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We Swarm with Purpose

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Editor's note



Dear Reader,

A warm welcome to the second issue of The Balyannaka Light. When we first conceived this newsletter, it was just an idea, like a spark hidden beneath the anthill. Today, that spark has become a steady flame, lighting our path as Rotarians, friends, and community builders.

The Balyannaka Light is more than a bulletin; it is a storybook of service, fellowship, and growth. Each month, we gather our swarm of experiences, projects, reflections, voices, and lessons that we carry to the world with purpose.

This issue is especially significant because it follows the official launch of our newsletter, a milestone that has united us in celebration and hope. From leadership messages, project updates, and youth voices, to stories from our community and fellow clubs, this light is meant to shine far and wide.

Why this newsletter? Because RC Wobulenz de-

serves to be seen, heard, and celebrated. Every fellowship, every service project, every smile we put into the community is a story worth telling. The Balyannaka Light captures those stories, shines them outwards, and strengthens our visibility both within Luweero and across the wider Rotary world. This second issue brings you exciting highlights: a special spotlight on our Treasurer, inspiring updates from our directorates, youth voices from our Interactors and moving community reflections. Each page is a reminder that Rotary is alive in Wobulenz, vibrant, and steadily growing.

But let me also emphasize: this newsletter can only thrive if we nurture it. I invite you to:

Look out for every issue on our club's social media platforms and share widely.

Support through adverts, if you run a business or service, let The Balyannaka Light carry your message.

Sponsor or contribute just as we contribute to projects, let's also invest in keeping our light shining. Buy your copy each month because every page you hold is a contribution to sustaining our visibility.

Together, let us ensure that this newsletter is not a burden but a beacon. Let's make it a proud Wobulenz brand, admired by Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

The anthill has spoken, now let the light spread!

With gratitude,

Nabanja Jesca Nyanzi

Editor, The Balyannaka Light

Aword from the Anthill

"Tunnels are built with patience, purpose and teamwork, When we Unite for good, no path is too long."

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Rotary District 9213

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Team Composition
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• One Rotary Club
• One Rotaract Club
• One Interact Club

Participation Fee:
Each participating club (per team) contributes **UGX 100,000**
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EVENT BREAKDOWN

DATE	PLENARY SESSIONS	LUNCH	DINNER	EVENING EVENT/ ENTERTAINMENT	HOST CLUB	EVENT DETAIL
Wed. 15th Apr. (Kasiki)	N/A	NO	NO	Brazilian BBQ (Optional)	TBA	Paid for BBQ Event
Thur. 16th Apr	N/A	NO	YES	YES	RC Upper Kololo	TBA
Fri. 17th Apr	YES	NO	YES	YES	Rotaract D9213	Grande Concert
Sat. 18th Apr	YES	NO	YES	YES	RC Kampala South	Governor's Banquet

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

FOR ROTARIANS	FOR ROTARACTORS
\$149	\$99

DEADLINE: 31ST OCTOBER 2025

LATE REGISTRATION

FOR ROTARIANS	FOR ROTARACTORS
\$299	\$199

DEADLINE: 31ST DECEMBER 2025

DATE 16-18 APRIL 2026
VENUE Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe

EXTRAS

EXTRAS	RATE (USD)
Conference bag	20
Conference Shirt/ Blouse	20
Brazilian BBQ	30
Lunch	20

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Echoes from the Hilltop

Messages from Rotary International, Zone & District Leadership Foraged by; Nabanja Jesca Nyanzi

From the peak of the global Rotary mound to the hills of Wobulenzi, the voices of our leaders carry wisdom, vision, and purpose. In this column, we tune in to messages from the Rotary International President, District Governor, and other key leaders whose guidance shapes the rhythm of our service.

Message from the Rotary International President



Carrying More Grains, Expanding the Anthill. Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors, In August, we celebrate Membership Month but just like the anthill, our work of growth and connection is never-ending. Every day is an opportunity to carry another grain, to welcome another ant, and to strengthen the colony we call Rotary.

Membership growth is not about numbers alone. It is about opening new tunnels and chambers in our anthill spaces where more people can bring their time, talents, and hearts into service. Each new member carries a fresh grain of energy, a new idea, a unique skill together enriching the mound we are building for generations to come.

Across the Rotary world, we see innovation shaping new “anthills” of hope:

- In Korea, satellite clubs have brought in nearly 1,000 new members, each finding

their own path of service.

- In Romania, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors are working like ants in harmony — building a strong pipeline of future leaders.
- In India, Rotarians are forming clubs around shared passions, turning connections into commitment.
- In Africa, Asia, and Europe, cause-based clubs are thriving, creating new anthills in places where none stood before.

The lesson is clear: where growth is prioritized, the anthill thrives. Rotary is not bound to one structure, one design, or one entrance. Like an anthill, it adapts, expands, and connects in many directions — always finding new ways to serve. Each one of us has a role to play. By inviting a friend, supporting new meeting models, reconnecting with alumni, or sharing your Rotary story, you are carrying a grain that makes our anthill stronger.

Remember: no one owns an anthill. It is a community legacy, passed from one generation to the next. By nurturing it and inviting others in, we ensure that Rotary remains a resilient force for good.

Let's continue to grow, not just in August but every month. Together, through friendship, creativity, and unity, we will build anthills that shine brighter, grow taller, and touch more lives than ever before.

“Every new member is another ant carrying a grain — together, we build an anthill of hope that shelters generations.”

