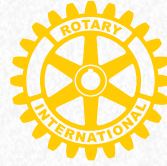
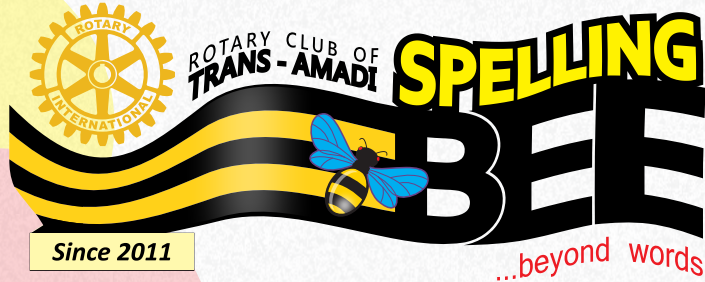


**Rotary**  
Club of Trans-Amadi



THE  
**SPELLING BEE**  
PROJECT  
6th Edition



# Testimonials

The Spelling Bee competition has been good so far. It has made our students to be serious with their academics. Through this programme, the students spoken English has improved.

*G.S.S. Elekahia*

I wish to commend your organization for your vision of imbining hard work and the need for research work in the area of spelling skill and diction in our youths. This programme has actually impacted on our students. They now have higher capacity to spell, give correct pronunciation of words as well as master their meaning. It has also improved their speck skill. Above all, it has made our students to realize that it is through hard work one can excel in his/her academic and other circular endeavour. So far, so good. God bless you for meaningfully engaging the students and causing them to put their brains to task.

**Nwoko Chido**

*(Principal, Shiloh Hills High School Port Harcourt)*

The programme is a wonderful one. It has helped the children to learn how to spell many words and has enhanced their efficiency in the use of English Language. It is said that when you spell well, you write well. So far, you have done greatly and we are happy with the organization.

**Dr. Mrs. Obundu**

*(Federal Government College, Port Harcourt)*

We participated in the second and third editions. It was nice and challenging. It has helped the students to improve on their spelling and spoken English. The impact is enormous such that we now have a Spelling Bee club in our school. We pledge to continue to participate in subsequent editions and hope that the organizers will continue to be fair.

**Graceland International School**

“ The Trans-Amadi Spelling Bee programme has created a positive impact on the entire students especially the ones that have participated in the previous editions. They are now conversant with so many English words and their spellings. It has also given them access to the meanings of the new words and building their vocabulary. On the student that won the second edition, MARYLYN OLUNGWEONWI, the competition has helped her in the following ways:

1. Being the best student in 2012 WAEC.
2. Made the best result in RSSDA Scholarship.

It has generally created a room for the recognition of the school. ”

**Rev. FR. Simeon Nwosu**

*Principal, Ascension High School, Eleme*

The Spelling Bee is a wonderful programme. Due to the fact that our student, EDIMO ORNELA, won the last edition, it has further challenged other students to compete to be the next queen or king bee. It also motivated the school into organizing in-house spelling competition. For further editions, we pray that it would get more sponsors and make it bigger. This is certainly what this generation needs.

**Mrs. Obiagwu Mercy** *(Principal, Ranjenny's High School, Ogale, Eleme)*

# Objective

Hold an annual Spelling Bee for primary and secondary schools in Rivers State to drive and actualise the state's educational growth and development aspirations, while reinforcing Rotary International's emphasis on literacy and new generations as core programmes.

The competition is called "Rotary Club of Trans – Amadi Spelling Bee", and the slogan shall be "Beyond Words".

# Target Problem

- Failure rates at aptitude and general studies tests remain very high.
- Students show very poor spelling competence even at point of graduation from universities.
- Students lack opportunities to develop healthy competitive spirit in a competition that gives no room for cheating, violence or rancour.
- Reading and awareness of current affairs is at abysmal levels among primary school pupils and secondary school students.
- Students in rural schools rarely have opportunities to compete and prove themselves against their counterparts in urban and private schools on an equal footing

# Key Trends

Primary and post – primary education has undergone a structural transition from a holistic one aimed at equipping the student for any possible field of higher education or knowledge to a strictly science or arts – based one. But this has given rise to students who graduate with either science or arts bias but who find it difficult to spell simple English words. High levels of examination malpractice in national certificate and university entrance examinations have not helped matters either.

Employers of labour are daily embarrassed by job seekers whose application letters are filled with spelling errors. Students rarely show any interest in reading, especially novels and newspapers, rather they spend their time watching movies or playing with entertainment gadgets that add little or no value to their educational aspirations.

