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April is here and here is another edition of, we hope, one of your favorite Rotary magazines!

April is here and so is the 94th District Conference & Assembly (DCA). We continue to feature the key speakers lined up. In this edition we look at Dean Rohrs from Rotary Club of Langley Central, District 5050, and served as Rotary International Director 2016-2018 and Rotary International Vice- President 2017-2018. She will be delivering the Rotary International President's message. The Award-winning Fatima Alimohamed, CEO of African Brand Warrior, will share tips on how we can promote the Rotary brand. Now you see why you should not miss this event?

This March, the long-awaited Kirk Whalum Live Jazz Concert took place in Kampala, Uganda. \$64,000 was raised towards the Rotary Blood Bank at Mengo Hospital. Also, the "One Drop of Blood Initiative" was launched to mobilize the community to give blood to ensure blood reserves in the country have enough. Congratulations to the organizers of these two-great life-saving initiatives.

March 8 was the International Women's Day. Rotarians in both Tanzania and Uganda were not left behind in marking this important day to celebrate the efforts in the push for and reiterate commitment to achieve a more gender-balanced world.

The Rotary Club of Naalya hosted the fourth edition of Women in Rotary- Uganda chapter event at the Serena hotel, Kampala, which was graced by her Royal Highness Nnabagereka Sylvia Nagginda (Queen of Baganda Kingdom). In Dar es Salaam, three clubs organized a women's only fundraiser for a scholarship and mentorship program for the girl child. The event was graced the District Governor Sharmila Bhatt. Women may only have joined Rotary recently but clearly they are making a big difference.

And congratulations to the top three entrees of the D9211 photo contest, Ibra Bagalana, Magume Blair, and Gava Ibrahim. Thank you to everyone who sent us photos and to our judges who helped in determining the winners. The winner shall be revealed at the 94th DCA, so do keep tuned in.

As always, we wish you a happy reading.

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TRANSFORMATIONAL SERVICE IN SAVING WOMEN & CHILDREN

BARRY RASSIN



Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.

And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed — and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have.

In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to Be the Inspiration as we help those who need us most.

Taking action SAVING CHILDREN AND MOTHERS

SHARMILA
BHATT



Many years back during a visit to an orphanage to hand over some milk powder and nappies to the babies, we met the supervisor who was in charge. She was a stern looking woman and I expected her to be so happy with our donations. To my utter surprise, I found her so rude as she quickly told us that if we really wanted to assist then we should have bought rice and other items she listed, and she dismissed us with some indifference.

I couldn't believe the anger rising in me with thoughts of how someone can be so rude to us when we were there to help her. Discussions within the group started that we should take the food and donations elsewhere. But at the same time, we saw so many babies in the orphanage in dire need of our assistance and at this point a realisation hit me – was our ego more important at being hurt by a stern supervisor and were we making our giving conditional? We could not deny the babies of our service and also needed to appreciate that the supervisor knew a lot more about the needs than we did. So, we went back and bought the items she requested for. Many of us are too busy making assumptions about what is good for others but in reality, we need to make far more effort to better understand those we want to help and learn to subdue our egos for the greater good.

In Kitgum a district in Northern Uganda, Women in the mountains have no means of transport or rescue services to bring them down to nearby hospitals during labour. Rotarians have built a 20-bed maternity waiting home and motor bike ambulances are used to bring pregnant women from the mountains to the waiting home and midwives are trained on how to use modern equipment like ultrasound to handle safe delivery of babies.

In Dar es Salaam, Rotarians support a hospital called CCBRT where stigmatised women suffering from Fistula a preventable childbirth injury, mostly due to complicated deliveries and lack of facilities, are received from all over the country and a repair operation is carried out giving these women a new lease of life.

These are just some examples of the excellent work our District does in the area of Maternal & Child Health.

In the last week of April, the world will celebrate World Immunization Week which aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. Thanks to Rotarians global effort to Eradicate polio by immunisation, millions of lives are saved every year and is widely recognized as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health interventions.

The theme this year is Protected Together: Vaccines Work!, and we know from the 350,000 cases in 1998 we are down to about 22 cases and almost at a point of eradication so let us celebrate the Vaccine Heroes from around the world – the Rotarians, parents and community members to health workers and innovators – who help ensure we are all protected through the power of vaccines.