Yours in Rotary service,

FRANCESCO AREZZO
President, Rotary International

Message from the District Governor



Growing Together – There is Always Room for One More in the Anthill
Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,
Thank you for the wonderful start of this Rotary year. Your energy and determination in July have set a strong pace. I also commend the Public Image team for the excellent #RotaryEyamba campaign. Through your efforts, we continue to show that Rotary cares, Rotary helps, and Rotary makes a difference. As we look ahead, I want to highlight something vital to the future of our clubs and our mission: membership growth.

An anthill begins with a few ants carrying grains of soil — together they create something strong and enduring. Rotary also began with just four individuals and an idea. From those humble beginnings, we have grown into a global force that Unites for Good. But at every level — whether global or local — our true strength lies in our people, the ants in this great anthill of service.

When we welcome new members into the anthill:

- We gain more hands to carry, more ideas to innovate, and more voices to advocate for change.
- We bring in diverse talents that enrich our projects and strengthen our bonds.
- We ensure that Rotary continues to

thrive, not just for today, but for generations to come.

Potential new “ants” are everywhere — young professionals searching for purpose, retirees eager to give back, teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs, farmers, artisans — people with heart, people ready to build. But often, they are simply waiting to be invited.

Let’s not wait for them to stumble upon the anthill — let’s go out, tell our story, and show them the joy and impact of being part of Rotary. Membership is not about filling gaps, it’s about strengthening the mound together. A single invitation can change a life, and a single new member can change the shape of our anthill forever.

Imagine if each of us brought just one new member this year. How much taller, stronger, and more impactful would our anthill be? Remember, we do not grow for numbers — we grow for impact.

That is why we are building flexible and innovative club models — from cause-based clubs like Emergency Medicine, Rugby, and Environment, to corporate clubs such as DFCU’s Blue Hearts and the soon-to-be chartered Rotary Club of Mapeera at Centenary Bank. Each new cluster of ants adds resilience and reach to the colony.

Let us open our doors, open our hearts, and remind our communities that Rotary is not just an organization — it is a living anthill of service, teamwork, and hope.

Together, let us grow, let us serve, and let us Unite for Good.

RotaryEyamba
Geoffrey Martin Kitakule
District Governor, D9213 (2025–2026)

Message from the Assistant Governor – Area 3. “Strength in the Swarm: AG’s Reflections on the Balyannaka Light”



On behalf of our Area and in my own spirit of fellowship, I extend heartfelt congratulations to RC Wobulenzi upon this remarkable milestone - the launch of The Balyannaka Light newsletter.

Just as white ants rise from the anthill to carry news of life and growth beyond, this newsletter will carry the story of RC Wobulenzi to the wider world. For over 17 years, this club has quietly built tunnels of impact through projects in all of Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus. Yet many beyond our mound have not seen the depth of this work. Now, through The Balyannaka Light, those stories will fly far and wide, showcasing service, hope, and transformation.

This newsletter is not only about reporting what RC Wobulenzi is

doing. It is also a platform for learning, for sharing knowledge, and for inspiring each other on health, education, development, peace, environment, and even business opportunities. It is a space where the wisdom gathered within the anthill is released for all to benefit.

If you notice any cracks in this first issue, do not spread them around, instead, come back to the mound so we can mend them together. But if you find strength and sweetness in these pages, please do not hesitate to share it far and wide through your networks.

I commend the President, the Board, and the entire newsletter team for birthing this light and ensuring it shines.

May the Almighty bless you all, bless RC Wobulenzi, and bless The Balyannaka Light as it continues to shine.

Keep the Swarm Strong!

Buy & Share: Ensure you get your copy of The Balyannaka Light each month. Reading it keeps you informed, inspired, and connected.

Advertise Your Business: Members with businesses can support the newsletter by placing adverts. Help us keep it sustainable while promoting your ventures.

Sponsor a Page: Contributions from members, especially our President, Past President, and board members, go a long way in covering publication costs.

Spread the Light: Share articles, updates, and successes on your social networks. Let the world see the impact of RC Wobulenzi!

Every copy, every share, and every contribution strengthens our visibility and ensures our colony continues to swarm with purpose!

Rtn. Moses Ssebagala
Assistant Governor – Area 3

Celebrating New Leadership, Near and Far.

In the great anthill of Rotary, every season brings fresh leaders who guide the colony with vision, unity, and purpose. Today, the Colony of Wobulenzi proudly lifts its antennae in salute to Rtn. Yinka Babola, who has been elected as Rotary International President 2026–27. Like the lead ant on a new trail, he will chart pathways that keep Rotary moving forward, strengthening service and fellowship across the world.

Working alongside him in our own corner of the anthill is Rtn. Gerald Obai, the District 9213 Governor Elect (2026–27). His leadership will ensure that every mound in our district feels the impact of Rotary's work, whether in service projects, membership growth, or nurturing young colonies like Interact and Rotaract.

Here at home, the anthill of Wobulenzi is also preparing its own line of succession. We proudly present Rtn. Geoffrey Muhanuzi, President Elect of RC Wobulenzi (2026–27). His steady steps and commitment assure us that our colony will continue to thrive, building bridges of service within our community and beyond.

As one colony among millions, we declare our readiness to march in unison, supporting President Yinka, Governor Obai, and President Elect Geoffrey in promoting the values of Rotary. The anthill grows tallest when every ant pulls together, and under this united leadership, we are confident of building even stronger trails of impact.

Take Home from the Anthill:

When the queen ant is strong, the trail leader is steady, and the foragers are faithful, the colony prospers. With Rotary International, our District, and our Club in step, Wobulenzi is ready to Unite for Good.



