



# MPAGI

## NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORS NOTE

**I greet you all in the name of God Almighty .**

I welcome you Mpagi readers to this month of August 2024, which is a membership and extension in Rotary. This is a very important month because it's the backbone of Rotary growth. Membership is key for us to grow and make an impact on society. Let us make it a priority.

As Nateete Kampala we were involved in the cancer run the club was visible and present the main motive was to raise money to help cancer patients All in all the event was the epitome of success for us as a club and Rotary International A reminder to all is that the fight for cancer is never over until its over so never stop supporting ant pitching in in whatever way you can.

We first held our board meeting in Jevine Hotel to lay strategies make known to eachother the roles to be played by each of us and the goals to set our sight to ensure Nateete shines and stands tall this Rotary year

My special thanks to members of this club who will do all it takes to make it shine  
United, we stand divided. We fall

My atmost gratitude to the writers of articles. Thank you so much and our esteemed readers. All this would not have been possible without you. God bless you.

**RTN RWAHWIRE MARGARET**  
**Busega Lions buddy group**  
**Editor**

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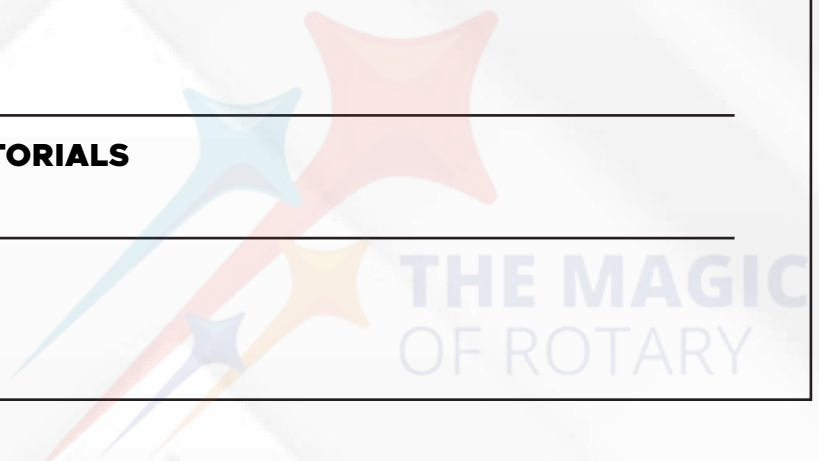
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# From Challenge to Opportunity

## President, Rotary International Message

If we are to truly change the world with The Magic of Rotary, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites The Magic of Rotary.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.



**STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**  
President, Rotary  
International  
2024/25

# A Large and Active Membership is Critical to the Success of Everything We Do

## District Governor's message

### Dear Rotarians

We have already completed our first month of this Rotary year and I hope you are now settled into your respective roles and activities geared towards fulfilling our targets and making lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Also ensuring we truly bring our theme 'the Magic of Rotary' to life, and why not, as this is what we do and what we are about.

As I began my role as District Governor this past month, I have been humbled to see your hearts of service in everything that you are doing. I have visited some amazing projects and was awestruck and truly humbled by your works! The year has kicked off very well and we have also successfully launched our centennial project of 'Planting our Balance' in both Uganda and Tanzania. I have been planting trees at club visits and I will soon be done with my personal tree balance then I will also plant my club's balance. Thank you, Rotarians.

Visiting you in your clubs as well as project visits has reminded me again and again what truly exceptional people Rotarians are. I have experienced magical moments again and again!

As we start the Membership month, I want us to remember that a large and active membership is critical to the success of everything we do. Starting with our service projects, to fundraising activities, and giving to the Foundation. With a bigger membership, we have more hands on deck for everything as well as opportunities for more connections from a wider base.

No one will however know what we do if we don't tell our stories for people to know the good we are doing and come to join us. So let us please tell our stories.

We must be intentional about growing quality membership in our communities, corporates, friends and family. We should try to form new clubs whilst also ensuring retention as well as increasing members in our clubs and avoiding the proverbial leaking bucket scenario.

Let us give this effort our all this August and this will help set the tone and drive membership in our District this year.

**Wishing you a great month and looking forward to seeing encouraging membership stories this month.**



**DG. Agnes Batengas  
D9214, 2024/25.**

# IPDG Ssemwanga's Home Coming



# Rotary Nateete-Kampala President's Message

Our dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and friends of Rotary, I greet you all in the name of the Almighty God who has enabled us to finish the month of August.