Your DG is eagerly awaiting to welcome you all to the 94th DCA.

Inspirational Rotarian: **JOE NUWAMANYA**

*By Jackee Batanda
RC Kisugu Victoria View*



WHO IS JOE NUWAMANYA?

I serve as the District Youth Service Vice-chair working under the able leadership of Emma Mbagi in Tanzania. I am also the Charter and Past President of Kampala Metropolitan. I am both a former Interactor and Rotaractor at the Rotaract Club of Kampala City. I am an architectural designer. I am also a family man and my motto is God, Family, Design, and Rotary. Outside Rotary, I am a car enthusiast. I love jazz, travel, I love gadgets and experimenting with buildings.

HOW DID YOU ORGANIZE THIS YEAR'S RYLA?

The District Governor wanted to change the experience of the RYLA to something more transformational. We had a small budget and companies are fatigued. So we decided to cut our cloth according to our size. This called for doing business differently with the little resources we had. We focused on youth who had excelled in their communities and targeted three categories: social entrepreneurs, youth leaders and business entrepreneurs.

We reached out to Rotary Clubs and asked them nominate and sponsor suitable candidates. We also used Rotaractors to nominate young people in their communities and radio adverts and Facebook live to reach out to potential participants. We held regional trainings in Mbale, Kiira in Wakiso, Jinja and Mbarara and trained over 400 youth including 200 non-Rotaract youth who we hope will join Rotaract clubs and later Rotary.

WHY DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

They remind me of my youth and they keep me young. I like the energy they bring and I like to mentor the youth. I have made a couple of mistakes growing up and I want to reach out to them to share my experiences and help them to try and avoid making similar mistakes.

WHAT IS THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S RYLA?

The past RYLAs have been organized with budgets of over UGX200m. As I mentioned earlier, we used the resources

we got from the Rotary clubs and worked with a budget of UGX48m and held transformational trainings in different regions in Uganda.

This has taught me that we can hold inexpensive and highly impactful RYLAs and have facilitators travel to the regions instead of bringing youth from around the country to a single location.

The regional RYLA's this year focused on value addition, managing service projects, and soft skills- communication skills, public speaking, etiquette and personal branding. We also shared business tips on registration, source financing, value addition to products, digital marketing and record keeping. We inspired the attendees to be bold fearless youth who can do anything they set their minds on.

We encouraged accountability to the sponsoring Rotary clubs and asked the youth to report back to their sponsoring clubs on their lessons from the trainings and how it is changing their lives. We also encouraged clubs to let Rotaractors take over their clubs as a way to practice their leadership skills.

DCA KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DEAN ROHRS

*Rotary Club of
Langley Central*



Dean, her husband Rhino and their 3 children emigrated to Canada from South Africa 29 years ago. Dean grew up in Zambia and after marrying Rhino lived in Malawi, Namibia and South Africa. Dean was born into a Rotary family and when Rhino joined Rotary in 1986, she became an active Rotary Ann until she joined Rotary in 1989. On arriving in Vancouver, both Dean and Rhino joined the Rotary Club of West Vancouver and at present are members of the Rotary Club of Langley Central in District 5050.

Dean has had a varied career from the early days of being an Operating Room Nurse on Professor Christiaan Barnard's first heart transplant team to running a Nursery School in Malawi. Together with Rhino they now own and manage a company that is involved in soil stabilization during road construction.

Dean has served on District and Zone committees; which include: Regional Rotary Coordinator and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Pacific Northwest PETS Chair, District Governor in 2007/2008, Rotary International Director 2016-2018 and Rotary International Vice-President 2017-2018. However, her best experience is leading teams of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to Africa and seeing how this volunteer experience changes their lives.



Dean at the celebrations of 100 years of Rotary Club of Charlottetown - Oct. 2017.



The Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre, the venue of the 94th District Conference and Assembly

DCA KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

FATIMA ALIMOHAMED



Fatima Alimohamed, the CEO of African Brand Warrior is an African and Kenyan. She is an advocator for Africa and African brands with a solid track record across African markets that lead her to change from boots to heels where needed. Fatima is a thought leader in C- Suite level Strategy, brand development, consumer relationships, NPD, marketing and communication. Prior to founding and becoming the CEO of African Brand Warrior, she was the GM for Wilmar Africa in both the Palm and Shea Industry in West Africa and has been representing the industries in various positions and boards.