***RI President Elect
2026-27 Olayinka Hakeem
Babalola***



***D9213 District Governor Elect
2026-27 Gerald Obai***



***RC Wobulenzi President
Elect 2026 -27 Geoffrey
Muhanuzi***

The Namunswa Chamber

When Ants March Together, the Anthill Rises - From the president's chamber.



Dear Rotarians and friends,

August was a month of impact and growth for our club. Each of our Tuesday fellowships was enriching, with presenters who brought knowledge and inspiration. A special highlight was the successful launch of The Balyannaka Light Newsletter, a proud milestone that gives our club visibility and showcases the spirit of service that defines us.

We also reached beyond Wobulenzi to hold a medical camp in Ngoma Village. Though far, it reminded us why we exist, to serve wherever the need is found. We concluded the month by joining the Cancer Run, marching with thousands in the fight against cancer.

I am deeply grateful to every member for the time, resources, and effort you continue to give. I thank the visitors who joined our fellowships and the presenters who made them impactful. Together, we are building a strong and vibrant club.

But the work does not end here. The Balyannaka Light will challenge us to work harder, for we must always have stories worth telling. I encourage each member to contribute articles and share our projects not only for ourselves but also to inspire other clubs and the wider community.

Let us keep building, keep serving, and keep shining our light.

With gratitude,

Rtn. James Kyeyune Mbabaali

President, RC Wobulenzi 2025-2026

Pull-out Quote suggestion for design:

“When the swarm works together, the anthill stands tall.”



The Colony Chronicle

Club News & Events Roundup – August 2025

5th August – Past President’s Fellowship “Writing Your Legacy: The Power of a Will”



PP-Irene Nakamatte

As Past President, I had the honor of hosting this month’s fellowship, guiding our members through an important and sometimes overlooked aspect of life: writing a will.

We were privileged to have Counsel Bosco Seruwoza, a respected lawyer, lead the session. He reminded us that writing a will is often avoided because it feels uncomfortable, even morbid. Yet, as I have personally experienced, it is not about inviting death, it is about protecting those we love, preserving our dignity, and ensuring that our legacy is clear and meaningful.

During our fellowship, I shared with members my own journey of preparing a will. It was not easy at first, but I realized that

planning ahead brought me a profound sense of peace, knowing that my family and loved ones would be cared for and that my wishes would be honored. Watching members reflect and ask questions reminded me that this is a vital part of true service. Thinking beyond today and preparing wisely for tomorrow. Food for Thought from the Anthill: True service extends beyond our lifetime. Preparing today is another way of caring for tomorrow.

Take-Home Lesson / Call to Action:

Don’t wait for tomorrow. Draft your will today, not out of fear, but to leave clarity, peace, and dignity for those you love.



PP- Irene Nakamatte conducting Fellowship



The Balyannaka Light Takes Flight: RC Wobulenzi Shines Brighter.

On Tuesday, 26th August 2025, RC Wobulenzi witnessed a historic milestone - the launch of our very first club newsletter, The Balyannaka Light. Members, friends, and distinguished guests gathered at Hotel Network Wobulenzi, all buzzing with anticipation for a moment that would elevate our club's visibility and celebrate the impact of our service.

The event was graced by PAG Charles Odaga, our Guest Expert Speaker, who delivered an insightful keynote titled "From Local Buzz to District Spotlight". He shared valuable advice on how to showcase the newsletter effectively, offered commendations on the initiative, and highlighted areas where we could strengthen our content and outreach. His guidance set a clear path for The Balyannaka Light to become a benchmark of excellence within the district.

We were equally honored to have our Chief Guest, PDG Ken Wycliffe Mugisha, whose presence made the day truly special. With great enthusiasm, he officially launched the newsletter, participated in selling copies to members and guests, and encouraged us to sustain this initiative. In his words, "We have made history today - this newsletter will take RC Wobulenzi far."

The occasion was further blessed by the presence of the President of our Mother Club, Rotary Club of Muyenga, whose support reminded us of the enduring bond and mentorship that has guided our club since its inception.

The launch was more than a formal event. it was a celebration of RC Wobulenzi's journey, service, and unity. Guests and members alike reveled in the excitement, shared in the camaraderie, and witnessed the unveiling of a platform that will document and amplify our projects, fellowship, and impact for years to come.

Call to Action

The Balyannaka Light is more than a newsletter, it is a collective voice. We call upon all Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and friends of RC Wobulenzi to:

Contribute articles: Share your stories, experiences, and updates from your projects to inspire and inform our

community.

Advertise with us: Businesses and services can reach a wider audience while supporting the sustainability of the newsletter.

Follow and share: Check our social media platforms regularly for updates and highlights, and help spread the word about the good work happening in Wobulenzi.

Purchase your copy: Every copy bought ensures we can continue producing this newsletter and fund our ongoing community projects.

Together, let us continue to shine light on every corner of our anthill, documenting our work, celebrating our successes, and inspiring others to join us in service. The Balyannaka Light will keep RC Wobulenzi visible, vibrant, and united for good.



President James approving the Balyannaka Light Newsletter



Chief Guest Kenny Mugisha launching the Balyannaka light newsletter

Health Camp Healing Trails in Ngoma

On 30th August 2025, ahead of the Rotary Cancer Run, the Colony of Wobulenzi carried its service trails beyond home boundaries into Ngoma, Nakaseke District. In partnership with St. Cyprian Health Center, we organized a medical camp aimed at creating cancer awareness and providing health services to residents who often fall through the cracks of healthcare.