August 2024 has been a fantastic month for our Club Rc Nateete Kampala. We held a insightful presentation that delved deep into the benefits and opportunities of a health membership growth. The presentation kicked off with an overview of being a club member, steady increase of members, sustained growth, retention rate should be at 95%, diversity in age, member engagement, leadership development and community impact of being a member in the Rotary family. Our presenter AG Marion Natukunda led the session with enthusiasm and shared valuable insights about how to make the most of your membership.

Rc Nateete Kampala participated in cancer run at UMA show ground and ranked number four in district 9214 with total sale of 411 cancer run vests. Special thank you to all Rc Nateete members for the team spirit exhibited during the sale of cancer vests but more appreciation to our cancer run officer Rtn Sylvia Mayambala.

**Yours president;  
Florence Bulya Birungi  
RC NATEETE**



# The Sincere Boss

BY PP. MAGGIE

**A handsome man went into a hotel and asked to see the boss. When the boss came, the story began.**

- The client: is room 39 empty?
- The boss: yes, sir.
- The client: can I book it?
- The boss: of course you can.
- The client: thank you.

Before going to the room, the client asked the boss to provide him with a black knife, a white thread 39 cm and an orange 73g.

The boss agreed though he was surprised at the weird things the client asked to have.

The client went into his room, he didn't ask for food or anything else.

Unfortunately for the boss, his room was next to room 39.

After midnight, the boss heard strange voices and noise in that client's room. Voices of wild animals and of utensils and dishes being thrown on the floor.

The boss didn't sleep that night. He kept thinking and wondering what might be the source of the noise.

In the morning, when the client handed the keys to the boss, the latter asked to see the room first.

He went to the room and found everything alright. Nothing unusual. He even found the thread, the black knife and the orange on the table.

The client paid the bill and gave the bellboys a very good tip and left the hotel smiling.

The boss was in a shock but he didn't reveal what he heard to the bellboys. In fact, he started to doubt himself.

After one year, the client showed up again. He asked to see the boss again. The boss was in a puzzle.

The client asked the same things: room 39, black knife, white thread 39cm and an orange 79g.



This time, the boss wanted to know the truth by all means possible. He spent a sleepless night, waiting for something to happen. After midnight, the same voices and noises started, this time louder and more indecipherable than the year before.

Again, before leaving, the client paid his bill and left a large tip on the table for the bellboys. The smile didn't leave his face.

The boss started searching for the meaning of everything the client asked to have. Why did he ask room 39? why the white thread? why the black knife??? In fact, the boss didn't arrive to any convincing answer to all these questions.

The boss now was eagerly waiting for the month of March, the month in which the client showed up.

To his surprise, on the first day of March, the same client showed up. He asked the same questions. Wanted to book the same room, wanted to have the same things as before.

The boss again heard the same noises, this time more louder than before.

In the morning, when the client was leaving the hotel, the boss apologized politely to the client and asked to know the secret behind the noises in the room.

- "If I tell you the secret, do you promise to never reveal it to anyone else?"

- "I promise I will never let anyone know".

- "Swear"

- "I swear I won't reveal your secret"

So finally, the client revealed his secret to the boss.

Unfortunately, the boss was a sincere person. Until now he hasn't revealed his secret to anyone.

When he does, I will let you know... thank you for reading.

# Do the right thing - Trust God

Do the right thing when people are seeing and when they are not seeing. Do the right thing in darkness and in light. Do the right thing even when it hurts. Remember, God is watching us.

In order for things to go well, we need to do the right thing. You can't take the right direction if you are not going on the right path. Do the right thing to achieve the right results, and in whatever you do, remember you will account one day.

Doing the right thing or a wrong thing can impact you as an individual and people around you, e.g, generational curses are the result of a person not doing a right thing somewhere. Parents, you can do something, and it impacts your children and your children's children the four generations the Bible talks about. Endeavour to do the right thing for the sake of everyone around you.

Young girl who is in a relationship with a married man and you husband of someone destroying the young girls future. Is it a right thing? Do the right thing, and trust God.

You have money in your hands with full authority over it and with a purpose, but it's not yours. Do the right thing, and trust God.

God created us as individuals. You came in this world alone. You were introduced to your mother, then family, clan, community, and even nation, that is how God ordained us. As individuals, we make decisions that can impact many people, more so those around you. Please do the right thing by making the right decisions.

Marriage is a very good thing, and God sees you as one person. If one does the right thing and the other does the wrong thing, you will sink together. One can pay tithe, and the other one does not. man, both of you will sink. Why should you be the one to sink the boat when you can all be afloat. Do the right thing, and trust God.