Fatima is known for creating from scratch to re-creating and rebranding various brands across Africa in various categories in rice, edible oil, soaps & detergents, milk, tyres, cement. cosmetic, beverages, telecom amongst others. In Ghana, she is known for taking the Frytol brand that was bought over from Unilever by Wilmar to become Ghana's Number 1 brand.

She has represented the marketing fraternity as a Governor on the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), been the Chair of the Marketing Society of Kenya, Founder Marketing Society of Tanzania and Uganda, the Vice President, Chartered Institute of Marketing- Kenya, Chair of the Advertising Standards Committee, Vice President Junior Chamber International (JCI) plus a member of various marketing and advertising boards.



Fatima is an international multi award winner; She was honoured with the top 50 Chief Marketing Officer's (CMO) Global award and the top 100 Most Talented Marketers

Global Award, a citation for Leadership Excellence by the African Women Leaders CMO Asia, finalist at the Diva of Colours Award in London and is receiving an award in April 2019 at the Women Economic Forum (WFEF) in Delhi as 'iconic woman making a better change for all' award.

Fatima is an avid writer on marketing in various media publications and an astute speaker at International Conferences on her new passion Agriculture, Women Empowerment and of course Brands and Marketing. She supports the Strands of Pearls project on mentoring young African girls on a project titled 'path of hope' and is known to be involved in many charity projects without talking about it publicly as she believes when the right hand gives, the left hand should never know.

In a nutshell, Fatima is the essence of a true daughter of the African Soil. Her story is of an African woman who has stood against all odds in a male dominated space and continued to defy all odds and challenges thrown at her with her crown firmly in place.

\$64,000 RAISED FOR BLOOD BANK IN JAZZ CONCERT

By Helen Kawesa
RC Kampala Ssese Islands

Rotary Uganda last month raised a whopping UGX246 million (US\$64,000) towards equipping the Rotary Blood Bank at Mengo Hospital, during the Kirk Whalum Live Jazz Concert. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to enable the facility to process and pack safe blood. It will also purchase a fully equipped mobile blood bank to transport blood safely.

Alongside the concert, the "One Drop of Blood Initiative" was launched, a community-based mobilization effort to urge people from all walks of life, in their individual and or institutional capacities, to voluntarily and regularly donate or blood or financial support to ensure safe, adequate and accessible blood reserves for the country and citizens.

The Minister for Health, Hon. Sarah Opendi, who is also a Rotarian, launched the drive during a premier transformation leadership Forum at the Kampala Serena Hotel on Thursday 7th March 2019. She commended Rotary for taking the lead in serving communities and partnering with government in transforming the health sector among others.

"Rotary has proved itself as a dependable credible partner to the government and we treasure the fruitful relationship we share. Seeing successful projects like the Rotary Blood Bank makes a huge statement about why we exist. I'm proud to be a Rotarian, and to be part of making history by launching the 'One-drop of blood initiative'. Something needed to be done and we're taking the lead and saving lives in the process. That's what we're about," Hon Opendi said.

Sponsors of the jazz concert and the second phase of the Blood Bank included Stanbic Bank and MTN Uganda, which each contributed Ushs 75 million. Others were the Vision Group, Next Media Group, DFCU, Multichoice Uganda, Uganda Breweries Limited, Record TV, Opportunity Bank, Cipla, Joint Medical Stores and the Institute of Corporate Governance Uganda.

The Mengo Blood Bank was officially opened in 2017 by the then Rotary International President John F. Germ and the Right Prime Minister of Uganda Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda. The idea was originated in 2013/2014 when a number of Rotary Clubs under the leadership of the then District Governor Emmanuel Katongole, set out to build a modern facility to complement the existing national Blood Bank in Nakasero. The total cost of this project was US\$ 1,103,000.



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PROJECT SHOWCASE

Kampala North Siriba project TRANSFORMS COMMUNITY IN KIRYANDONGO

By PAG Eric Byenkya
RC Kampala North



The Siriba Adopt a Community project was initiated by the Rotary Club of Kampala North in 2017 to alleviate the suffering of a community comprised of widows and children who survived the 20-year war in Northern Uganda. The heads of their families had been killed or abducted by the rebels leading to displacement from their homes. They eventually settled in Siriba, Kiryandongo district 222 north of Kampala. The widows organized themselves into a group called “Opit-Kic” which loosely translates into “Let us feed the orphans”. Their core objective of the 130 member group was to support each other, save money and invest it to be able to rent land for cultivation, feed their families and afford basic welfare and education for their children.