The camp became a true lifeline as more than 700 people accessed free medical services, including cancer education and sensitization, general consultations, screenings, laboratory tests, antenatal care, family planning, and treatment for common illnesses. For many, this was the only chance to receive such care close to where they live.

We were honored by the presence of Professor Wilber Ahebwa, the NRM flagbearer, who not only rallied the community to embrace preventive health but also purchased Cancer Run kits for his friends to participate. Himself a former Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Bugoloobi, Prof. Ahebwa praised the Rotary spirit and pledged to work with our club in future activities that uplift communities.

In Ngoma, the anthill of Wobulenzi proved that service knows no borders. Like ants carrying food far beyond the mound, Rotarians took service where it was needed most. The medical camp was more than a prelude to the Cancer Run, it was a demonstration that when we Unite for Good, no one should be left behind in the fight for health and hope.



Community Listening to health Education talk



Professor Wilber (Volunteer) Immunising a Child



Rtn Dr. Lumu attending to a patient

“At the Ngoma medical camp, Rotary Eyamba stood true — a bleeding mother was saved from the edge of death. Service united, lives restored. Read her full story here

<https://youtu.be/mQvdvmtZ-fg?si=05QHWzCYLayFejFB>

Cancerrun

Rotarians Run for Hope: Cancer Run 2025 Lights Up Wobulenzi

On Sunday, 31st August 2025, Rotarians across the globe laced up their running shoes before the break of dawn, rising “earlier than the earliest worm,” to join in one of Rotary’s most unifying global causes, the annual Rotary Cancer Run. This year’s noble mission was clear: to raise funds for the construction of two additional radiotherapy bunkers at St. Francis Hospital Nsambya, ensuring that Ugandans battling cancer can access reasonable, timely, and lifesaving treatment.

The Cancer Run is not just a race, it is a movement of hope. From Kampala to Toronto, from Nairobi to New Delhi, Rotarians and well-wishers ran in solidarity with cancer patients and their families. The message was clear: cancer is not just a disease, it is a fight we must all face together.

Here in Wobulenzi, it was no different. Members of the Rotary Club of Wobulenzi, together with friends and supporters, lit up the town in their iconic Cancer Run vests. With every step on the dusty roads and town streets, they carried not just the spirit of fitness but the powerful message of advocacy: that Uganda deserves adequate cancer treatment infrastructure, and that every shilling raised brings us closer to that goal.

****Why Cancer Run Matters****

Cancer is one of the fastest-rising health challenges in Uganda. Thousands of families are affected each year, yet access to radiotherapy and modern cancer care remains limited. Today, Uganda has just a handful of radiotherapy machines to serve the entire nation. This leaves patients waiting in long queues, often with heartbreaking delays in receiving treatment.

The Rotary Cancer Run 2025 aims to change this story. The proceeds will go directly to completing two state-of-the-art radiotherapy bunkers at Nsambya Hospi-

tal, a project that will transform the treatment landscape for cancer patients across Uganda and neighboring countries.

****The Anthill Spirit in Wobulenzi****

For the people of Wobulenzi, participation in the Cancer Run was more than just a morning exercise. It was a declaration of solidarity with those who suffer silently, a reminder that Rotary’s heart beats strongest when it beats for the vulnerable. Children, youth, mothers, fathers, and even the elderly joined in the run or walked hand in hand through town, showing that together, small steps can build a giant stride toward hope.

Call to Action: Together, We Can Defeat Cancer

As Rotarians, we know that service above self is not just about charity, it is about creating lasting change. The Cancer Run teaches us that when communities unite, barriers can fall, and lives can be saved.

We therefore call upon Rotarians, govern-

ment, private partners, and every well-wisher to continue supporting the fight against cancer:

Donate generously towards the completion of the bunkers.

Advocate for wider cancer awareness and early screening in your communities.

Support patients and families facing the cancer journey with compassion and resources.

Join the movement: whether running, walking, or cheering because every step counts.

From the Anthill: Building Hope, Step by Step

Just as an anthill grows grain by grain, so will Uganda's fight against cancer be won. step by step, shilling by shilling, heart by heart. Rotary's Cancer Run is proof that when the world comes together, even the greatest battles can be faced with courage.

"One step, one run, one heart at a time. we are running not just for ourselves, but for life itself."

Rotary Club of Wabulanzi Participating in Cancerrun



Worker's Focus

(Directorate in Spotlight)

Rtn. Esther Zawedde – Steward of Our Anthill's Resources



In every anthill, there are those who keep the food safely stored, ensure every grain is accounted for, and safeguard the future of the colony. In RC Wobulenzi, that role is beautifully played by Rtn. Esther Zawedde, our diligent Club Treasurer.

Esther joined Rotary in 2024, during the Hope Creator Year, and immediately proved that she was not just another member, but a committed servant-leader. In only a year, she has worn multiple hats — Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Treasurer, and now, Treasurer. Professionally, she serves as Assistant Town Clerk with Luweero District Local Government, a role that mirrors her values of accountability, leadership, and service to the community.

Beyond titles and positions, Esther is known in our club as someone who is

always present, dependable, and grounded. She describes herself as “single but not searching,” yet in truth, Esther is deeply married to the cause of service and is known for her reliability and love for community transformation.

Q&A with Rtn. Esther

Q1: Tell us about your journey into Rotary. How did it all begin?

