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INSTALLATION MAGAZINE

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Dr. Samuel
Sewagudde

33rd President of the RC Kampala South





Editorial Message

PP Esther Mwambu, Editor



Welcome to the special edition of our Rotary magazine, celebrating the installation of our new Club President, MP Sam Sewagudde. This occasion marks a significant milestone in our club's journey, as we embrace new leadership and continue our mission to serve our community and the world. This Rotary year, under the inspiring theme **"The Magic of Rotary,"** we are reminded of the incredible power of service, fellowship, and dedication that defines our organization. The magic of Rotary lies in our ability to transform lives, build connections, and create lasting change through our shared commitment to the principles of Rotary. As we welcome MP Sewagudde, we also express our deepest gratitude to IPP Rita Tinka and her Board for

their remarkable leadership and unwavering dedication over the past year. Their efforts have paved the way for new initiatives and strengthened our club's impact. MP Sewagudde brings a wealth of experience, passion, and vision to this role. We are confident that under his guidance, our club will reach new heights, undertake innovative projects, and continue to be a beacon of hope and service in our community. In this edition, you will find insights into MP Sewagudde's goals and plans for the year, reflections on past achievements, and inspiring stories from our members who exemplify the magic of Rotary in action. These pages are a testament to the extraordinary commitment of our Rotarians and the profound difference we make together. As we embark on this new Rotary year, let us embrace the magic within each of us and work hand in hand to create a brighter future. Together, we can turn dreams into reality and ensure that our club remains a force for good in the world. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Here's to a magical year of Rotary service and fellowship!

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PROFILE

Career Objective: To be the professional of choice in Uganda's agricultural value chains, providing excellent services in; project formulation, value chain development, market studies, marketing and livestock farm improvement.

Core Competencies: Innovation, Motivation, Effective communication and collaboration

Additional Skills: Multi-linguist-Fluency in; English, Kiswahili, French, Luganda, Lusoga and Runyankore.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Commercial Management 2 Years

Leading a team of veterinarians and salesmen, delivering on;

- Sale of animal nutritional solutions (Premixes, Concentrates and Feed)
- Product promotion via, expos, farmer seminars, farm visits and digitalized education

KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

•Marketing •Project formulation •Market studies •Value chain development •Farm planning •Farm audits •Farm advisory •Training and extension

VALUE CHAIN SPECIALIST

6 Years

Led and participated in teams delivering on;

- Project formulation (Dairy, Swine, Poultry and goats)
- Value chain evaluations (feed, dairy, poultry)
- Establishment of a new animal feed producing business in Kampala –Current

CONSULTING VETERINARIAN

6 Years

Visiting Veterinarian offering advisory, training and extension services in Uganda to;

- HMH Rainbow Broiler farm– Semuto
- Tomosi Farm Bwesharire–Rushere
- Dem Commercial Farm –Mityana

Led teams delivering on ; farm business plans and farm management on behalf of absentee owners

EDUCATION

MSc. Agricultural Production Chain Management (Livestock Chains)

VAN HALL UNIVERSITY-THE NETHERLANDS

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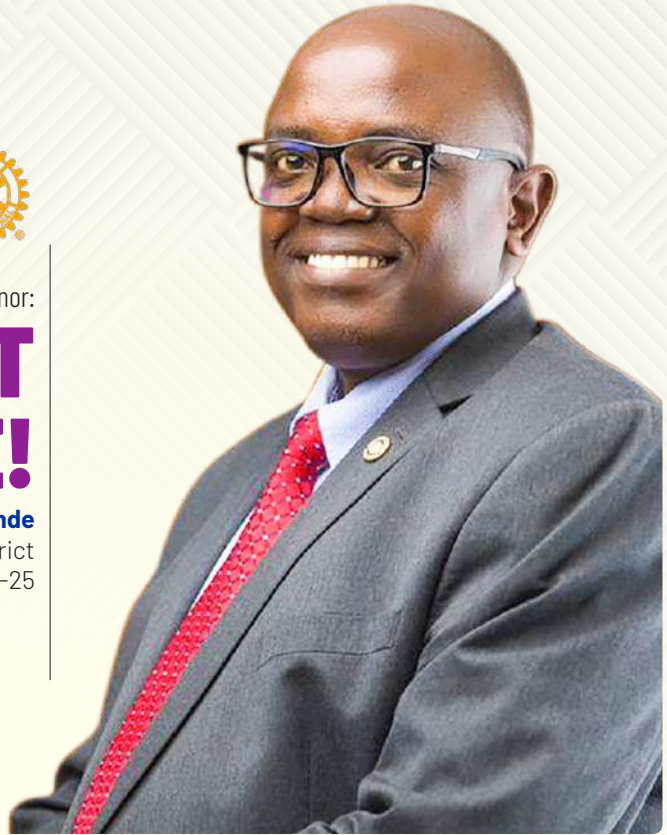


