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Editor's Note

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first Edition of the District Rolling Wave Magazine. What an honour it is for me, and the team to serve District 9213.

As fellow enthusiasts of all things Rotary, we are thrilled to embark on this journey with you, and we count on your support. Please use this your Magazine, as a platform, and a voice through which we tell our impactful Rotary stories, and ensure we shine a light on all those places we have impacted, all those people we have encouraged to live another day; the essence of Creating Hope.

This first Edition is only telling us how we are set to work, and it also represents the culmination of countless hours of hard work, dedication, and a shared vision at the Secretariat. Putting together the leadership teams, the Signature Project and its successful launch are some of the milestones we have covered.

In crafting this inaugural issue, our goal has been to set the tone for what you can expect from your magazine moving forward—excellence in content, innovative ideas, and a commitment to delivering a unique reading experience of what is going on across the district. Please share it widely, in and out

of Rotary. Everyone must hear our voices.

In each edition going forward, we shall ensure we know what we do. We have started a “support a Rotarian’s/Rotaractor’s hustle.” Those businesses we undertake need to be supported by this great Rotary community- advertise with us!

Going forward, the team is dedicating each month to a different region, and we invite you to the second edition that shall feature more of what rotary is doing in the greater Northern region.

We thank the Amazing Team for the very beautiful work done over the last 12 months, and the pace they have set for us. We promise to do better, with your guidance Samuel Ngambweki and the team.

Now as we embark on this exciting journey, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. This magazine is a collaborative space where we aim to create a sense of community and foster meaningful conversations. We are committed to continually improving and evolving to meet your expectations. Talk to us through rollingwaved9213@gmail.com & sheilanaturinda@gmail.com

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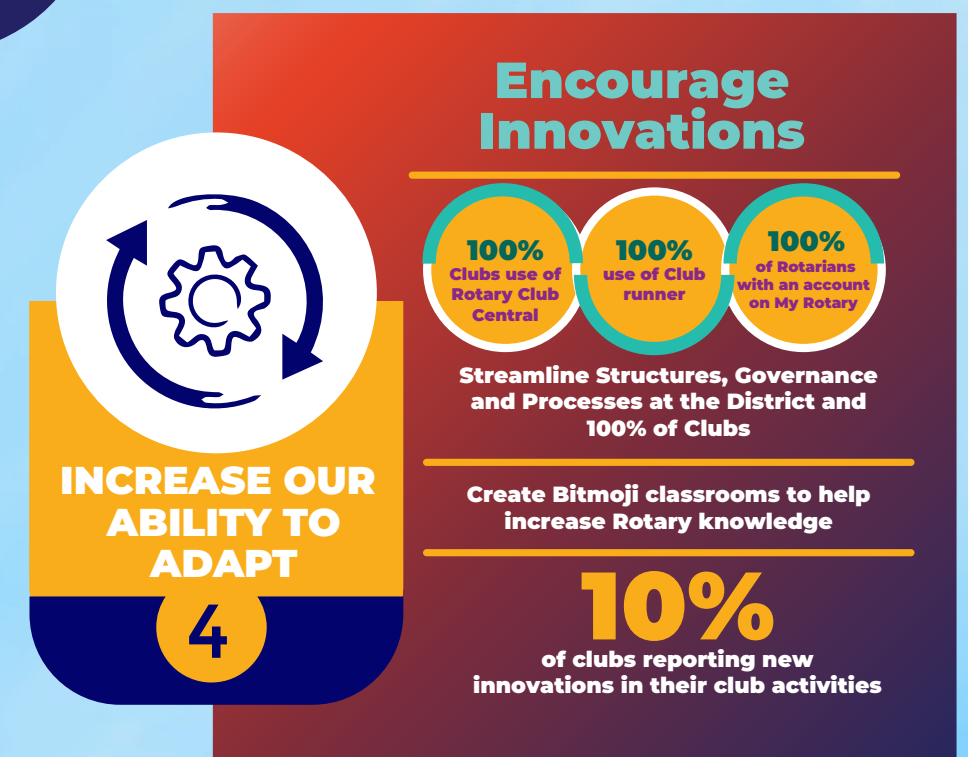
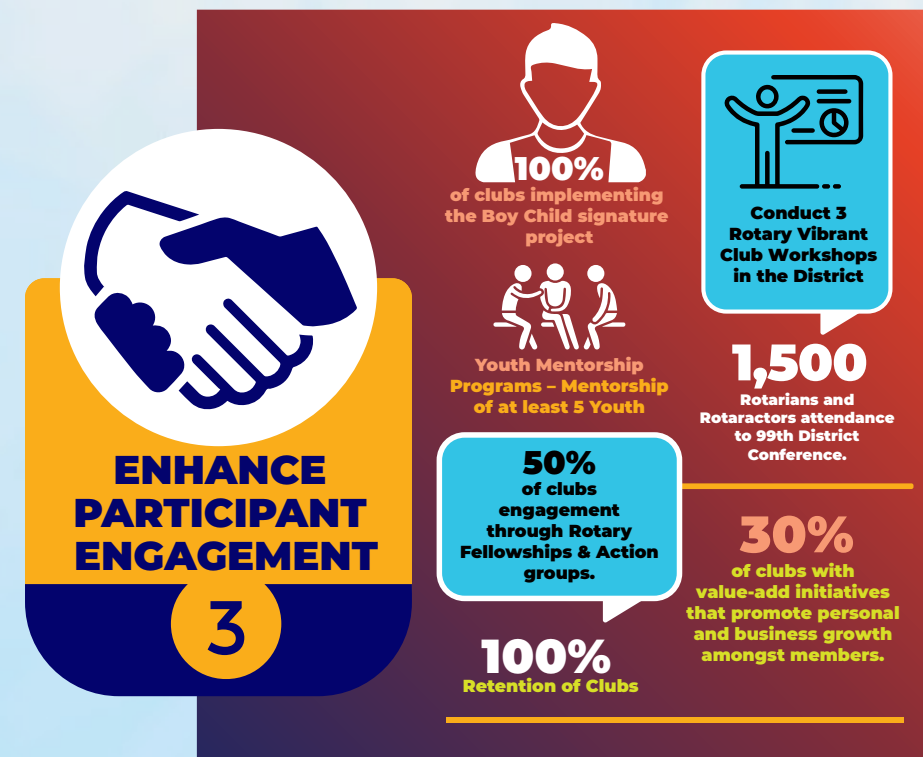
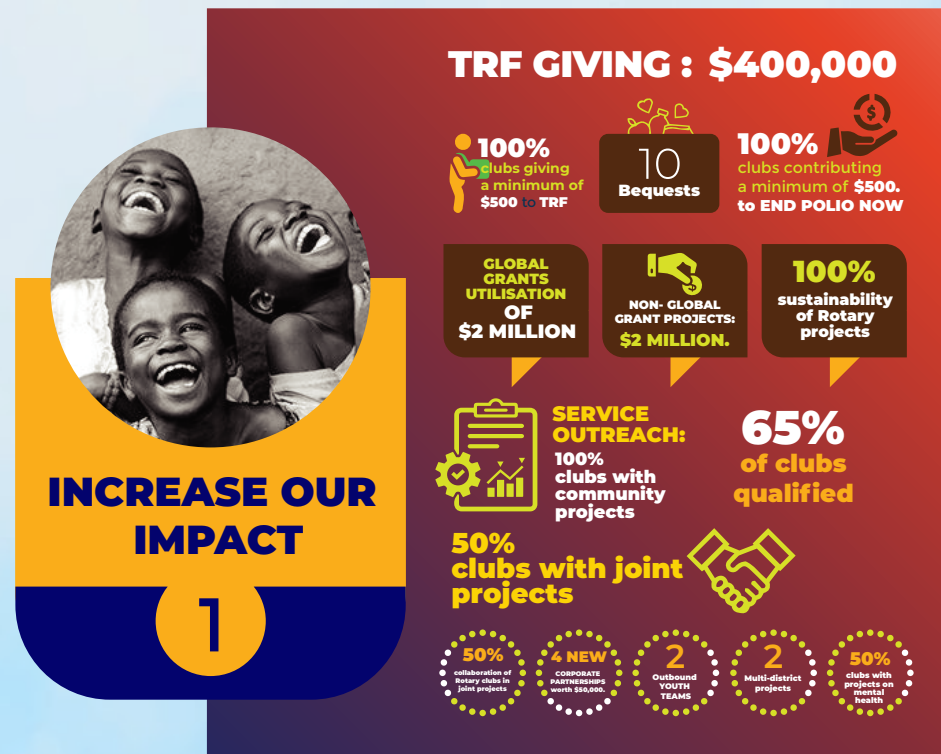


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My call to action

Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to Create Hope in the World.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently – and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire

every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can. Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary – it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion – ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them. As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you. Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and Create Hope in the World.

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY
President, Rotary International



Creating Hope is Our Call

Welcome to the new Rotary Year

My Sisters and Brothers in Rotary:

I feel incredibly privileged to be your District Governor Rotary year 2023/24 and to follow in the footsteps of amazing District Governor Hon Dr Mike Kennedy Sebalu.

I want to welcome you to the new Rotary year where our theme is "Create Hope in the World" A lot of amazing work has been accomplished in 2022-23 but more is expected from us this Rotary Year in line with this year's theme. Therefore, we will need the support of all Rotarians and Rotaractors to take our District to greater heights and if this is to happen, we have to lead from the front.

Bill Owen reminds us that **"True leadership lies in guiding others to success in establishing everyone is performing at their best."**

This Rotary year I expect all of us in District 9213 to do our best and that way we shall be able to achieve and surpass our goals.

The theme for this year is **"Create Hope in the World."** It will be our challenge to strengthen and walk the talk of living the theme. Rotary gives us an opportunity to serve communities and we are the only premier organization in the world who pay to serve.

This enables us to unite and take meaningful actions through our Motto **"Service Above Self"**

This Rotary year, we are going to focus a lot on membership growth and retention by growing in numbers and innovate new ways of retention.

We have to fix the leaking pot of where we lose significant members at the end of each Rotary year.



"What we do in the communities we serve is like a drop into ocean but the ocean will never be full without a single drop." Mother Theresa

We shall continue to grow our foundation and this Rotary year we shall have no zero giving clubs. I request all of us people of action to donate a minimum of \$10 (ten dollars) in the first month of July to kick start the year and we expect to raise \$ 50,000 (fifty thousand dollars). This is dubbed (welcome to the Hope create year)

Mother Theresa once reminded us “What we do in the communities we serve is like a drop into ocean but the ocean will never be full without a single drop.”

The Rotary foundation is the lifeline of Rotary and a vehicle through which we can impact our communities around us and those beyond.

We should always remind ourselves of the Rotary vision statement **“Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create a lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves”**

Our Public Relations is going to be at the center stage both banners and content we have to be mindful of what we write, post or say. Our brand is a powerful tool built over the year so we cannot accept any shortcuts whatsoever.

The youth, we shall continue nurturing and developing our youth such that our future is guaranteed.

This year Governors signature project is the **“Boy Child Uplifting Program”** which we successfully launched on our first day in office at Old Kampala Playground 8:00am. Let us support the Boy Child and guarantee the future of the Girl Child.

I began my official club visits on Monday 3rd July 2023 and I will be sharing with you my detailed plans for our District goals.

My parting remarks is to request you friends to tell your stories through the Rolling Wave Magazine because what we have done, what has impacted our communities must be talked about, so that it enables us to create hope in the world.

Looking forward to a very exciting year of service as we Create Hope in the World.

Edward Kakembo Nsubuga
District Governor 2023/24
Rotary International District 9213



Our Special Time Is Here!



The sky was starless in the darkest night and the moon seemed buried...but we lit our candles and walked through the darkness so that we could discover our dreams and raise our hopes. We had a date with our Special Time

It gives me great happiness to congratulate you and welcome you into our Special Time of Creating Hope in the World. The Hope Creator District Team and Hope Creator Presidents have spent the last many months planning and preparing for a year of development for our Clubs and fellow Rotaractors. As I attended the various installation celebrations, I got extremely happy to learn of the readiness of the Rotaractors in ensuring that we achieve our Big Four Agenda of:

- Giving to the Rotary Foundation,
- Doubling our Membership,
- Enhancing our Public Image and
- Strengthening the Family of Rotaract.

We must also consolidate the gains that our Clubs have made over the years especially in Professional and Leadership Development as well as Community Service.

I thank and congratulate Amazing DRR Sarah Owembabazi and

Amazing DG Mike Sebalu together with the District Teams and Presidents on leading us through the Rotary 2022/23. The Hope Creator Team shall take it on from here.

I look forward to our continued interactions during the Official Visits, Projects, Celebrations and any other avenues that shall arise. Whereas our success is already written in the sky, I encourage us to work hard, stay focused and humble as we achieve the great plans we set and more. Please be assured of my best wishes support, prayers and guidance together with that of our Special District Team as we sail through this remarkable Rotary Year.

History is going to be kind to us, because we are going to write it!

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The 2023-2024 Signature Project



Empowering Boys For A Bright Future: Inside the Groundbreaking Boy Child Uplifting Program (BCUP) 2023/2024

Program Overview:

Over the decades, our society has built an average record of 87% initiatives focusing on mentoring and empowering the girl child, whereas only 13% documented initiatives are focusing on mentoring the boy child. The continued exclusion of the boy child in gender equality campaigns and programs has created a population at crossroads grappling with; crime, low self-esteem, violence, widespread alcoholism, drug abuse, and increased school dropouts. With closer needs assessment in Uganda, the boys are becoming the weaker sex. Today, there is a substantive debate about the boy child, with many people feeling that there is need to re-think whether the advancement by girls has completely kept out the boys.

We take a sample record of the general behavior and grooming of people in our society; from the national criminal records, Uganda Prisons Service reports 74,444 prisoners including pre-trial detainees and remand prisoners as at 12th January 2023. It also shares a breakdown report as at November 2021; 95.4% as male prisoners and 4.6% as female prisoners in 3 categories of remands, convicts and debtors. prisons.go.ug. In Uganda, 60-71% of school-going children (12 to 24 years) use addictive substances, especially alcohol (19.3%) and kuber (smokeless tobacco used sublingually) at 4.4% as at 26th May 2022. <https://journals.org>article>.

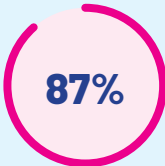
Also in Uganda, around 1 in 10 School children did not report back to school in January 2022 after schools were closed for 2 years due to the COVID-19 post lockdown school fees and requirements soar, loss of parents and guardians as well as peer pressure for sustaining small income initiatives during the lockdown. <https://www.unicef.org>uganda>

It is therefore critical that deliberate attention be directed to the boy child who is now faced with lack of basic education, child abuse, molestation, trafficking, discrimination, but yet treated and expected to be less emotional and extremely perfect.



THE NUMBERS

MENTORING AND EMPOWERING
INITIATIVES



FOCUS ON THE GIRL
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74,444

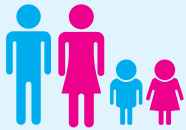
TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS
AS AT 12TH JANUARY 2023. 95.4%
ARE MALE AND 4.6% ARE FEMALE
PRISONERS



Problem statement:

There is an increase in the number of boys dropping out of school. During a typical lecture session in most tertiary institutions; as the basic highest level of education, most of the occupants taking these classes are women, which begs the question; where are their counterparts? Furthermore, crime rate is on the rise and the highest number of individuals behind bars in prisons consists of young men. Others are on drugs and abusing different kinds of substances even within homes which should be a source of grooming and mentoring a child. We are on the brink of a crisis if stakeholders do not make an effort to mitigate the situation. Stakeholders in this context include the family units, religious and learning institutions, policy makers, mentors, and generally the society as a whole. This is the reason why this initiative is addressing the unfinished business of the boy child.

Statistics:



49,710,809
lives.

Number of Ugandans; as at 3rd April 2023; (Worldometer elaboration of the latest United Nations data) <https://www.worldometers.info>ug>



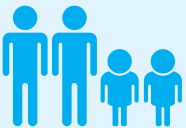
38,774,431.02
lives below 35 years.

Uganda has the world's youngest population with over 78% of its population below the age of 30 years of age. <https://www.youthpolicy.org>ug>
Uganda has the second youngest population in the world. More than 3 quarters (78%) of its citizens are below the age of 35 years and this youthful population is projected to double in the next 25 years. <https://www.unicef.org>



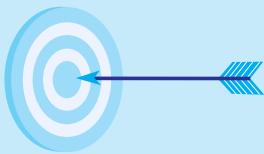
19,123,549.38
boys.

We take 49.32% as the male population in Uganda to represent the boy child. <https://mstaticstimes.com>ug>



7,840,655
Are boys and young men
that live in poverty; in the
category of uneducated,
semi-educated and
unemployed.

In Uganda, 41% of the people live in poverty. <https://opportunity.org>
These statistics will be our determinant of the number of boys to target for The Boy Child Uplifting Program (BCUP) in Uganda.



The Goal:

To empower and support the boy child through The Boy Child Uplifting Program (BCUP) to 30% of the boys and young men in Uganda who are currently living below the average life of basic education and employment.

2,352,197

Boys and young en
between the ages of 10
to 35 years will benefit
from this program.



The Objectives:

| | |
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| 1. Create or consolidate education opportunities for the Boys. | 45% = 1,058,488 Boys returned to or retained in school at primary, secondary or tertiary institution levels. |
| 2. Conduct mindset change projects through support; to identify past and current failures, share learning experiences, avail evidence of success stories and people (from dust to glory). Support with rewarding effort and practice for individual and group improvement. | 55% = 1,293,708 boys and young men attending mindset change programs, others skilled or re-skilled and others attached to Factories, House Construction Companies, Carpentry or Welding Companies etc. |
| 3. Conduct skilling and re-skilling projects. | Identify at least 120 qualified individual mentors, and 35 well established organizations for attachment of the boys and young men. |
| 4. Construction of Public Skilling Centres. | |
| Total number of boys and young men | 100% of our target numbers = 2,352,197 boys and young men. |

Sustainability and Multiplier effect: This program will be implemented and sustained through two (2) selected areas of focus in Rotary; **Basic Education and Literacy as well as Economic and Community Development.** Implementation will be at Club level both in Rotary through the 108 Rotary Clubs and in Rotaract through the 111 Rotaract Clubs in D9213; these statistics are as at 30th June 2023. Each participating Rotary or Rotaract Club will be required to engage an average of **10,740 boys** in this program and may divide them into measurable projects as guided in the program objectives. The Clubs will implement this program in partnerships and sponsorships with Religious Institutions, Kingdoms, Schools and Tertiary Institutions, Government, NGOs, Prisons, mental and psychological rehabilitation centres, Financial Institutions, Private Formal and Informal Organizations, Local Community leadership structures and grass-root household structures. Every area of influence in our society will be involved and hence the sustainability and multiplier effect of the program.

Conclusion: Rotarians and Rotaractors through their networks and contacts are well known to mobilize sustainable resources for the less privileged

to impact thousands of communities. These communities hold an average of 41% population of the boy child who is losing his position in today's society. This program is therefore coming in a critical time to address the issues associated with the boy child who is into activities that have resulted into vices like crime, drug abuse, terrorism, truancy among others. If this trend continues, the result will be; an impaired development of the country with a large number of dependents, low skills development, and little entrepreneurship. There will also be increased failed marriages, dysfunctional families, and increased domestic violence among others.

As District 9213, we will set the ball rolling effective 1st July 2023 with an official launch of this program, throughout the Rotary year ending 30th June 2024 and we shall continue implementing, supporting and monitoring this program until 2030 as the bare minimum in order to achieve the desired positive behavioral change and impact in the targeted **2,352,197 lives** of boys and young men in Uganda

Jennifer Mirembe Ssensuwa

Chair Signature Project



Please count on our full support

After months of preparation, the year of "Create Hope in the World" is finally here. The last twelve months were particularly intense. Putting the teams together, holding several weekly meetings, having orientation meetings with the different leadership teams and conducting numerous pieces of training to ensure everyone was ready and set for the new Rotary year was particularly demanding but exciting. With all the hours put in to provide a great year, the leadership team at the district is confident of achieving the desired targets. A new Rotary year always comes with excitement, like a new born in a family. The excitement of having a new theme, a new District Governor and several new faces at the helm of the district leadership. The fully embraced culture of having nearly all Rotary leaders serving in a position for one year makes it almost inevitable that we always look forward to the next set of leaders once the year is approaching sunset.

The theme, Create Hope in the World could not have come at a better time. With so much happening in the world, uncertainties have cropped up in places that had previously been assured. With the world becoming uncompromising and challenges from all spheres, Rotarians have not been spared. The theme, therefore, is a call to action for the Rotary fraternity, and as leaders in Rotary, our first point of call

should be to our members, to create hope through our deliberate actions of engaging leadership at all levels. Creating hope among members will energise them to take action geared towards doing the same in their communities and beyond. Our programmes should be in tandem with the district's goals. The district goals have been aligned with our strategic plan and premised on the Rotary International action plan. They define what we should do as Rotarians to create hope in ourselves and our communities. I call on each of you to understand and appreciate the district's goals.

Additionally, there is a team of dedicated leaders; Assistant Governors and the District Committees, and the District Governor to support whenever needed and at all times. To the top leaders at the level where everything is done, the Hope Creator Presidents, count on our full support. I want to wish you all a very successful year.

Finally, fellow hope creators, let us challenge ourselves to be able to point at areas or situations where each one of us feels that we created hope where it was just a dream.

Gerald Obai
District Executive Secretary

Launching the **Boy Child Uplifting Program (BCUP)**



Kampala Lights Up with Colorful Celebrations as Rotary Launches the “Boy Child Uplifting Program” - BCUP



On a bright and cheerful day, the heart of Kampala, was adorned with vibrant colors and an infectious atmosphere of celebration as Rotary District 9213 launched its highly anticipated “Boy Child Uplifting Program” - BCUP. The event took place on the grounds of Old Kampala Senior Secondary School on July 1st, and it was nothing short of spectacular. The program’s main objective was to shine a much-needed light on the boy child, who has often been overlooked in projects predominantly focused on girls.

The launch of BCUP coincided with the assumption of office by the enthusiastic and dedicated Governor Edward Kakembo Nsubuga, who took on the role of District Governor of District 9213. The event was a resounding success, with joy and achievement radiating from every corner of the venue. Rotarians,

sporting their well-branded T-shirts adorned with the boy child uplifting logo, Rotary logos, and the Rotary International theme logo, turned the gathering into a dazzling sea of brightness and purity, symbolizing their unwavering commitment to the cause.

The highlight of the event was the electrifying speech delivered by Rtn Jennifer Ssensuwa Mirembe, the chair of the BCUP and a key figure in its development and implementation. Rtn Jennifer’s inspiring words resonated deeply with Rotarians and guests alike. She passionately called upon Rotary clubs to collaborate and join forces with the boy child uplifting program, emphasizing its encompassing goals of education, literacy, community empowerment, financial growth, and mental health—underlining the latter as the cornerstone of the Rotary International President’s



signature project. The program’s vision bearer , District Governor Edward Kakembo Nsubuga, urged the entire district to embrace this transformative initiative fully. He emphasized the significance of placing the boy child back in his rightful place and empowering him to lead and grow his family. The governor also called upon the government and civil society to embrace the program, recognizing the potential for effective change at the family and community level.

The Boy Child Uplifting Program takes a two-fold approach, with a focus on Basic education and literacy, as well as economic and community development. The goal is to ensure that boys are well-educated and equipped to face the challenges of the world. Additionally, the program aims to educate men on effective household management and familial responsibilities, fostering their holistic development within the community.

The event’s guest of honor, Honorable Kyofatogabye Kabuye, the Minister of State for Kampala, Capital City, and Metropolitan Affairs, represented the State Minister for Higher Education, Dr JC Chrysostom Muyingo. In his address, he pledged the government’s commitment to supporting the uplifting program, recognizing the difficulties faced by boys in today’s society.

The festivities commenced with an invigorating match, led by the Scouts band, which paraded through downtown Kampala and back to Old Kampala, creating a spectacle of unity and purpose. The event unfolded with captivating musical performances that celebrated and affirmed the

value of the boy child. Heartfelt speeches and well-deserved recognitions were given to individuals and organizations that played vital roles in organizing and supporting the event.

The generous support of sponsors like KCB Bank, expressing their delight in being associated with the initiative, and AAR Health Services, providing free medical assistance to attendees, added to the success of the day. The collective efforts of various sponsors, including CIIM Group, a people management company, culminated in a triumphant launch and signing ceremony of the Boy Child Uplifting Program.

It is important to note that BCUP is not a one-time effort but an annual initiative, continuing until June 2024. This ensures sustained and substantial impact on the lives of the boy child and numerous marginalized communities. Rotary District 9213 calls upon all Rotarians and friends to join in this noble endeavor. Together, through collective action, we can make a significant difference in the lives of the boy child and bring hope to those in need.

Once again, Rotary District 9213 has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to creating a better world. Your dedication and inspiration serve as an invitation for all of us to come forward and support this cause. Let us unite under the banner Rotary, for together, we can uplift the boy child and bring hope to those in need. Kampala shines brighter with the Boy Child Uplifting Program.

Carol Kyazze Kakooza
District Media &PR Cordinator

Guidelines For District Governor's Official Visit To Clubs For Rotary Year 2023-2024



One of the responsibilities and obligations of the District Governor (DG), is to visit your clubs during his term of service for the Rotary Year 2023-2024. The purpose of the Club visits is to listen to, and engage with club members about their club goals and strategies, to inspire and motivate them in friendship and fellowship so that together, the district enjoys a memorable experience

The following Guidelines have been set for this purpose, and all clubs are all encouraged to comply with the set parameters.

1. Club must have entered at least 15 of their goals in Rotary Club Central.
2. The Club must have paid up semi-annual Rotary International and District Dues for 2023/24.
3. The Club President should prepare and share a club report with the DG through their respective AG, at least 2 weeks before the scheduled visit (The AG should copy the report to the DES, LG and the DG's Personal Assistant. The report should follow the outline below:
 - a. Overview of the club
 - b. Set goals and performance of each Directorate covering all avenues of service.
 - c. Audited accounts:
 - i. For July-September visits, the audited accounts

- ii. For visits in September onwards, the audited accounts for RY 2021 - 2022 should be attached.

4. In case of a project visit, a formal communication should be sent to the DG through the LG at least 2 weeks before the visit. The following should be included:
 - a. A Project overview
 - b. Indicate where external dignitaries or partners are involved.
 - c. If a speech is expected, the Club president should prepare guiding notes for the DG.
5. The DG's visit is an official scheduled Rotary event that should be independent from any other functions; where external dignitaries or partners are involved; they will form part of the club meeting.
6. Where the DG is unable to make the visit as scheduled due to unforeseen circumstances, the club will be notified at least one week before the date and the visit shall be rescheduled. The LG and AG will get in touch with the club president to agree on another date.

7. In case a club is unable to host the DG on the scheduled date due to unavoidable circumstances, the club must notify the DG through the AG and the LG, at least 1 week before the scheduled date.
8. Clubs will be met in one seating/assembly involving all members. Exception will be made if the club requests for a separate Board meeting. Clubs with over 30 members will have a separate board meeting and a full meeting/assembly for all members.
9. Joint club visits are encouraged where possible. Clubs which have not been listed for joint meetings, but would want to do so should communicate to the DG through their AG and Lieutenant Governor, at least two weeks before the visit.
10. Time management is very important. Meetings should begin and end on time. For the evening meetings, the program should end by 8:30 p.m. to allow members return safely to their places of residence. Where there is need for a special arrangement, communication should be sent to the DG through the Assistant Governor (AG), two weeks before the visit.
11. The AGs should share the club's status brief and report with the DG by email to; nsubuga_kakembo@yahoo.com, at least 2 weeks before the scheduled visit (copied to the District Executive Secretary (lekobai@gmail.com), Lieutenant Governor (dns@promoteuganda.com), and the DG's Personal Assistant (brethmam@gmail.com).
12. The AGs must ensure that all Clubs adhere to these guidelines, and must accompany the DG to all their assigned Clubs during his official visits.
13. The DG will not accept any club banner with wrong branding. Clubs must comply with Rotary International branding guidelines and he expects no compromise on this. You are encouraged to use the Rotary Brand Center or contact the District Branding team for support.
14. The DG will accept NO Gifts at all. He is expecting clubs to remit funds meant for his gift to Polio Fund every quarter. Clubs will continue to collect polio funds as indicated in number 18 below.
15. This Rotary Year 2023/24, we shall be celebrating our vision bearer for the Rotary Foundation Arch

Klumph. The DG is appealing to all Rotarians in the District regardless of level of giving to contribute USD 26.50 seed money that was used to kick-start this humanitarian fund.

16. The USD 26.50 is equivalent to UGX 96,000 for each Rotarian which can be paid at once or split over a period of 48 weeks which gives UGX 2000 per week. This will give us cumulative UGX 422,400,000/= which is equivalent to USD 112,640 for seed contributions. The purpose for this is to have NO ZERO giving club and be an ALL- GIVING District. This contribution will be in addition to our generous annual giving to TRF.
17. The DG emphasizes the power of giving in small amounts as seen by President Barack Obama who raised a fortune that no one has ever raised in the American political history, thus the power of giving in SMALL BITS. All Club leaders from TRF officers, Presidents, AGs, and District Officials should lead from the front, since it is very difficult to tell Rotarians to give when you are not contributed to the Foundation.
18. The DG is requesting our foot soldiers in the District to ensure that clubs open up 2 registers; one for Polio Fund and another for TRF-USD 26.5. He will be checking through these registers when he visits your clubs. Club Presidents and Treasurers are encouraged to ensure these funds are collected and remitted on quarterly basis to TRF or through Ms. Beatrice Ngabirano at the Rotary Uganda office to save on exchange loss volatility.
19. The DG requests Clubs NOT to organize dinner for him, the money should instead be collected for Polio Fund and the Peace Centre, Makerere University and remitted quarterly. The DG enjoys black tea with ground nuts as well as steamed cassava- his delicacy.
20. In his own words the DG says "Friends, let us walk the talk and ensure that we achieve our Set goals by 85% . I wish you all a great year of Service to Create Hope in the World. " Be the change you want to see in the World" Mahatma Gandhi"

DG CLUB VISITS - FIRST QUARTER

JULY 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 Launch of Boy Child - Old Kampala Play Ground |
| 2 | 3 3:Pm Kampala South Visit And Installation Hotel Africana | 4 7am RC Sunrise Kampala, Rozaho Kololo | 5 7am RC Bugolobi Morning Tide 6:Pm Kampala Maisha Visit And Joint Installation With Rtc. Fairway Hotel | 6 12:30 Pm RC Kampala at Sheraton Hotel 4pm. RC Kitante Installation - Protea Hotel | 7 1pm RC Upper Kololo- Rozaho Kololo | 8 Joint Installation at RC Gulu And RC Gulu City 8-12n- BCUP / Youth Training for Ambassadors, Youth and Rotarians. |
| 9 | 10 5pm. Kitgum, Boma Hotel Via Adjumani To Yumbe | 11 2-6pm RC Yumbe/ Project Visit / Installation | 12 RC Koboko | 13 3.Pm RC Arua and RC Ecocity/ Rotaractors- DG / Project Visit | 14 Friends of Sese Fundraiser | 15 RLI |
| 16 5pm. Gayaza - G Café Gayaza | 17 | 18 6pm. RC Nakasero Central- Rozaho | 19 | 20 7pm. RC Bugolobi- City Royale Village Mall | 21 7pm RC Kampala Metropolitan- Roots Restaurant Nakasero | 22 8am - RC Kiwatule 5-aside |
| 23 Kirinya Bukasa Installation | 24 7am. Early Bird 4pm. Kla Naguru- Hilton Gardens | 25 6:00pm RC Kololo - Hotel Africana | 26 6:00pm RC Kampala Central - Hotel Africana | 27 6:00pm RC Kampala Ssese Island Kati Kati Restaurant | 28 7:00pm RC Bweyogerere Central - Tarzan Gardens | 29 Medical Outreach for RC Ssese Islands, Kisowera 8am Nurturing New Clubs Training Seminnar |
| 30 3pm. Sonde- Model Gardens | 31 5pm. Mukono Central | | | | | |

AUGUST 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | 1 6pm. RC Acacia Sunset, Ibamba Restaurant Museum | 2 6: 30pm. RC Kyambogo- Mamerito Hotel | 3 7am. RC Kampala Day Break 5:00pm RC Kampala Springs -Silver Springs Hotel | 4 6pm. RC Ntinda - Nob View | 5 10 am. DG's Launch of Rotary Youth Mentorship Series 3pm. RC Bweyogerere Namboole -Mamerito Hotel |
| 6 5pm. Kiwenda | 7 6pm. Jinja City - Crested Crane Hotel | 8 6pm RC Mbale Mt Elgon Hotel | 9 6:00 RC Mbale City Elgon Palace | 10 10 am Meeting with Rotaractors 6pm. RC Mbale Metro- Resort Hotel | 11 6 pm RC Elgon Maisha | 12 RLI 4:00pm RC Bukedea- Pride Motel Mbale |
| 13 | 14 6pm RC Ngora (45 mins 38 kms from Bukedea) | 15 6pm RC Soroti Cetral - Land Mark Hotel | 16 6pm. RC Kumi - North East Hotel | 17 6pm. RC Katakwi Via Soroti | 18 5pm RC Busia - Normal Royal Hotel | 19 8a.m. Cub Admn. Secretaries and treasurers- virtual |
| 20 5pm. Kulambiro - Bio Vine Yards | 21 6:00pm Kampala North Protea Hotel Kampala | 22 6pm RC Bukoto- Kabira Club | 23 6pm.RC Port bell - Silver Springs Hotel | 24 5pm. RC Kitante, Protea Hotel Kampala | 25 7:00 am RC Kampala Morning Stars 7:00pm RC Kampala 7 Hills, Rozaho | 26 8am. Presidents of new clubs Learning Seminar DGs Visit to Rotaractors |
| 27 12th Edition Rotary Cancer Run | 28 7:00pm Kasangati- Kasangati Resort | 29 6pm RC Kisaasi Kyanja Kampala - Sweetland Gardens | 30 6pm. RC Mukono, Collin Hotel | 31 7:00pm RC Seeta - Ridar Hotel | | |

SEPTEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| | | | | | 1 7:00pm RC Kireka Movers Sports view | 2 8-12 Kampala East project visit /6-7pm DGs Club Visit to Kla East 8-11 am BCUP learning Seminar- V |
| 3 Travel to Lusaka for Zone Instute | 4 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia | 5 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia | 6 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia | 7 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia | 8 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia | 9 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia 8am Public Image Directors/ vendors seminar |
| 10 Zone Institute Lusaka Zambia | 11 | 12 | 13 7:00pm RC E-Club Naguru | 14 6pm. RC Bugolobi- All Thursday Evening Clubs- City Royal Bugolobi | 15 6pm RC Kawempe Tick Hotel | 16 District Team Reatreat for DOs, AGs 8-10am. Engagement with PES |
| 17 6pm. Kyanja Metro - Kentim Kyanja | 18 | 19 5pm RC Masindi- Court View Hotel | 20 5pm. RC Kigumba - Max Hotel | 21 5pm. RC Hoima Kitara and RC Hoima Oil City - Buffalo Hotel | 22 4th Ed. Fellowship of Camping Rotarians at Kabalega Resort Masindi. | 23 4th Ed. Fellowship of Camping Rotarians at Kabalega Resort Masindi. |
| 24 4th Ed. Fellowship of Camping Rotarians at Kabalega Resort Masindi. | 25 6:30pm Nakawa -Riviona Hotel Mbuya | 26 1:00pm Innerwheel Kampala All Saints Church Nakasero 6:00PM RC Kyadondo Sheraton Kampala | 27 5pm. RC Kiwatule | 28 6pm. RC Kayunga - Katigomu Hotel | 29 6 pm RC Kampala Sunshine- Kati Kati | 30 Travel to Kabarole |



MEET THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE 9213 GREAT FORCE:

Introducing Geoffrey Martin Kitakule

Geoffrey is the District Governor Nominee Designate. A former Rotaractor of Kampala City, and current member of Rotary Club of Kampala South since 2010. Rtn. Kitakule has over the last 13 years served Rotary in different roles- including being a President of his club 2016/2017 where the theme was "Rotary Serving Humanity." During his leadership, the club hosted RI President John Germ, and attained Presidential Citations like; Family of Rotary Award, Community Service Project Award and Youth Engagement Award. He has since been among the star performing Clubs in the District.

Geoffrey has served as Uganda Country Funds Coordinator, Assistant Governor for Kampala Zone 3 overseeing Rotary clubs; Kampala North, Natete, Makindye West, 7 Hills, Bweyogerere Central and E-club of Uganda Global. He was the New Club Advisor for the Rotary Club of Maisha and Rotary Club of Upper Kololo that was chartered in a record 6 months and has over 70 members currently.

A great fundraiser, Geoffrey, as Chair for the Oscar and Friends Jazz Series, raised over UGX40 million for Service Projects for the Rotary Club of Kampala South. He has also been a two-time chair of the Mengo Blood Bank Jazz Concert fundraisers that featured internationally renowned Jazz Musicians such the late Hugh Masekela, Kirk Whallum and Isaiah Katumwa. The first concert was graced by the then RIP John Germ as Chief Guest. These concerts raised over USD 100,000 each, a total of USD 200,000. They also attracted over 100 Corporate

Sponsors creating a major yard stick for Rotary in Uganda in engaging the corporate fraternity.

During the COVID-19 period, he chaired the 1st Virtual Peace Concert that raised over USD 100,000 for Peace Centers all over the world - a first of its kind set up by any Rotary Institution anywhere in the world. He was also Chair of the 2nd Peace Concert, a hybrid version, and it pooled over USD 1 million to Support Peace Centers. This hybrid version was attended in person by IPRIP Jennifer Jones, who was joined virtually by RI Directors, Trustees, Past RI Presidents, and District Governors from over 200 Districts.

The success of these previous peace concerts in Uganda has propelled many a Rotarian to start speaking at international fora and others taking up chairmanship of several international Rotary Committees. Through these leadership opportunities, Geoffrey has also built a network of international Rotary leaders around the world at various Districts, and Zones. The Worldwide exposure of the concert and supporting events through local traditional media and social media has been estimated at over 2 million people with media exposure value of over USD 2 million.

Rtn. Kitakule organised the First Virtual District Conference for District 9211, the Virtual 95th DCA after COVID -19 led to the cancellation of the Physical Conference in Mbarara. He was later the Conference Chair for the 98th District Conference for D9213 that took place in Mbarara. He will also

be serving as District Treasurer for D9213 this Rotary year. He is a Board member of Women in Rotary Fellowship and Mengo Rotary Blood Bank. Geoffrey is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. He has also attended several District Conferences

and Rotary International Conventions including the just ended one that took place in Melbourne, Australia.

Career

Geoffrey Kitakule is a multidisciplinary professional with work experience that spans Finance, Business Development, Operations and Telecoms where he has been a member of the Management Committees. He is currently the Group Head of Strategic Operations, Letshego Group based in Uganda. Letshego Group is a Pan African Retail Financial services operating in eleven Countries (Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda) with Headquarters in Botswana. Letshego Group is listed on the Botswana stock exchange.

Before moving to the Letshego Group Operations, He was the Chief Executive of Letshego Uganda for 11 years and grew it to be leading player in the Microfinance Sector for Non-Deposit taking Institutions

Geoffrey started his working career at The New Vision as a Systems Analyst, then later joined UMACIS Consulting now part of BDO as Business Analyst. He would later move to New York as a Management Associate, Citibank in the Global Capital Markets, Corporate Credit Analyst Allied Bank now Bank of Africa, before joining as one of the pioneer employees of MTN Uganda as Market Analyst and later Planning Manager,

Mr. Kitakule was Investment Manager NSSF before becoming Corporate Finance Specialist at the East African Development Bank (EADB). He has consulted for several international organizations such the World Bank, IFC and DFID, and the private sector in his own capacity.

He was once an Assistant Lecturer at the now Faculty of Computing at Makerere University and a member of the Adjunct Faculty of Makerere Business School where he taught graduate MBA students.

Rtn. Kitakule has attended executive training in Project Finance at the Harvard Business School, and Management of Pension Funds and Investments at The Wharton Business School. He was the African Training for Leadership and Advanced Skills Fellow at University of Maryland at College Park, where he graduated with an MBA in Finance from the R.H. Smith Business School. He holds a Master of Science with Distinction in Computer Science from The Queen's University at Belfast where he was the Overseas Development Association Scholarship Fellow and recipient of the Howard Johnstone Prize for Excellence in Computer Science. He is a graduate of a Master of Laws in IT and Telecommunication Law from University of Strathclyde. He has also attended courses in Strategic marketing management from The Wits Business School, in South Africa and management of telecommunications networks from Sweden and USA and Pension Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa by the World Bank Institute. He did his undergraduate studies at Makerere University in Kampala where he obtained a Bachelor Science in Statistics with a First Class, Honors.

Geoffrey serves on the Board of Trustees of Airtel Mobile Commence, is a Board member of Letshego Bank Tanzania, Letshego Ghana, Letshego Kenya, Letshego Uganda and was Chairman Letshego Microfinance Bank Rwanda. He is a Director at AK Communications, St James Senior Secondary School Jinja, Kitakule Foundation, GK Foods and GKENVIRO Logistics.

Geoffrey supports different community initiatives under the Kitakule Foundation that has set up a Modern Community Library and Children's clinic in Busesa, Bugweri District, his ancestral home.

He loves to listen to smooth jazz music and was part of the owners of the first Jazz Radio in Uganda.

Managing Leadership Change:

The month of June was a transition month, where almost each club was celebrating their past year, the amazing leaders passing on the baton of leadership to the Hope creators. Most clubs threw mega parties while others took these as usual leadership shift avenues and kept their do on a low. All of these were well organized and fun filled nonetheless. Afterall, in rotary we serve and have fun at the same time.



The Month of July is here, and how everyone’s wish would be that leadership no matter where, is done the rotary way, effortless, no fights, no sticking onto the chain, and an obvious predictability. This enhances growth of any given organization.

At RC Kyanja-Metro, Rtn Charles Egimu is the Hope Creator president, and as a club we are excited to work with him. So how do you manage change as a new leader? Here are my five Cs of how:

1. **Communicate:** Taking on as a new leader, you may find a few of your people still stuck in the vibe of the past leadership. They will not be oblivious of the new year, theme, signature project and the new DG- but they all the same are nervous of the new leadership style and what the team comes with. As a new leader, you owe it to them to keep their nerves calm. You do this by communicating the vision clearly and sincerely. You can have one-on-one or group session meetings. You want them to buy in, have positive attitude, and give feedback on the way forward. You will have started on a successful leadership journey.

2. **Collaborate:** You need all hands on deck going forward, everybody doing their part with you leading from the front. We are aware of the infamous “90/10 rule”. The rule states that “Ninety percent of the work will be done by ten percent of the people in every organization.” Meaning that while 10% get their hands dirty, 90% are loafers who simply ride on others. As a new leader, you need everyone putting in their shift so you are going to prioritize people. You are going to intentionally involve them, pick them out, and deploy them in their preferred areas of interest because everybody is motivated differently. Everybody is asking the
- question, “What’s in it for me?” Remind them of their Rotary duties. Isn’t that the reason for our classifications? Create an environment where everybody can bring in their A-game.

3. **Coach:** Life is about continuous learning and improvement, what the Japanese call “Kaizen”. You want your people to continuously improve personally and professionally and Rotary has all these resources to help them. Your role as a leader, therefore, is to interest as many club members as possible to take part in these learning spaces. You can choose older club members to act as mentors to new members. You can also look out for Rotary training, especially at the Rotary Leadership Institute.

4. **Confidence:** One person in our organization who was overwhelmingly selected a month ago to lead one of our teams turned to me during one of the meetings recently when her department’s work was to be discussed and asked me in a hushed voice, “How did we get here?” I told her she will be all right. Sometimes, which can be many times, everyone else can see the potential in us yet we don’t see in ourselves. You may be a rookie leader now and you are wondering but I want to encourage you as I encouraged her: “You will be all right.” There is always a

beginning. You will make mistakes but don’t panic, just learn from others who served before you, to guide you. They should be your first support system.

5. **Character:** People want to follow someone they know they can trust, someone who will not change like shifting shadows and this speaks of character. Remember, people always buy into the leader before they buy into the vision. Your character, therefore, is more important than any attribute or virtue you can ever bring

to leadership. It is the foundation. John Maxwell, a leadership coach, speaker, and author, says, “Character creates consistency, and if your people know what they can expect from you, they will continue to look to you for leadership.” As a leader, you want to develop your character this year to be a person who will be seen to be consistent. Blessings!

Michael Agaba
RC Kyanja-Metro

The Rotary Wheel

FEATURES

The Rotary wheel was first designed by Rtn. Montague Bear in 1905 just as a simple wagon wheel. Over the years, the rotary wheel has evolved into an advanced wheel to illustrate the following;

1. The entire wheel demonstrates civilization, movement and work in action.
2. The 24 gear teeth represent the fact that work has to be done.
3. The six spokes represent the inner direction and path of our vocational service, through the representation of our membership via the classification system. They also represent an outward distribution path of Rotary’s ideals of service and four-way test going out toward the community, vocations and businesses that our members represent.

4. In 1923, A key was added to the center of the geared wheel to represent the individual Rotarian member who is a key factor in every club. Quality members being a key to engage with the shaft and turn putting energy into motion and creating the power for the gears to do their work.
5. The four bands of blue in the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service.

By Eddie Basaliza
RC-Kabarole



HOW TO KEEP A VIBRANT ROTARY CLUB;

- Recruiting and mentorship of new members.
- Encouraging passionate volunteerism in members.
- Inclusivity of members in service projects.
- Payment of RI dues.
- Encouraging cohesion in buddy groups.
- Reporting of club projects.
- Participation in district trainings and conferences.
- Mentoring of Rotaract and interact clubs.



GLOBAL GRANTS.

Why it is good manners for all clubs to engage in them.

“Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching”

“Confidence is not they will like ME. CONFIDENCE is I’ll be fine if they don’t”

The Rotary Foundation Grant Model in a nutshell:

District grants: Fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in a community both locally and abroad. Usually less than US\$ 30,000, they don’t need demonstration of sustainability. They handle humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts. Scholarships for any level, length of time, location or area of study. Vocational Training Teams (VTT’s).

Global grants: Support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary’s areas of focus. Grant sponsors for international partnerships that respond to community needs US\$30,000 and more. They require clubs in 2 countries. Funds Scholarships, humanitarian projects and VTT’s.

Global grants traditionally have host sponsor as well as international sponsor clubs.

Role of Host Sponsors:

- Initiate projects.
- Managing project implementation and the budgeting process.
- Providing local assistance and support.
- Receiving project funds and accounting for them.

Role of the international Sponsor:

- Provide financial and technical support.
- Perform tasks that can be done remotely.

- Public Relations initiatives in their countries about the project.
- Visit project sites whenever and wherever possible.

Good global grants are based on partnerships between a host club, international clubs and where applicable cooperating organisations. Before taking part in global grants all Districts and clubs must qualify, an annual reversible process. Stewardship lays emphasis on vigilance and handling money with great responsibility, integrity, honesty and total transparency. Good stewardship begins before, during and after project implementation.

Stewardship Before:

- Community assessment are done.
- Declaration of any possible conflicts of interest.
- Opening up of bank accounts exclusively for the grant projects.
- Each project MUST have a separate bank account with at least 2 signatories.

Stewardship During:

- Regular visits to beneficiaries.
- Strict adherence to the original financial plans.
- Always use cheques and bank transfers (avoid cash transactions)
- Share regular updates and maintain invoices, receipts and a project ledger (file).
- Documentation with backup systems.

Stewardship After:

- Measure results and maintain a relationship with the beneficiaries. Keep all financial records ensuring transparency proactively.
- Strict accountability while adhering to TRF guidelines.

Reporting: A cardinal aspect that can make or break any global grant project. A requirement even when there’s no progress.

All required financial documents and photos should be uploaded online. The designated Excel reporting format should be used as much as possible. Overdue reports should be avoided like a plague. The first progress report should ideally be submitted within 12 months of receiving grant payment and thereafter within 12 months of acceptance of previous report.

The final report should be submitted 2 months after the completion of the project.

All global grants MUST of necessity be handed over to the beneficiary communities by the Rotary clubs involved.

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence” – Vince Lombardi

Peter Isabirye.

District Qualification Chair

Member of the TRF cadre of technical advisors.



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Frequently Asked Questions about Rotary Cancer Run.

Q: Can you tell us about the Rotary Cancer Run? What is this event about and its objectives?

A: The Rotary Cancer Run is an annual fundraising event organized by the Rotary Cancer Program Uganda. The Rotary Cancer Run, is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for cancer prevention and treatment. This year will be its twelfth edition and will unite 40 districts across Uganda in a powerful endeavor to fight cancer and positively impact the lives of those affected by the disease.

This year, it is scheduled to take place on August 27, 2023, with the main event held at Kololo Independence Grounds, alongside regional runs spanning 40 districts, towns, and cities nationwide.

The run anticipates registering 50,000 participants this year from every corner of Uganda, this event is set to mobilize the nation in support of the cause.

Rotary Cancer Run is organized in collaboration with Platinum Partners, including Centenary Bank, Harris International (Krystal water), Parliament of Uganda, and Vision Group. In addition to Rotary's dedicated network of Rotary clubs and volunteers, both within Uganda and beyond that contribute their unwavering support to make this event possible.

Q: How much are you fundraising for.

A: This year the run would like to raise 2bn Uganda shillings from the registration of the 50,000 participants and from donations from corporate partners like Centenary Bank that have been with us from the start. The Rotary Cancer program is planning to build a radiotherapy center at Nsambya to a tune of 11.8 billion shillings and equip it with two bunkers. So far the program has collected 2.38 bn shillings towards this budget from the previous runs. So this year's committee would like to fundraise 2bn towards the required 11.38bn.

Q: What happens with the funds raised during the Rotary Cancer Run?

A: The Rotary cancer run started in 2012 as one of the major fundraising vehicles of the Rotary Cancer Programme Uganda. Collections from 2012-2014 went towards the Construction of the 36 –bed

Rotary Centenary Bank Cancer Treatment Center at Nsambya hospital which is now fully operation and receives over 800 patients every year.

The Collections for 2015 went towards the Construction of Rotary Blood Bank at Mengo Hospital. The blood bank dispatches 18000 units of blood to Ugandans.

The collections from 2015-2022 amounting to 2.38 billion Uganda shillings have been used to commence the foundation for the two bunkers that will house the radiotherapy machines at Nsambya. The funds raised also contribute to awareness campaigns aimed at prevention and health education.

Q: I've never participated in the Rotary Cancer Run before. How can I get involved this year?

A: To participate in the Rotary Cancer Run 2023 is simple. Registration is online you can use your phone or visit all Centenary Bank branches country wide to physically register and pick a running kit. To register online visit the Rotary Cancer program Uganda website: <https://tickets.ugandarotarycancer.org/> and follow the prompts.

You can register as an individual or as a team with friends, family, or colleagues. You can also contribute by making a direct donation to the cause.

We extend an invitation to all Ugandans to register for the Rotary Cancer Run 2023 and become part of this transformative movement. Together, we can bring hope, support, and healing to those affected by cancer and work towards a cancer-free society.

Q: Is the Rotary Cancer Run open to people of all ages and fitness levels?

A: Absolutely! The Rotary Cancer Run encourages participation from individuals of all ages and fitness levels. You don't have to be an athlete to join the run. In fact, many participants choose to walk instead of run. It's all about coming together as a community to show support, raise funds, and raise awareness about cancer. Whether you're young or old, fit or not, your participation makes a difference.

Q: I won't be able to physically attend the event due to other commitments. Is there any other way I can contribute?

A: If you can't be physically present at the Rotary Cancer Run, there are still plenty of ways to contribute. You can consider making a donation directly to the event's official website or contacting the Rotary cancer Program Uganda office at Zzimwe Road Muyenga or through any Rotary Club in your area.

Additionally, you can help spread awareness about the event through your social media, encouraging others to participate or make a contribution. Encourage yourself, loved ones and friends to test for cancer and raise awareness about the importance of cancer prevention and early detection. Every effort counts, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Q: Are you only focusing on fundraising?

This year's run will concentrate on three core areas:

I. Awareness: The run will serve as a powerful platform to educate communities about different cancer types, their risk factors, and the significance of regular screenings. By fostering awareness, we can promote early detection and improve treatment outcomes.

II. Fundraising: The Rotary Cancer Run 2023 aims to raise UGX 2 billion to support the ongoing construction of the Radiotherapy Center.

III. Collaboration: The event will foster collaboration among government bodies, healthcare institutions, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. Through collective efforts, we can establish a comprehensive network that effectively addresses the challenges posed by cancer.

The Rotary Cancer Program also remains committed to collaborating with the Ministry of Health, healthcare institutions, cancer support organizations, and government agencies to maximize the impact of our collective efforts.

Background of the Rotary Cancer Program:

Under the leadership of District Governor Stephen Mwanje, Rotarians in Uganda embarked on an ambitious project in 2011—to build a cancer ward that would provide specialized treatment, early detection, and care for cancer patients. This vision gave rise to the Uganda Rotary Cancer Program, aiming to establish a Center of Excellence dedicated to saving lives and combating cancer. The generous contribution of St. Francis' Hospital Nsambya, who donated the land, marked the groundbreaking ceremony on April 22nd, 2011. Significant support was received from various corporate entities, notably Centenary Bank, Crown Beverages Limited, and AISPO from Italy, providing the program with much-needed initial resources. To raise awareness and funds, the Rotary Cancer Run was launched in August 2012 and has been held annually for eleven years, with overwhelming public support.

While progress has been made, the dream of establishing a specialized cancer center of excellence remains unfulfilled. The ultimate goal is to construct two bunkers to house two Linear Accelerators (LINAC) and associated equipment at Nsambya Hospital. Foundational work has commenced, and now we aim to secure the necessary funds—amounting to 11.8 billion Uganda Shillings—to complete the construction and acquire the essential equipment.

The Uganda Rotary Cancer Program is a dedicated initiative led by Rotarians in Uganda to combat cancer by providing specialized treatment, early detection, and care for cancer patients. Through fundraising efforts, including the annual Rotary Cancer Run, the program aims to establish a Center of Excellence to address the growing need for comprehensive cancer care in the region.

For more information, registration details, and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.ugandarotarycancer.org or Tel: +256 393194575, Email: info@ugandarotarycancer.org

Rotary Cancer Program Office
Plot 425, Zzimwe Road, Muyenga

Here are the simplified steps to register for the 12th Cancer Run 2023:

Step 1: Click on this link: <https://tickets.ugandarotarycancer.org>

Step 2: On the registration site, you have two options:

a) Pre-order: Select this if you want to order a kit. Specify the number of kits and their sizes. Then, add tickets to your order.

b) Donate to the Program: Choose this option if you wish to make a donation without ordering a kit.

Step 3: Enter your email address. On the next screen, you will receive an OTP (One-Time Password) as a 5-digit code. Check your email (the same one used for registration) to find the code. Copy it and return to the registration platform to log in. The OTP acts as your password.

Step 4: Make the payment by selecting either card or mobile money options. Supported cards are VISA and MasterCard and Mobile money options are Airtel and MTN.

Step 5: Check your email for the account statement, which will provide details about the amount paid, payment time, and your QR code. You will need the QR code to pick up your kits from service points that will be communicated to you in due course. Please keep it safe until then.

Thank you!



DG at the 98th Discon



DG's meet and greet



Launching the Aggrey Kankunda memorial





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