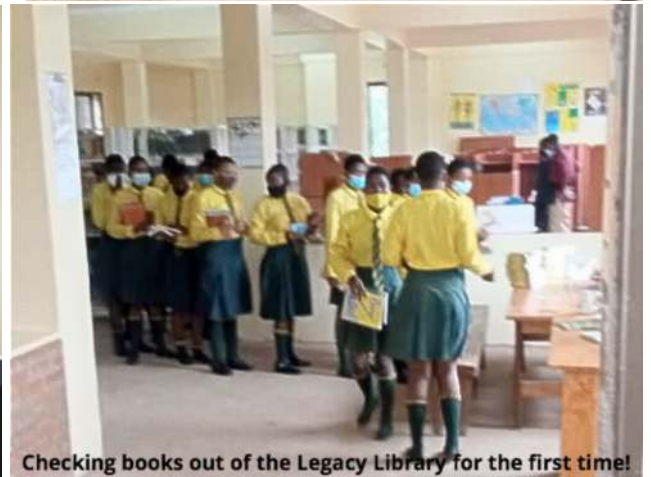
account, which will be held in trust until we are certain that the threat of the pandemic has passed. If all goes well, these funds will be used for a much needed upgrade to our science laboratories. The remainder will be put towards our two outstanding projects: our final Staff Duplex and Class Block #4 for the Primary School.

## It's Moving Day At APU ... for the books and computers that is!

After nearly 7 years of planning, fundraising and construction, APU's main building, the Legacy Building, is finally ready to be fully occupied. Although the office and meeting rooms have been in use for nearly 2 years, we are finally shifting the library and computers from the class spaces that they have been occupying, to their permanent location in the Legacy Building. APU now has library and computer spaces to be proud of! To this point, our library, computer lab, and teachers' workroom have taken up badly needed classroom space, resulting in tightly packed classrooms, and science labs being used as lecture spaces. With the move of these facilities into the Legacy Building, all 12 classrooms can now be fully utilized. This marks the completion of APU's academic facilities build out plan, embarked upon in 2007.



*The computer lab is located upstairs at the back of the Legacy Building overlooking the rest of the school.*



**Checking books out of the Legacy Library for the first time!**

*The new library, which is also located in the top right wing of the Legacy Building. Now we have more than enough room for all of the amazing books that we hope will someday line these shelves!*



**Ken's Baobab Tree**

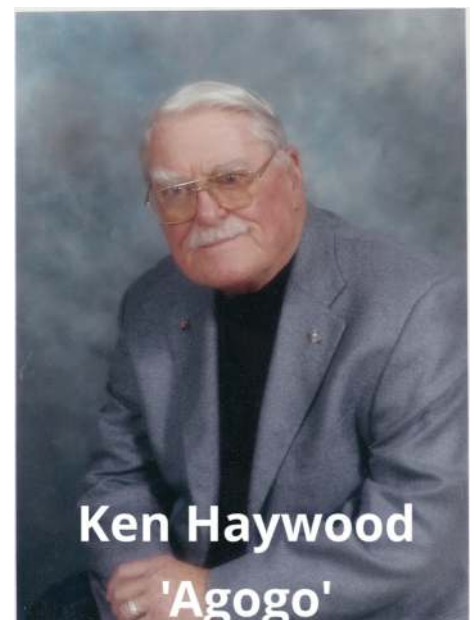
APU lost one of our greatest champions, Ken Haywood, nearly 10 years ago. But the baobab tree planted in front of our Legacy Building in his memory is now 10 years old and still growing.

Ken Haywood was named 'Agogo', the word for grandfather in Chichewa. His donations during the first four years of the project resulted in the construction of four of our first buildings, and allowed us to meet our initial goals of three buildings per year. These buildings ensured that each year APU was able to bring in a new cohort of students for four years in a row. This was a significant achievement that gave us the strong foundation we needed to become one of the top schools in the country.

The baobab (BOUGH-bob) tree is known for its size and spiritual significance. Dead relatives are buried at the base of these trees, where it is believed that the baobabs become imbued with their souls.

Thank you AGOGO. You have not been forgotten.

*APU Founders Memory and Christie*



**Ken Haywood  
'Agogo'**



## Maternal and Child Health Month

- April 6th ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!  
Guest Speaker: Veronica Lawrence, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter
- April 20th ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!  
Speaker: Francis Akinnouye — Youth Issues
- April 29th Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm  
Guest Speaker: Heather Andrews — How to Write Your Own Book

## Youth Service Month

- May 1st DisCon 2021 on-line — Mark your calendar and plan on joining in!
- May 4th ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!  
Guest Speaker: Kevin McInnis — Youth Services and the Teen Challenge Program
- May 18th ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!  
Directors' updates and new RI President video
- May 27th Dixon's Evening Networking Meeting — via ZOOM @ 7pm  
Guest Speaker: Brad Field, Calgary Mayoral candidate

## Rotary Fellowships Month

- June 1st ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!  
Guest Speaker: Randy MacDonald, Regional Manager, Donor Ministries — Samaritan's Purse
- June 12th - 16th 2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention — details coming soon!
- June 15th ZOOM meeting @ noon ... be sure to join in!  
Guest Speaker: Kirby England — Beavers in Fish Creek Park



## You May Want to Know!

*Jim Thompson, Past President 81/82, Club Historian*

THE FOUR WAY TEST of Rotary is to me, the most significant statement of this service club and directs the character expectations of its members. I keep the plaque on my home office desk, where I observe it daily and quote it often ... not always all four statements, but at least the one or two most appropriate to the circumstance.

Many years ago we had a member who had a unpleasant and costly business experience with a Rotarian(s) in another club in Calgary. He explained to our Board that he wanted our club to stand up for him in the apparent business deal gone bad to help him recover his loss. We did not get into the details with him from his perspective, nor did we feel we should. He quoted the 3rd point of the Four Way Test, we explained that it could be applied to both sides, and that is dispute might be better addressed through a legal solution than through a service club. He did not accept our decision, expressed that we were not acting in his best interest as a member, under the Four Way Test statement, and he promptly resigned from the club. He had been



a good member, his expectations were too much for any volunteer based service club to grasp. We did suggest that perhaps he should ask his former business associates if they too adhere to the Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do. We never heard further from him.

The death of member Dr David Chevalier while on a holiday in Mexico of apparent drowning, could have also been a challenge for the Four Way Test, when I received a letter, on behalf of the club, from a person on the holiday with David, suggesting he was murdered and suggesting that we as a club should be pursuing this theory to determine the truth. YIKES! I could only suggest that should have been determined many years ago by authorities in Mexico, and had nothing to do with his membership in a volunteer service club. No Four Way Test here for us as members, just bizarre. I did suggest she take it up with the RCMP here and the Mexican authorities, if she witnessed the event. No more response.

Our Four Way Test is a sound and reasonable guide for us as members, not a binding sworn-to uphold document to somehow control behaviour. Follow it and you will feel better in what you "think, say or do". It would be good if our political and business leaders, at all levels, could do the same.

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### Paint Roller

In 1940, Norman Breakey of Toronto, Ontario, created a simple roller that made painting faster than ever before. He slid a cylinder of absorbent material onto a handle, dipped the cylinder in paint, and smoothed colour onto walls in record time. Breakey could never produce enough rollers to make much money, and he didn't have the cash to patent his invention. Other people took his idea, made a few changes, and patented the paint roller as their own. The roller was an almost instant success, not only because it was easy and efficient, but because the Second World War caused a shortage of paintbrushes in North America. Soon, painters across Canada and the United States were using paint rollers, but Breakey died without ever receiving a penny for his idea.