A: I joined Rotary in 2024 during the Hope Creator year. I was drawn to Rotary because it gave me a platform where service, friendship, and professionalism come together. From the first day, I felt like I belonged to a family that is always buzzing with ideas and action.

Q2: You've already served in different positions — Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Treasurer, and now Treasurer. What lessons have these roles taught you?

A: As Sergeant-at-Arms, I learned discipline, order, and how to make sure fellowship runs smoothly. Serving as Assistant Treasurer gave me a closer look at financial management, reporting, and the responsibility that comes with handling club resources. Both roles prepared me well for my current position as Treasurer.

Q3: What does it mean to you to serve as Treasurer?

A: Being Treasurer is about trust. The members have entrusted me with their hard-earned contributions, and it's my duty to ensure accountability, proper record-keeping, and transparency. For me, it's also about stewardship — making

sure that every coin goes towards projects that truly impact lives.

Q4: What motivates you to serve so actively in Rotary despite your busy professional life?

A: Service is my fuel. When I see a child smile because they received school support, or a mother relieved because she accessed medical care at our health camp, that joy motivates me to keep giving my time and energy. Rotary multiplies impact — and that keeps me going.

Q5: How do you balance your demanding work as Assistant Town Clerk with Rotary commitments?

A: It is about time management and discipline. At work, I serve the people of Luweero, and in Rotary, I serve the people of Wobulenzi and beyond. I don't see them as separate — they complement each other. I carry the same values of transparency and accountability into both roles.

Q6: What has been your most memorable Rotary experience so far?

A: The health camps we organized during the Hope Creator year remain very close to my heart. Seeing hundreds of people get treatment and counseling in a single day was powerful. I realized how much Rotary can transform a community when members unite for good.

Q7: Many people know you as reserved yet dependable. What personal passions do you pursue outside Rotary?

A: I enjoy reading, especially about governance and community development, because it feeds both my professional and Rotary life. I also like spending time quietly reflecting or volunteering in local causes.

Q8: As Treasurer, what's your vision for The Balyannaka Light shining on our finances?

A: My vision is to make finances as clear and transparent as possible so that every member feels ownership and confidence in what we do. When people trust the process, they contribute more, and the anthill thrives.

Q9: Any advice for young or new Rotarians aspiring to take up leadership roles?

A: Be present, be dependable, and serve with integrity. Don't chase positions — serve where you are, and the positions will find you. Remember, leadership in Rotary is about service above self, not titles.

Pull-out Quote:

"Being Treasurer is not about numbers alone. It is about trust, accountability, and ensuring that every resource strengthens our anthill and lights up more lives."

– Rtn. Esther Zawedde

With her commitment and quiet strength, Rtn. Esther proves that the health of an anthill depends not only on the warriors and explorers but also on the caretakers of its treasures.

Interview by Rtn Luwagga Brian

The Larvae's Voice (Youth Corner)

Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders- Installation of Interact Club of Mulusa Academy



Rtn Dr. Herbert Lumu
(Youth Director)

Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders – Installation of Interact Club of Mulusa Academy

On 9th August 2025, the Youth Directorate of RC Wobulenzi proudly witnessed yet another momentous step in shaping tomorrow's leaders. the installation of the new President and leadership team of the Interact Club of Mulusa Academy.

The event was not just a ceremony; it was a celebration of youthful ambition, energy, and the passion to lead. What stood out most was the impressive structure of their leadership committees; every position had not only a leader but also a deputy and an assistant. This clearly reflected a yearning for mentorship, a hunger for responsibility,

and a strong culture of leadership continuity.

As Rotarians, we recognize that these young Interactors are the larvae of our anthill. Growing, learning, and preparing to take their place as strong builders of society. RC Wobulenzi proudly pledges to mentor and guide these youth, not only in leadership but also in personal development, values, and skills growth.

With every installation, we are reminded that the future of Rotary and the community is in good hands. The Interactors of Mulusa Academy have shown that they are ready to serve, ready to learn, and ready to lead.

Call to Action: Let us, as Rotarians, continue to walk alongside our Interactors , encouraging, mentoring, and providing platforms where their leadership potential can shine. For in nurturing these young voices, we are truly building a stronger Rotary family and uniting for good.

“Every strong colony begins with a nurtured larva”



**Youth Director Rtn Dr. Herbert Lumu
posses with the newly installed President
and his Cabinet**



Progressive Secondary School Kasana Interact Club: Lighting the Path of Service



At Progressive Secondary School Kasana, our Interact Club is a beacon of hope, leadership, and compassion. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wobulenzi, we are a community of young individuals dedicated to serving others, protecting our environment, and building meaningful connections that last a lifetime.

Our club thrives on impactful projects that make real change. We plant trees to green our environment, clean our school compound to create a healthier space for learning, and mentor juniors from local schools like Angel Gabriel Memorial School and Nsasi UMEA, guiding them toward success and self-confidence. One of our standout initiatives is producing and selling liquid soap, combining innovation, hygiene awareness, and fundraising for our projects.

Our hard work and dedication have earned recognition on a national level. We proudly hold an

award for being the top in projects across the country, a testament to the commitment, teamwork, and passion of our members. We are driven by clear goals: to develop leadership, help others, and foster friendship with fellow Interactors from schools such as Mulusa Academy, St. Peters, Kakola Secondary School, and Kampala University. Our guiding values—service, leadership, compassion, responsibility, integrity, and international goodwill—shape every action and decision we make.

Beyond our projects, our activities reflect the heart of our mission: environment cleanups, food and book drives, support for the elderly, and initiatives that provide clean water and education. Each effort is a step toward a more caring and connected world.

As the saying goes, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” We also live by fun reminders like, “Teamwork makes the dream work!” and “Small hands, big hearts, endless smiles!” which inspire us to enjoy every moment while making a difference. Another favorite is, “Plant a tree today, and let tomorrow thank you.”

Joining our club means joining a family of change-makers, leaders, and friends. Together, we are not just serving our community—we are lighting the path for others to follow.

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The Seven Tunnels (Rotary Areas of Focus)

Collective Saving and Investment: A path to Sustainable growth

Every anthill is made strong by the many tunnels that connect and sustain it. In the same way, Rotary International is built upon seven interconnected areas of focus that guide our work across the world. These areas are like channels of life, carrying service, resources, and hope to communities in need.

From protecting mothers and children, to ensuring clean water, from empowering economies to preserving our environment—each area reflects Rotary’s commitment to building sustainable, thriving communities. Together, they remind us that service is not one path, but a network of many, all leading toward dignity, opportunity, and peace.

In this column, The Balyannaka Light will shine on one area each month. This issue, we forage into Economic & Community Development, a pathway that transforms small beginnings into lasting prosperity—just as the tiniest ant builds towards a mighty anthill.



Rtn. Joan Nyanzi

In today’s fast-paced world, achieving financial stability and security can feel like a daunting task for individuals. Yet, when people come together to pool resources, share ideas, and invest collectively, the path to financial success becomes more accessible. This is the essence of what The Rotarians Uganda Savings and Credit Cooperative (RUSACCO) represents: the beauty and strength of collective saving and investment by enforcing its Vision which is, “To be the Rotarians and Rotaractors financial backbone as they serve humanity.”

Rotary International’s vision, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves,” perfectly aligns with the principles of

RUSACCO. Just like Rotary, the SACCO emphasizes the importance of unity, collaboration, and taking proactive steps to improve lives.

At its core, RUSACCO is a financial institution built on integrity, professionalism, superior services, innovation and mutual benefit. Members, who share a common bond of Rotary and interest in financial independence come together to save regularly and access credit facilities at affordable rates.

“Together, we see a world where people unite”: The foundation of every SACCO is unity. Members come together, driven by a common goal of improving their financial standing. SACCOs are a testament to the power of collaboration, where many hands make light work.

This mirrors Rotary’s

call for people to unite in the pursuit of shared objectives. By joining forces, members achieve what may have seemed impossible individually: starting a business, buying land, preparing for retirement or funding education. The power of collective action transforms personal financial challenges into opportunities for growth.

This communal approach to finance also fosters a deep sense of ownership and responsibility among members. Each individual plays a role in the SACCO's success, as their savings contribute to the shared pool of funds that helps improve the well-being of others. It's a cycle of empowerment, where collective progress leads to individual achievement.

Beyond savings, RUSACCOs also opens doors to collective investment opportunities. By pooling their resources, members can engage in investments that would otherwise be out of reach—be it real estate, stocks, or large-scale farming. When individuals invest together, they reduce personal risk while maximizing potential returns. This sense of shared risk and reward lies at the heart of our SACCO.

“Take action to create lasting change”: RUSACCO isn't just about saving money, it is about creating long-term, sustainable change. By investing collectively, the SACCO members build wealth not just for today but for future generations.

Whether it's funding education, starting a business, or providing emergency support, the SACCO fosters lasting improvements in members' lives, which aligns with Rotary's commitment to positive, enduring impact.

Moreover, collective investments strengthen the financial resilience of the group. In challenging times, the SACCO supports its members with the profits generated from collective ventures, ensuring that the entire community thrives together.

“Across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”: RUSACCO empowers individuals, uplift communities, and—when replicated widely—can have a transformative effect on entire nation especially in line with Rotary's sixth area of focus of community economic empowerment.

The cooperative model has proven effective world-

wide especially where access to capital and credit can be limited. By fostering self-reliance and communal support, RUSACCO enhances the quality of life for members and their communities, just as Rotary strives to do through its global network of service.

Building a Sustainable Future Together
In RUSACCO, no one is alone in their financial journey. The spirit of solidarity is woven into every transaction, every loan, and every investment decision. The collective strength of the SACCO ensures that financial challenges are met with innovative, communal solutions, and that risks are shared and mitigated.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of modern financial systems, the importance of collective saving and investment cannot be overstated. Our SACCO stands as a pillar of financial inclusion, allowing individuals to secure their futures through the power of community. With every deposit, members are not just contributing to their own success but also to the prosperity of their neighbors, and ultimately, to the well-being of society.

Just as Rotary International envisions a world where people unite for lasting change, RUSACCO embodies that vision in the financial sector. It is proof that when we work together, we can achieve more individually and collectively. Let us continue to embrace the beauty of collective saving and investment, fostering growth, resilience, and prosperity for all.



The Neighboring Anthills

(Other Clubs in Action)

Rotary Beyond Wobulenzi: A Medical Camp of Hope in Katanga

On 23rd August 2025, the community of Katanga, Kimwanyi Zone in Wandegaya came alive with the spirit of Rotary as four clubs that is RC Kampala Kawempe, RC Kampala Wandegaya, RC Rainbow Makerere, and the Rotaract Clubs of Kawempe and Wandegaya joined hands to deliver a free medical camp that touched more than 350 lives.

