

# ROTARY IN AFRICA



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## How Well Are You Doing on my August Membership Challenge?

In my August message, I challenged each and every Rotarian on the African Continent to respond to the RI Membership Development month by initiating the process of bringing into clubs at least one member.

On my part, I am pleased to report that I succeeded in enticing back into Rotary an old Rotarian who had fallen by the wayside, owing to a variety of reasons. I had refused to accept that such a dedicated and outstanding Rotarian could simply fall out of Rotary just like that.

So my success story here is that this friend of mine has started the process of re-joining Rotary after an absence of over 5 years.

In addition, I have identified three other new prospects.

I would like to find out how

the rest of you have responded to my August membership challenge.

Quite indisputably, the most devastating development to African Rotarians this month has been the unavoidable decision by Rotary International to cancel the Zone 20A Institute, which was scheduled to take place next month in Accra, Ghana.

Faced with the spectre of the life threatening Ebola epidemic, the Ghanaian Government had no choice but to invoke strict measures to avoid loss of lives. The measures included a three-month ban on all international conferences, in Ghana. I have no doubt that all of us, from Director Safak; Co-Convenor Sam Okudzeto, Institute Chair, Adetoi

## Chairman's Message

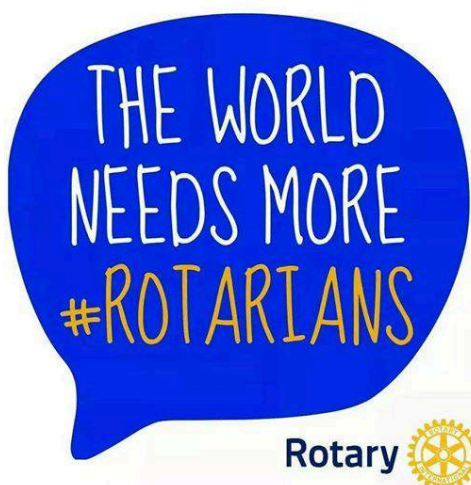


**Patrick D. Chisanga**

ROTA Chair 2014/15

Brown, and all the Rotarians of Ghana who had been working tirelessly for months to prepare for a memorable Institute, are currently quite disappointed and heartbroken at this turn of events.

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## Mark You Calendar:

- ✓ RI Zone20B Institute, Marrakesh, Morocco: 11-16 November 2014 - <http://rotarymarrakechinstitute2014.ma>
- ✓ ROTA Meeting, Marrakesh, Morocco: November 17-18 2014
- ✓ 2015 RI Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil – 6-9 June, 2015



## Editor's Note



**PDG Geeta Manek**

ROTA Newsletter Editor  
2014/15

## Friends, September is New Generations Month

My Fellow Rotarians and friends, September is here. It's also New Generations month. A month when as Rotarians, we deliberately focus more of our efforts on initiatives that support Rotaractors and Interactors. I hope you can share some of your great stories on some of your initiatives and projects for our youth. I will be sure to post these in our October issue.

Friends, going forward we really want to ensure all Rotarians in all nine regions feel represented. Please send us your amazing stories that reflect your diverse cultures and unique Rotary stories. We do want to represent every corner of Africa.

I'd like to remind you of our guideline for article

submissions. If you wish to submit an article, ensure its is strictly 200 to 400 words and is accompanied by a high quality image/ picture.

If you're not featured immediately, it may be that your article came in after our deadline and our editorial was complete. Don't worry we will save it for a future issue.

**NB:** Articles should be sent to [Geeta@maneknet.com](mailto:Geeta@maneknet.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Once again friends, enjoy!

**PS:** Our [www.Reachouttoafrika.org](http://www.Reachouttoafrika.org) website is now online, where you can peruse or download past ROTA 2014/15 newsletters!! We hope to include more French and Portuguese content in future issues.

## RI CONVENTION UPDATE: Make a note of change of dates of 2015 São Paulo Conference



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The silver lining in this whole tragedy however, is that the Board of RI has in consequence, taken a decision to combine the Zone 20A Institute with the Zone 20B Institute to be convened in the city of Marrakesh, in Morocco in November. Marrakesh is a magical city, which many have only heard about in movies, such as the Marrakesh Express. Here is your opportunity to visit and experience Marrakesh!

**The next ROTA Meeting will take place in Marakesh in November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Institute.**

Our Meeting in Marakesh will essentially focus on finalising our African Strategic Plans for the period 2014 – 2017, for each of the 9 Regions on the Continent. These Regional Strategic Plans, after being presented, discussed and approved, will form the basis

of our Plan of Action, for the three years through to 30th June 2017.

Let me close by appealing to all the 9 Regional Chairs of ROTA to ensure that your comprehensive Strategic Plans, embracing Projects, Membership growth, Foundation Contributions etc., are ready and sent to me and Secretary Lawrence at your earliest. We are already running behind schedule.

I remain your partner in lighting up Rotary in Africa...

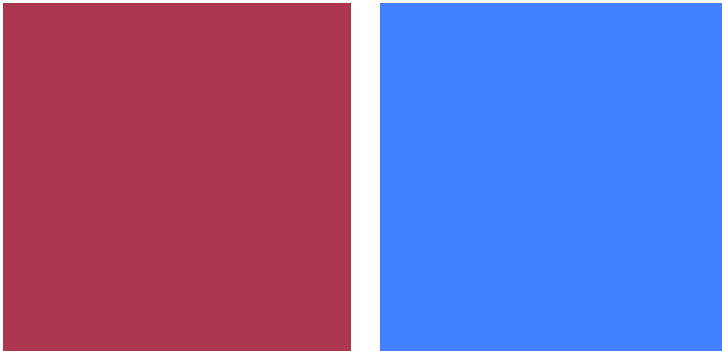
Patrick D. Chisanga,  
**ROTA Chair 2014/15**

## **MARRAKESH INSTITUTE: Have You Registered?**

**DATES: 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Marrakesh, Morocco.**



<http://rotarymarrakechinstitute2014.ma>



**Safak Alpay**

RI Director 2014-16,  
Convenor, Zone 20A & Zone  
20B GETS & Institutes

## + Accra Institute cancelled!!!

# Plans underway to expand size and scope of Zone 20B GETS

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

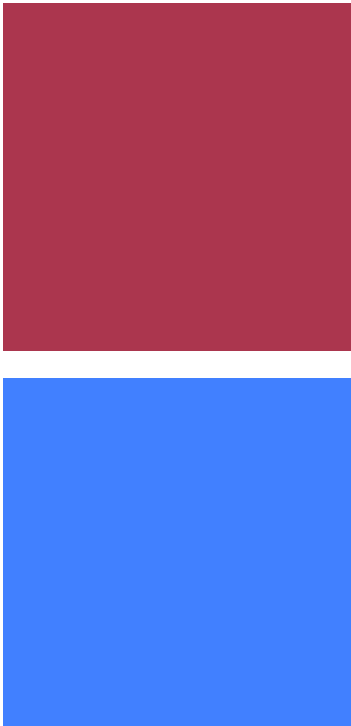
As Convenor of the Rotary Zone 20A GETS & Institute scheduled for Accra, Ghana, it is my duty to inform you that this series of meetings is now **cancelled**. The decision to take this action was painful, but in the end, was absolutely necessary.