The Rotary club of Kampala North and partners made interventions through a USD 106,000 Global Grant to support the widows to acquire land and improve their standard of living by boosting household incomes. The local primary school is being supported through provision of scholastic material and sports equipment, a computer laboratory and equipping the school library. Oxen and ox ploughs have been provided to support agriculture and the community has been skilled in modern farming techniques. A maize mill is being provided to help boost the group's income and an Events Management Business was started to support the youth. Five water points have been set up in the community and modern sanitation facilities are under construction. A health center

has been set up and is provided with drugs. A Micro Credit scheme has been set up. The community was trained in financial management, group dynamics, record keeping, management of borrowed funds and management of meetings. A community member was trained to manage the Micro Credit Scheme which is currently disbursing the second lending cycle.

The Opit-Kic experience is another of Rotary's many fulfilling miracles in communities around the world. A community that once looked distraught is now full of happiness and hope for the future. In recognition of their cooperation and resolve to transform from life as a destitute internally displaced group into a progressive community of self-sustaining women, the Opit-Kic widows were Runners up in last year's Women in Rotary event.

SIRIBA ADOPT A COMMUNITY FACT FILE:

- Project cost: - USD 106,000
- Agriculture component: - USD 10,170
- Education: - USD 18,090
- Health: - USD 15,770
- Micro Credit: - USD 14,800
- Water and sanitation: - USD 13,430
- Youth: - USD 10,650
- Administration: - USD 8,600



DISTRICT ROUNDUP

WASH GLOBAL GRANT TO HONOR SAM OWORI *launched in Tororo*

*By PP James Serugo
International Service Projects
Coordinator
Rotary club of Kampala*

The Sam F. Owori Memorial WASH project G1866760 coordinated by RC Kampala attracted the largest recorded number of contributing clubs and districts ever at the Rotary foundation. 48 Rotary districts across the world and 22 Rotary clubs including RC Kampala, RC Portbell and RC Tororo from D9211 contributed a total of USD 228,169 to construct a solar pumped piped water supply system to the community in Merekit, Tororo district. Over 3000 homesteads live in a very water stressed semi agricultural setting. The project will also provide 5 schools with two drainable toilets each (One for boys and other for girls) and two others will be constructed for the public.

The project also attracted an American Not-for Profit Organization, Clean World, that will do the Menstrual Hygiene training in schools. The area Grade III health center unit will also get water supply for the first time and renovations in the maternity ward.

The funding was coordinated by District Governor D7570

George Karnes who physically attended the project launch on the 30th March. The colorful function was officiated by Mama Nora Owori. She appealed to the residents to maintain, sustain and expand the project donated by Rotarians across the world to honor RIPE Sam Owori who inspired them so much,

Rotarian Walter Hughes also from D7570 introduced to the same area the micro flush toilet by building two sample micro flush toilets and training 48 toilet makers.



Caption

Left: winners Smile- DG George Karnes

Top: Mama Nora Owori(Middle) with the trained participants

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Sight-saving: **46 RECEIVE FREE EYE SURGERY**



*By PE Bonnie Nsambu
PR Committee
Rotary club of Kololo*

It all started at the Medical Camp, which was organized by the Rotary Club of Kololo-Kampala in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Lukaya and Masaka, on 15-16th February 2019 at Kisaabwa Primary School, Butenga Sub-county, Bukomansimbi District. Bukomansimbi district, with a population of more than 150,000 people, has no hospital and the district has only one doctor who serves as the District Health Officer.

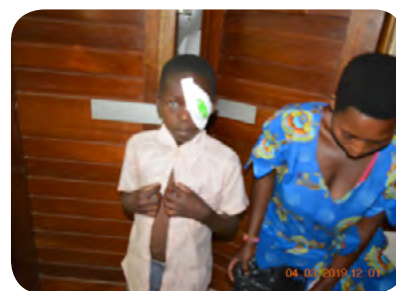
At the medical camp, the eye clinic attended to 324 patients, 60% female and 40% male. Seventy-eight (78) of these patients were found to have cataracts and other conditions that required surgery. Blindness due to cataract is treatable and surgery is the only safe solution. The surgeries could not be carried out at the medical camp. The Rotary Club of Kololo promised to assist these patients to receive the eye surgery at a later date. Many did not believe this promise, so they left the medical camp distraught.