Students' education is mostly based on what they are taught in the classroom. Debating, quiz and spelling contests which present the major opportunity, outside sports, for students to research and express themselves in healthy competition are virtually non – existent. In fact, in debating competitions,

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teachers do most of the work, all the student needs do is to cram the materials and deliver them on demand.

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## Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi Spelling Bee Intervention Opportunity

- Opportunity to improve the educational quality of the schools by introducing healthy competition.
- Opportunity to introduce an educational activity that will increase the capacity of students to perform well in English and aptitude tests as well as having fun in the process.
- Opportunity to refocus schools around growth and value creation.
- Opportunity to become the dominant vehicle in the transition from a straight jacketed educational system into a modern and standard system that can provide opportunities and a meaningful future for the new generation.
- Opportunity to entrench the Rotary Club of Trans – Amadi and any partner as organisations consistently committed to both short and long – term goals of growth and development of our educational system.

## Strategy and Structure

- The competition is currently the most enterprising and novel educational development competition in Rivers State, which in the present context represents a new and effective type of educational development model that realigns the energies of students, and drives the move to value creation by educational institutions.
- Use a combination of Rotary's human resources, private sector funding and government resources to solve educational growth and development problems.
- This means using novel strategies to extract and leverage additional growth and development opportunities:
- Preliminary rounds of the competition are organised on the same day in different locations in different parts of the state. The best candidates from the preliminary rounds qualify for the final to be held in Port Harcourt.
- The finals in Port Harcourt for the best 40 primary school pupils and best 40 secondary school students from the preliminary rounds. The finals will be given massive publicity and be clothed with glamour and razzmatazz. The winners shall be given star treatment.
- Collaborate with the Rivers State Ministry of Education and broadcast and print media for publicity for the project.
- Award cash prizes to individual winners and educational materials to the winning schools.

# Proposed Prizes

- Secondary Schools (6th Edition)

## Individuals

1st Position: N200, 000.00 cash, a laptop computer and a plaque.  
1st Runner-up: N150, 000.00 cash a laptop computer and a plaque.  
2nd Runner-up: N100, 000.00 cash, a laptop computer and a plaque.

## Schools

1st Position: Dictionaries and books worth N200, 000.00, a desktop computer and a trophy.  
1st Runner-up: Dictionaries and books worth N150, 000.00, a desktop computer and a plaque.  
2nd Runner-up: Dictionaries and books worth N100, 000.00 and a desktop computer and a plaque.

## Consolation Prizes

10 consolation prizes of N50, 000.00 each to individuals, and books worth N50, 000.00 each to schools..

- Primary Schools (1st Edition)

## Individuals

1st Position: N70, 000.00 cash, Books and a plaque.  
1st Runner-up: N40, 000.00 cash, Books and a plaque.  
2nd Runner-up: N30, 000.00 cash, Books and a plaque.

## Schools

1st Position: Dictionaries and books worth N100, 000.00, a desktop computer and a trophy.  
1st Runner-up: Dictionaries and books worth N75, 000.00, a desktop computer and a plaque.  
2nd Runner-up: Dictionaries and books worth N50, 000.00 and a desktop computer and a plaque.

## Consolation Prizes

10 consolation prizes of N10, 000.00 each to individuals, and books worth N10, 000.00 each to schools.

# Project Duration

The competition will start with preliminary rounds on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

The finals will hold on separate days as follows:

Primary Schools on Thursday, March 10, 2016; and

Secondary Schools on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

# Projected Cost

Prizes: **N3,350,000.00**

Refreshment: **N500,000.00**

Transportation: **N200,000.00**

Remuneration to support personnel: **N150,000.00**

Hall hire for finals: **N1,200,000.00** (The preliminary rounds are held in schools)

Publicity (Radio/TV Announcements, Banners, and Billboards): **N3,500,000.00**

Secretarial services: **N250,000.00**

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**TOTAL: N9, 150,000.00**

(Nine million, one hundred and fifty thousand naira only).

# Registration

Registration will be entirely FREE for all interested schools. Each registered primary school will receive a booklet containing thousands of words from which the competition schools shall be selected. Registered secondary school will not be entitled to a Word List. Registration centres will be a designated office in the State Ministry of Education, offices of any sponsors and twenty selected schools evenly spread around the state.

# History of the Secondary School Competition

*The maiden edition of the competition for secondary schools was held in February and March 2011, and fifty one secondary schools participated.*

*The second edition was held in February and March, 2012 and 58 secondary schools participated.*

*The third edition was held in February and March, 2013, and 68 secondary schools participated.*

*The fourth edition was held in February and March, 2014 and one hundred and fifty one secondary schools participated. Nigeria Info 92.3FM was our media partner for the 4th edition.*

*The fifth edition was held in February and March, 2015. One hundred and forty one secondary schools participated. The 5th edition was supported by Keedak Nigeria Limited, MCC Nigeria Limited, The Atrium, Chuxel Computers Limited, Rainbow Book Club, Books On The Loose, SoundCleff, and Nigeria Info 92.3FM. Radio Rivers 99.1FM was our media partner for the 5th edition.*

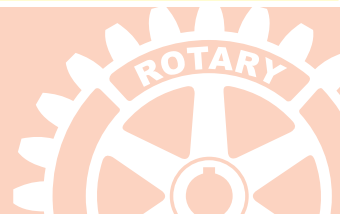
*We expect at least 200 secondary schools to participate in the 6th edition.*

## Venues for the Preliminary Rounds

The preliminary rounds for both primary and secondary schools will hold on the same day in selected primary and secondary schools evenly spread across the state to make accessibility easy for the participating schools.

## Venue for the Final

Yet to be announced.



## History of the Primary School Competition

*We introduced the competition for primary schools because of the yearning for it by teachers and parents. We have received many requests and countless pleas, and this will be the maiden edition of the primary school category. We expect at least 200 primary schools to participate in this maiden edition..*

## What sets The Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi Spelling Bee apart from any other Academic Competition?

The primary selling point of the Rotary Club of Trans – Amadi Spelling Bee is the unimpeachable integrity and credibility it has among the general public, especially the participating students and schools. It is practically impossible for anybody to beat the system and cheat, and the prizes are awarded to the winners right at the venue of the final. Very few competitions can achieve that level of transparency and inspire full confidence in the target population, especially in these days when examination malpractice has become so pervasive. Unlike other competitions, registration for the Rotary Club of Trans – Amadi Spelling Bee is free and will remain so to ensure that no child is prevented from participating on account of the financial status of his parents or guardians.



# 1st Edition

**WINNER**

**MASTER OWUSIBO HART**

*(N100,000 + a Trophy)*

*Betty Ivory Tower Academy,  
Rumuokoruta*

**2nd  
Prize**

**Echenim Jennifer**  
Air Force Secondary School, Port Harcourt  
(N75,000 + a Plaque)

**3rd  
Prize**

**Ogbuta Azuka**  
Paradise International Group of Schools, Oyigbo  
(N45,000 + a Plaque)

## 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF N20,000 EACH

1. **Azubuike Daniel** - Comprehensive Secondary School, Odiemerenyi.
2. **Obilor Emeka** - Air Force Secondary School, Port Harcourt.
3. **Chukwuogor Akaolisa** - Shiloh Hills High School, Port Harcourt.
4. **Ebenezer Diagi** - Butterstone International School, Port Harcourt.
5. **George Praise** - Federal Government College, Port Harcourt.
6. **Kalango Stony** - Obiye Academy Secondary School, Port Harcourt.
7. **LongJohn Covenant** - Federal Government College, Port Harcourt.
8. **Unyime Udoh** - Paradise International Group of Schools, Oyibo.
9. **Captain Sunday** - Western Ahoada Country High School, Ahoada.
10. **Bassey Emmanuel** - Ascension High School, Eleme.



# 1st Edition in Pictures



*Welcome to the Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi Spelling Bee competition (1st edition)*



*The winner's trophy*



*Cross section of participating students*



*Another cross section of participating students*



*Sir Gabriel Toby, District Governor D9140 2010/2011 giving the opening address*



*President Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi 2011/2012 Rtn Nze Anizor reading out the rules of the game*

# 1st Edition in Pictures



*Winner with his trophy, and 1st runner-up*



*Sir Gabriel Toby presenting cheque to one of the winners*



*A teacher receiving a carton of books on behalf of his school*



*2nd runner-up receiving a cheque and plaque*



*An international guest about to present a cheque*



*Another cross section of students*



# 2nd Edition

**WINNER**

**MISS MARYLYN OLUNGWEONWI**

*(N100,000 + a Trophy)*

*Ascension High School, Elelme*



## **Adebayo Shalvah**

Federal Government College, Rumuokoro  
(N75,000 + a Plaque)

