

Remarks by the Outgoing President at the Installation of Eng. Denis Wandera as the 18th President of Rotary Club of Kiwatule-20th May 2020

- The District Governor,
- Rtn Dennis Wandera, the President Elect Rotary Club of Kiwatule 2020/21
- Our Spouses
- Fellow Rotarians
- Our Dear viewers

1. Introductions

- Allow me thank the members of RCK for giving me this opportunity to serve as their 17th President. For me, it has been a great opportunity to learn practical leadership skills.
- The Core values of Rotary are service, integrity, fellowship, leadership and diversity and these have been well demonstrated in the 12 months I have occupied this office.
- Rotarians at Kiwatule and in other clubs consistently came together, connected through their networks and mobilized enormous resources, to provide services to the very deserving members of society!

2. What has been Accomplish in this Rotary Year

The **theme** for this year was “**Rotary Connects the World**” and it is through **these connections** among Rotarians, our corporate partners and with friends that we were able to plan and implement projects to serve the most deserving community members. Allow me mention some of the fundraising drives and the corresponding projects we implemented;

- Rotary, in response to the call by H.E the President (of Uganda), contributed UGX 800 Million to the COVID-19 National Task Force, in cash and physical materials.
 - Kiwatule provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for Health Workers and with hand washing facilities for the 7 KCCA Health Centres, all worth 30M.
- In August 2019, Rotary mobilized over 50,000 Cancer Run participants in 41 towns across the country to raise UGX 1 Bn for a linear accelerator machine to be installed at Nsambya Hospital.

- Each year, Rotarians throughout the World organize Family Health Days, and conduct medical camps within their communities. On 5th October 2019, Rotary Club of Kiwatule together with Rotary Club of Kwabowhe conducted a medical Camp at Kabwohe, in Sheema District, where over 1,000 clients were served. Our colleagues in other Clubs held similar camps across the country and **altogether over 60,000 beneficiaries** received health services.
- Through fundraising dinners and a football tournament popularly known as “Rotary 5-A-Side, RC Kiwatule raised UGX 80 Million, towards construction of a Maternity ward at Anamwany Health Centre in Amolator District. This is in line with Government effort to upgrade HCIIIs to HCIIIs. I am happy to note that phase one of this UGX 330M project has been completed and is already in use.
- In **partnership with Bamugisha Community Welfare Ltd**, the Club mobilized another UGX 80M and procured an ambulance for Kabushaho HCIII, in Bushenyi district. The Ambulance has immensely boosted the District capacity to manage emergencies.
- Through partnerships with Rotary Clubs beyond Uganda;
 - Rotary Club of Kiwatule is finalizing a USD 390,000 water Project which will serve 12 villages in Mityana and Kasana Districts and train 80 youths in the maintenance and repair of the water facilities.
 - Together with Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant in USA, a Grant of USD 150,000 has been secured to train 100 midwives from 25 health centres to manage childbirth related life threatening emergencies, and install solar equipment to address power blackouts. This will increase timely access to the critical services thereby reducing maternal and child mortality in the country.

All these projects have either been completed or moved to a tremendous level of completion thanks to the selfless sacrifice by **many Rotarians** who regularly stepped forward and volunteered to do so much and contributed in so many ways. Thank you for demonstrating what it means to put “**Service Above Self**”, to “**Connect the World**” and to Change lives.

Our individual and collective efforts were amplified by the commitment of our corporate partners. Thank you Centenary Bank (Our Bank), National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Total Uganda, Sybil, Platinum Insurance, PlanBuild for choosing to partner with Rotary in executing your corporate social responsibility. Special thanks to management and staff of NTV for giving us this opportunity to showcase our leadership **transition** and the good that Rotary does.

- I thank, the District Governor Ssalongo Francis Xavier Sentamu, his Assistant Timothy Basiima, my Board of Directors that put up with me all year long, all the committee chairs, and all the Rotarians within the club and other clubs that actually did the work and supported the cause.
- I wouldn't be here today without the support of my family, **my wife Immaculate, my children, Tevin, Ashley, Christian and Ethan**, thank you for putting up with my everyday Rotary chores and assignments.
- Special appreciation to my employer, Uganda AIDS Commission for allowing me to share part of my skills to serve Rotary and humanity
- As I conclude, like for many Presidents who came before me, **the wheel of Rotary has to go on, so our commitment to the communities we serve, and to the world has to go on.** I am looking forward to hand on the baton to you Rtn Denis as the 18th President of RC Kiwatule, and I pledge to be there for you, ready to serve.

I call upon all Rotarians and indeed all Ugandans; Stay safe, Wear Masks, Be of service

May God Bless your leadership and May God Bless Rotary

**Dr. Vincent Bagambe (PHF)
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