Message From Incoming Assistant Governor:

STRIVE TO BE FIT FOR PURPOSE!

Rtn Constant Othieno Mayende

Assistant Governor, Kampala Area 4, District
9213, Rotary Year 2024-25



Warm greetings and congratulations upon your installation as the 33rd President of the Rotary Club of South Kampala. This is clearly a momentous day, marking a significant milestone in your leadership journey and for your club, which has entrusted you with its destiny.

Inspired by this year's theme, "The Magic of Rotary," I encourage you to embrace this opportunity wholeheartedly. Your role is extremely pivotal, not only in guiding your members but also in shaping the future impact of Rotary within your community. As you embark on this leadership journey, strive to make your club "fit for purpose." This entails having a strong organizational structure, an engaged and diverse membership, impactful and sustainable service projects, effective communication, transparent accountability systems, sound financial management, effective strategic planning, and adaptability to meet the ever-



Focus on projects that have tangible and measurable outcomes, track your progress, celebrate your successes, and learn from each experience to continuously improve. Prioritize sustainability in all your activities, aiming for lasting change that will benefit communities for years to come.

changing needs of the community. These elements will ensure your club stands the test of time and effectively fulfills its mission of service above self.

As club president, you have the unique opportunity to inspire your members and lead by example. Your dedication and vision can transform your club into a powerful change agent, making a significant difference in the lives of those you serve. Foster an inclusive environment where all members feel

valued and motivated to contribute, as engaged members form the bedrock of a dynamic and effective club. Focus on projects that have tangible and measurable outcomes, track your progress, celebrate your successes, and learn from each experience to continuously improve. Prioritize sustainability in all your activities, aiming for lasting change that will benefit communities for years to come.

I encourage you to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure your club is fit for purpose, driving forward with passion, purpose, and a commitment to excellence. I am very confident that with you at the helm of leadership, your club will achieve remarkable results.

Congratulations once again upon assuming this esteemed and high office of club president.

You have my unwavering support, and I look forward to the remarkable achievements we will accomplish together under your leadership.



Congratulatory MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENTS

Dear MP Sam Sewagudde

Congratulations on your installation as the President of the Rotary Club of Kampala South. It is indeed a day to celebrate and I have no doubt that you will live up to the expectations of your club members.

As you embark on this exciting journey, may your leadership be inspired by the theme of the year: "The Magic of Rotary." Just like magic, Rotary has the power to transform lives, communities, and the world. And this year's theme reminds us of the extraordinary impact we can achieve when we come together with purpose and passion.

"The Magic of Rotary" is also about innovation and creativity - finding new and better ways to address the world's most pressing challenges. It's about daring to dream big, thinking outside the box, and taking bold action to create a brighter future for generations to come.

As club president, I am confident that you will embrace this theme wholeheartedly by bringing new energy and enthusiasm to every aspect of the club. It is my hope that under your leadership, your club members will experience the magic of rotary through a fulfilling club experience that fosters camaraderie, fellowship, personal growth, leadership, integrity and service. I hope that the communities that you serve will also experience the magic of rotary through transformative service projects that create a lasting difference in their lives.

Once again, congratulations on assuming this high office and I pledge my full support. I look forward to witnessing the great things we will accomplish together under your leadership.

Anne Nkutu
District Governor D9213
2024 -2025





MESSAGE FROM **DGE** **GEOFFREY KITAKULE**



Dear MP Sewagudde

Congratulations on your election as President of the Kampala South Rotary Club!

As we embark on this exciting journey together, I am thrilled by the theme for this Rotary year "The Magic of Rotary." This theme

beautifully encapsulates the extraordinary impact our collective efforts can have on our communities and the world. And I cannot forget to mention the Magic of Kampala South as a club that we bring to District 9213.

Rotary has always been a beacon of hope and service, transforming lives through our dedication and commitment. As Club President, you play a pivotal role in bringing this magic to life. Your leadership will inspire and guide our members, fostering an environment where innovative ideas and meaningful projects can flourish.

Let us embrace the magic of Rotary by working collaboratively, thinking creatively, and serving passionately. Together, we can achieve remarkable things and make a lasting difference.

Thank you for your dedication to Rotary and for your willingness to lead. Through your leadership we shall have a better and more impactful club at the end of the Magic year.

I look forward to supporting you and the entire Kampala South club, and Governor Anne Nkutu as we create a magical year of service and fellowship.



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE 32ND PRESIDENT OF RC KAMPALA SOUTH

By HCP Rita Mbabazi Tinka
2023/2024

On the 3rd of July 2023, I had the immense honor of assuming the office of President of RC Kampala South as its 32nd leader. As I stood at the podium, visibly overwhelmed by the turnout, the sea of familiar faces brought a wave of warmth and nostalgia. The presence of so many people I hadn't seen in years was deeply touching, though my mind felt blank, daunted by the journey ahead.

Taking the helm of a club that had consistently claimed the "Club of the Year" award was no easy feat. The weight of

maintaining our esteemed status and achieving our goals was substantial. The pressure primarily came from outside the club, given our role model status and the competitive environment out there. For a fleeting moment, I yearned for the simpler times five years earlier and beyond when the club had fewer members and Uganda was still unified under one district, but I smiled through the night because all had to be well.

Accepting the title of president was a challenge; I preferred to remain a committed RT, quietly fulfilling presidential duties without drawing attention to myself. This

experience has given me a profound understanding of the struggles of mental health, which has been one of the RI President's calls to action. Despite outward appearances, many suffer silently, and it's a stark reminder of the importance of being there for one another. The tragic loss of individuals we shared moments with only days or minutes before underscores the reality of this issue. Mental health is a critical concern, and we must strive to be each other's keeper.

Despite initial apprehensions, our board, club members, and the formidable past presidents formed a strong, supportive team. Together, we embarked on a journey of hard work, celebration, unlearning, learning, and relearning. These 12 months have been an unparalleled educational experience, offering lessons that no classroom could teach, making it an incredibly fulfilling journey.

Our raison d'être as Rotarians is service through projects, but the backbone of clubs is, or should be, its membership. I am not going to highlight all our achievements this year, but I will emphasize one major aspect; membership. Membership from a point of engagement and not so much from the angle of numbers. Members drive projects, engage in activities, and contribute to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Once all these membership areas are ticked for an individual and club, they find reason and purpose within Rotary, leading to retention, engagement, and eventual recruitment. In order to make a difference, clubs need people of action, people who can bring new ideas and energy, and add to the club's diversity, and importantly, people who live up to the high ideals of Rotary. In this regard, we inducted 14 new members this year and leave many in the guest wing for nurturing.

We also established two cause-based clubs: RC of First Aid and Emergency Care Response In-Formation; and RC of Environment

and Climate Action In-Formation. These clubs focus on specialized areas of need, broadening our impact and engagement. As leaders, club members, and Rotarians as a whole, we have a glorious opportunity to impart Rotary knowledge because lack of Rotary knowledge can be a deterrent to the successful operation of a club.



Rotary is about service, but it is also about fellowship. The year did not pass without some fun and fellowship: The revival of Sing and Dance with RC Kampala North, the first-ever South Wine Festival, the Babes and Men's different engagements, buddy group outings, the offsite fellowships, out-of-town hospitalities, to mention but a few, are all memories to cherish. But like many presidents before me, the Rotary Wheel has to continue rotating and, therefore, our commitment to the communities we serve and to the world has to go on, and so do I.