I have heard people say the nation has gone wrong just know there is someone who did not do the right thing somewhere somehow one wrong thing done by a small person somewhere can destroy a nation Endeavour to do the right thing.

It is evident there are things that can not remain long hidden, the sun, the moon and the truth, and time has much like the three. Do the right thing because however much you try one day, everything will be exposed.

'These things you have done and I kept silent you thought I was all together like you; But I will rebuke you and set them in order before your eyes' Do the right thing and trust God.

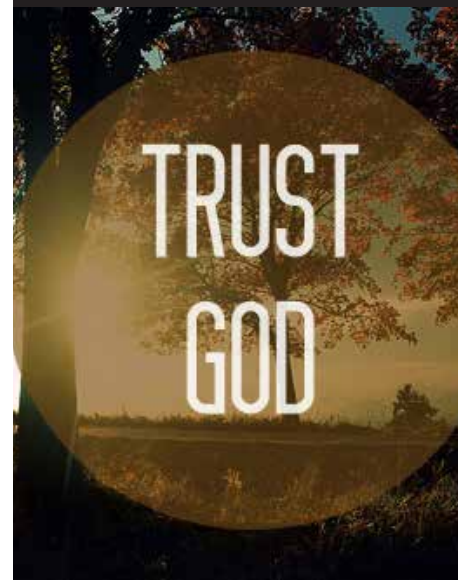
One of the worst mistakes you will ever make is eliminating God in the picture he is the one who has your manual his big eye can see even the darkest place. Do the right thing, and trust God.

There are things that are right in the world, but wrong in God's eyes in whatever you do put God's interests first.

One of the right things you will ever do is reconciling yourself with God it starts with a relationship with him Recommit your self to God it is what is most important God will make everything clear like day and night.



**RTN RWAHWIRE MARGARET**  
Rc Nateete - Kampala



**The  
Truth  
People  
Neglect**

# 2023-24 ROTARY CITATION



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Nateete-Kampala

for helping **Rotary create hope in the world.**

R. Gordon R. McNally  
President, Rotary International



# Western Uganda Trip

**Fri. 4th to 6th Sun. October 2024**

## TOUR SITES

Kazinga Channel, Kyambura Gorge,  
Queen Elizabeth N. Park, Lake Katwe,  
Lake Edward & George, R. Nyamunuka,  
Kilembe Mines, Mt. Rwenzori,  
Amabere Ga Nyina Mwiru, Toro Crater Lake  
Semuliki National Park, Hotsprings,  
Bundibugyo Escarpments

**Fee: 550,000/-**

Covers: Transport, Accomodation & Meals, Payments for visiting sites  
All payments to 0786272771 Katimbo Julius

**Fee: 500,000/- (Early bird)**

Up to 1st October 2024

# RC Nateete community assessment in Mbale

24th August 2024

After being assigned by President Bulya, PP. Ssebunya on behalf of RC Nateete, in conjunction with our International Partners from the Rotary club of the University District, Seattle (USA), completed Community Assessment of the community people living around Bukobero Health Center III area in Mbale. Interviews were carried out, purposely to get to understand what the community people need to be done for them, relative to the medical equipments which are going to be purchased, using the Global Grant we are currently working on.



Community Assessment meeting



Listening to an explanation from one of our International Partners



Exhibiting factory made bricks

# Implementation of l'arche water project

Thursday 15th August 2024 marked the beginning of implementing the 3rd phase of L'Arche Water Project. Below in the photos are PP Ssebunya, Irresistible President Ssemu (Chairperson of Masaka Corridor Clubs) and L'Arche members, as work commenced in the morning



President Bulya gives out gifts to babies of the month



Rtn Sylvia, you performed exceptionally well during the Cancer Run ticket selling and mobilisation. You deserved this gift. Keep up that Rotary spirit



Member Wedding Anniversary



Club Board Meeting on 17th August at Jevina Hotel



# ROTARY CANCER RUN 2024

## MOMENTS



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1 Kings College Buddo buying Cancer run kits care of Rtn Sylvia Mayambala



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3 CLUB PN/ TREASURER RELAXING AFTER 5KM



3

2 PAG Florence ran 10km. Yes, we can all support, we can fight cancer





# ANNUAL FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERNITY WARD IN LUUKA DISTRICT



**FRIDAY**  
6 SEPT 2024



**THEATRE**  
LABONITA, 5PM

FEE: VIP **100K** ORDINARY **50K**

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## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

MONTH	DESIGNATION
JULY	Maternal and Child Health
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
APRIL	Environment
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships