

# The Wave

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District 9213

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## Safe Roads Save Lives

- Cancer Run, Almost There!
- When Members Leave





# DISTRICT 9213 PROJECTS STORYTELLING CHALLENGE

## 01 PURPOSE OF THE CHALLENGE

To inspire participation, showcase Rotary's impact, and encourage Clubs to document and share the stories behind their service projects.

**The goal:** Move from "doing projects" to "telling the impact so others are moved to act."

## 02 WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

All Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in District 9213.  
Clubs are encouraged to involve members, beneficiaries, and project partners in telling the story.

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# The Elephant on Our Roads

Early this week, just before we put this magazine to bed, I witnessed yet another accident near the Uganda Management Institute Main Gate. It is a black spot. Several people have been knocked down by vehicles and boda bodas, even though a zebra crossing is clearly marked.

Just as we got there, a boda guy riding on the wrong side of the road knocked a young girl who was trying to cross. She was on the island in the middle of the road, and her attention was rightly on cars coming from town. No one could have expected a boda, at high speed, on the wrong side of the road. It hit her, and she fell to the ground. Luckily, she quickly got up, but the boda did not stop and rode away.

Road safety is increasingly becoming a national crisis, and it is right that the District Governor has made it his signature campaign for this Rotary year, 2026-2027. Each club in the district is required to include an element of road safety in its programmes and campaigns, and already many clubs are doing just that. In each issue, we shall reserve a section of the magazine to bring you stories of the different ways clubs are pushing road safety.

But there is an elephant on our roads, so to speak, which

no one seems to be addressing. We can preach road safety and hold awareness campaigns all across the country. We can paint all zebra crossings and donate helmets and reflective jackets to boda riders.

But the biggest threat to road safety in the country, and it is getting worse by the day, is the fact that boda bodas can ignore all traffic laws and get away with it. Joseph 'Joe Walker' Beyenga (see page 22), who has walked thousands of kilometres in support of road safety awareness, states that less than 5% of all boda riders in the country have licenses.

The latest estimates from NSSF and the United Boda Boda Riders Cooperative Union put the number of boda riders in the country at about 1.5m, with about 500,000 of them in Kampala.

That means only 75,000 boda riders in the whole country are licensed and have any inkling of what the traffic laws are. This leaves 1,425,000 riders free to raise hell and cause chaos on the roads.

And the really bad thing? They get away with it. Someone has to rein the boda riders in, and we need to push for this to happen.

**Kalungi Kabuye, RC  
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# District Calendar August 2026

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# My challenge to you

Peace does not happen by accident. It must be pursued deliberately, built strategically, and woven intentionally into everything we do. That is the challenge I am placing before the Rotary world this year.

Rotary recognises peacebuilding as one of our areas of focus. But I believe peace must be more than a category of work we set aside for certain projects. It must become a lens, one we choose to look through every time we plan, every time we serve, every time we ask what kind of impact we truly want to leave behind.

The Institute for Economics and Peace has identified eight Pillars of Positive Peace: well-functioning government, a sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of others' rights, good relations with neighbours, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, and low levels of corruption. These pillars describe the conditions that make lasting peace possible. And when I look at them carefully, I see enormous potential for Rotary. Not because our work automatically advances peace but because it can when we are deliberate about it.

That is the key word: deliberate.

A water project does not build peace on its own. But a water project designed with the Pillars of Positive Peace in mind — one that asks how equitable access to resources strengthens community trust — can begin to lay that foundation. A vocational training program does not guarantee reconciliation. But one

that intentionally brings divided communities together around shared economic opportunity can start to build it. The project does not change. The intention does.

In Colombia, Rotary's Pathways to Peace and Prosperity program shows us what this looks like in practice. Working in communities shaped by decades of armed conflict and displacement, the program combines economic empowerment with conflict resolution training and community-led reconciliation. Peace was not a hoped-for side effect. It was central to the design. That is the standard I am calling all of us to follow.

As you plan your next project, whatever the focus area, I want you to pause and ask one question: How does this create the conditions for peace? Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace. Find where your work connects. Then, make that connection intentional. Share what you discover with your club, your district, and your community. The more we talk about peace as a practice rather than a destination, the more naturally it will shape everything we do.

This is not about doing different work. It is about doing our work differently, with greater awareness, greater purpose, and a clearer vision of the world we are trying to build. Every Rotary project carries potential. Our task is to unlock it, not by chance but by choice.

**YINKA**  
President, Rotary International



# Membership is About Impact, Not Numbers

It is unbelievable how fast time flies. July is well and truly behind us. Thank you, my Rotary friends, for the great work done so far.

My visits to clubs have enabled me to interact and engage with members first-hand. In those meetings I have learned more deeply about our clubs: the culture, the strengths, the challenges, and most importantly, the determination to change lives. In all of this, membership has been at the heart of everything.

Therefore, August — being Membership and New Club Development Month in Rotary — is perfect timing. It gives us an opportunity for deeper reflection. But to be honest, membership is not a month. Membership is the reason Rotary is relevant from January to December, year after year.

With strong, vibrant, and engaging membership, our ability to connect with the community is enhanced. Every project we do, every grant we win, every life we change starts with one thing: one member saying yes.

We don't invite people to Rotary just to add numbers and fill bigger meeting rooms. The lapel pin identifies a Rotarian, but it does not make one a Rotarian. Action does.

We invite guests because our communities are waiting — waiting for clean water, waiting for mentors, waiting for leaders who serve. When we add a teacher, we increase the number of students we can reach. When we add a doctor, we add a health camp we can run. When we add a young professional, we add more years of service to Rotary.

## MY ASK OF ROTARIANS AND ROTARACTORS

1. Invite one guest. The person sitting next to you at work, at church, at your favourite kafunda, in your WhatsApp group — they are waiting for the

invitation. Bring one person who cares about your community to your next project, not just your meeting. Let them not only hear about Rotary. Let them feel Rotary.

2. Invite one member back. Call one Rotarian who has gone quiet. Tell them: "We miss you. We need you." Most people leave because no one asked them to stay.

## BE INTENTIONAL

Strong clubs don't grow by accident. They grow because they engage every member. People stay where they are needed and appreciated.

Remember, we don't grow Rotary to get bigger. We grow Rotary for bigger impact in our communities. Therefore, let our numbers translate to significance.

## LET'S TELL OUR STORY

Let people see that Rotary is fun, relevant, and making a difference. Let's be the District known for clubs that grow because they serve boldly. Let's be the District where people join because they saw Rotary change their neighbour's life. Let's be the District that intentionally sponsors new clubs where Rotary is needed.

So, this Membership Month, ask yourself: "Who am I bringing with me to grow my club, to grow Rotary, and to build our community?"

Thank you for your service and your commitment. Together, let's grow our membership, grow our District, serve more people, and Create Lasting Impact.

**Gerald Obai**  
District Governor



Membership is about growing a **network of people united by compassion, integrity, fellowship, and a shared desire to make the world a better place.**

## The Heartbeat of Rotary



**RTN NABANJA JESCA NYANZI**  
District Membership Engagement  
Chair

**A**n Every August, Rotarians around the world celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month. While it is an opportunity to welcome new members into our Rotary family, it is also a time to reflect on a simple truth: Rotary's greatest asset is its people.

Behind every successful service project, every scholarship awarded, every tree planted, every child immunized, and every life transformed is a committed Rotarian who chose to serve. Membership is therefore not about increasing numbers, it is about growing a network of people united by compassion, integrity, fellowship, and a shared desire to make the world a better place.

Building a stronger Rotary begins with creating clubs where people feel they belong. Members stay engaged when they are welcomed warmly, involved meaningfully, appreciated genuinely, and given opportunities to grow as leaders. A club that values every member naturally becomes a club that attracts new ones.

Membership is everyone's responsibility. It is not reserved for the Membership Chair or the Club President.

Every Rotarian is an ambassador of our organization. Every conversation about Rotary, every invitation to a fellowship

or service project, and every positive experience shared with a guest has the potential to inspire someone to join our mission of service.

Growth also means embracing change. Today's professionals, young leaders, entrepreneurs, and community members are looking for organizations that offer purpose, flexibility, and impact. Rotary has all these qualities. Our responsibility is to present Rotary in ways that are welcoming, relevant, and responsive to the needs of our communities while remaining true to our values.

Equally important is the development of new clubs. As our communities evolve, so too should our approach to service. New club models provide opportunities to engage people with different interests, professions, schedules, and backgrounds, ensuring that Rotary continues to reach more communities and transform more lives.

In District 9213, we are challenged to think boldly about membership. Growth is not merely measured by the number of members we induct, but by the number we inspire to remain active, contribute their talents, and become passionate advocates for Rotary. Sustainable membership is built on meaningful engagement, vibrant fellowship, impactful service, and leadership development.

As we celebrate Membership Month, let each of us make a personal commitment: invite someone to experience Rotary, mentor a new member, reconnect with a colleague who has been absent, and help create a club environment where every member feels valued.

The future of Rotary does not depend on a few leaders, it depends on every Rotarian embracing the responsibility to grow our family.

Together, let us build stronger clubs, inspire new generations of leaders, and continue creating hope in the world. One member, one friendship, and one act of service at a time.

Membership begins with me. Membership begins with you. Membership begins with all of us.



# Why Rotarians Leave, And What Presidents Can Do About It

By Rtn. Michael Agaba,  
RC Kyanja-Metro

There is no harder decision a president will ever make than to terminate club members. It is hard, painful, and torturous. It hangs on you like a bad smell. I know it because we had the displeasure of terminating eight members of my club last Rotary year. It felt so bad that after my term of office I went back and convinced two back into the club.

WHY ROTARIANS  
LEAVE CLUBS

**Failure to pay annual dues**  
Rotary is a membership organization where members pay annual dues. Besides attending weekly meetings, the other qualification for one to be called a ‘Rotarian’ is payment of the annual dues. Therefore, if one fails to pay dues, they automatically forfeit their membership. A good number of those who leave Rotary are due to this reason.

**Mismatch between clubs and members’ values**  
Some clubs often rush to induct people into their club because they want to tick the box of membership growth. But before anyone joins a particular Rotary club, they should first establish whether that club is a perfect fit for them.  
This is the reasoning behind encouraging prospective Rotarians to visit other clubs before they sign onto one club.  
When this is not done, some people

“Some clubs often rush to induct people into their club because they want to tick the box of membership growth.”

end up in clubs that are misaligned to their personal beliefs and practice. For instance, a member who is deeply conservative and belongs to a club where members are happy to drink and indulge may feel offended and eventually leave.

**Poor leadership**  
Let us just admit that some leaders are just bad! They don’t know how to lead on anything let alone conflicts, don’t inspire their members, are novices at leadership, and don’t want to learn. Some members may be patient with such a leader and stay, after all leaders serve for just one year; but others may choose to leave.

**Presence of cliques in clubs**  
Cliques are everywhere in any organization, be it in business

or government; and if used properly can spur growth and even productivity. Essentially, they are not bad. But these are cliques that are dangerous to the survival and smooth running of the club; ones that are into gossip, divide members, and are rebellious to the leadership of the club. When these kinds of cliques dominate a Rotary club, you can be sure that some members will feel undermined, victimized, alienated or unfairly treated and will eventually leave such a club.

**Unfair treatment or disrespect**  
In Rotary, we pride ourselves to be people who treat each other with equality. That is why we call each other by our first names and not titles. This gives us a sense of shared belonging and the satisfaction that we are equally heard and respected. When this kind of treatment is lacking, then most certainly some members will check out.

**Poor handling of disciplinary cases**  
Clubs will sometimes expel members for gross misconduct such as repeated offensive communication, harassment, corruption, or violating club bylaws and others. The decision to terminate a member will often come through fair and just rigorous processes such as board approval and fair hearings. However, when disciplinary processes lack transparency, or are arrived at unjustly, some members may view

these actions as personal vendettas and may choose to terminate their membership from Rotary.

**Minimum membership engagement**  
People join Rotary to engage in meaningful relationships and impactful projects, among other reasons.  
Rtn. Anne Ninyesiga, the Immediate Past District Membership Chair for D9214 and who had over 900+ net gain in membership says, “When clubs fail to engage their members, members will feel excluded or undervalued and thus disengage. Without a sense of purpose, terminations become an easy option.”

**Cultural or personality clashes**  
Rotary is a crucible of people with different opinions, cultures, religions, beliefs, skin colour - name it. These can become hotbeds for conflict if not managed well. Members who choose peace over conflict may choose to leave Rotary.

**WHAT PRESIDENTS CAN DO**  
Club presidents play a pivotal role in shaping the atmosphere of Rotary clubs. Their leadership style can either prevent attrition or accelerate it. Here are key strategies:

**Membership orientation**  
Clubs should orient their prospectives before they induct them. At RC Kyanja-Metro, we take our prospectives through the topic ‘Our Club. Our Culture’, to let help them understand the real and underlying culture we hold so they can make an informed decision before they join us. Of course, some have turned away but we are glad they did because these would potentially save

WHAT TO DO

**QUALITY AT THE GATE**  
We often say that Rotary is an organization where we pay to serve! And because dues are important to clubs, a club president and his/her club should ensure that they attract and retain members who are able to pay their dues and pay them in time. But, even those who are able to pay may have a bad break once in a while, so presidents can work with treasurers to create flexible payment plans for members struggling with dues.  
“Membership retention and termination are basically a function of dues payments,” said President Justus Muhangi, Vice President of Presidents, Rotary Year 2025/26.  
“Any president should ensure that at least half the dues are paid in the first two months of their presidency.”

us from terminations. Also pairing new members with experienced Rotarians fosters belonging and helps them integrate into the club’s culture. ‘Old’ Rotarians should ensure that Membership Satisfaction Surveys are periodically carried out to ensure that meetings and activities meet members’ interests, hence reducing disengagement and the possibility of termination.  
**Leaders learn to lead**  
While some leaders are born, others are made. However bad you are as a leader, you can always improve your

leadership capacity. And that is why leadership spaces such as the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) exist. Involve members in decision-making, resolve conflicts early and be empathetic towards those you lead.  
**Use cliques to do good**  
These cliques can become Buddy Groups who can be assigned different responsibilities to channel their energy to the right causes. And if conflicts arise, establishing neutral mediation committees can help resolve disputes before they escalate into terminations.  
**Build a culture of respect among members**  
Members’ opinions should be heard and respected. Digital platforms like WhatsApp should be used constructively, not as arenas for public spats and disputes. Presidents must set the tone for respectful dialogue.  
**Handle disciplinary cases with fairness**  
Ensure that the due process of the club’s constitution is followed.  
**Assign members responsibilities**  
It is believed that new members will stay in a club if they are assigned responsibility early on. Personally, I was when I just joined my club. I worked closely with my Charter President then, Flavia, and since my passion was to serve, I got hooked.  
In conclusion, termination should not always be about following the rule book. It should be about fostering relationships. When presidents lead with wisdom, empathy, and flexibility, members don’t just stay, they thrive.





**RTN MARIAM MUTALAGA**  
District Enhancing Participant  
Engagement Officer

**D**iversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) could be the solution and beneficial to all concerned in our efforts to address the divergent human nature and foster fair, innovative and highly productive environments. This can majorly be achieved by bringing together diverse perspectives, ensuring equitable access to resources,

and welcoming culture in our Rotary Clubs and District 9213 at large.

By applying and incorporating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in our clubs it will enable clubs make decisions, attract and retain more Rotarians as well as carrying out needs assessment for service projects which are well thought out.

As Rotarians, it's our duty to build a culture in our clubs which will lead to increased positive engagement, satisfaction and success among the clubs. This can easily be achieved by involving all the Rotarians to ensure an inclusive environment that is equitable and diverse as per the Laws of the Country with a perspective of making Rotarians feel comfortable, respected regardless of their financial standards, religion, colour and race.

#### **ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT ALL LEVELS OF THE DISTRICT AND ROTARY CLUBS**

Having a diverse district representation is vital to achieving success in our clubs and the Rotary fraternity at large. An all-around diverse Rotary Club includes a variety of perspectives, skills, ages, abilities, genders, cultures and ethnicities. This translates into effective decision-making, guidance, and risk management and creates a safe work environment for everyone.

Foster an inclusive Rotary culture year-round by creating an inclusive environment which lines up with the Uganda Laws, this can be climatised by inviting different stakeholders to join Rotary. As Rotarians it is our duty

## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — the Rotary Way**

**“As Rotarians  
it is our duty  
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to ensure that Rotary grows without boundaries.

A special niche which needs urgent attention are the differently impaired persons. As Rotarians, you can take small steps to ensure your colleagues feel respected and valued. This could include:

#### **ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY**

Recognise and appreciate unique experiences, perspectives, and cultures by celebrating the holidays and traditions of your colleagues, this can be achieved by acclimatising ourselves with the different statuses.

#### **PRACTICE EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING**

Understand that everyone's experience in the workplace may differ, and be mindful of your own biases; more especially to those with different impairment and financial status.

#### **PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY**

Make sure your meeting place

is accessible to all and provide different enablers to access the facilities including the rest rooms, stairs/ ramp, sitting arrangement, the menu and inclusive prayers. As Rotarians it is important to hold DEI trainings and guided workshops, this will enable different Rotarians to appreciate how to relate with others. Diversity training can be delivered to accommodate everyone's learning styles and increase accessibility in the Clubs through awareness-based and skill-based training, workshops, seminars/conferences and E-learning courses.

As Rotarians, we need to access the Rotary International Club Runner, it has quite a number of courses which will direct us to understanding and appreciating DEI.

By and large, we need to create a culture which promotes togetherness, transparency and trust in our Rotary Clubs.



# Transforming How Rotarians Think About Health, Fitness, And Wellness



***Stay Fit.  
Stay Healthy.  
Stay Rotary.***

**From weekly workouts and virtual fitness sessions to workplace wellness partnerships and conversations that challenge conventional thinking, the Rotary Fellowship for Fitness & Wellness is inspiring Rotarians and the wider community to embrace healthier lifestyles — because healthier people create greater impact.**

**By Maureen K Tumwebaze,  
General Secretary Fellowship  
for Fitness and Wellness**

**R**otary Fellowship for Fitness and Wellness  
When the Rotary Fellowship for Fitness & Wellness was recently featured in the New Vision, it was more than recognition of a fellowship—it was recognition of a growing movement. A movement that is transforming how Rotarians think about health, fitness, and wellness, while reinforcing a simple truth: healthy Rotarians make stronger leaders and create greater impact in their communities.

Rotary is built on Service Above Self. Yet, our ability to serve others depends greatly on how well we care for ourselves. Physical fitness, mental wellbeing, good nutrition, and preventive healthcare are not luxuries; they are essential ingredients for a productive and fulfilling life. This philosophy continues to shape the work of the Rotary Fellowship for Fitness & Wellness.

The fellowship has become a home for Rotarians and Rotaractors who believe that wellness is a lifestyle rather than an event. Every Monday at 6:00 p.m., members gather at Hotel Africana for energising physical workout sessions that combine exercise, fellowship and accountability. What began as a simple initiative has grown into a weekly highlight for many members. Recognising that wellness knows no borders, the fellowship also hosts virtual workout sessions every Saturday at 7:00 a.m., enabling members from across Uganda and around the world to exercise together.

One of the fellowship's most exciting initiatives has been the StepUp Challenge—a friendly but highly competitive programme that

encourages members to increase their daily physical activity by tracking their steps. Members motivate one another, celebrate milestones and inspire healthy competition, proving that lasting health is built one step at a time.

Another signature initiative is SweatFest, our celebration of fitness, fun and fellowship. Having successfully organised three editions, including one during our Charter celebrations, SweatFest continues to bring together Rotarians, Rotaractors, families and friends for an unforgettable experience centred on movement and healthy living. Preparations are already underway for another exciting edition in September.

An important milestone in the Fellowship's journey has been our partnership with the Judiciary in promoting workplace wellness. On 25th July 2026, the Rotary Fellowship for Fitness & Wellness led the second International Day of Judicial Well-being at the High Court in Kampala. The event brought together judicial and non-judicial staff for a 3km walk along Kampala Road, followed by an engaging wellness session on practical ways to stay fit and healthy.

While exercise remains at the heart of the fellowship, we recognise that true wellness extends far beyond physical activity. Through our monthly wellness conversations, we have created a platform where members engage with experts on practical health topics that affect everyday life. These discussions have become known for tackling meaningful—and sometimes 'crazy'—topics that spark curiosity while remaining grounded in science and practical application.

Driving this movement is our Fellowship Champion, Rotarian Robert Ssebugwawo of the Rotary Club of Kampala Central,

affectionately known as Coach Bob. Through his passion, expertise and unwavering commitment, Coach Bob has inspired hundreds of Rotarians to embrace healthier lifestyles.

Coach Bob's appointment as Rotary District 9213 Officer in Charge of Fitness and Wellness naturally positions the Rotary Fellowship for Fitness & Wellness as a strategic partner to the District in advancing its wellness agenda. At the same time, our ongoing partnership with the Judiciary demonstrates the fellowship's ability to take wellness beyond Rotary and into institutions and workplaces where healthier people can contribute more effectively. As the fellowship continues to grow, so does our vision. We aspire to see every Rotarian embrace wellness not as a resolution but as a way of life. By taking care of ourselves, we become better equipped to serve our communities, support our families, excel in our professions and enjoy healthier, more fulfilling lives.

We invite Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, District Committees and event organisers across District 9213 and beyond to partner with us. Whether you are planning a club fellowship, leadership retreat, district event, conference, community activity or workplace wellness programme, the Rotary Fellowship for Fitness & Wellness is ready to support your tailored fitness and wellness needs. From energiser sessions and guided workouts to wellness talks and customised programmes, we are committed to making wellness an integral part of every Rotary experience.

As we continue to grow this movement, we invite every Rotarian and Rotaractor to embrace wellness as a way of life. Together, we can build healthier clubs, stronger leaders and more impactful communities.





Governor Gerald Obai engaging members of the board, RC Kampala Springs

# Who Really Runs a Successful Rotary Club?



**By Rtn. Amos B. Kalumba, RC Kiboga, District WASH-RAG Ambassador**

*Inspired by a presentation by Rtn. Florence Mirembe, RC Mukono*

**H**ave you ever noticed that when a Rotary club wins an award, completes a life-changing project, or doubles its membership, everyone congratulates the President?

“Well done, President!”  
“Excellent leadership, President!”  
“Your year has been amazing!”  
The Board members quietly clap in the background, smiling politely, knowing they attended every planning meeting, debated every budget, chased every committee report, and occasionally sacrificed their weekends. If they are lucky, they might receive a handshake and a cup of tea.

Yet the truth is simple, no President succeeds alone.

Behind every successful Rotary club is a Board that functions like a well-oiled engine. When the Board performs well, the club performs well. When the Board struggles, even the most charismatic President eventually runs out of fuel. That was the central message from an inspiring leadership session by Rtn. Florence Mirembe, reminding us that good governance is not an administrative burden, it is the heartbeat of a successful Rotary club.

Fast forward to the end of the year, imagine it is June 2027. The President stands before members to deliver the final speech of the Rotary year. What stories will be told? Will members remember endless boardroom disagreements, rushed decisions, and unfinished projects?

Or will they celebrate growing membership, impactful community projects, vibrant fellowship, strong Rotary Foundation giving, healthy club finances, and a public image that makes the community proud?

The interesting part is that those achievements are rarely created in public. They are born quietly during Board meetings where leaders think beyond today’s agenda and plan for tomorrow’s success.

## THE BEST BOARDS DON’T WAIT FOR PROBLEMS

Many Boards spend most of their meetings putting out fires. Someone

hasn’t paid club dues.

A project budget has gone over. A committee has gone silent. Attendance has dropped.

Before long, every meeting becomes an emergency meeting.

But effective Boards think differently. As Rtn. Florence reminded us, a Board should spend less time solving today’s problems and more time preventing tomorrow’s. Imagine driving a car while constantly fixing punctures instead of servicing the vehicle before the journey. Eventually, you’ll spend more time parked on the roadside than travelling.

Rotary leadership works exactly the same way. Every club Has a wheel. One of my favourite illustrations from the presentation compared a Rotary Board to the wheel of a vehicle. A wheel is only as strong as its weakest spoke. You can have an excellent President, but if financial management is weak, the club suffers.

You may have brilliant service projects, but poor communication means members lose enthusiasm. Strong fellowship cannot compensate for poor planning. Every part of the wheel matters.

The challenge for every Board is not finding someone to blame but asking, “Which spoke needs strengthening?”

## THE UGANDAN WAY

In many of our clubs across District 9213, we are blessed with members who have enormous passion for service. Mention a medical camp, tree planting exercise, or school renovation, and hands shoot up immediately.

Mention a strategic planning session or policy review meeting...

...suddenly people remember they have another appointment!

Yet without planning, even the most enthusiastic service project can become an expensive lesson. Rotary is not just about doing good. It is about doing good well. Great Boards Build More Leaders

**“Behind every successful Rotary club is a Board that functions like a well-oiled engine. When the Board performs well, the club performs well.”**

One statement from the presentation deserves to be framed and placed in every Rotary meeting venue:

‘Extraordinary Presidents do not build strong clubs. They are built by ordinary Board members who work together extraordinarily well.’

What a refreshing reminder. Leadership is not about one person making every decision. It is about creating an environment where committee chairs take ownership, new members find confidence, experienced Rotarians become mentors, and everyone feels they have something valuable to contribute. When leadership is shared, clubs become stronger, and succession becomes easier.

## THREE QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING

Every Board meeting should end with three simple questions:

What should we start doing?

What should we stop doing?

What should we continue doing?

Imagine if every Rotary Board honestly answered those questions every month. Many long-standing frustrations would disappear, fresh

ideas would emerge, and members would feel heard.

Continuous improvement is not a one-day workshop. It is a culture.

## GOVERNANCE IS SERVICE TOO

Sometimes governance sounds like a boring word – policies, budgets, minutes, reports. But governance is simply service before the service.

Before the first tree is planted...

Before the first patient receives treatment...

Before the first scholarship is awarded... Someone had to plan. Someone had to budget. Someone had to manage risks. Someone had to ensure accountability. That ‘someone’ is usually the Rotary Board.

Good governance may never appear in the newspaper or your WhatsApp Groups, but without it, many projects would never leave the drawing board.

## A CHALLENGE TO EVERY ROTARIAN

Whether you are a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, committee chair, or simply an engaged member, remember this - the strength of your club tomorrow depends on the quality of the decisions your Board makes today.

Strong Rotary clubs are never accidents. They are built intentionally, through teamwork, accountability, trust, honest conversations, and leaders who understand that serving on a Board is not about holding a position, but about building a legacy.

So, at your next Board meeting, don’t just ask, “What’s on the agenda?”

Ask instead, “What kind of Rotary club are we building for the members who will sit around this table after us?”

If every Board asked that question, our clubs would not simply survive, they would flourish, inspire, and leave lasting footprints in the communities we proudly serve.



# From Boardrooms to Service Above Self

## HOW CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP IS OPENING NEW PATHWAYS FOR PROFESSIONALS TO CREATE LASTING IMPACT



**RONALD MULINDWA**  
Corporate Membership Chair

**A** deep c Sometimes, the biggest impact begins with the smallest idea

That simple thought captures both the spirit of Rotary and the challenge before us today. As we celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month, we are reminded that Rotary's greatest resource has never been our buildings, our projects or even our funding. It has always been our people. Every new member brings fresh ideas, diverse skills and new energy to serve communities.

Yet the world is changing. Professionals are busier than ever, and businesses are increasingly investing in corporate social responsibility. Young leaders are looking for meaningful ways to give back while balancing demanding careers. If Rotary is to continue changing lives for another century, we must be willing to open new doors without losing sight of who we are.

Corporate Membership is one of

those doors.

It is not simply another membership category. It is Rotary International's recognition that service must remain relevant to today's world. It provides organisations including businesses, hospitals, universities, professional firms, financial institutions, government agencies and non-governmental organisations with a flexible way of introducing their employees to Rotary while strengthening their own culture of service and leadership.

This aligns perfectly with Rotary International's theme, Create Lasting Impact. Lasting impact is not measured only by the projects we complete. It is also measured by the people we inspire, the leaders we develop and the communities we continue to serve because our membership continues to grow.

In District 9213, we have translated that vision into a clear and practical goal: a net growth of 300 corporate members by 30 June 2027. With approximately 150 Rotary clubs across the district, that simply means each club welcoming two corporate members during the year. Small actions, faithfully repeated across every club, will produce extraordinary results.

District Governor Gerald Obai has challenged us to embrace crazy ideas while never overlooking the little things that matter. Corporate Membership embodies both. Years ago, inviting organisations into Rotary through a flexible membership model may have sounded like a crazy idea. Today, it is one of Rotary International's practical strategies

for ensuring that our organisation remains vibrant, relevant and prepared for the future.

The little things matter too. One invitation. One conversation over coffee. One visit to a company. One introduction from a fellow Rotarian. One professional who says yes. These seemingly ordinary moments have the power to transform a club and, ultimately, our district.

This year's target will not be achieved by the Corporate Membership Committee alone. It belongs to every Rotarian. Every club already has relationships with businesses, schools, hospitals, banks, professional firms and community organisations. Within those organisations are people who share Rotary's values and simply need to be invited.

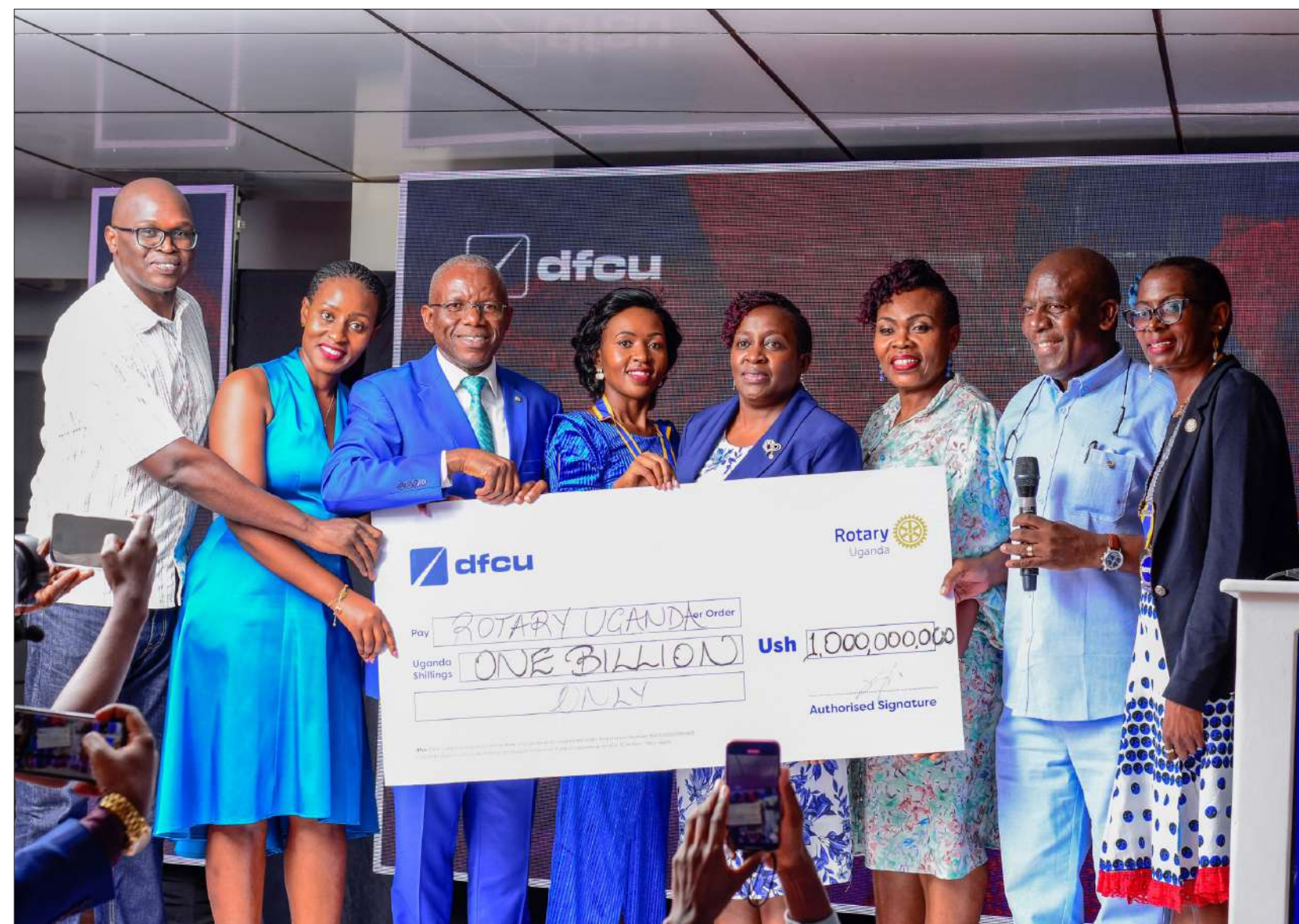
Working alongside club leaders and in collaboration with the District Corporate Partnerships Team, we will ensure that organisations already connected to Rotary also see membership as the next step in deepening their relationship with our organisation.

Membership has never been about filling seats. It is about expanding Rotary's capacity to do good.

This August, let us embrace both the crazy ideas and the little things that matter. Let us challenge every club to welcome just two corporate members. Together, those two members per club will become 300 new opportunities to serve, 300 new ambassadors for Rotary and 300 new reasons why District 9213 will continue to Create Lasting Impact.

The invitation is simple.

Let's open the door.



At the launch of the Rotary Club of Kampala Blue Hearts in August 2025

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# Leadership Is Not By Sight, But By Vision

By Rtn Fazira Kawuma,  
President, RC Jinja City

I am the second visually impaired President in Rotary, and the sixth President of the Rotary Club of Jinja City.

My leadership journey has been shaped by the understanding that leadership is both an art and a science of achieving results with and through others. This principle has taught me that I do not have to do everything myself; my responsibility is to inspire, empower, and enable others so that, together, we accomplish our shared goals.

As a visually impaired leader, I have learned that true leadership is not defined by physical ability, but by one's attitude, integrity, resilience, and sense of humour. These values have enabled me to build confidence within my team, foster trust, and create an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute.

One of my key leadership priorities has been to cultivate a culture of collective responsibility. I have encouraged strong teamwork, particularly among my Board members, because sustainable success is achieved when leadership is shared and every member takes ownership of the club's vision.

I strongly believe in the principles of equity,

participation, accountability, and transparency. These values guide my approach to leadership by ensuring that different members are given opportunities to lead various club activities. I firmly believe that every Rotarian is a potential future president, and leadership opportunities should be accessible to all.

This philosophy is reflected in our Buddy Groups, where each group has its own leader. I intentionally serve as an ordinary member in my own Buddy Group, allowing others to lead while I support them. This approach strengthens members' sense of ownership, promotes active participation, and deepens their commitment to the club.

My training in Local Democracy from the International Centre for Local Democracy has further strengthened my appreciation for inclusive leadership, participatory governance, and servant leadership. These experiences continue to shape my commitment to building strong, accountable, and people-centred institutions that create lasting impact in our communities.

I approach every challenge with confidence and optimism, choosing to see potential in every individual. My positive outlook has helped me nurture meaningful relationships and inspire others to believe in their own abilities.



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Joe Walker is joined by school children when he arrived in Hoima after walking from Kampala

# Road safety is a collective responsibility - Joe 'Walker'

**Joseph 'Joe Walker' Beyanga is a road safety enthusiast raising awareness about saving lives on the road. He is known for his long walks, including Kampala to Gulu (336km), Kampala to Mbale (240km), Kampala to Bushenyi (323km), and Kampala to Hoima (202km). In a year when Rotarians of D9213 are promoting road safety, he spoke to The Wave's MICHAEL AGABA about why he is passionate about road safety, and what Rotary can do. Excerpts:**

**Q What inspired you to become passionate about road safety?**

**A** The madness that is happening on our roads. In 2018, I witnessed a government vehicle blocking a school van at 7:30 AM, causing a gridlock. I

photographed it and published the incident in the media. Dr. Diana Atwine saw it and acted, the vehicle was removed from the offending Ministry official. This led to the 'Stay in your Lane' campaign which ran on radio and TV, generating widespread public engagement.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, I suffered a shoulder blade inflammation and was prescribed walking or cycling by a doctor. I chose walking. While walking near KIU, I witnessed a fatal head-on collision between a boda carrying what looked like a mother, daughter, and granddaughter and a speeding vehicle. This incident prompted me to dig deeper into road crash statistics, where I found that most of them are avoidable and that pedestrians and boda boda riders - the two groups with no dedicated infrastructure - are the most affected with approximately 4,000 people killed on Uganda's roads

every year. In fact, road crashes are now among Uganda's top five killers.

With these damning stats, I decided to do something. I chose walking to represent pedestrians who are the biggest number of road accident victims.

***Our District Governor is passionate about Road safety and he has made it a major priority this year. Every Rotary Club has to have a road safety initiative.***

It is exciting to see us joining hands to do something, because road safety is both a collective and individual responsibility. You know, five years ago I used to run the campaign with the tagline 'Safe Roads, Save Lives'. So, when I saw Rotary pick on it, I was very excited! Also, you need to be alive to achieve your personal goals. So, let us not be selfish but look out for each other.



Joe Walker with a fellow walker on the way to Bushenyi





The Joe Walker Community arrived at Hoima Stadium after walking from Kampala earlier this year

Everyone on the road is going somewhere and deserves to arrive safely; don't be the one that cuts other peoples' lives short.

### ***What part can Rotary play in improving road safety in Uganda?***

Pro bono legal support through organizations like Rotary could accelerate road safety litigation. The causing of death on the road is legally equivalent to murder in Uganda, but prosecutions are rare due to court backlogs, poverty of surviving families, and the fact that victims are often breadwinners whose families prioritize survival over litigation. Organizations like Rotary could engage pro bono lawyers to pursue public interest road safety cases, which could eventually normalize individual litigation.

Rotary can also partner with us for the '20 in 20' initiative - walking 20 kilometres in 20 major districts across Uganda in 20 days.

It will combine road safety activities with community sensitization, engagement with local leaders, and physical infrastructure contributions such as zebra crossings and signage. It is capital intensive and we need all the helping hands we can get.

### ***What do you think is the biggest road safety issue in our country today?***

Enforcement. It is seasonal and inconsistent. Corruption undermines enforcement. The bus involved in the Kapchworu crash that killed children recently was not licensed, but had acquired a new number plate, indicating corruption in the licensing system. The bus also carried 127 passengers - nearly double its 66 - 72 person - capacity.

Additionally, only 5% of boda boda riders have formal riding licenses, according to a Uganda Road Fund survey, yet they are the primary public transport alternative in Uganda.

Government vehicles routinely violate road rules using illegal sirens and accessories, with the Ministry of Works - which is supposed to enforce vehicle standards - presiding over these illegalities.

There is a lack of political will. Cabinet is reportedly drafting regulations on right-of-way, but the law already exists and is simply not enforced.

### ***Shouldn't drivers then be more careful on the roads and drive more responsibly?***

Driver behaviour - over-speeding, reckless overtaking, overloading

- is a major factor, but behaviour change requires enforcement. Government is responsible for enforcing laws, standards, and regulations.

Which road safety laws do you think need more enforcement or updating?

Uganda's legal framework, including the 2019 Road Safety Act and its subsequent amendment, is reasonably decent but has never been properly tested through enforcement. Laws without action are nothing!

How important is infrastructure design (e.g., speed bumps, pedestrian crossings) in preventing accidents?

Some of the safety features on our roads actually meet global standards, but have not been given a chance to work due to lack of enforcement.

Some highways such as Jinja - Iganga and Bombo - Gulu are dangerously narrow, with lane widths below the required 3.5 meters per lane, making it impossible for large vehicles to pass each other safely and contributing to head-on collision.

Uganda needs dual carriageways with barriers separating opposing traffic to minimize head-on collisions. And our roads are not "forgiving roads" - they punish mistakes. You make one mistake you are dead!



## Road Safety is a Shared Responsibility

**O**n Saturday, 11th July 2026, the Rotary Club of Manyangwa Nakwero, led by President Alice Drazuru, organized a Road Safety Awareness Campaign under the theme Safe Roads Save Lives'. The initiative brought together Rotarians, boda-boda riders, community leaders, teachers, students, and officers from the Uganda Police Force's Traffic Department in Kasangati Division.

The campaign began with a vibrant brass band procession from Manyangwa Trading Centre to Victors Valley Hotel along Gayaza-Kalagi road, symbolizing a united commitment to safer roads. More than a walk, the event created a platform for dialogue. During

the sensitization session, boda-boda riders openly discussed the challenges they face, including speeding, poor visibility, pressure to rush passengers, and the daily risks of road crashes. Rotarians listened as partners, recognizing that every accident affects not only the victim but also families and the wider community.

Inspector of Police Kabigumira Sam educated participants on the causes of road traffic accidents and emphasized adherence to traffic laws, speed limits, helmet use, and visibility. He reminded everyone that road safety is a shared responsibility requiring the commitment of all road users. To translate awareness into action, the club donated 40 branded

helmets and 40 reflector jackets to registered boda-boda riders, enhancing their protection and visibility on the road. Addressing the gathering, President Alice Drazuru remarked, "These riders are fathers, entrepreneurs, neighbours, and providers. When we protect a rider, we protect a family." Inspired by the campaign, riders pledged to wear their safety gear consistently and champion responsible road use.

The event strengthened partnerships between Rotary, the police, local leaders, schools, and the community, demonstrating Rotary's commitment as People of Action. The campaign left one enduring message: when communities work together, safe roads truly save lives.



# Building Safer Roads Through Partnership

On July 23rd, the RC Wakiso launched its Road safety campaign. They hosted SP Michael Kananura, the Community Liaison Officer/ Public Relations Officer Directorate of Traffic & Road Safety, Uganda Police. This is what he said:

I had the privilege of joining and addressing members of the Rotary Club of Wakiso during the launch of their Road Safety Campaign Project. Rotary Clubs continue to champion road safety by engaging different categories of road users and implementing interventions aimed at reducing

road traffic crashes and promoting safer road use. Creating safer roads requires more than enforcing traffic laws. It demands collective responsibility, public awareness, strong partnerships & sustained advocacy. Every stakeholder has a role to play in protecting lives on our roads. We commend the Rotary Club of Wakiso and the entire Rotary family for prioritizing road safety as a public concern. Uganda Traffic Police proudly pledges its full support to this important initiative. Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Together, we can save lives.



## The Red Light Project

On the morning of July 4, 2026, as Uganda prepared for the presidential installation, members of the Rotary Club of Kampala Impala and the Rotary Club of Saturday E-Jazz officially activated the Red Light Project, a road safety initiative designed to address one of the country's most persistent traffic challenges - the widespread disregard for red traffic lights.

The project was spearheaded by Charles Nsimbi, President of the Rotary Club of Kampala Impala, alongside Brendalynn Kirungi, President of the Rotary Club of Saturday E-Jazz. Inspired by a desire to save lives and promote responsible road use, the two leaders

recognized that many motorists and motorcycle riders drive through red lights, despite the universal meaning of the signal - stop. This dangerous habit has contributed to avoidable crashes, traffic congestion, injuries, and the loss of innocent lives.

Through the Red Light Project, the two Rotary clubs are championing a culture of discipline, responsibility, and respect for traffic regulations. The initiative seeks to educate road users on the importance of obeying red lights, reminding every driver, rider, and pedestrian that a few moments of patience can prevent lifelong consequences. By engaging communities and encouraging conversations around road safety, the project aims to inspire lasting

behavioral change.

Launching the initiative on the morning of the presidential installation was symbolic. It underscored the belief that national progress begins with individual responsibility and that safer roads are built through everyday choices. The Red Light Project is therefore more than a road safety campaign; it is a call to action for every Ugandan to value life, respect the law, and embrace safer driving habits.

Through collective commitment, the Rotary Club of Kampala Impala and the Rotary Club of Saturday E-Jazz hope to make stopping at a red light an unquestioned habit that protects every road user.



# Leading the Charge for Safer School Communities

Three years ago, the Misindye Church of Uganda community in Goma Subcounty, Mukono district, was shaken by a heart-breaking tragedy. A six-year-old Primary One pupil lost their life in a road crash in front of the school gate as they crossed to go to school, a painful reminder that the journey to and from school can be just as important as the lessons taught in the classroom.

For RC Sonde, that memory became more than a story of loss. It became a call to action. With road crashes remaining one of Uganda’s leading causes of death and injury, children are among the most vulnerable road users. Many walk to school daily, crossing busy roads and sharing narrow streets with speeding vehicles and motorcycles.

In the communities of Sonde, Misindye, Bukerere, Namyoya, Kiwango and Kiwanga, road safety is not simply about traffic rules but about protecting young lives and securing their future.

At the Launch of the RY 2026/2027, RC Sonde joined other Jinja Road corridor clubs led by RC Kira and District Governor Gerald Obai to officially launch the District 9213’s flagship initiative on road safety under the theme “Safe Roads, Save Lives.” Demonstrating its commitment from day one, the club donated 10 reflective jackets and 10 safety helmets to boda boda riders during the district launch.

From the district launch, the club brought the campaign home and launched a week-long school road safety awareness campaign. The

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campaign combined classroom learning, practical demonstrations and community engagement to build a culture of road safety among children and the boda boda riders who transport them every day, the club transformed a district-wide call to action into meaningful grassroots impact.

“Every life lost on Uganda’s roads is a painful reminder that road safety is a shared responsibility,” said RC Sonde President David Nsalasatta. “Through this campaign, we’re bringing together communities, schools, riders, and authorities to promote safer choices and reduce preventable road crashes. Our message is simple: roads are meant to connect us, not claim lives.”

The journey began at Misindye Church of Uganda Primary School, where 134 pupils and 10 boda boda riders learned how to cross the road

safely, recognize road signs and make safer decisions while walking to and from school.

The campaign then moved to Jinja Misindye Primary School, reaching 309 pupils, 14 teachers and 17 boda boda riders. Teachers joined the discussions, reinforcing that road safety education should continue beyond a single visit and become part of everyday conversations in school.

At Kiwanga UMEA Primary School, another 170 pupils and 10 boda boda riders participated in interactive sessions that transformed road safety from theory into practice. Children stepped onto the roadside with Rotary volunteers to practice stopping, looking, listening and crossing safely under supervision.

The next stop was Mother of Angels Primary School in Namyoya, where 145 pupils and 10 boda boda riders took part in lively demonstrations that encouraged both children and riders to become ambassadors for safer roads within their communities.

The campaign concluded with a grand community event at Kiwango UMEA Primary School, bringing together 247 pupils and 60 boda boda riders. The event was officiated by ASP Francis Onen, Mukono Division Traffic Commander, whose message reinforced the shared responsibility of parents, riders, schools and law enforcement in protecting children on Uganda’s roads.

“Preventing road crashes requires partnership between law enforcement, schools, communities, and road users,” said ASP Onen. “When we work together, we can save lives and reduce injuries on our roads.”



David Kato, Chairperson of Sonde Boda Riders Association

Recognising that knowledge alone is not enough, RC Sonde also equipped 70 boda boda riders serving the school communities of Misindye, Namyoya, Kiwanga, Sonde and Bukerere with reflective jackets and safety helmets. These simple but life-saving items improve rider visibility and promote safer riding practices, especially during the early morning and evening hours when many children are travelling to and from school.

And the boda riders were also appreciative. “We appreciate this support from Rotary because it

reminds us that our lives matter,” said David Kato, Chairperson of the boda boda riders’ association in Sonde. “We commit to using the helmets and reflector jackets properly and following traffic rules to protect ourselves and our passengers. As riders, we are partners in creating safer roads. We must lead by example by riding responsibly and respecting all road users.” Beyond the numbers, the campaign sparked conversations, strengthened partnerships between schools and transport providers, and inspired children to become active

champions of road safety. For Rotary Club of Sonde, success will not be measured only by the number of schools visited or helmets distributed. It will be measured by the child who confidently looks both ways before crossing the road, the boda boda rider who slows down outside a school and the parent who welcomes their child home safely every afternoon. Because every child deserves the chance to arrive safely and return home alive. Summary of Reach:

| No.   | School/Community     | Pupils Reached | Teachers Engaged | Boda Riders Engaged |
|-------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1     | Misindye C.O.U P/S   | 134            | 3                | 10                  |
| 2     | Kiwanga Umea P/S     | 170            | 2                | 10                  |
| 3     | Jinja Misindye P/S   | 309            | 14               | 17                  |
| 4     | Mother of Angels P/S | 145            | 6                | 10                  |
| 5     | Kiwango Umea P/S     | 247            | 12               | 60                  |
| 6     | District Launch      | 0              | 0                | 10                  |
| Total |                      | 1,005          | 37               | 117                 |



# Road Safety Starts Now



**CP TEDDY NALUBEGA**  
RC Ssingi-Mityana

There are mornings that arrive with quiet signs. Three rotary clubs in Mityana (RC Ssingi – Mityana, RC Kabulasoke – Gomba, and RC Mityana) had a joint Presidential installation on 21st June 2026, and the signs were not quiet at all.

Before the ceremony even began, stories were already circulating: a Rotarian heading west had passed a fresh accident scene, and another testified about a near miss. The coincidence was too loud to ignore. And so, an installation event became something more, it became a declaration.

## IMPACT PRESIDENT REV. JOSHUA SSALI'S PLAN

Upon taking the chain of office for the Rotary Club of Ssingi – Mityana, Rev. Joshua Ssali declared his three clear goals, with a fourth one unfolding right before his eyes.

Together with public image (by the end of his tenure, anyone in Mityana should be able to answer the question, “What does Rotary do?”), visibility and adaptability, he added a fourth – Road Safety.

## ROAD SAFETY STARTS NOW

Accidents, near misses, familiar grief on unfamiliar roads - President Rev. Joshua named Road Safety as the club's primary focus for the year 2026/2027, not as a distant ambition but as an immediate call.

“Every time we travel, we encounter accidents,” he said. “It's that serious.” He framed the campaign around three questions every Rotarian, and every road user, must ask themselves:

- **COMPLIANCE:** Are we following the rules even before we preach them?
- **COMPASSION:** Do we stop to help when we pass an accident scene, or do we drive on?
- **COURAGE:** Are we bold enough to speak up when we see reckless driving?

Then he said, in Luganda, the language that the Mityana community understands best: “Obuweereza obulungi butandikira ku siterringi oba enkata” (Good service starts at the steering wheel).

The District Governor Speaks  
The DG Gerald Obai, who was the Chief guest and Chief launcher of the Initiative, emphasized the gravity of the initiative. He explained how he had spent twenty-three years on Uganda's roads. In that time, he has arrived at accident scenes he cannot forget – blood, stillness, families broken in a moment. The memory does not leave a person.

“Statistics show that every single day, we lose 12 people on Ugandan roads”, he said.

“That means since this morning, 12 families have been affected – and there could be more.”

His message to every club president in the district was clear: this campaign must not be treated as one programme among many. Road safety must stay at the centre. “If we keep it there”, he said, “we will save so many lives.”

With that, alongside the Officer in Charge of Traffic in Mityana, DG Gerald officially launched the Road Safety Initiative for RC Ssingi - Mityana.

## THE POLICE PERSPECTIVE

ASP Francis Nakwaso, the Officer

in Charge of Traffic in Mityana, attending a Rotary event for the very first time, arrived in full uniform – three stars on his shoulder, years of road experience behind his eyes. He was candid about what he had witnessed.

“Most accidents in Uganda are caused by human error,” he said. “Not the vehicle, not the road – the driver. Are you sober? Are you speeding? Are you reckless?”

He was not merely speaking in the abstract. Since January, he has personally taken fifteen reckless drivers to court.

But what struck those present was not just his authority. It was his openness to partnership.

“Uganda Police Force is here for community engagement,” he said. “We are ready to work with you.”

He raised one immediate need, zebra crossings in Mityana town (particularly around the Stanbic Bank area heading toward Church House) as a practical starting point for collaboration between Rotary and the traffic authorities.

## A MOVEMENT, NOT A MOMENT

What unfolded in Mityana that day was more than an installation. It was the beginning of a campaign that, if sustained, has the potential to save lives – not through grand gestures alone, but through the daily choices of ordinary Rotarians at the wheel, on the road, and in their communities.

The accidents that were reported that morning were not coincidences. They were a reminder.

Service Above Self does not begin at a project handover or a grant signing. Sometimes, it begins the moment you turn the key and pull onto the road. Obuweereza obulungi butandikira ku siterringi oba enkata.

Good service starts at the steering wheel.







# We're almost there! Cancer Run Nears Major Milestone

By Rtn Sylvia Nankya,  
RC Kampala Naalya

For thousands of Ugandans living with cancer, hope has often meant travelling long distances in search of treatment, enduring long waiting times at the Uganda Cancer Institute and relying on the support of strangers. To many, a cancer diagnosis meant a death sentence or years of enduring untold suffering and pain.

Over the past 15 years, the Cancer Run has sought to change that reality. What began in 2011 as a modest fundraising initiative has grown into a nationwide movement that has financed cancer care infrastructure, purchased life-saving equipment and brought the country closer to completing the One-Stop Cancer Centre at Nsambya Hospital.

The Cancer Run was established after Rotary Clubs in Uganda adopted cancer care as a long-term signature project. At the time, the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) in Mulago was the country's only comprehensive public cancer treatment facility, serving patients from across Uganda.

According to Past District Governor Steven Mwanje, who served as District Governor of Rotary District 9211 when the initiative was launched, the first Cancer Run attracted approximately 3,000 participants and raised about

UGX200 million. The funds were used to equip a paediatric cancer ward at the Uganda Cancer Institute, which was completed in 2013.

Following the success of the inaugural event, the Cancer Run became an annual fundraiser. Participation steadily increased over the years, with events expanding beyond Kampala to other parts of the country. Today, the run is held simultaneously in several towns, including Gulu, Mbale, Mbarara, Arua, Fort Portal and Soroti.

Funds raised through previous editions have supported the procurement of medical equipment for cancer diagnosis and treatment, including radiotherapy equipment, brachytherapy machines, and patient beds. Rotary has also supported patient welfare programmes aimed at easing the burden of treatment for some cancer patients.

In addition to equipment purchases, Rotary committed itself to raising UGX20 billion towards the construction and equipping of the One-Stop Cancer Centre at Nsambya Hospital.

According to the Rotary Cancer Programme records, by July 2026, 92 per cent of the fundraising target had been realised, while construction of the centre's main structure had already been completed. The remaining phase focuses on equipping the facility with appropriate Bunkers and completing interior works.

"This will be the 15th Cancer Run, and this year we are targeting to raise Shs 5 billion as we work towards realising this dream," said Eng. Nsubuga Nyanje Accram, head of the Cancer Run campaign. "Cancer has claimed the lives of too many Ugandans."

Once operational, the One-Stop Cancer Centre is expected to provide a range of cancer services under one roof, including screening, diagnosis, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, counselling and palliative care. The facility is also expected to serve as a training centre for health workers serving regional cancer centres.

This year's Cancer Run to be held on Sunday, August 30, will feature a 5-kilometre Fun Run, a 10-kilometre race and a 21-kilometre race. Organisers have also planned free cancer screening services, including breast, cervical and prostate cancer screening, at selected venues during the event. The official theme for the 2026 edition is 'Finish What We Started'.

Cancer Run kits, which cost UGX30,000 each, are available at Centenary Bank branches and selected supermarkets across the country.

As the Uganda Rotary Cancer Run marks its fifteenth anniversary, it reflects the continuation of a long-term fundraising effort that has supported cancer care infrastructure and services across the country while mobilising public participation in the fight against cancer.



# When the Bell Rings — The Story Behind Rotary’s Most Familiar Sound



**RTN. ANNE GAMURORWA**  
Vice President, RC Kololo-Kampala

Every Rotary meeting begins with the ringing of a bell. We hear it so often that we seldom stop to ask what it means. Sometimes, it takes losing something to discover its true value.

One Tuesday evening, our club discovered exactly that. Members of the Rotary Club of Kololo-Kampala gathered as usual. There were warm greetings, familiar laughter and conversations about family, work and service projects.

As the Sergeant-at-Arms prepared to begin the meeting, someone asked a simple question. “Where is the bell?”

At first, nobody was particularly concerned. Surely it had simply been misplaced. We searched cupboards, meeting boxes and bags. We retraced our steps from previous meetings. Telephone calls were made. Suggestions came from every direction.

Could we hold the meeting

without the bell? Of course, we could. But somehow, it didn’t feel right. It surprised me how unsettled we all became. The bell was only a polished piece of brass — or so we thought. Yet without it, something essential seemed missing. We joked that our Rotary ship had become a little rudderless, as though it had drifted from its familiar course.

Then came the unexpected discovery. After a little Rotary diplomacy, and much laughter, we learned that our bell had somehow found a temporary home with another Rotary club. Goodwill prevailed, peace was restored, and before long the bell returned.

**“The gavel signifies the authority of the office; the bell signifies the continuity of the fellowship.”**

When it came back, we all smiled. Only later did I realise that we had never really been searching for a bell. We had been searching for what it represented.

That experience made me curious. Why had the absence of one familiar object affected us so deeply? My

search for the answer took me back more than a century.

In 1922, Rotary clubs in New York and London held a friendly attendance competition. The London clubs lost and presented the winners with an unusual gift: an old brass ship’s bell mounted on timber from HMS Victory, Admiral Horatio Nelson’s famous flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar.

No one imagined that this modest gift would become one of Rotary’s most enduring traditions. For centuries, the bell aboard a ship was much more than a noisemaker. It marked the passing of time, called sailors to duty, announced the changing of the watch, warned of danger, welcomed visitors and maintained order. When the bell rang, everyone knew it was time to pay attention.

The symbolism could hardly be more fitting. Rotary itself is a voyage. Every club is a crew. Every service project is another destination, and every year the helm passes to another captain.

That is why our annual Changeover is much more than a ceremonial dinner. Each July, the Rotary ship changes hands at the helm. One watch ends. Another begins. Yet the compass remains fixed, the destination unchanged, and the voyage continues.

Leadership changes. Purpose does not.

Every president serves for only one year. None begins Rotary’s story, and none finishes it. Each simply steers the ship for a season before



Incoming RC Kololo-Kampala President Dominic Tumwesigye receives the bell from PDG John Ndamira, witnessed by Chief Justice Dr Flavian Zeija

passing the helm to another.

Rotary itself began with a similarly simple idea. When Paul Harris gathered three friends in Chicago in 1905, he was not creating an organisation of presidents or committees. He was creating a fellowship — people brought together by friendship, professional integrity and a shared desire to serve their communities.

From those modest beginnings grew a worldwide movement united not by buildings or ceremonies, but by enduring values. Perhaps that is why the Rotary bell has survived as one of our most cherished traditions. Every time it rings, it calls us together once again — not simply to begin a meeting, but to renew our fellowship and our shared commitment to Service Above Self.

The gavel signifies the authority of the office; the bell signifies the continuity of the fellowship. Both

are entrusted to each incoming president, not as personal possessions, but as symbols held in trust on behalf of the club. One Rotary year later, they are passed to another steward, while the mission of Rotary continues unchanged.

The bell also reminds us to check our bearings. Every successful voyage depends upon a reliable compass. For Rotarians, that compass is found in our values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership.

Our moral bearing is continually tested by the Four-Way Test, while our destination remains unchanged: creating hope, advancing understanding, building peace and improving lives.

The bell quietly calls us back to that course every time we gather.

Looking back, I smile at the memory of our missing bell. We

thought we had lost a polished piece of brass. What we had really lost, for a little while, was a reminder of who we are.

Symbols matter because they preserve identity. They connect one generation to another. They remind us that we belong to something much larger than ourselves. So, the next time your club bell rings, pause for a moment. Listen carefully.

You may hear more than the beginning of another meeting. You may hear the echoes of more than a century of Rotary fellowship. You may hear generations of Rotarians answering the same call to serve.

And perhaps you will hear a quiet reminder that while leadership is temporary, stewardship is enduring.

The bell rings  
The helm changes hands  
The compass remains true  
The voyage continues



# Turning Conflict into Opportunities in Rotary & Rotaract Clubs



By Owomugisha Blessing Immaculate, Vice Chair, Governance and Ethics

Every Rotary and Rotaract club is made up of individuals with different personalities, experiences, ideas, and leadership styles. These differences are one of our greatest strengths, but they can also give rise to conflict. The goal is not to eliminate conflict entirely; that is neither realistic nor desirable but to manage it in a way that strengthens relationships and keeps our focus on service.

Conflict often begins with simple issues: misunderstandings, poor communication, unclear roles, differing expectations, or disagreements about projects and priorities. Left unresolved, these issues can affect morale, reduce participation, and distract clubs from their mission. Addressed early and respectfully, however, they can become opportunities for growth and improvement.

The foundation of effective conflict management is open communication. Members should feel safe expressing their views without fear of ridicule or retaliation. Listening to understand, rather than to respond, helps uncover the real issues behind disagreements. In many cases, conflicts are less about opposing positions and more about unmet expectations or miscommunication.

Respect is equally important.



Rotarians Sue Club Leadership Over Expulsion, WhatsApp Removal

by Insight Post Uganda — June 15, 2026 in Lifestyle Reading Time: 3 mins read

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Rotary's Four-Way Test reminds us to ask: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Applying these principles during difficult conversations encourages civility and keeps discussions focused on finding solutions rather than assigning blame.

Club leaders play a critical role in setting the tone. They should address tensions promptly, remain impartial, and encourage constructive dialogue. Ignoring conflict rarely makes it disappear; more often, it allows frustration to grow. Leaders who create an environment of trust, transparency, and accountability help members resolve differences before they become major problems.

Prevention is just as important as resolution. Clubs can reduce

unnecessary conflict by clearly defining roles and responsibilities, planning activities together, communicating decisions openly, and ensuring that members understand how and why decisions are made. Regular feedback sessions also provide opportunities to identify concerns before they escalate.

When disagreements do occur, members should focus on the issue rather than the individual. Avoid assumptions, personal attacks, and gossip. Instead, seek common ground and remember that everyone joined Rotary or Rotaract with the shared desire to make a positive difference. Keeping the club's mission at the centre of every discussion makes it easier to move beyond personal differences.

Healthy clubs are not those without conflict; they are those that handle conflict with maturity, respect, and a commitment to finding solutions. When members communicate openly, listen with empathy, and work together in the spirit of fellowship, disagreements can become opportunities to strengthen relationships, improve decision-making, and build more resilient clubs.

As Rotarians and Rotaractors, we are united by a common purpose: service above self. By managing conflict constructively, we preserve the friendships that sustain our clubs and ensure that our energy remains focused where it belongs, serving our communities and creating lasting positive change.

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# Rotary

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO



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IS IT  
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- 2

IS IT  
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TO ALL CONCERNED?


- 3

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AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?


- 4

WILL IT BE  
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*"It is the guide to correct conduct for Rotarians in all of their relationships."*

~ SERVICE ABOVE SELF ~





Minister of Youth & Children's Affairs, Faith Latisa (centre in green dress) launches the RYLA 2026-27

# Green Minds, Bold Action – RYLA 2026 launched

By Gift Anne, Chair of RYLA 2026-2027

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2026 was officially launched on 22 July 2026 at Hotel Africana in Kampala, marking the start of a new journey to empower the next generation of leaders in District 9213.

The event was honoured by the presence of the Minister of Youth, Mercy Lakisa, as Guest of Honour; and District Governor Nominee, Kaziro Kyambade, as Chief Guest. Both leaders emphasized that young people are the cornerstone of Rotary's future and of Uganda's development.

In his remarks, the DGN called on Rotarians to mentor, sponsor, and tell the RYLA story.

"RYLA should never lack the ideals of Rotary International. Let us

identify and support young people to participate," Kyambadde said.

The Guest of Honour challenged participants to embrace climate action and green jobs.

"We are investing in youth and in a cleaner, greener Uganda. The Ministry is ready to support youth with financing to bring impactful climate projects to life after this training," the Minister noted.

The launch featured inspiring testimonies from past RYLA participants. RC Kampala Central also announced a major commitment to donate 5,000 trees and sponsor 10 members to RYLA 2026.

Applications are now open for young leaders aged 18-30. Each participant is required to pay a fee of UGX 380,000 to the Rotary District Account.

Account Name: Rotary District

9213  
Account Number: 3100083833  
Bank: Centenary Bank  
Branch: Mapeera Branch  
Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to nominate and sponsor deserving young leaders to take part in this transformative leadership experience and invest in the next generation of changemakers.

Chief Guest  
DGN Kaziro  
Kyambadde



Gift Anne, Chair of RYLA 2026-2027, speaks at the launch



DGE Jane Kabugo makes her remarks







Nakayonza Water & Life Improvement Project by the Rotary Club of Lugogo-Mango Tree

# The Power of Storytelling



**RTN. TINA WAMALA**  
Storytelling Champion,  
Community Service Committee

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Don't just do good, tell it well  
A few weeks ago, I heard a story that I haven't been able to forget. A family was travelling home along the Mbarara–Masaka highway when, in a split second, everything changed. Their vehicle collided with a boda boda, overturned several times, and was left completely wrecked. Against all odds, the occupants survived.

Sadly, the boda boda rider did not.

When people recount that day, they rarely describe the make of the car or the exact location of the accident. Instead, they remember the fear, the relief, the miracle of survival, and the lives forever changed.

That is the power of storytelling. People don't remember facts nearly as much as they remember feelings. Stories connect with our hearts long before they reach our minds.

The same is true in Rotary. Every day across District 9213, Rotarians and Rotaractors are transforming

lives. We restore hope through medical camps. We inspire young people through mentorship. We provide clean water, improve schools, plant trees, promote peace, and empower communities. Yet too often, we stop at reporting what we did.

We say, "Our club donated 500 books". But what if we instead told the story of a young girl who had never owned a book until that day, who hugged it tightly and proudly said, "Now I have one that's mine"?

That is the story people will remember. Stories give meaning to our service.

## WHY STORYTELLING MATTERS

### •Stories build trust

Communities don't connect with statistics alone. They connect with people. A name, a face, a dream restored - that is what builds confidence in Rotary.

### •Stories inspire action

When people hear how Rotary transformed a community, they don't simply applaud, they ask, "How can I be part of this?" Stories inspire volunteers, attract members, and encourage communities to replicate successful projects.

### •Stories attract partners

Governments, donors, and development partners invest in impact, not activities. While numbers demonstrate scale, stories demonstrate significance. Together, they become compelling evidence for collaboration.

### •Stories preserve Rotary's legacy

Projects end. Buildings age. Trees grow. But stories endure. They become part of Rotary's history and inspire future generations to continue serving above self.

Every Project Has a Story

Every Rotary project already contains the ingredients of a compelling story. Ask these simple

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questions:

1. What was the need?
2. What challenge was the community facing?
3. What action did Rotary take?
4. Who was involved and what was done?
5. What changed?
6. How did lives improve?
7. What lasting difference was made?

Support your story with meaningful statistics — but never let the numbers overshadow the human impact.

## THE DISTRICT 9213 STORYTELLING CHALLENGE

As the District Storytelling Champion under the District 9213 Community Service Committee, I invite every Rotary and Rotaract Club to join the District 9213 Storytelling Challenge. We want to hear the stories behind your service.

### Submit any of the following:

- A written impact story accompanied by an action photograph.
- A 60–90 second video telling the project's story.
- A published media feature or news

article.

### Your story should answer three questions:

- The Need – What problem existed?
- The Action – What did Rotary do and who was involved?
- The Impact – How were lives changed? Include both measurable results and one personal story that brings the project to life.

Share your stories on your club's Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn pages and tag the District social media platforms.

Use the hashtags:

#RotaryEyamba  
#RotaryKonyo  
#StoriesForImpact

You may also submit your stories for publication in your club newsletter or The Wave, and email the links to:

[rotarypublicimage9213@gmail.com](mailto:rotarypublicimage9213@gmail.com)

Each month, we will recognize the Story of the Month, and at the end of the Rotary year, celebrate the Story of the Year. Clubs that consistently tell compelling stories will also be recognised.

Every club has remarkable stories waiting to be told.

The next member who joins Rotary...

The next partner who funds a project...

The next volunteer who offers their time...

The next community that believes in our work...

...may all be inspired by a single story.

So, let us move beyond simply reporting our activities. Let us tell stories that inspire hope. Stories that celebrate dignity. Stories that demonstrate Rotary's impact.

Let's make Rotary District 9213 known not only for changing lives, but for telling those stories so powerfully that others are inspired to change lives too.

Don't just do good. Tell it well.





DG Gerald Obai takes a hearing test at the Dr Irwin Stewart Rotary Memorial Center at Makerere University Hospital

## Beyond Hearing: The Sound of a Legacy

### HOW ROTARY PARTNERSHIPS ARE TRANSFORMING HEARING CARE—AND LIVES—IN UGANDA

**By Anne Barabogoza Gamurorwa**  
**Vice President, Rotary Club of Kololo-Kampala**

“Thank you. Now I can hear my grandchildren.” Those simple words, spoken by an elderly gentleman after receiving a hearing aid, became

the defining moment of District Governor Gerald Obai’s recent visit to the Dr. Irwin Stewart Rotary Memorial Hearing Centre at Makerere University Hospital. They reminded us that beyond buildings, equipment and project budgets lies Rotary’s greatest achievement—the restoration of dignity, connection and hope.

As we toured the Centre, I found myself asking a question every Rotarian should perhaps ask from time to time: How do we measure the success of a Rotary project? Is it by the size of the grant, the sophistication of the equipment installed, or the number of people served? Or is it measured by the lives that continue to change long

after the project has officially ended?

The answers unfolded before us throughout the visit.

The Centre bears the name of Dr. Irwin Stewart, an eminent Canadian ear, nose and throat surgeon, humanitarian, Past Rotary District Governor and member of the Rotary Club of New Westminster. Together with his wife, Lois, he devoted much of his retirement to improving hearing healthcare in Africa, particularly in Zimbabwe and Uganda. They believed hearing was about far more than sound. It was about communication, education, dignity and opportunity, and that no child should be denied the chance to learn simply because hearing care was unavailable.

That conviction became the foundation of an extraordinary Rotary partnership.

Working together, the Rotary Clubs of New Westminster in Canada and Kololo-Kampala in Uganda, supported by the Rotary Foundation and committed partners, transformed one family’s vision into an institution that is changing lives every day. Today, the Dr. Irwin Stewart Rotary Memorial Hearing Centre stands not simply as a modern clinical facility but as a centre of excellence for specialised hearing care, professional training, research and innovation that is strengthening Uganda’s own healthcare system.

The Centre’s greatest strength, however, is its partnership. Makerere University Hospital provides specialist clinical services, teaching and research. Hear His Voice Uganda extends care beyond the hospital through community hearing screening, mobile outreach clinics, rehabilitation, counselling and family support, particularly

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for children living with hearing impairment. Together with Rotary, these partners have created a continuum of care that begins in communities, continues through diagnosis and treatment, and supports rehabilitation, education and long-term inclusion.

Professor Charles Byamugisha spoke with understandable pride about the transformation that has taken place. Postgraduate students who once had to seek specialised training abroad can now learn using world-class equipment within Uganda. Collaborative research is expanding across disciplines, referral hospitals increasingly rely on the Centre’s expertise, and Makerere University Hospital has incorporated the Centre into its core mandate of teaching, research and service, assuming responsibility for essential consumables. It is the kind of sustainability every development programme strives to achieve—where a project evolves into a permanent national resource.

DG Obai captured the significance of the achievement in one memorable sentence when he described it as “not just another Rotary project, but a game changer.”

Yet laboratories, equipment and statistics tell only part of the story. The true measure of impact is found in the people whose lives continue to be transformed.

The Executive Director of Hear His Voice Uganda, Eddie Mukaaya, shared stories that reminded us why this partnership exists.

One was about a young science teacher whose gradual hearing loss threatened not only her profession but also her confidence and future. Through specialised assessment, treatment and rehabilitation, she regained her ability to communicate, returned to teaching and today is pursuing a PhD.

Restoring her hearing also restored her confidence, her career and her dreams.

Another story concerned an elderly gentleman who had lost much of his hearing and his sight. After receiving a hearing aid through the programme, he smiled quietly and said,

“Thank you. Now I can hear my grandchildren.”

There was little more to say. In those few words lay the true meaning of impact.

Another family travelled all the way from Gulu seeking treatment for their young daughter. After examining the child, the clinicians gently suggested that the father should take the chance and also have his hearing tested.

To everyone’s surprise, his hearing loss proved even more severe than his daughter’s. Sometimes the person seeking help for another is the one silently living with the greater need.



# Camping with a Purpose: Where Fellowship Meets Service

*“Life is better around a campfire; especially when that campfire lights the path to hope.”*

The Rotary Fellowship of Camping is much more than an outdoor adventure. It is a global community of Rotarians, Rotaractors, families, and friends who share a passion for nature, friendship, and service. Every camping experience is an opportunity to strengthen bonds, discover new places, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

This year, from 7th to 9th August 2026, campers from across the region will gather in the picturesque town of Naivasha, Kenya, for a weekend that promises breathtaking scenery, exciting adventures, and unforgettable fellowship. Participants will explore some of Naivasha’s renowned attractions, enjoy outdoor activities, share stories around the campfire, and create friendships that transcend clubs, districts, and

national borders.

Yet the true highlight of the fellowship lies beyond the adventure.

The Rotary Fellowship of Camping proudly embraces the theme “Camp to Save Lives.” Through this initiative, the fellowship supports children born with congenital defects, helping to create opportunities for life-changing medical care and renewed hope for their families. Every participant becomes part of a mission that demonstrates Rotary’s enduring commitment to service above self. Camping has a remarkable way of bringing people together. Away from the routines of daily life, conversations become deeper, friendships grow stronger, and ideas for service are born. It reminds us that Rotary is not only about meetings and projects, it is also about building relationships that inspire us to serve with greater passion and purpose.

The beauty of this fellowship is that it is open to everyone. Whether you are a Rotarian, Rotaractor, family

member, friend, or simply someone who enjoys the outdoors and believes in making a difference, you are warmly invited to be part of this unique experience.

As Rotary celebrates Membership and New Club Development Month, the Camping Fellowship perfectly reflects what attracts people to Rotary: meaningful friendships, exciting experiences, and the opportunity to serve humanity. It is proof that fellowship and service go hand in hand.

So, pack your camping gear, bring your adventurous spirit, and join us in Naivasha. Come for the stunning landscapes, the laughter, and the camaraderie. Stay for the purpose. Leave knowing that your participation has helped bring hope to children in need.

One camp. One family. One purpose. Together, let’s camp to save lives.

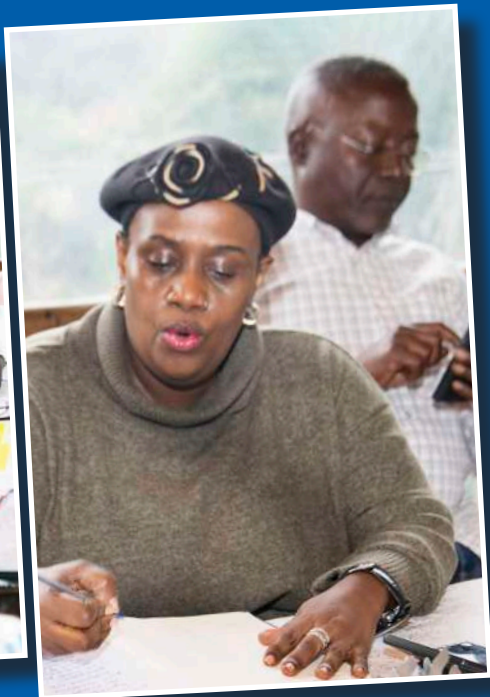
**Nabanja Jesca Nyanzi**  
**Camping Mobilisation Team**







Chair of the Day, CP Bob, had plenty to say



President Jennifer took careful notes



PP Francis opened up proceedings...



When Presidents speak, everyone pays attention

# Guidance and advice from the Council of Past Presidents

On the 18th of July, 2026, RC Lugogo-Mango Tree's Council of Past Presidents organised a retreat for the incoming Board Members at the Casita Restaurant in Naguru.

The Council of Past Presidents is established by the Club's Constitution to provide guidance, oversight and strategic advice to the Board and the Club in general. The Council (who would have guessed?) comprises all Past Presidents of the club "who are members in good standing."

- First constituted in July 2020, it comprises of the following:
- 1. Robert Nsereko, Charter President (2016-2018)
  - 2. Francis Olul (2018-2019)
  - 3. Peter G. Mwesige (2019-2020)
  - 4. Francis Iwa (2020-2021)
  - 5. Ronald Kasozi (2021-2022)
  - 6. Edward Golooba Kayiso (2022-

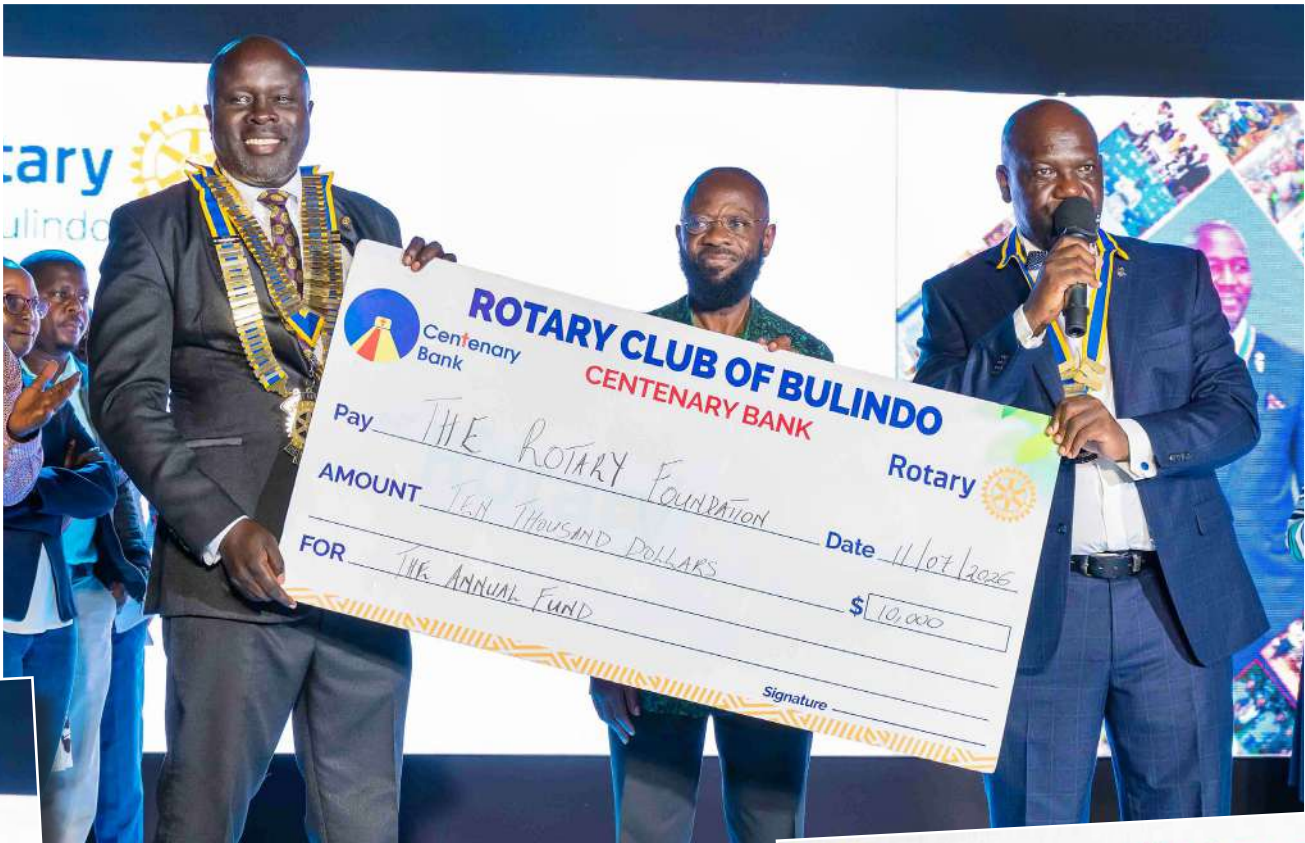
- 2023)
- 7. Chris Mulindwa (2023-2024)
- 8. Chris Nambale (2024-2025)
- 9. Dr David Ddamulira (2025-2026)

The event, which was fully funded by the Past Presidents, discussed major issues including the transition, financial sustainability, collection of Club dues, contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), as well as alternative sources of revenue. The President and each of the Board Members present shared their vision and targets for 2026-2027, while the Past Presidents offered advice and guidance from their different experiences.

In her appreciation speech, President Jennifer Mugasha thanked the Council for their guidance and advice to the Board members, some of whom were new and had never served before.



INSTALLATIONS - RC BULINDO





## JOINT INSTALLATIONS - RC SATURDAY EJAZZ AND RC KAMPALA IMPALA





INSTALLATIONS - RC KAMPALA MAHABA



JOINT INSTALLATION - RC NGORA & RC TESO





INSTALLATION - RC SONDE INSTALLATION

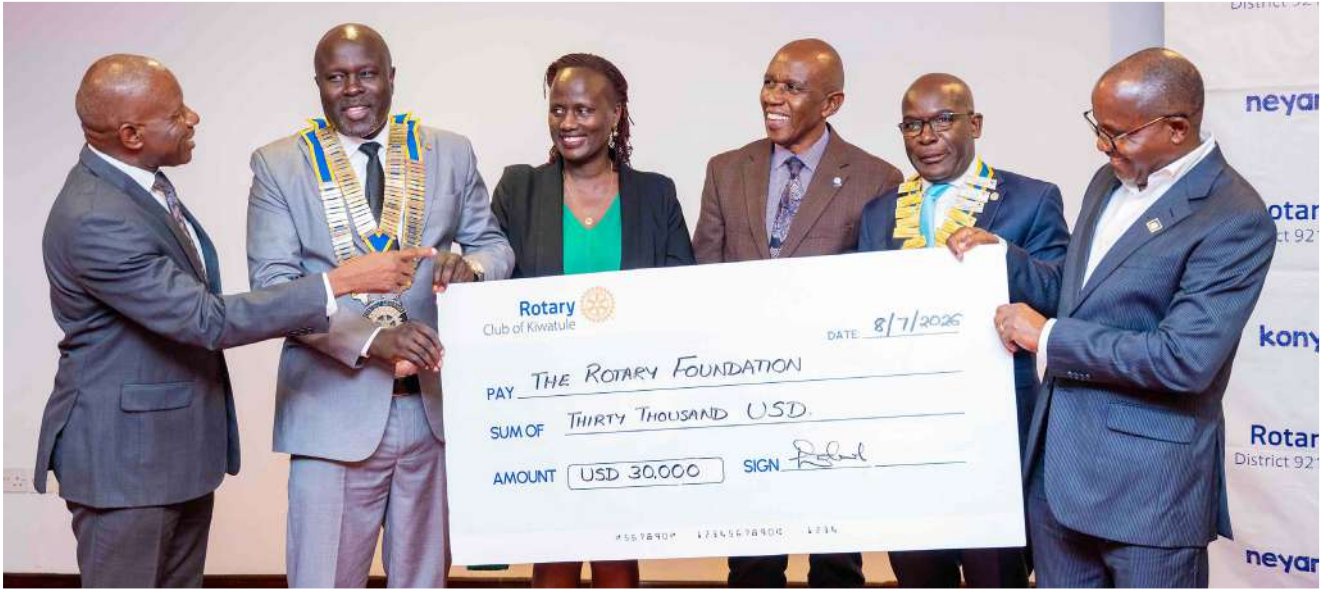


DG'S VISIT - RC KAMPALA SOUTH + RC NANSANA





DG'S VISIT - RC MAKINDYE + RC KIWATULE



DG VISIT – RC KITANTE + KOLOLO KAMPALA





DG VISIT - RC KAMPALA + RC KULAMBIRO

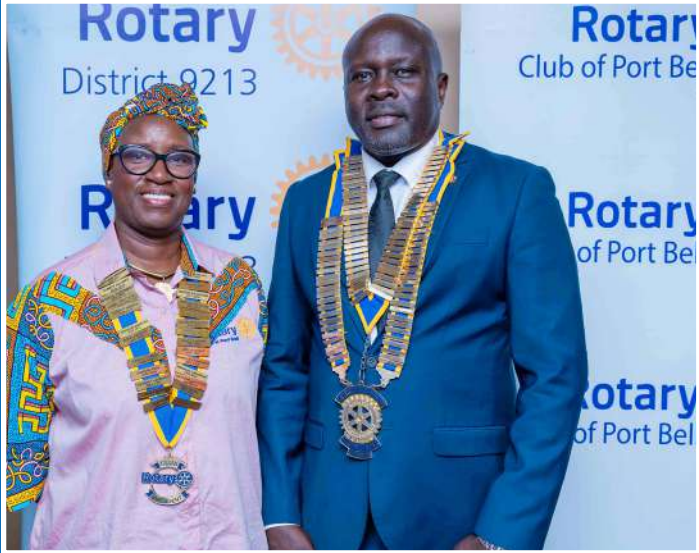


DG'S VISIT - RC KISASI KYANJA + KAMPALA NAGURU





DG'S VISIT-RC PORT BELL+KAMPALA DAY BREAK



DG'S VISIT - RC WAKISO + BWEYOGERERE CENTRAL







# BARCELONA

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### SAVE THE DATE

BARCELONA, SPAIN | 26-30 JUNE 2027

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## LET'S RUN TO RESTORE HOPE

All proceeds go towards the completion of  
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MAJOR TOWNS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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 SUN 30<sup>TH</sup>  
AUG 2026



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