**2nd  
Prize**

## **Victoria Osariemen**

Graceland International School, Port Harcourt  
(N50,000 + a Plaque)

**3rd  
Prize**

## **10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF N20,000 EACH**

1. **Okereke Favour** - Halle College, Rumuogba, PH.
2. **Sam Okorie Wendy** - Federal Government College, Abuloma, PH.
3. **Elizabeth Dakoru** - Methodist Girls High Sch. Harbour Rd. PH.
4. **Ibilate B. Ikirimah** - Malvan Int'l School, Orlumeni.
5. **Eduoh Theresa** - Federal Government College, PH.
6. **Juliet Blessing Ow'honda** - Federal Government College, PH.
7. **Chukwuogor Akonam** - Shiloh Hills High School, PH.
8. **Ogechi Emenike** - Excellent College, PH.
9. **Adigwe Preciuos** - Shiloh Hills High School, PH.
10. **Emeka Nkwor Miracle** - Emarid College, PH.

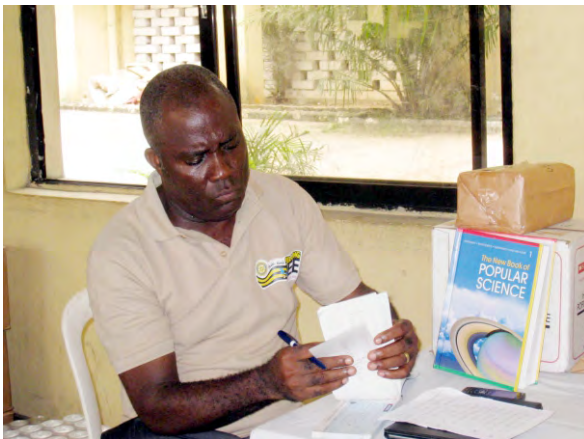
# 2nd Edition in Pictures



*The stage set for 2nd edition of the Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi Spelling Bee competition*



*Trophy, certificates, plaques and gift items await winners*



*Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi treasurer, RtN Emenike Nwokeji getting the cheques ready*



*Yinka Babalola, District Governor 2011/2012 giving the welcome address*



*Opening Speech*



*Deputy Mayor of Port Harcourt City LGA presenting a plaque and cheque to the winner*

# 2nd Edition in Pictures



*President 2011/2012 Rtn Abiye Festus presenting the trophy to the winner*



*The winner*



*Rotarians and some of the participants with the winner*



*Winner flanked by the 2nd and 3rd place participants*



*Cross section of participating students*



*Another teacher receiving a prize on behalf of his school*



# 3rd Edition

**WINNER**

**MISS EDIMO ONERLA**

*(N100,000 + a Trophy)*

*Ranjenny's High School, Eleme*

**2nd  
Prize**

**Adigwe Precious**  
Shiloh Hills High School, Port Harcourt  
(N75,000 + a Plaque)

**3rd  
Prize**

**Amirize I. Ngozi**  
Model Boys Secondary School, Omoku  
(N50,000 + a Plaque)

## 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF N20,000 EACH

1. **Osuamkpe Ivie-Fai** - Goldspring High School, PH.
2. **Alabi Faith Odowu** - Archdeacon Brown Educ. Center, PH.
3. **Ibilate Benneth Ikiroma** - Malvan Educ. Center, PH.
4. **Morgan Doris** - Comprehensive Sec. Sch. Odiemerenyi, Ahoada.
5. **Alugbara Prince** - Oginigba Comprehensive Sch. PH.
6. **Vinei B. Beverly** - Ascension High Sch. Ogale, Nchia-Eleme.
7. **Victory Oputa** - Shiloh Hills High Sch. PH.
8. **Ogwu Joan** - DC International Royal Academy, PH.
9. **Theophilus Okwugwuni** - Unibek, PH.
10. **Belema George** - Tantua Group of Schools, PH.