I want to emphasize, therefore, that all seven areas of focus are greatly dependent on membership. We must continue to work towards attaining a quantity of quality membership, nurturing, and engaging them to fully understand the cause, the value, and the purpose of this calling because collectively, we make a difference.

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As I conclude my term as president, I reflect on a year filled with challenges, growth, and profound fulfillment. Twelve months that have me looking at people and things differently. The journey has reaffirmed my belief in the power of teamwork, resilience, and the unwavering spirit of Rotary. I am confident that RC Kampala South will continue to thrive and inspire under the new leadership, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your president. Thank you for keeping Rotary simple.

I thank God for seeing me through these 12 months. I give special thanks to our past presidents, a team I am shortly joining, for their guidance and support; and for making sure I stayed on course. I may have been a bit difficult at times, but that didn't deter you from keeping me in check. As I join you, I am cognizant of the fact that you are still my elders and seniors, for whom I have utmost respect and love.

I want to thank each and every one of you for believing in me and giving me this opportunity to serve as president. I have found that the president is always fully supported, people volunteer for things, "upward" praise is given, and most times, the majority of people pull in the same direction, this is heartwarming.

To the board, I can only say thank you for accepting to serve and for being such a great team. Together, we have made remarkable strides, and I look forward to witnessing the continued success of our beloved club. To the incoming president and board, I pledge my continued support.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." — Mother Teresa





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AN INTERVIEW WITH

Dr. Samuel Sewagudde

33RD PRESIDENT OF RC KAMPALA SOUTH, 2024/2025

In this exclusive interview, Rtn Ian Mugisha (PHF), Director Club Administration, RC Kampala South gives us a glimpse into the mind of Dr Sam Sewagudde and how his rotary journey to become 33rd President of RC Kampala South began; as well as his thoughts on how the year ahead as president is likely to look like.

Enjoy the reading with a cup of coffee!

By Rtn Ian Mugisha

Rtn Ian Mugisha: *President Sam, thank you for taking the time to speak with us today. Can you briefly share your background and how you got involved with Rotary?*

MP Sam Sewagudde: The pleasure is all mine. I am a typical fun-loving-happy-go guy. I enjoy hanging with like-minded people; and yes, I love outdoor sports. I am an amateur drawing and voice-over artist. I love learning languages. It takes me just under six months to grasp a new language. I am also a planning freak. I don't like to look disorderly.

Professionally, am a livestock value chain specialist and a consulting Veterinarian. I am currently the Commercial Manager at Tunga Nutrition (U) Ltd, animal nutrition solutions business based in Ntinda Industrial area, in Kampala. I lead the customer facing arm of the company. My work is to plan for, supervise and motivate our commercial team to deliver on our ambitions in the animal feeds value chain.

My Rotary journey started 11 years ago when I bumped into a Busoga College Mwiri OB who was a Rotarian at RC Kampala North. In conversation, I overheard him talk about Rotary

and community service and I really got interested. He invited me to his club and I showed up at their Monday fellowship. Unfortunately, I didn't enjoy the visit as he never helped me understand what was happening in the meeting. He basically didn't care that I had showed up and I felt lost. I vowed never to return.

Fast forward....

A year later, I met the Late PP Aggrey Kankunda. I was trying to sell to him a dog. He never mentioned he was a rotarian. A week later I heard him talk about Rotary on a radio station. I called him up and told him I liked what Rotary was doing in communities and that I wanted to be a part of it. He invited me over for my first RC Kampala South meeting at Hotel Africana. He explained to me what Rotary was about and the community activities the club was involved in, and I got hooked there and then. Aggrey would from then on, call me every single Monday to attend our club meeting. He introduced me to club members, and I felt really welcome. I got inducted into RC Kampala South in October 2013. I remember I was inducted by PDG Bob Waggwa Nsibirwa and PP Esther Mwambu was the club president

then. I was assigned to Buddy Group, Jogoos and the rest is now history!

Rtn Mugisha: *What inspired you to join the Rotary Club of Kampala South, and what has been your most memorable experience as a Rotarian so far?*

MP Sewagudde: In RC Kampala South, besides the community services that existed then, I found friends and people I could look up to. I liked the friendly banter that went on during and after fellowship. I also liked that the weekly meetings were on Monday and at Hotel Africana. Monday being the most uneventful day of the week, I was never looking up to it until I joined South. Hotel Africana as a meeting spot was always very convenient.

My most memorable experience as a Rotarian, is when I was first given an opportunity to lead the Service Projects Directorate. I had barely made a year in the club and the opportunity came calling. I was anxious and confused in the beginning, and I spent almost 2 months after the start of the Rotary year, planning. The delay to get off the mark, got some club members uneasy and doubting if I were the man for the job. We did eventually get

off the mark, and went to execute a good year of service!

Rtn Mugisha: *How has Rotary impacted your personal and professional life, and what values do you think are most aligned with the Rotary spirit?*

MP Sewagudde: Rotary is now home. It got me a whole set of new friends. I have encouraged most of my friends to join. It is a way of life and I don't think I can ever live without it. Before I joined, my dream was to give back to the community I grew up in, in small ways. Joining just gave me a whole new dimension to serving. Service was organized; an assessment of needs preceded development of a project; there was a committee dedicated to organize service; and members were willing to contribute their time plus money to get things done.

The 4-Way Test rings a big bell for me. Honesty, fair treatment, building goodwill with all acquaintances; and

advancing friendship, plus equitable share of benefits, are very similar to values many good employers would promote at workplaces. As a team leader, at my workplace I find myself subconsciously on many occasions using the 4-Way Test.

Rtn Mugisha: *Can you share a little about your leadership style and philosophy, and how you plan to apply those principles during your presidency?*

MP Sewagudde: With the management board, my focus is on building unique individual relationships; and using those relationships as a fertile ground to drive commitment, motivation and creativity. To the club members at large, I plan to communicate effectively, stay accountable and encourage interpersonal engagement.

On the whole, I would like that at the end of my tour of service, RC Kampala South shall celebrate a year

with a higher level of membership engagement, greater understanding and participation in service projects, plus amplified giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Rtn Mugisha: *What are your thoughts on the importance of community service, and how do you believe Rotary can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others?*

MP Sewagudde: Community service is at the heart of Rotary and in my view, ranks highest in all the things we do as Rotarians. It is etched in the Object of Rotary in a very unforgettable way. It's a common saying within D9213 circles that "a rotary club that has no service projects, is simply a social club".

To the club members, Rotary gives us purpose and individual fulfillment. We feel good about ourselves when we do good in the community. Rotary gives us lifetime friends. To the communities we serve, we create





life-changing impact when we deliver projects to them that provide clean water, education enhancement, disease prevention, economic empowerment, disease prevention, peace building plus maternal and child health.

Rtn Mugisha: *What are your top priorities for the Rotary Club of Kampala South in the Rotary Year (RY) 2024/2025?*

MP Sewagudde: My top priorities in RY 2024/2025 are: Membership engagement; sharing stories of impact from communities - internally to club members, and also externally to the general public through our Public Relations channels; plus increasing club member participation.

Rtn Mugisha: *What specific projects and initiatives will you focus on, and how will they align with Rotary International's global goals?*

MP Sewagudde: Enhanced member participation: Collaboration with other directorates to deliver engaging events and reduce the cost of participation; Expanding our reach: Maximize (via PR) every opportunity we get to communicate to communities and Uganda at large about the work we

do in print, picture and video stories; and Increasing our impact: Execute longer impact projects; and forge collaborative relations with other clubs and service organizations.

Rtn Mugisha: *How do you intend to engage and involve members, especially younger professionals, in club activities and decision-making processes?*

MP Sewagudde: For starters, the Membership and Club Administration directorates will take lead in creating fun but engaging events that are member-engagement-centric. To the younger members, we plan to tap into their energy to serve at committee level, and also give them opportunities to plan, support or lead smaller core teams executing service projects

Rtn Mugisha: *What strategies will you employ to enhance the club's community impact and visibility in Kampala South?*

MP Sewagudde: At any opportunity we get at club meetings, fundraising and communication with the public, we plan to show case or report about our service footprint and its impact to the served communities.