It so happens that on 13 August 2014, the Government of Ghana declared a three-month moratorium "on all international conferences and international gatherings, which have the potential of spreading the Ebola Virus." This, in effect, prevents our meetings from taking place in Ghana until at least mid-November.

RI President Gary Huang and General Secretary John Hewko were consulted and confirmed their agreement with the decision to cancel and the proposed alternative measures.

I would like to express my thanks and pay tribute to everyone who was involved in helping to organize the Accra GETS/Institute, especially the Host Organizing Committee. Although they are disappointed not to be seeing their hard work come to fruition, they fully respect the decision of the Ghanaian Government. Apart from the direct health and safety concerns, the organizers would have been embarrassed by the

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## On the youth:

# We Need To Get It right With The Next Generation

There are basically four Rotary programs targeted at the youths:

1. Rotaract
2. Interact
3. RYLA and
4. Youth Exchange

Just to remind us that Rotaract and Interact are considered Rotary's best kept secret.

Although the first two programs are designed for young adults and teenagers, the Rotary rule stipulates that Rotaract and Interact should be independent and self-financing (This rule does not apply to training programs which might be borne by the sponsoring Rotary clubs).

Rotaract is supposed to be like a pool from where future Rotarians will be drawn from.

**The pertinent question is 'why are so many Rotaractors not migrating to Rotary'?**

By definition, Rotaract is a fun, social and service club while Rotary is strictly defined as a service club. Our Rotaractors overplay the fun and social aspect of it at the detriment of service. Most Rotaract clubs in Africa does not embark on service projects.

Consequently, migrating from Rotaract to Rotary is like an odyssey from one end of the world to the other.

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**PDG Lawrence Okwor**

ROTA Secretary 2014/15

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They perceive Rotary as being too serious for their liking. I must stoop to warn that the prevailing scenario is typical with our environment and not a global phenomenon. We should strive to inculcate the spirit of service on our Rotaractors and capture them while still young. That way most of them will comfortably migrate to Rotary, which will be more familiar terrain. In so doing, our best-kept secret will be productive at the end of the day.

The average Rotarian should be a role model to the average Rotaractor and Interactor. Our conducts and carriage should satisfactorily answer the 4-way Test questions. We are all reminded that our followers will do as we do and not necessarily what we preach.

**PDG Lawrence Okwor**

**Chair, Region 4 and ROTA  
Secretary, 2014/15**



The game plan has changed

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stringent screening procedures to which visiting delegates would have been subjected, on entry to and departure from Ghana.

As alternative measures, plans are underway to expand the size and scope of the Zone 20B GETS and Institute in **Marrakech, Morocco**; thus opening it to participants for all of Zone 20. If you have already made arrangements to attend the Accra GETS/Institute, I urge you to change your plans so as to attend the corresponding meetings in Marrakech from 11 – 16 November. (The link to this website is at the end this message.)

While regretting the inconvenience caused to everyone concerned, I trust you will agree that this decision has been made with the best

intentions in mind. I hope to be seeing you in Marrakech instead.

Yours sincerely,

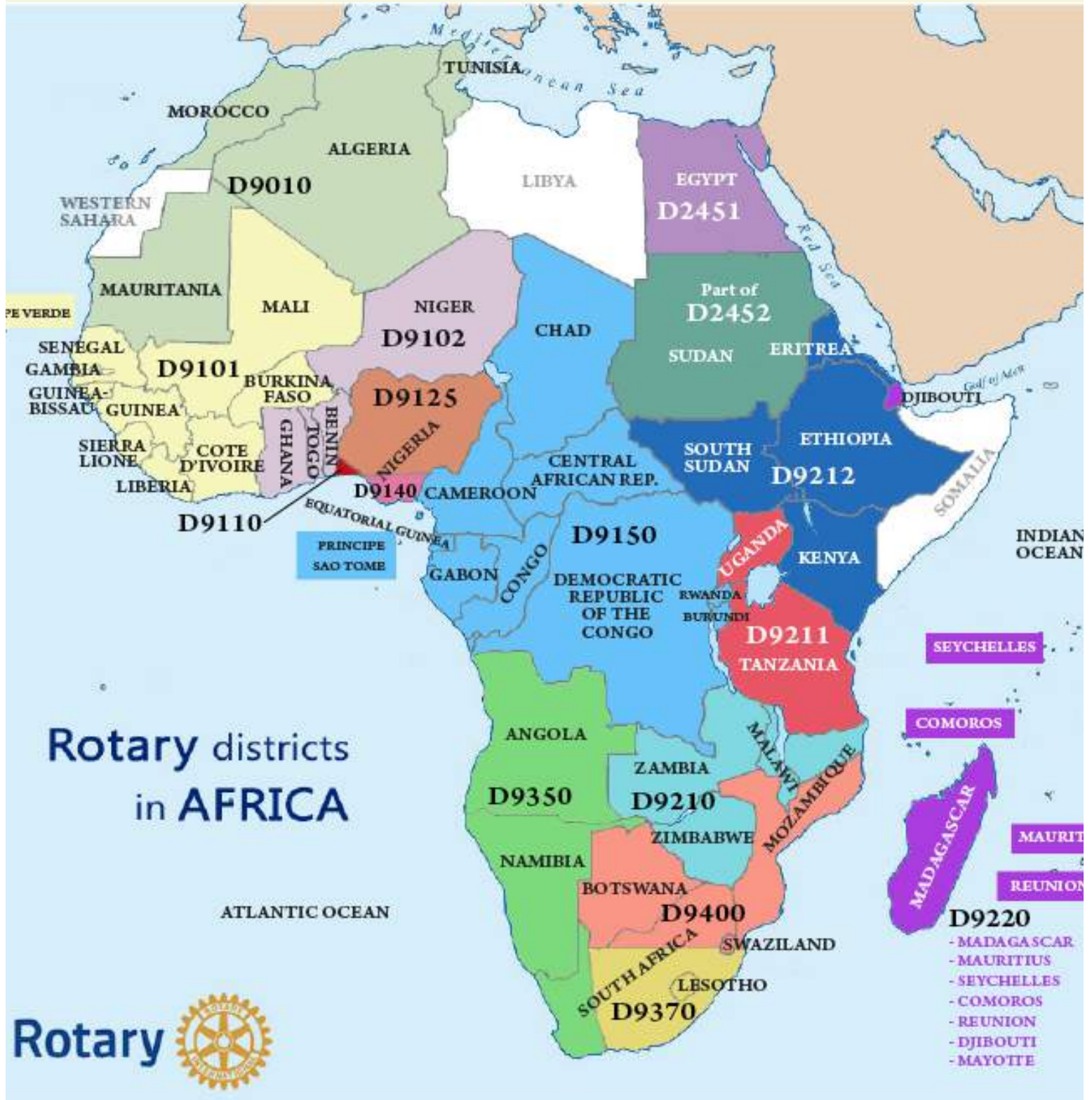
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**Visit:**

**<http://rotarymarrakechinstitute2014.ma>  
TODAY, to register for the Marrakech  
Institute.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rotarians in Africa are spread across 15 districts in 9 regions, comprising 55 countries.