# 3rd Edition in Pictures



*3rd edition of the Rotary Club of Trans-Amadi Spelling Bee competition*



*Golden Trophy for the 1st prize winner*



*Panel of judges at the finals of 2013 Spelling Bee competition*



*One of the contestants spelling word assigned to her*



*Cross section of contestants at the finals*



*Presentation of books to the winning schools*

# 3rd Edition in Pictures



Queen Bee 2012, Miss Marylyn O. decorating  
2013 Queen Bee Edimo Onerla

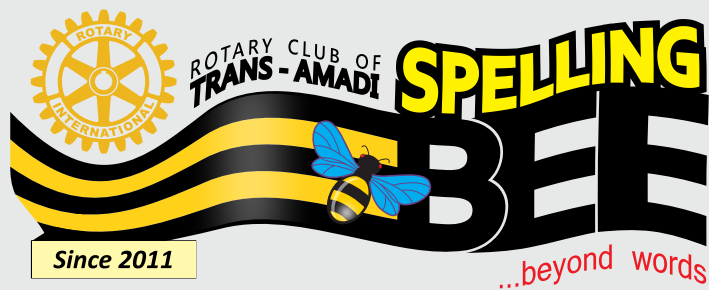


Winner 2013 Spelling Bee flanked by 1st runner up  
on the left and 2nd runner up on the right



Winner of 2013 Spelling Bee, Miss Edimo Onerla  
flanked by Rotarians and her teacher

**Bigger  
Better  
and Bolder**







# 4th Edition

**WINNER**

**MISS OGECHUKWU OSUAGWU**

*(N100,000 + a Trophy)*

*Word of Faith Group of Schools,  
Woji.*



**Uwaoma Adaeze**

DC International Royal Academy, Rukpokwu  
(N100,000 + a Plaque)

**2nd  
Prize**

**Elizabeth Egwuatu**

Deeper Life High School, Port Harcourt  
(N75,000 + a Plaque)

**3rd  
Prize**

# 4th Edition in Pictures



1st prize winner receives N100,000 cheque



2nd prize winner receives N100,000 cheque



3rd prize winner receiving N75,000 cheque



2013 winners decorates 2014 winner



Student receiving consolation prize of N30,000



Student receiving consolation prize of N30,000

# 4th Edition in Pictures



*2nd prize winner admires one of her prizes*



*Students watching the proceedings*



*Students watching the proceedings*



*Students watching the proceedings*



*Students and Rotarians watching the proceedings*



*All the winners*



5th Edition

**WINNER**



2nd Prize

3rd Prize

# 5th Edition in Pictures



*A competitor spelling her word*



*Officials of the 2015 Spelling Bee*



*Gallery of Prizes*



*Students*



*Competitors*



*Spectators*

# 5th Edition in Pictures



*Governor of Rotary International District 9140, HRM Noble Eshemitan presenting his address*



*A consolation prize winner receives N30,000 cheque*



*A consolation prize winner receives N30,000 cheque*



*A consolation prize winner receives N30,000 cheque*



*A consolation prize winner receives N30,000 cheque*



*3rd prize winner holding N75,000 cheque, certificate and artwork*

# 5th Edition in Pictures



*2015 winner (King Bee) with trophy*



*Some of the winners*



*Excited student of the winning school, Deeper Life High School*

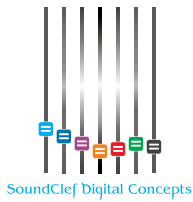
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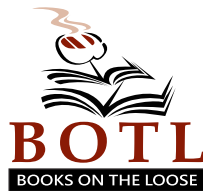
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## 5th Edition

**WINNER**

**MASTER NNAEMEKA C. JEREMIAH**

*(N150,000 + Laptop + Plaque)*

*Deeper Life High School,  
Rumuokparali, Port Harcourt.*

**2nd  
Prize**

**Thom-Okoroh Amanda**

Emilio Piazza Memorial College, Rumuigbo,  
Port Harcourt  
(N100,000 + Laptop)

**3rd  
Prize**

**Precious Adigwu**

Shiloh Hills High School, Rumuibekwe, Port Harcourt  
(N75,000 + Mini Tablet)

### 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF N30,000 EACH

1. **Nwachukwu Glory Kings** - Unibek College of Science & Tech, PH.
2. **Chukwuma Uchechukwu** - Betty Ivory Towers, R'okwuta, PH.
3. **Lawson Esther** - Government Girls' Sec. School, PH.
4. **Ogugua Chisom** - Success Education Centre, Oyigbo.
5. **Rachael Eluwa** - Success Education Centre, Oyigbo.
6. **Patrick Ogwala** - Graceland International School, Elekahia, PH.
7. **Favour Okumgba** - Graceland International School, Elekahia, PH.
8. **Erameh Idanessi** - Catoky International Sec. School, PH.
9. **Imamibo Douglas** - Wisdom Child International Sch. Borokiri, PH.
10. **Fidelia Job** - Archdeacon Brown Education Centre, Woji, PH.