Rtn Mugisha: *How will you foster collaboration and partnerships with other Rotary clubs, organizations, and stakeholders to amplify your efforts?*

MP Sewagudde: We are well aware that there are rotary clubs and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) existing in many of the areas we serve in Uganda. The plan is to forge relationships with these rotary clubs and organizations, and have them collaborate with us in the execution of our mandate.

Rtn Mugisha: *What message do you have for members of the Rotary Club of Kampala South, and how do you plan to inspire and motivate them throughout the year?*

MP Sewagudde: My main message to club members is: Support our planned initiatives and be good ambassadors of our club and rotary at large wherever you go.

Rtn Mugisha: *How will you measure the success of your presidency, and what legacy do you hope to leave behind?*

MP Sewagudde: Success according to me, will be; a healthy, grown, vibrant and well-engaged club that is well aware of its service footprints in Uganda, and is delivering on



A LEGACY OF SERVICE: THE ROTARY CLUB OF KAMPALA SOUTH THROUGH THE DECADES

Aligning with Rotary's Mission: A Journey of Growth

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As the year 2000 dawned, the Rotary Club of Kampala South was led by President Joseph Baroraho (**"Major Donor"**), who passed the torch to Mr. Justice Oscar Kihika under the theme "Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity." Back then, the club boasted a young and enthusiastic membership of around 25 Rotarians dedicated to serving their community.

Later that year, President Zainabu and the Board recognized the needs of members pursuing higher education. They adjusted meeting times from evenings to a lunchtime format (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM) to better accommodate them. Notably, this period saw Rotarians like PHF Aggrey, PP Michael Ojok, and Sam Mpawulo embark on their academic journeys.

Following the 9/11 attacks and subsequent global unrest, Rotary International's themes resonated deeply, reflecting a world yearning for growth, compassion, and action.

Themes like "Create Awareness – Take Action" (2001-2002), "Mankind Is Our Business" (2001-2002), "Sow the Seeds of Love" (2002-2003), and "Lend a Hand" (2003-2004) guided the club's service endeavors.

Closer to home, the LRA insurgency inflicted hardship on communities in Northern Uganda. In a spirit of solidarity, the Rotary Club of Kampala South embraced the "SEND A COW PROJECT" by monitoring initiatives in Lira, Mubende, Mityana, Kumi, Nakisunga, and Nakifuma. Additionally, the club actively supported the Polio Immunization Program with monthly immunization drives at Lweza.

Membership Development: A Formula for Success

Over the past three decades, the club's membership has seen remarkable growth: doubling from 25 members in 2000 to 50 in 2009, further expanding to 100 members by 2019, and currently boasting over 158 members with continued growth. This success can be attributed to

several key strategies, some even serendipitous.

The Secret Sauce: Fellowship, Meaningful Projects, and Strategic Recruitment

Our formula revolves around fostering strong fellowship that attracts guests, engaging them with impactful projects, and then demonstrating the value of membership.

For many years, the Jjanyi Primary School project (established near the historic St. Mary's Kisubi) served as a cornerstone. Initially, the school had only three classrooms, one doubling as a staff room. Rotarians not only provided vital assistance but also formed lasting bonds through shared experiences, often fueled by the legendary "katogo" (a traditional Ugandan breakfast) enjoyed after project work. Fads like katogo gradually evolved into other successful fellowship events like Friday Lazy Lunch (FLL), Saturday Social Lunch (SLL), Babe Zone for ladies, and Mens FLL.



“Never get tired of doing little things for others sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.”

These social gatherings provided invaluable opportunities for members to connect, solidifying friendships and encouraging membership. Additionally, during my presidency, “Love Letters” were personalized and sent to potential Rotarians, particularly targeting District Rotaract Representatives (DRRs), resulting in significant membership growth.