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India 2012-15

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**Celebrate  
diversity**

## From Where I Am

**It is not our differences that divide us, but our inability to celebrate those differences.**

Have you ever considered how fortunate we are to be part of the organization called Rotary, where we can freely interact with people of different cultures, religions, races, opinions, and lifestyles? World Peace is our ultimate goal. However, we view the others with fear and suspicion, building up a prejudicial and competitive attitude on our part. When we think of all the differences we have whether they are local, regional, or global they are often over the management or the distribution of resources. If these resources are very valuable and scarce and if these resources get depleted, then there is bound to be competition.

Generally, we prefer to be around people who think or act like us or who are to our liking or who could favour us in one form or the other.

But if we find them different from us or from our expectations we try to prejudge them and develop certain stereotypical opinions about them. These prejudice can often lead to unjustified emotional and physical injuries to them.

The principle "survival of the fittest" makes competition the yardstick for thriving in the world. There is too much that is competitive about our attitude that causes us to always view certain qualities as "better than" or less than" in relation to others. Consequently we develop an attitude of antagonism towards them.

Audre Lorde reminds us, "In our work and in our living, we must recognize that difference is a reason for celebration and growth rather than a reason for destruction." Rotary would be a better Organization to

## Celebrate diversity... continued

work in if we could but stand for and work in solidarity , friendship , interdependence , and complimentarily. Instead of spending time focusing on where we differ and what we disagree about, we need to focus on the positives.

We can consciously seek and define strategies to celebrate our differences by acknowledging, respecting and appreciating the others. When you have a difference, it means there are truths that are to be addressed on each side of the difference. And when

you have a difference, then it is an educational process to try to resolve the difference. And to resolve that you should get people on both sides of the difference involved, so that they can have free dialogue.

When God has created us unique, why should we not celebrate the differences? After all, it is our differences that actually enrich and contribute towards our uniqueness.

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## Célébrer la diversité

## D'où Je

**Ce ne sont pas nos différences qui nous séparent, mais notre incapacité à célébrer ces différences.**

Réalisez-vous combien nous sommes chanceux de faire partie d'une organisation telle que le Rotary , où nous pouvons librement interagir avec des gens de différentes cultures, religions, races, opinions et modes de vie?

La paix dans le monde est notre objectif ultime. Cependant, nous regardons les autres avec peur et suspicion, adoptant par là même une attitude préjudiciable et de compétition.

Quand on pense à toutes les différences qui nous séparent, qu'elles soient locales, régionales ou mondiales, elles apparaissent souvent au niveau de la gestion ou de la répartition des ressources. Si ces ressources sont très précieuses, rares et limitées, alors il y a risque de compétition.

En général, nous préférons être entouré des gens qui pensent ou agissent comme nous, qui sont à notre goût ou qui pourraient nous préférer à d'autres, d'une manière ou d'une autre.

## Célébrer la diversité... continué

Mais lorsque nous les trouvons différents de nous ou loin de nos attentes, nous préjugeons et développons certaines opinions stéréotypées à leur égard. Ces préjugés peuvent blesser, de manière émotionnelle ou physique, sans aucune justification pour eux.

Le principe de « survie du plus apte » fait de la compétition, le critère pour prospérer. Notre attitude ultra-compétitive nous amène à toujours considérer certaines qualités comme "mieux que" ou "moins bien que" en comparaison aux autres. Par conséquent, nous

développons une forme d'opposition vis à vis d'eux

Audre Lorde nous dit : « Dans notre travail et dans notre vie, nous devons reconnaître que la différence est une

ravaille dans la solidarité, l'amitié, l'interdépendance et la complémentarité. Au lieu de passer notre temps en nous concentrant sur nos différences et nos désaccords, nous devons nous concentrer sur les aspects positifs.

Nous pouvons consciemment rechercher et élaborer des stratégies pour célébrer nos différences en reconnaissant, en respectant, et en appréciant les autres. Lorsque vous êtes

différent, cela signifie qu'il y a des réalités qui doivent être reconnues de part et d'autre. Et quand vous êtes différents, alors un processus éducatif se met en place pour tenter de réduire la différence. Et pour ce faire, vous devez inciter les deux parties à un dialogue libre.

Dès lors que Dieu nous a créé unique, pourquoi ne pas célébrer nos différences ? Après tout, ce sont nos différences qui nous enrichissent réellement et contribuent à nous rendre si uniques.

Cordialement,



## Comemore a Diversidade

## De Onde Estou

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**Não são as nossas diferenças que nos dividem, mas sim a nossa incapacidade de celebrar essas diferenças.**

Alguma vez você já pensou em como somos felizes por fazer parte da organização chamada Rotary onde podemos interagir livremente com pessoas de diferentes culturas, religiões, raças, opiniões e estilos de vida?

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## Comemore a Diversidade ... continue

Paz Mundial é o nosso objetivo final. No entanto, vê-los com medo e suspeita, a criação de uma atitude prejudicial e competitivo da nossa parte. Quando pensamos em todas as diferenças que temos sejam elas locais, regionais ou globais são muitas vezes sobre a gestão ou a distribuição de recursos. Se esses recursos são muito valiosos e escassos e se esses recursos se esgotam, então talvez seja obrigado a ter concorrência. Geralmente, nós preferimos estar em torno de pessoas que pensam ou agem como nós ou que são do nosso agrado ou que poderia-nos favorecer, de uma forma ou de outra. Mas, se os encontramos diferentes de nós ou das nossas expectativas, tentamos os antecipar e desenvolver certas opiniões estereotipadas sobre eles. Estes prejulgamentos muitas vezes podem levar a lesões físicas e emocionais injustificadas para eles.

A "sobrevivência do mais apto" em princípio torna a competição como o critério para prosperar no mundo. Há muito que é competitivo sobre a nossa atitude que nos faz vê-los sempre certas qualidades como "melhor do que" ou "menos do que" em relação aos outros. Consequentemente desenvolvemos uma atitude de antagonismo em relação a eles.

Audre Lorde lembra-nos: "No nosso trabalho e na nossa vida, devemos reconhecer que essa diferença é um motivo de comemoração e de crescimento, em vez de uma razão para a

destruição." Rotary seria uma melhor organização para trabalhar se nos pudessemos unir e trabalhar com solidariedade, amizade, interdependência e complementaridade. Em vez organização para trabalhar se nos pudessemos unir e trabalhar com solidariedade, amizade, interdependência e complementaridade. Em vez de gastar tempo focando em que somos diferentes e que estamos em desacordo, seria melhor para todos simplesmente concentrar nos positivos.

Podemos conscientemente procurar e definir estratégias para celebrar as nossas diferenças, reconhecendo, respeitando e valorizando os outros. Quando você tem uma diferença, isso significa que há verdades que se devem abordar em cada lado da diferença. E quando você tem uma diferença, então é um processo educativo para tentar resolver a diferença. E para resolver isso, você deve levar as pessoas de ambos os lados da diferença e envolvê-los para que eles possam ter um diálogo livre.

Quando Deus nos criou a todos únicos, por que não celebrar as diferenças? Afinal de contas, é as nossas diferenças que realmente enriquecem e contribuem para a nossa singularidade.

## PROJECT FOCUS: "TIPA" – Desert Irrigation System (Part of Furrows in the Desert (FID) Project) (Addendum to GG 1410534 Proposal)

During my service as RI Director, I spend a week in Turkana to investigate the TIPA project for the benefit of the people in this beautiful and most interesting part of the world. The needs are enormous. Turkana County is seven hours drive from the nearest city in the northern part of the country and is still unknown to many people in Kenya and abroad.