With the assistance of Dr. Ssali Grace Nsibirwa, the President of the Ophthalmology Society of Uganda, we were connected to the North Indian Cultural Association of Uganda, which agreed to partner with the Rotary Club of Kololo to provide free eye surgery to the Bukomansimbi patients. CBS FM, a popular local radio station, offered free announcements to mobilize the patients for the surgery. The only contribution required from the patients was to transport themselves to the hospital, as all other costs were fully covered! The North Indian Cultural Association met the costs of all medicines and consumables. The Rotary Club of Kololo provided transport and per diem allowances for the nurses while the Rotary Club of Masaka provided accommodation for the medical team. This partnership enabled the project move very smoothly.

The eye surgeries were conducted at Masaka Regional Referral Hospital on 4th-6th March 2019. Forty six (46) patients turned up and

received the free sight-saving surgery. Unfortunately, 32 patients failed to turn up, probably because they could not afford transport to Masaka. Nevertheless, the effort made by the Rotary Club of Kololo to follow up on these patients who were not treated at the medical camp is commendable.

The Rotary Club of Kololo hopes to partner with the North Indian Cultural Association of Uganda on similar projects in the future.



*This 7-year-old was one of
the youngest eye surgery
beneficiaries*

Rotary Women in Dar es Salaam ORGANIZE DINNER IN AID OF THE GIRL CHILD

*By Catherine Njuguna
Rotary Club of Dar es
Salaam Mikocheni*

Women Rotarians and their women family members and friends, decked out in their best outfits, came together for a fun evening and dinner at the Akemi restaurant, Dar es Salaam, on 12 March, to raise funds to support the girl child.

The women-only event was organized as part of events to mark this year's International Women's Day by the Rotary clubs of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam – Mikocheni and Dar es Salaam – Sunset. It was attended by female Rotarians from all eight Rotary Clubs in Dar es Salaam.

The event was graced by the District Governor Sharmilla Bhatt who commended the three clubs for their initiative to support the girl child noting women still have a long way to go to achieve gender balance.

She said this included in Rotary where women were not allowed to join Rotary until 1987 -82 years after it was formed and this was by a court order! And up to now, Rotary International has not had a woman president.

"Women are underrepresented in many important decision making positions. I looked up at the percentage of women in CEO's in Fortune 500 companies and found they were less than 5%. Only 23% of the World's politicians are women and around 6% of the presidents are women," she said.

The evening events included inspirational speakers and a fashion show by women Rotarians. The funds raised from the event will go towards running a sponsorship and mentorship program for the girl child. Needy girls will receive sponsorship and mentoring all the way from high school and college. Each of the three organizing clubs will select the girls to sponsor and mentor.



THE GREATEST CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN ROTARY - UGANDA



*By PP Flavia Serugo
Chair Organizing Committee
Women in Rotary 2019
RC Kampala Naalya*

The Fourth edition of Women in Rotary – Uganda Chapter hosted by the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya was not only a success but highlighted more the relevance and the role women play in community service. The overall objective of Women in Rotary event is to promote the participation of women in Rotary in addition to recognizing excellence in leadership.

The event that started from humble beginnings and with an audience of less than 150 has now tripled in size and going by this year's attendance, it promises to get bigger and better in the coming years. This year's event held on 9th March at Kampala Serena Hotel was graced by Her Royal Highness Nnabagereka Sylvia Nagginda (Queen of Buganda Kingdom) who hailed Rotarians

for their contribution to socio economic development in Uganda. She further noted that addressing social challenges requires selfless leaders who are guided by principles of service above self.

Other notable speakers included Carolyn Musyoka, District Governor D9211 Sharmila Bhatt and a panel of seasoned women led by Uganda Women's Network Executive director- Rita Aciro; Charter President RC Kampala Impala- Hon Victoria Sekitoleko and Past Assistant Governor Phyllis Kwesiga.

Guests were also treated to entertainment by Ivuga band and the highlight of the ceremony were the awards that recognized inspirational women who through their vocations are transforming communities. The awards were open to both Rotarians and Non-Rotarians and the winners in the three categories were: -PAG Ruth Kavuma- Leadership Award, Ms. Gerry Opoka- Innovation Award and Ms. Vivian Kityo- for Community service award. Our District Governor Sharmila was also recognized

as the first female district governor for District 9211

Despite the fact that the March calendar and in particular that week Rotary in Uganda had back to back events, the turn up was coincidentally overwhelming but thanks to Serena and the organizing team for handling the emergencies aptly. In attendance were over 450 participants: - 44 rotary clubs, 1 inner wheel club, 3 Rotaract clubs and 157 guests. Rotary leaders present included past District Governors- Emmanuel Katongole and Stephen Mwanje, DGE Xavier Sentamu, DGN Rosette Nabbumba, District Secretary Ronald Kawaddwa, our very own Country Chair Anne Nkutu, Assistant Governors, Inspirational presidents and guests from the Rotary Foundation. The Katikiro of Buganda, Charles Peter Mayiga also graced the occasion.

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DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Musical fundraiser TO SUPPORT A SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



By Rtn. Mubaraka Zulfikar,
Rotary Club of Central Tanga

When our club got chartered last year, in November, we had some goals we wanted to pursue during the year 2019. Our Club Treasurer, Indra Nandha, proposed a project to work with Chuda School – specifically on its wing for deaf children.

A few members of the club visited the school. The deaf wing consisted of 98 children, both girls and boys from the age of six to eighteen, divided into eight classrooms. The members saw that out of the eight classrooms, four were in a very poor state and required major repairs of the roof, change of ceiling boards, change of door locks, varnishing of the doors, treatment of termites and coloring.

We realized that all the 98 children both boys and girls were using one toilet. This area also needed urgent attention. After thorough discussion, we

agreed on our priority project for 2019 - to organize an Indian Musical evening fund raising to raise funds for renovating the classrooms and to build six toilets. The quote came to approximately 13 million Tanzanian Shillings (\$6,000).

We started planning during the month of January 2019 with lot of excitement, fun, laughter and hard work. The club decided to make the evening more exciting and decided to hire a DJ all the way from Mombasa. The members went out to the community, cooperates, friends and family to collect raffle prizes. Raffle prizes included a ticket to Dubai from Fly Dubai; accommodation at the Hotel Verde and Madinat Al Bahr Zanzibar; Coastal Aviation and Auric Air donated tickets from Tanga to Zanzibar and back; Supermarket voucher; dinner for two and cash donations from Diamond Trust Bank and individual businesses around Tanga.

Our special guests, Assistant Governor Moh Versi & his beautiful wife Farida Versi came

all the way from Dar es Salaam to support us to celebrate our event and equally helped us in selling the raffle tickets in Dar Es Salaam.

One of our member Veronica Singh donated a sewing machine to Pamoja Leo organization. It was donated for sewing sanitation pads for the girls and to teach the girls the art of sewing.

The music played by the DJ was super fabulous and the floor was taken away by the crazy dancers who danced away with the wind! Along with this there was raffle draws and the winners were super excited by the prizes they won!

The proudest moment of the evening was the announcement that our club managed to raise 17,111,000/- (\$7,500) and this will fulfil both phases of the projects. The renovation of the classrooms had already started before the fund-raising evening due to positive vibes given by the wonderful donors.

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DISTRICT ROUNDUP

RC Bwebajja holds first ROTARY SECONDARY SCHOOLS CAREER FAIR

*By Rtn. Protaze Tibyakinura
(PHF)*

Event Coordinator

Rotary Club of Bwebajja

The Rotary Club of Bwebajja held the first Rotary Secondary Schools' Career Fair on Saturday 30th March 2019. Over 300 secondary schools, parents and teachers got up close and personal with Rotarians and professionals in different fields at Taibah International School in Bwebajja. The fair which attracted 20 booths of professions that today's students crave for addressed the need for students to start preparing early for their future careers and do whatever it takes to build and excel in those careers.

The event which is planned to be annual was headlined by the University of Kisubi as the platinum sponsors and also had Radio Simba, Hot 100, Taibah International School and Pangea Aviation Academy as gold sponsors.