Today, membership extension requires deliberate strategies. Consider recruiting HR professionals with access to potential Rotarians, or graphic designers if the club needs design expertise. Following the successful integration of corporate members, the club has leveraged their CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) budgets to support its projects.

Building a Thriving Rotary Club: Beyond Themes

While Rotary International’s annual themes like “Light Up Rotary” (2014-2015), “Be a Gift to the World” (2015-2016), and “Rotary Opens Opportunities” (2020-2021) offer inspiration, the Rotary Club of Kampala South has focused on long-term strategies. Through membership growth, diverse vocational expertise, and a commitment to mentoring leaders, the club has achieved excellence in its service initiatives. This commitment has been rewarded with multiple awards at District Conferences over the past decade.

Growth and Diversity: Over the years, our club has experienced remarkable growth, our service offerings have expanded, and our

demographics have become more diverse. This shift, combined with changes in Rotary membership protocols that welcomed overseas members, created a rich pool of vocational skills and experiences. With a strong membership base, we were able to mentor leaders early on and participate in our initiatives with unwavering dedication.

Strength in Numbers: Our growth translated into improved service delivery. Enhanced service led to better reporting and documentation, propelling us towards achieving our club objectives with excellence. This commitment has been recognized, as evidenced by the multiple awards the Rotary Club of Kampala South has received at District Conferences over the past decade.

Fueling Impact: Selecting Projects for Meaningful Change

Learning from experiences at the Jjanyi Primary School project, we now embrace a SMART approach (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) to project selection. This ensures thorough planning, clear reporting, and successful project closure – areas that previously challenged our endeavors. New members are actively involved, with participation in at least one project visit a requirement before induction. Additionally, attracting corporate sponsorships has become a key element in securing funding for our projects.

A Winning Formula: We recognize the importance of starting a project with a clear understanding of its goals. Furthermore, fostering a collaborative environment is key.

In the case of Kampala South, the incoming Service Project Director is intentionally chosen from the existing Service Directorate, ensuring continuity and knowledge transfer.

Telling Your Story: Building Community Through Communication

The Rotary Club of Kampala South is proactive in maintaining an online presence and archiving important information. Being one of the first in the district to adopt Club Runner, a customized website platform, provided our members with access to valuable Rotary resources. Regular updates on club activities by buddy groups keep our social media pages active and engaging. We further enhance our communication efforts by employing a photographer to document official meetings and activities, as well as a Club administrator who assists with record keeping.

These investments have a threefold benefit: attracting potential members, facilitating clear reporting to partners, and keeping our existing members engaged and informed.

The Magic of Rotary: Collective Action Creates Lasting Change

As the current Rotary theme, “The Magic of Rotary,” emphasizes, the power to make a difference lies not in grand gestures, but in the collective impact of our actions. Let’s utilize the strategies discussed here to ignite the magic within your club. Get involved, serve your community, and create a lasting positive impact!



THE POWER OF SIMPLE CONNECTIONS: THE RC KAMPALA SOUTH GRANTS JOURNEY

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It's March 2020, and the COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc! Social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, sanitizing, and staying at home is the order of the day. The world has 'shut down'!

On the other side, online meetings, then commonly known as Zoom meetings or Zoom calls, became popular - connecting people far and near; allowing them a chance to stay in touch and mentally stable.

I was one and a half years old in Rotary, enthusiastic, excited, and eager to learn and make friends. I hopped from online meetings to

Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting - Rotary Club meetings, district trainings, zone discussions, Rotary International special sessions, name them! I was there, logging in and connecting with friends. I had crafted a message talking about who I was and details about a dialysis global grant concept and application for which I sought international partners and funds. A baby Rotarian, pushing a global grant for the very first time, and moreover a \$100,000 global grant.

In Rotary, we say that no one is a stranger, they are only friends that we've not yet met.

That's exactly what happened when, on the 15th of February, 2021, while

attending a Synergy Friendship Zoom meeting, I linked up with Urs Herzog, a retired Surgeon, Senior Rotarian, two-time Past District Governor (PDG) of Rotary District 1980.

I learned that he was a passionate Rotarian, a member of the Arch Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation, and loved community service projects, most especially in the area of Maternal and Child Health.