### Background

Turkana is an arid desert region. African agriculture is mostly a rain fed system producing staple crops during a short period of the year. Low soil fertility, water shortage and alkalinity, combined with frequent droughts, result in very low yields. Revenues from rainfall staples remain low, whilst past agricultural development projects in the region have failed. The result is poverty and food insecurity.

Further, irrigated vegetables are a means for



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poverty alleviation. Introduction of small-scale irrigated vegetables, based on the desert agricultural experience of Israeli experts, can therefore bring relief to poverty within a very short period of time. However, traditional methods of vegetables production are labor intensive and inefficient resulting in low profitability. Traditional vegetable gardens usually operate during the cool dry months of the year.

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**Rtn PP GW Ssozi (PHF)**

## Education & WASH Stories:

### St. Konrad – Donation of scientific material

One Wednesday, PAG John Sekaggya and myself, travelled to Kabale to deliver some science materials, donated by a friend of mine in the UK. It was an occasion to return to St. Konrad Integrated Vocational School at Ntabana, Buhara Sub-County in Kabala District. This the school founded by our own Rtn Fr Pastor Mpora, who was abroad defending his classification. (Plans are in the offing for our club to do a WASH project to benefit two schools and the community around.)

While at the school, PAG John took time to talk to the students and teachers about Rotary, with a hope of interesting them into forming an Interact club.

## Finally, Water to reach Bukomansibi town (GG1411347)

Students from the Richard Landar School (RLS), UK, were in Bukomansibi, Uganda, actively involved in four VIP toilets construction. RSL contributed greatly to the funding of this project.

So far, the trenching for piped water is underway. The government now too, under the Ministry of Water & Environment, has intervened to jointly provide the water to the town council following Rotary's initial project support. This partnership is between Rotary and the government will go a long way to alleviate community problems and needs if promoted.

To date, the government has injected UGX 1.5 billion (\$600,000) as a result of our catalytic WASH project. Indeed, such partnerships are truly appreciated, as they add value to our initial efforts. We should therefore, strive to solicit more similar partnerships, as we endeavor to LIGHT UP Rotary.





# Adventure into citizenship (CT)

For over 60 years, the Rotary Club of Cape Town has been running "Adventure into Citizenship", which gives students of grades 10-12 an opportunity to come to Cape Town and see how the main/influential government bodies function. Sponsored by Rotary clubs from all over District 9350, this creates a blend of character, challenging students to think out of the box and network, while making long lasting friendships. The weeklong program consists of several activities:

1. Visit to High Court Parliament
2. University of Cape Town
3. University of Western Cape
4. Environmental program on "preserving and keeping the Beaches and water sources clean". City of Cape Town Environmental office will conduct this tour in Sea Point.
5. Science Centre in Observatory. This is an opportunity for students to explore the fun side of science

6. Chris Barnard Museum. A detailed tour of the museum where the world's first heart transplant was performed is a moment treasured by the students and hopefully they get inspired to greater career heights in the future.
7. Lunch by the City of Cape Town
8. Visit to Coca Cola plant to see how a multinational works and challenges workers face
9. Barnedance and Bowling session organized by the Rotaract clubs of Claremont and Wynberg respectively. The engagement showcases the chain of continuity in Rotary where youths move from Interact through Rotaract to Rotary.

The program is a success thanks to different Rotary clubs that contribute by sponsoring students, who have matured into great citizens, and who benefit their communities.

**To learn more/ contribute to this program contact: Ssuna Oscar-  
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### The Solution

The best solution is a low pressure drips irrigation system, with major advantages such as: TIPAs will produce vegetables around the year; Water saving and efficient use; Labor saving; Operational simplicity; High yields and high product quality. This will require clean water, if not drips will become clogged.

### The Cluster system

Water is provided from single source, but producers have individual control over management, water and fertilizer in their plots

### The Project

Our objective is to cover **180 family plots, which are to be established during the program.**

- Every Rotary District that takes part in the project adopts 20 families' plots of 500 square meters. One for every Club.
- The project includes water equipment, seeds, fertilizers, tools, etc.
- One agricultural family plot in the framework of "TIPA" (At the cost of \$1,200 per plot in the first year, and \$525 for agricultural Inputs per plot for the second and third year.
- Support from clubs (Including TRF

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Grant for 1 plot in 3 years is  $\$1,200 + \$525 + \$525 = \$2,250$  for the 3 years program. (Every Club will contribute respectively  $800\$ + 350\$ + 350\$ = 1,500\$$ ).

- Support will be multiplied many folds by Rotary clubs around the world with the request to support according to similar lines.
- Districts will be able to donate a sum that will be including to the grant by DDF.
- The Rotary Foundation will pay to the project account three yearly payments.
- The total cost of 180 plots in 3 years will be 405,000 \$ including TRF grants.

The potential locations for the project will be:

1. **Turkana lake area:** unlimited water quantity – can host 60 farmers and another center of 42 farmers
2. **Natoo rock dam:** 600 million of liters – can host 40 farmers
3. **Lockitaung rock dam:** 200 million of liters – can host 30 farmers
4. **Nariokotome earthpan:** 5 million of liters- can host 3 farmers
5. **Kokuro earthpan:** 2 million of liters – can host 2 farmers
6. **Lobur earth pan:** 4 million of liters – can host 3 farmers

Having crossed most of the obstacles we had met on our way, we are now full of adrenaline (and lots of good will!!!) to take this thrilling project a last step forward, and bring it to actual life. To do this, we still need kind and modest donations, which as specified consist of three consecutive amounts, to be forwarded in three consecutive years, i.e.:



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- USD 800 in the first year
- USD 350 in the 2nd year
- USD 350 in the 3rd year

Our plan is to collect 180 such donations, to be complemented at 50% by TRF, thus reaching the necessary amount of USD 405,000 as budgeted for the project's initial three years.

**I hope that you will definitely understand the importance of every single donation. I therefore take the liberty of urging you not only to take part in the project, but to also do it with no delay. Time is going by fast, and the people we wish to help are in no position to wait.**

**THEY NEED US NOW!!! Let us: LIGHT UP ROTARY**

**For more information on this project email: [peiper@bezeqint.net](mailto:peiper@bezeqint.net)**

### Operating Organizations

The project will be done with the help of the following organizations:

- ❖ Brit Olam" stated in Tel Aviv, Israel.
- ❖ Arava center for sustainable development.
- ❖ Missionary Community of St. Paul stated at the Diocese of Lodwar, Kenya.
- ❖ TRF submitted by District 2490 Israel, and the Muthaiga Rotary Club District 9212, Kenya. (NB: 120 Rotary districts have partnered to make this possible)

*Each partner organization is contributing its part in the construction of training and demonstration farm manned by Israeli farm manager and Israeli volunteers assisting by the infrastructure and staff of the MCSPA.*

# Kampala Ssesse Rotarians reach 2,000 rural communities



**Rtn Agnes Biribonwa**

Long queues of patients – mothers and children, men, young and old -- flocked the medical camps set up by the Rotary Club of Kampala Ssesse Islands at Kibaale on June 7<sup>th</sup> and at Bukatira on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At Kibaale, 1350 people were treated and at Bukatira, another 750.