The camp offered a wide range of services including general medical check-ups, treatment for various illnesses, optical examinations, and distribution of reading glasses to the elderly. The day began with a vibrant clean-up exercise, led by the Kawempe Division Town Clerk in partnership with KCCA, supported by garbage trucks and personnel. Participants were later energized by the Muwala Asobola Community Initiative Brass Band, which matched the community's enthusiasm with music and rhythm.

Transformative Community Stories

Katusiime Elizabeth (65) left the camp with a grateful heart and a new pair of reading glasses, sharing how they had restored her ability to read and manage daily tasks.

Residents Kyeyune Sadat and Nalweyiso Cissy expressed joy

that the camp brought holistic health services to Katanga—services that were both accessible and free.

Their testimonies revealed a deep truth: sometimes, a simple act of service can restore dignity and hope.

Collaboration at Its Best

The success of this camp was a Rotary family affair, made possible by:

Rotary Uganda Districts 9213 & 9214

Dedicated medical professionals and volunteers

Uganda Police Force, Batmaus Mission, and Kimwanyi local leaders

Most importantly, the beneficiaries, whose trust and participation gave meaning to the day.

From the Anthill: The Power of Unity in Service

An anthill is built grain by grain, just as healthy communities are built act by act of compassion. The Katanga medical camp was not only about treating ailments; it was about re-

minding communities that Rotary is present, Rotary is listening, and Rotary is acting.

A Call Beyond Katanga

This camp is a beacon of what is possible when Rotarians, government, partners, and well-wishers come together under the banner of Service Above Self. But Katanga is not alone, many communities across Uganda await the same healing touch.

Let us continue to replicate such efforts, advancing Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment focus area, and bringing hope to even the most underserved corners of our nation.

"When we unite for good, no community is too far, no need too small, and no life too insignificant to be touched.



Camping Fellowship

From the Campfire to the Anthill: The Story of Camping Fellowship



**By PAG Rtn. Irene Nakanwagi Luweesi, Chair
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The Rotary Camping Fellowship is more than an adventure, it is a mission of service under the stars. Since its inception, this fellowship has combined the joy of camping with impactful fundraising, channeling proceeds into lifesaving heart care interventions across Uganda.

Our Journey So Far

1st Edition (Sezibwa Falls, during COVID): 100 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests camped and raised USD 4,300, used to donate the first ECG machine to the Uganda Heart Institute, already serving over 10,000 patients.

2nd Edition (Oguzule Resort Beach Katosi, Mukono): Sponsored by NSSF, attendance rose to 250. We raised USD 7,000, donating two ECG machines to Mbarara and Jinja Regional Referral Hospitals.

3rd Edition (Nile Nest, Jinja): Sponsored by Bank of Uganda, with Governor Dr. Michael Atingi-Ego as Chief Guest. From 120 campers, UGX 24M was raised, funding six successful heart surgeries for children.

4th Edition (Kabalega Resort, Masindi/Murchison Falls): Sponsored by Centenary Bank. UGX 21M

raised, supporting two heart surgeries and an ECG machine for Masaka Referral Hospital.

5th Edition (Bushenyi): Sponsored by Centenary Bank & Hotel Lwena. A medical camp treated 700+ patients and collected 80 units of blood. Funds raised (USD 5,500) sponsored two heart surgeries and donated an ECG machine to Busolwe General Hospital, Butaleja.

The Road Ahead – 6th Edition

We now set our sights higher: to donate 5 ECG machines to regional referral hospitals in Gulu, Soroti, Masindi, Arua, and Kabale, and to sponsor 50 children for heart surgeries.

Our ultimate vision is to construct a Rotary Heart Institute — a beacon of hope for children born with congenital heart disease, especially those from less privileged backgrounds.

Take Home for RC Wobulenzi

Camping is not only fun — it is Rotary service in action. RC Wobulenzi is already proudly represented in this fellowship by Rtn. Jesca Nabanja and Rtn. Geoffrey Mabirizi, who are carrying our flag high at the campfire. With their footsteps, we are reminded that Wobulenzi has a place in this noble journey of saving lives.

Call to Action

Let us rally more Wobulenzi members to join the Camping Fellowship. By pitching a tent, we are also pitching hope for children with heart disease. Together, we can make Wobulenzi proud as we camp, serve, and save lives!



Handing over ECG machine to Masaaka Refeeral Hospital



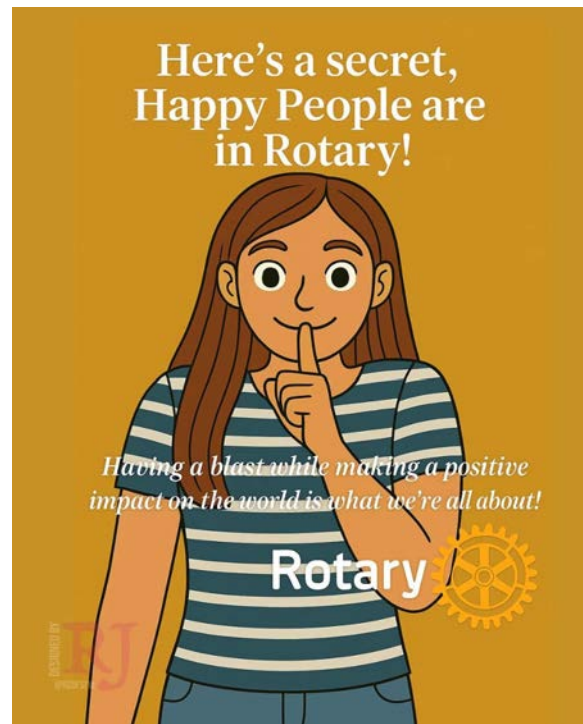
Rotarian Jesca and Rotarian Godfrey attending camping fellowship in Kalangala



Donation of ECG Machine to Busolwe General Hospital



Rotarian Jesca and Rotarian Julie Kisakye attending Camping Fellowship at Oguzule Resort Beach Katosi



Voices from the Field (Community Impact)

Building the Future of Education in Luweero.



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Education in Luweero District continues to make steady progress, thanks to the combined efforts of Government, parents, and community partners. With over 1,000 primary schools, 191 secondary schools, and three universities, the district has established a vibrant learning environment that provides opportunities to thousands of children.

Achievements So Far

The Government of Uganda deserves special appreciation for its continued commitment to the sector by constructing new classrooms and the renovation of facilities in schools. These developments will go a long way in addressing overcrowding and improving the safety of learning spaces.

Deployment of additional teachers, support for Universal Primary and Secondary Education, and strong policies promoting

gender equity and child protection have also contributed significantly to improving access and retention in schools.

Areas That Still Need Attention

Despite these achievements, challenges remain. Some schools still face limited infrastructure, with inadequate teacher housing and large class sizes. Academic performance has improved in some areas, but there are still schools where learners continue to struggle. Social and economic pressures, particularly among vulnerable children, also pose barriers to consistent school attendance and learning.

The progress achieved so far is encouraging, but it calls for deeper partnerships to ensure that every child in Luweero enjoys quality education.

Call to Action

Education is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus, and literacy lies at its heart. As the Rotary Club of Wobulenzi, we recognize the efforts made by Government and the District Education Office, but we also see the need to complement these initiatives.

We therefore call upon:

Rotarians and Partner Clubs to support literacy projects in schools, ranging from classroom construction, provision of scholastic materials, and mentorship, to scholarships for vulnerable children.

Parents and Communities to actively engage in children's education and ensure they remain in school.

Civil Society and Well-Wishers to extend support in areas like school feeding, psychosocial care, and vocational training.

Take Home

The future of Luweero's children is a shared responsibility. Government has laid a strong foundation, but it will take the combined effort of Rotary, parents, and all stakeholders to build a thriving education system. From the anthill we are reminded: when one ant carries a grain, the colony thrives. Together, through literacy, we can secure the future of our children.

Luweero District News brief

August Headlines from Luweero: A Community in Focus

As August unfolded, Luweero District found itself in the spotlight with stories that touched the very heart of our community. From challenges in schools and hospitals to campaigns promoting safer lifestyles, each headline carried lessons and reminders of the work yet to be done—not just by local leaders, but by all of us who care about the future of our people.

Roads in Crisis (August 5, 2025)

Despite increased government allocations, Luweero continues to grapple with poor road networks and limited equipment. Projects such as Nkondo–Buvuma–Ddegaya remain delayed, frustrating both leaders and road users. The call is for stronger partnerships to improve rural infrastructure that fuels economic development.

Schools in Disrepair (Late August 2025)

Almost every one of the 230 government primary schools in Luweero is struggling with inadequate classrooms, with some learners studying under trees. While UGX 3.3 billion has been allocated for new blocks and renovations, the need still overshadows the resources. This is a challenge for all stakeholders: Rotarians, government, and well-wishers to join hands and ensure that every child studies in dignity.

Health Sector Integrity Questioned (August 6, 2025)

At Luweero General Hospital, a medical intern was arrested for allegedly extorting money from a mother in labor. This case drew sharp attention to corruption in health services. Communities deserve care marked by compassion and professionalism, and it is a call to strengthen systems that protect the most vulnerable.

Pollution Debate (August 21, 2025)

Villagers near Victoria Sugar Factory raised alarm over soot, crop damage, and livestock illness. NEMA has defended the factory but pledged fresh investigations to address community concerns. The health of our environment is tied to the health of our people, and all sectors must come together to safeguard it.

Responsible Living in Wobulenzi (August 24, 2025)

In Wobulenzi Market, Premier Distilleries Limited marked its 25th anniversary with a campaign promoting responsible alcohol consumption. Riders and traders were reminded of the dangers of illicit alcohol and encouraged to make healthier choices. It was a reminder that corporate and community partnerships are powerful tools for change.

Crime and Safety (August 12, 2025)

Police arrested a 26-year-old electrician accused of vandalizing electricity poles, an act that caused outages and inconvenience. Protecting public infrastructure requires vigilance and unity between security agencies, citizens, and community groups.

From the Anthill: A Rotary Call to Action

These headlines are not just news, they are calls for collective action. As Rotary, our mission extends far beyond one club. We are part of a global family united by the belief that lasting change happens when communities, governments, and partners come together.

Take Home : The story of Luweero is the story of many communities in Uganda and beyond. It calls upon Rotarians, government, development partners, and well-wishers to Unite for Good and create sustainable change. Together, like an ant-hill built grain by grain, we can turn today's struggles into tomorrow's hope.

How You Can Help Build Hope in Luweero

Partner in Education: Support the construction of classrooms or donate desks and scholastic materials.

Volunteer in Health: Join medical outreach camps or provide maternal health kits.

Protect the Environment: Engage in tree planting, pollution monitoring, and awareness campaigns.

Promote Integrity: Advocate for transparency in health and government services.

Strengthen Livelihoods: Collaborate in vocational training or microfinance initiatives for vulnerable families.

"When communities come together, hope is never far away."



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