At the time, he probably knew one or two things about Uganda even though he had never been to the country. He had met the President of RC Entebbe at a convention in Hamburg. Together, they were working on a Maternal and Child



Health Global Grant, equipping health facilities and providing motorcycle ambulances to aid transportation of pregnant mothers in labour.

He shared his email address, and I sent him an email. One email led to another, and boom! We had a fully pledged global grant budget; and we submitted our application. A global grant was approved to the tune of \$87,000 to equip a 3-Bed Dialysis Centre at Mengo Hospital, Kampala. The grant was also meant to offer 6 months training to dialysis nurses and to create awareness about the kidney disease and how people can prevent or diagnose and treat it early enough and correctly.

PDG Urs would later visit and make a presentation to RC Kampala South, and visited our project site in Kyaka II refugee settlement, following



which we worked on 2 other global grants – first, a \$102,000 global grant to equip 5 health facilities with assorted equipment, train medical workers, promote antenatal care and menstrual hygiene. And a second; a \$100,000 global grant to create a solid waste management system in

Kyaka II refugee settlement.

And, with all the lives these grants changed, communities served, impact created - we shall celebrate the power of connection and friendship. This is Rotary!



DISTRICT AWARDS IN THE PAST YEARS



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Growth • Winner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95th DCA Attendance • Winner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Extension • 1st Runner Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service • 1st Runner Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service • 2nd Runner Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Club of the year • 2nd Runner Up



Rotary Kampala South



PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF
DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG) ANNE NKUTU &
INSTALLATION OF **MP SAMUEL SEWAGUDDE** AS 33RD PRESIDENT
OF RC KAMPALA SOUTH
HELD AT HOTEL AFRICANA, KAMPALA ON
MONDAY, 1ST JULY 2024 AT 2.50 P.M.

BOARD MEETING WITH DG ANNE NKUTU

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
2:50 p.m.	Arrival of RC Kampala South Management Board	MP Sewagudde
2: 55 p.m.	Arrival of DG Anne Nkutu	AG Constant Mayende
3:00 p.m.	Call Meeting to Order and Welcome Remarks	MP Sewagudde
3:05 p.m.	Remarks by AG Constant Mayende and Introduction of DG	AG Constant Mayende
3:15 p.m.	Introduction of RC Kampala South Management Board	MP Sewagudde
3:20 p.m.	Club Overview and Activities	MP Sewagudde
3.51 p.m.	Governor's Reaction and Guidance	DG Anne Nkutu
4.30 p.m.	Vote-of-Thanks and Closure of Meeting	Club CEO
4:30 - 5.00 p.m.	Photo Session and DG's Entertainment	Club CEO

INSTALLATION OF MP SAMUEL SEWAGUDDE

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
5:00 p.m.	Arrival of Club Members and Guests	Club CEO
5.50 p.m.	Arrival of DG Anne Nkutu	AG Mayende/Mish
6:00 p.m.	Call Meeting to Order & Rotary Norms	HCP Rita Tinka
6:05 p.m.	Introduction of AG Constant Mayende	PAG Flavia Nabasa
6:07 p.m.	Introduction of DG Anne Nkutu	AG Constant Mayende
6:15 p.m.	Farewell Remarks by IPP	HCP Rita Tinka
6:25 p.m.	Citation of MP Samuel Sewagudde	PP Patrick Lassu
6:30 p.m.	Installation of MP Samuel Sewagudde	DG Anne Nkutu
6:35 p.m.	Acceptance Speech and Introduction of Board	MP Sewagudde
6:50 p.m.	Welcoming the District Governor	AG Constant Mayende
6:53 p.m.	Remarks by District Governor	DG Anne Nkutu
7:15 p.m.	Launch of the TRF Payment Platform	DG Ann Nkutu
7:30p.m	Cutting of Cake	FOR
7:35 p.m.	Roll Call of Clubs and Announcements	Sergeant-At-Arms
7:40 p.m.	Gratitude Moment	Sergeant-At-Arms
7:55 p.m.	Final Toast	MP Sewagudde