The two one-day medical camps were organized in partnership with Infectious Diseases Institute, PACE Uganda, and AIDS Information Center. A number of Rotaractors from Kampala Ssesse Islands also participated. Both medical camps cost close to 10,000 US Dollars, from club contributions.

An array of medical services were offered ranging from dental, HIV testing and treatment, cervical cancer screening, male circumcision and general medical consultation and treatment of various common ailments.

Nakimbugwe Sarah was very happy that her three-year-old son, who has gastric problems, was finally seen by a doctor and given medicine. *“Last time we went to Nakaseke hospital, which is quite some distance away, they had no medicine. We were referred to Mulago, but we couldn’t afford transport to get there.”* She said.

A team of about 100 medical service providers, Rotarians and Rotaractors offered a range of services. In thanking them for being true to the Rotary spirit of ‘Service above Self,’ Rotarian Henry Musisi, the Club President said, *“This is a true example of what Rotary is all about. We have to continue with this spirit. When we return, we will treat even more people than we have managed to date.”*

Both medical camps ended with fellowship dinners hosted by Rotarians from the locality, PP Peter Balimunsi in Kibaale and PHF Lubwama in Bukatira.



## Abuja Rotarians Donate Medical Equipment

By Rtn Ronald Mutum

**In a humanitarian gesture, the Rotary Club of Abuja Metro has donated health care equipment worth over 8 million naira to four hospitals in Abuja.**

The President of the Rotary Club of Abuja Metro, Dr Abiodun Olusesi, who presented the equipment to representatives from the hospitals, said the donation is in collaboration with Rotary Club of Toledo USA and a not for profit organization MESA.

According to Dr. Olusesi, Rotary club is a volunteer charity organization, which targets maternal and health care sectors among others. He noted that the hospitals selected were by districts, which include; district hospital Abaji, district hospital Kubwa, district hospital Bwari and district hospital Kuje. According to him, the equipment given to these hospitals: “basically can be divided to hospital hardware; hospital beds, bedside tables, drip stands, infusion pumps. There are also mobility devices like wheelchairs, cloches and lots of splints.”

Dr Olusesi added that, “we have hospital consumables; we have catheters, syringes, needles, gloves, surgical sponge, disposable gowns, drips, so many things.” He noted too that “it is a continuous project; we hope that in the next phase we would expand in the number of hospitals that are beneficiaries.”

Also speaking to Daily Trust, Dr Tarbunde Egbi, the Medical Director Kuje general hospital thanked the Rotary Club for the gifts, saying, “we have this outbreak of diarrhea and things like the under lace pampers for adults, disposable bed pans are very useful.” She added that, “the gluco



-meter pack, used to check a patients' blood sugar is also valuable; in all, these are very good gifts to the indigeneous of Kuje. These will also enable us not too charge them for some things when they come to the hospitals for treatments.”

Speaking, Mr. John Rumson an administrator at the Bwari general hospital said: “we are very happy to be receiving these equipment from the Rotary Club, like the pampers for adults, insulin is very important to us because we have a lot of diabetic patients who we administer to the drugs and who also can administer it personally for themselves.” He added: “there is also a lot of equipment given to us for the theatre, which if we apply for as a general hospital usually takes time to be delivered to us.”



# A JIGGER FREE NATION – Taking the jigger challenge head-on

By Rtn President Ngugi Muchane

The Rotary club of Kikuyu once again is hitting headlines in the District 9212 for a job well done in the region. Rolling up their sleeves with gloves on, the club has drawn and is implementing a superb strategy on jigger prevention and treatment and in turn, lighting up Rotary in a big way under the leadership of RC President Ngugi Muchane.

The results are humbling. Kids can now go to school without trauma; older folk can go about business and hence together building the nation.

Though the treatment is inexpensive, accessible and affordable, health care remains a key challenge especially to the underprivileged communities across the district. The menace has rendered communities unproductive and contributed heavily on school children drop out. In some cases, jigger infestation has caused many people to have disabilities and other advanced health complications.

The Rotary Club of Kikuyu is also in partnership with Ahadi Kenya Trust, in the fight to deliver a jigger free society. In the initial anti-jigger efforts in Kikuyu the number of cases was overwhelming. Most cases were very severe and looked unmanageable. However, “with the support from our strategic partners, we have been able to considerably reduce the number of the affected persons. “We have discovered there is strength in partnership, as this would have been a long range goal to achieve



*John (not real name and pictured above) could hardly bend his knees or even sit due to the excruciating pain. Just like all his other jigger-infested siblings, following treatment John is now able to enjoy life. The full recovery and rehabilitation has seen him and his eight siblings go back to school.*

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without the valuable assistance from all stakeholders”, asserts the RC President.

The government too has taken the anti-jigger efforts as a priority concern, especially at the local community health structures. Neither the National nor the County governments will have all the answers to our local problems. We must continue to compliment the Government efforts and do what we can to make our brothers and sisters have a meaningful day to day life”, says Bimal Kantaria, the District Governor (Dist. 9212).

Rotary Club of Kikuyu has further provided training and medications to other Rotary clubs and other interested organizations to enable them treat the infested. The Rotary Club of Utumishi is a beneficiary of this training and has held a Medical Camp in Nakuru.

The need is enormous. There is urgent need for volunteers as well partners.

With the support of the Rotary Health focus and other key stakeholders we hope to achieve a jigger free society in the near future.

It can be done with your help, as we are better together!

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## POLIO CORNER: The Final Push

### Polio this week as of 13 August 2014

- The Horn of Africa Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is meeting this week to review the current epidemiological situation and the impact of the outbreak response and to determine additional strategies needed to close the outbreak. See 'Horn of Africa' section below, for more.
- In West Africa, polio staff are supporting efforts to curb the Ebola outbreak affecting the region. Staff are actively engaged in helping preparedness planning, social mobilization, surveillance of suspected cases, contact tracing and assisting with outbreak logistics.

### Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases

| Total cases                | Year-to-date<br>2014 | Year-to-date<br>2013 | Total in 2013 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Globally                   | 139                  | 181                  | 416           |
| - in endemic countries     | 121                  | 71                   | 160           |
| - in non-endemic countries | 18                   | 110                  | 256           |

Data in WHO as of 13 August 2013 for 2013 data and 12 August 2014 for 2014 data.

### Afghanistan

- No new WPV1 cases were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2014 remains eight. The most recent WPV1 case had onset of paralysis on 17 June, from Khost province (linked to virus in North Waziristan, Pakistan).
- Khost province borders Pakistan, where communities displaced by military action have been leaving North Waziristan. Health authorities in surrounding districts of Pakistan and across the border in Afghanistan have been vaccinating displaced children: more than 35,000 displaced children under the age of 10 are reported to have received a dose of bivalent oral polio vaccine (bivalent OPV) as they entered

- the Afghan provinces of Paktika and Khost.
- The next nationwide supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) are scheduled for 17-19 August with trivalent OPV, followed by a bivalent OPV subnational campaign in September.

### Nigeria

- No new WPV1 cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 27 May in Kano state; Nigeria's total case count for 2014 is five.
- No new cVDPV2 cases were reported in the past week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases for 2014 remains 18. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 22 June, from Kano.
- A vaccination campaign in parts of Borno and Yobe took place from 9 August, using inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), as part of efforts to more rapidly boost immunity levels, particularly in hard-to-reach and inaccessible areas.
- In other parts of the country, trivalent OPV was administered, as part of urgent efforts to address the spread of cVDPV2.

### Pakistan

- Four new WPV1 cases were reported in the past week, from Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab and Sindh, bringing the total number of WPV1 cases for 2014 to 108. The newly reported case from FATA (North Waziristan) is the most recent in the country, and had onset of

paralysis on 16 July.

- No new cVDPV2 cases were reported in the past week. The country has reported 16 cases of cVDPV2 to date in 2014 and the most recent case had onset of paralysis on 27 May in FR Bannu, FATA.
- Immunization activities are continuing with particular focus on known high-risk areas.

### Central Africa

- No new WPV1 cases were reported this week. In 2014, ten cases were reported in central Africa: five in Cameroon and five in Equatorial Guinea.
- Following last week's confirmation of two cases in Cameroon (from Est province) among refugees from Central African Republic (CAR), coordination with NGOs and organizations such as UNHCR is being strengthened.
- Efforts are also ongoing to improve immunity levels and surveillance sensitivity in neighbouring CAR. Campaigns in border areas in the west of the country are planned for 23-25 August, and active searches for acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) cases will be conducted as part of the activity.
- In Equatorial Guinea, the fourth National Immunization Days (NIDs) has just been completed. The activity targeted all children aged <15 years. OPV had been made available on demand for adults. Further SIAs are planned for 28-31 August, and later in September.

### Horn of Africa

- No new WPV1 cases were reported in the past week. Five cases have been reported in the Horn of Africa to date in 2014: one WPV1 in Ethiopia (14 January) and four WPV1s in Somalia (the most

recent on 3 June in Mudug, Puntland).

- New innovations had been implemented in Mudug and surrounding districts, in response to detection of recent cases there. The innovations focused on implementing three SIAD rounds in July and early August (including reaching out to older age groups); rolling out independent monitoring; ensuring recruitment of locally-appropriate vaccinators; and, increased and strengthened social mobilization activities, including sensitizing clan leaders and elders on the importance of vaccination.
- A high-level visit to the activities was made, by the State Minister of Health of Puntland.
- To strengthen surveillance, all polio workers (including vaccinators) were sensitized to actively search for AFP cases. Village polio volunteers were recruited to conduct active community-based AFP surveillance. Contact sampling of AFP cases is being expanded, and a new initiative will focus on collecting and investigating stool samples from healthy children, as part of efforts to get a clearer understanding of transmission.
- The Horn of Africa TAG is meeting this week, to review the current epidemiological situation, impact of outbreak response and determine additional strategies needed to rapidly interrupt residual transmission in the region. Focus of discussions will be on: reasons for transmission in Puntland, impact of response and additional strategies; further sensitizing subnational surveillance, including in inaccessible areas; expanding contact sampling of AFP cases; and, reaching the chronically-unreached children.
- The experiences of the recent operational innovations in Mudug and

surrounding areas will help inform discussions.

### **Israel and West Bank and Gaza**

- WPV1 is not being detected in environmental samples in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza Strip in recent months; the most recent positive sample was collected in southern Israel on 30 March. Samples collected from April to July have been negative. Fourteen positive samples were collected from January to July 2014 in Israel, following 136 positive samples in 2013.

### **Middle East**

- No new cases were reported in the past week. There have been three cases of WPV1 reported in the Middle East in 2014 - two in Iraq and one in Syria. The most recent case reported from Iraq occurred in Mada'in district, Baghdad-Resafa province, with onset of paralysis on 7 April. Syria's most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 January 2014.
- In the Middle East, the second phase of the comprehensive outbreak response is being implemented across the region.
- WHO and UNICEF are committed to working with all organizations and agencies providing humanitarian assistance to Syrians affected by the conflict. This includes vaccination of all children no matter where they are, whether in government or contested areas of the country, or outside Syria.

### **West Africa**

- No cases have been reported in West Africa in 2014. The most recent case in the region was due to WPV1 and



occurred in Tahoua province, Niger, with onset of paralysis on 15 November 2012. In addition, a single case of cVDPV2 was reported in Niger on 11 July, 2013.

- Polio staff across West Africa, are supporting efforts to control the Ebola outbreak affecting the region. The Ebola outbreak may impact the planned multi-country polio campaigns in September – contingency plans are being currently drawn up.

**See more at:**

<http://www.polioeradication.org/dataandmonitoring/poliothisweek.aspx#sthash.6JH86ifT.dpuf>

## WAR ON POLIO: A Call to African Mothers

**Recently, Senegalese Singer and Activist Angelique Kidjo called on African mothers to help eradicate polio. In her commentary originally published by Al Jazeera, Kidjo, spoke of her family being influential on her music.**

My family and my music are the treasures of my life. They are inseparable, in fact. My mother, Yvonne, has always been my mentor, instilling in me at an early age, a deep



appreciation of Africa's rich musical traditions. Nurturing, supportive - and firm when she needed to be - she set the standard I strive to achieve as a mother to my own daughter. Kidjo finally joined her my mother in song on her most recent album, *EVE*, which is dedicated to her mother and to all the strong and resilient women of Africa.

Since the album's release, one of its songs, *Eva*, has been dedicated to a cause that Kidjoe reiterates is very dear to her: the eradication of polio, the infectious virus that has disabled and killed so many of our children over the past decades. She adds: "As a polio eradication ambassador for the humanitarian organisation Rotary International, I have released a special video version of *Eva* that illustrates the importance of having all of our children vaccinated against this incurable, but totally preventable, disease.

**You can view the video dedicated to End Polio via this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XPp7QVUS4U>

# Rotary Club of Ex-Rotaractors

By Jacques Daniel SUNGAREN, (President RC Saint Pierre, Mauritius, D9220)

The Rotary Clubs in our district have always involved the participation of young professionals in their actions, whether local or international. Furthermore, most of these Rotary Clubs have sponsored Rotaract Clubs or Interact Clubs and those young, are very close to the needy people in their respective region.

Generally, Rotaractors come up with very good projects, which address the needs and concerns of the immediate community. These projects are carried out in collaboration with the sponsoring Rotary Clubs. When we look at the goals of a Rotaract Club, the fifth one stipulates that a Rotaract Club needs to motivate young people for eventual membership in Rotary. However, we notice that in Mauritius, every year, out of 10 Rotaractors who have reached 30 years only one on average will join a Rotary Club. Hence, the idea cropped up two years back, to converge all the Ex-Rotaractors towards a new Rotary Club, which will be named Rotary Club New Generation. As District Officer in charge of Rotaract, Interact and RYLA for the past 6 years, I carried out a survey to find out the reasons for which the Rotaractors were not really keen on joining Rotary.

There were many reasons, which were put forward by the Ex-Rotaractors. They explained first of all there is a feeling that they will not have their say in decision making at the level of a Rotary Club as they are considered juniors. They also find

Rotary meetings to be too formal. This does not mean that the youth is against tradition, but that they only wish certain rules be softened without going away from Rotary values. They also talked about the financial aspect as far as membership dues and district dues are concerned. That and their availability to attend meetings every week.

Once the information was gathered, it was decided to find out what things can help the Rotaractors to join Rotary.

All Rotaractors agreed that it is unfortunate that after having acquired so much as part of the Rotary family, the continuity of action is broken through this same family after the age of 30 years old. Rotaractors show great enthusiasm to continue what they have started at the level of Rotaract clubs. Furthermore, these young professionals noticed that sometimes, there is a lack of open-mindedness on the part of few Rotarians. The youth also seek an equal footing relationship among all members in a Club.

Hence, when all the data had been collected and analysed, it was of utmost importance to consider the creation of a platform, which will be ideal for the Ex-Rotaractors to meet and grow further.

The District Governor Elect, Alen Topsy (2014 – 2015) assisted me by providing

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# ROTARACT CORNER:

## Rotaract Officers Training Seminar (ROTS)

By Abenezer Feleke  
(Immediate Past Rotaract CC)



*The full day training, was organized by the Rotaract country team, with every detail and major discussion points making it an interesting and proactive training.*

It was a bright and sunny day, as bright and motivated incoming officer elects came rushing into the Solish International Hotel, early morning on Saturday July 19th, 2014, for the yearly anticipated ROTS Ethiopia 2014.

DRR Sarah Maingi graced the Ethiopia event as the guest of honor, and opened the session with the Grace and Four Way Test. As session leader and host for the day, I spoke on the importance of this training to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of incoming officers to be able to function effectively, as we transition into the 2014/15 RI year. The presentation continued on to the District leadership structure led by DRR Sarah Maingi, who presented on behalf of PDRR Enock. She shared on how the district functions and the importance of the roles ahead.

The session continued where I went on to present the status of Rotaract clubs in Ethiopia, which was followed by presentation of District 2014/15 strategic plans by DRR Elect Rahel Getachew, who enumerated the mission, visions and what she wants to achieve in her role as DRR for 2014/15. After a break where members got to network and fellowship, it was off to an interactive session on membership development... [More on page 28](#)

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hints of how to go ahead with this idea.

With the blessings of the district through the DG, I started contacting the Ex-Rotaractors, past DRRs and past ADRRs too. Within two weeks, I was able to bring together 27 young professionals, including ex-Rotaractors and those Rotaractors who will be turning 30 years before the Rotary year 2014 – 2015 starts.

The first meeting was great and we could feel that these young professionals were looking forward to be together and they had a common goal, which is to serve the needy people around. From there on we started their training to become Rotarians with the help of few Rotarians from my club, Rotary Club of Flacq and also Rotarians and past DGs in the district. It is to be noted that there were few Rotarians who were sceptical about this project as this new Club will comprise Ex-Rotaractors, who come from all over the country and thus attendance will be a great problem. Few Rotarians even proposed that instead

they could perhaps join the E-Club.

With the support of RC Flacq as sponsoring Club and the District, which waived District dues of all Ex-Rotaractors joining a Rotary Club for their first year, we were ready to continue our journey as part of this great family of Rotary. Distance has never been a problem, as the young are so motivated to be together and all the more to work as one team for the needy people.

The Rotary Club of Saint-Pierre, Mauritius was thus registered on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 and the Charter day was Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the presence of the DG, DGE, PDG and Rotarians all over the country. The Club was chartered with a population of 21 members and after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, we were already 22 Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Saint-Pierre, Mauritius is thus the only Club in D9220, which comprises Ex-Rotaractors only, apart from the Charter President who is the District Officer in charge of Youth.

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by Past Country Chair Hawariat Petros, followed by the standard Rotaract Bylaws and concept of a signature project by DRR Sarah in a Q & A session. A fun lunch followed thereafter with Rotaractors making DRR feel at home.

The afternoon session saw group activity on BOD responsibilities and Strategic planning on how to develop club annual plans led by CC Abenezzer and PCC Hawairat, with session leaders for each team being led by Micahel Issayas, Yohannes Balcha, Misbah

Ali, Kilfe W/Hawariat, and ADRR Meron Girma, who each lead the group on Secretary, Treasurer PR, Fundraising Professional service, Vice President, President, Club and Community Service respectively. The final session was transitioning to Rotary, in which New Generations Chair Kifle W and Hawariat shared their experiences as guest speakers; a vital learning opportunity. Finally, a video on what Rotaractors are doing in Kenya was presented, which was exciting to see, making the execution of the ROTS successful.



## SPECIAL: AFRICAN PROJECTS SEEKING FUNDING

### PROJECT 1:

### RC Maseno Water Project

**LOCAL HOST PARTNER:** RC Maseno, D9212

**AREA OF FOCUS:** Water and Sanitation

**BUDGET:** \$46,772.9

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Water supply is a felt need to the local community of Rakwaro Kalem and larger Kisumu County in general, who are generally poor. The Rakwaro Integrated Development Project was thus born. Water supply was identified as the principal entry intervention to the proposed project. The project will be located at Rakwaro Kalem Village, Kisumu County in Nyanza Province, Western Kenya on 34°46' 16.7 "E 00o 02.7"S and at an elevation range of 1,366 meters above mean seal level.

The project holder will be Community Care Development Organization (CCDO), with the host implementing agent being, Rotary Club of Maseno, District 9212.

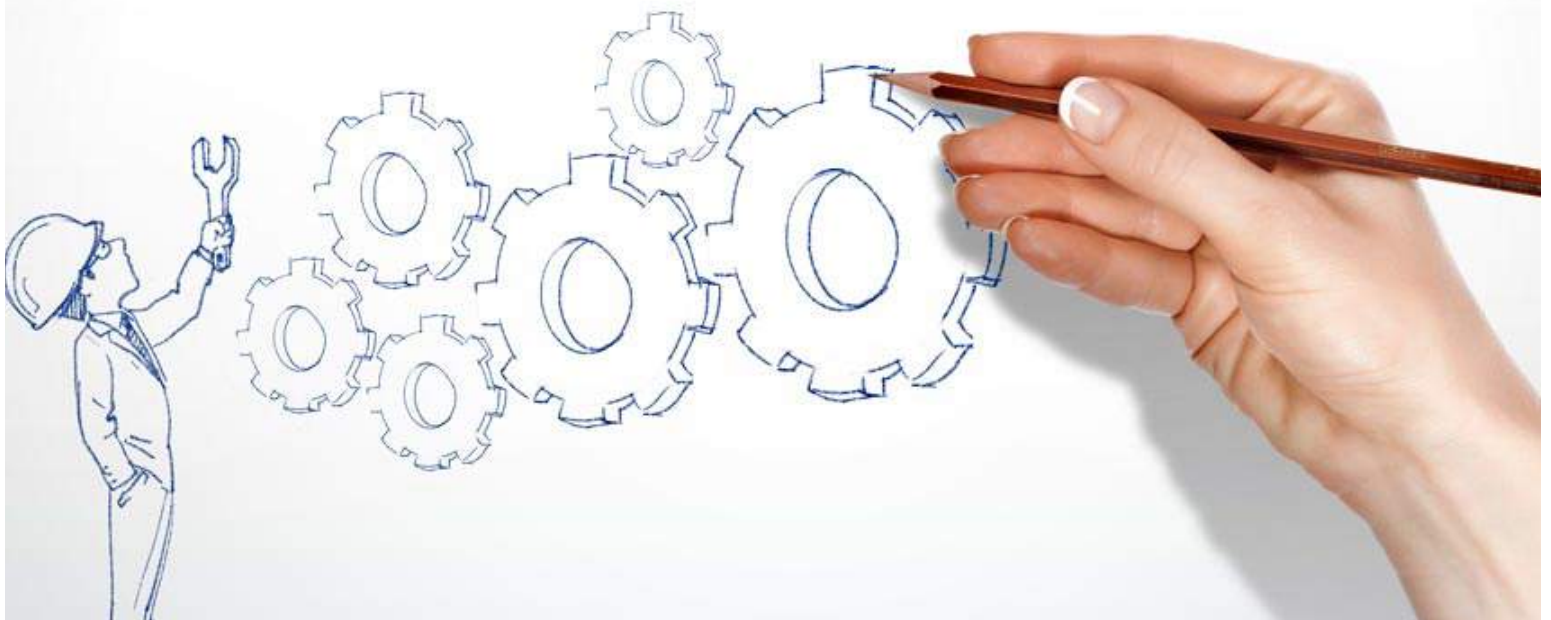
The broad objective is economic empowerment of the local community, majority of whom fall below the poverty line. With water provision identified as the entry point, the specific objectives will comprise: Provision of adequate portable water through sinking a borehole, construction of fishponds and a green house. These will happen concurrently with the relevant capacity building trainings as initiatives to ensure sustainability. This first phase will serve as a pilot project.

## **SPECIAL: AFRICAN PROJECTS SEEKING FUNDING continued...**

With the initial host community empowered, the project implementers intend to replicate it in the larger Kisumu County. RC Maseno, through its relevant committees has ensured due diligence is done in project development. It will also ensure prudent implementation to include thorough oversight and reporting, as prescribed under Global Grant requirements.

### **PROJECT NEED**

The estimated project cost (Direct and Indirect costs) is Ksh4, 200,000.00 (USD46772.9 at 1\$=85Ksh). Partners supportive of this project include individuals, clubs and corporates, both in the USA and UK. District 7500 has also since joined in. A total pledge of USD 19000, has been received. We are still short of about 30,000 USD and are seeking partners to help bridge this shortfall.





## *Life is short, enjoy it with humor*

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But officer," the man began, "I can explain,"

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer.

"I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back..."

"But officer, I just wanted to say...."

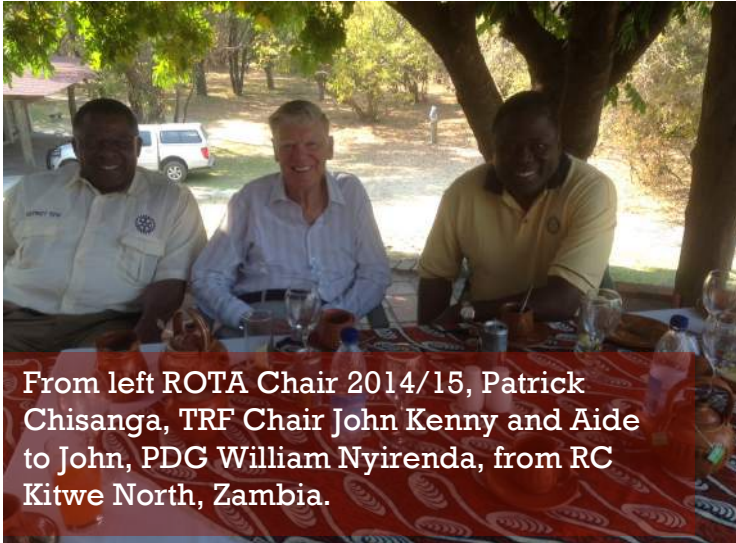
"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

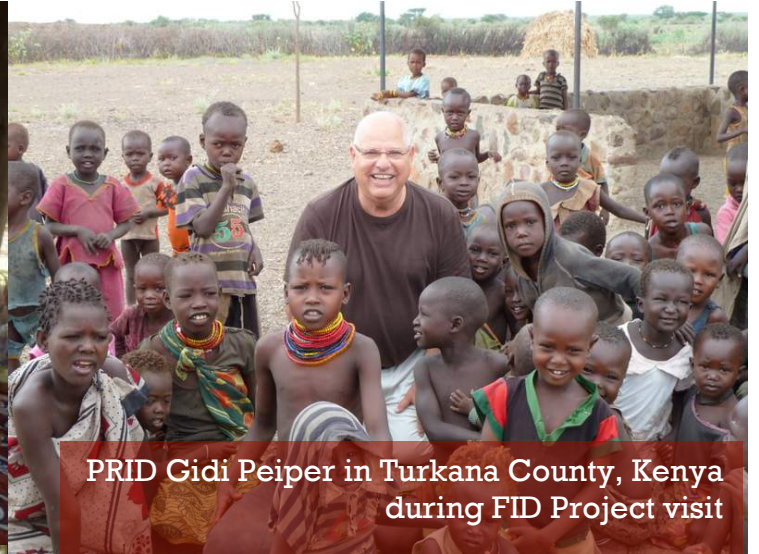
"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

A fellow bought a new Mercedes and was out on the interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 80 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. "There's no way they can catch a Mercedes," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100.... Then the reality of the situation hit him. "What am I doing?" he thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car. "It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go." The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back!" "Have a nice weekend," said the officer.

## PICTURES SPEAK A THOUSAND WORDS



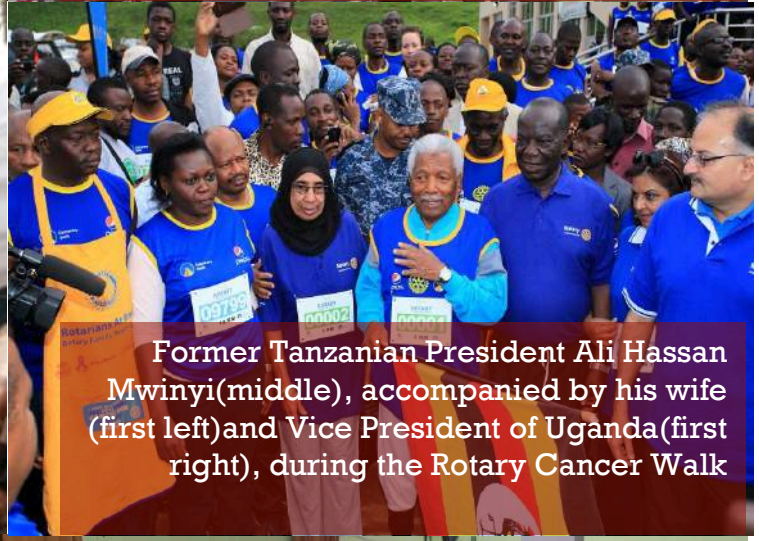
From left ROTA Chair 2014/15, Patrick Chisanga, TRF Chair John Kenny and Aide to John, PDG William Nyirenda, from RC Kitwe North, Zambia.



PRID Gidi Peiper in Turkana County, Kenya during FID Project visit



DG Harish commissions a water pump that will serve over 4,000 households in Nkondo Village, Uganda



Former Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi (middle), accompanied by his wife (first left) and Vice President of Uganda (first right), during the Rotary Cancer Walk



Former Tanzanian President and eager participants during the Rotary Cancer Walk



RC Casablanca (Morocco) D9010, in partnership with Ajial Association organized a circumcision action & food baskets distribution for 70 families in Rahma Area Casablanca.