Hon. Dr. Timothy Mutesasira the Charter President of the Rotary club of Mutundwe gave a keynote address and said that many times parents influence students to choose careers for reasons best known to them.

He noted that children should be allowed to choose careers suited for their ability and disposition in a manner that only guides but not influence them. He thanked the President of the Rotary Club of Bwebajja Moses Quinion Galabuzi and the club for thinking about the dire need to address students' careers at an early start with the promise of adding value to this event in the consecutive years.

The function had sessions that saw Inspirational Presidents Danny Ajju from the Rotary Club of Najjera enthuse students about Law and how to build a career; Grace Nanyonga Mugisha (Mukono Central) speaking about opportunities for skilling youth; James Onyoin (Kampala Day Break) emphasizing the need for going an extra mile in the choices that students make.

Past District Governor Stephen Mwanje who was the events Chief Guest emphasized the need for determination, innovativeness and discipline for one to succeed in

life. He praised the club leadership for headlining such a very thoughtful event and promised to mobilize platinum sponsorship for the next edition. He also advised students, teachers and parents to take part in the fight against cancer in Uganda by participating in the upcoming cancer run program slated for 25th August in different major towns in Uganda at only 25,000 shillings

All the proceeds that were collected will go to the clubs' signature event dubbed The Rotary Geriatric Centre themed Harnessing the Elderly.



DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Cheers and Pride at D9211 ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER 2019

*By Rtn Jacqueline Mali
PR Committee-TRF
Fundraising Dinner*

Rotary Uganda held its 8th edition of The Rotary Foundation Recognition (TRF) and Fundraising Dinner on March 8th 2019 at Sheraton Hotel, Kampala – Uganda. The dinner is an annual event held to recognize individuals (Rotarians and Rotaractors) and or private entities for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation in a given Rotary Year.

Over 500 guests that were comprised of Officials from Rotary International offices, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Business community and friends of Rotary attended the event. Key among the Rotary dignitaries included: District Governor Sharmila Bhatt- the host, Trustee Høyen Per (Guest of Honor), Espen Malmberg, RI Europe Africa Office Manager, DGN Rosetti Nabbumba, PDG Emmanuel Katongole, PDG Stephen Mwanje, PDG Bob Nsibirwa and PDG Ken Mugisha and Assistant Governors.

The District set a target of USD 650,000 towards the Rotary Foundation of which USD 90,000 will go towards

Polio plus. At the start of the mobilization in January the TRF giving was USD 190,465. By close of the dinner, total collection was at USD 296,225.

Recognitions were given to clubs that excelled in giving to TRF in the following categories; polio plus fund, clubs giving to all programs of the Rotary foundation, per capita giving club to the TRF annual fund, members participating in giving on Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) and other programs of the foundation, highest number of Paul Harris (PHF) members and multiple donors

For individual recognitions we had 5 major donors, 2 benefactors and 218 Paul Harris Fellows and multiple donors.

We appreciate our sponsors for your contribution to the success of the event. PDG Emmanuel Katongole, Our Lady of Africa SSS, Namilyango, Parapet, National Social Security Fund, MG Batteries Limited, Guvnor, Africa Travel, TeClab Engineers Limited, Quick Supermarket, Eliza Global solutions, D9211

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Representing the RI President - My Reflections



PDG Tusu

No one will deny this: representing the Rotary International President and their spouse at any event is one of the most humbling and at the same time exciting opportunities. For three or four days, wherever it is in the world, you get into that unique space reserved for the top leader of Rotary International, a space that, regardless of the individual, is at the very centre of the passion of Rotarians, the dedication of Rotarians, the selflessness of Rotarians. The position personifies and actualises the timeless values of Rotary and everything Rotary stands for – and that means they hold it in very high esteem: it is a symbol.

Friends, this is scary, because the first question that must come to your mind, unless your arrogance exceeds all normal bounds, is, “Am I fit for this?”. It forces you to introspect and think about your totality as a person. It forces you to look deep within so that in character and conduct – not just for the occasion but going forward – you do everything you can to deserve the honour. The challenge, or opportunity as I look at it, is having to really think in depth about the President’s theme message so that you can understand it, internalise it, and then pass it on in your own words without sounding

like a Presidential Mimic rather than Representative. A few sleepless nights....

Dorcas and I were privileged to have this honour, as has happened before, as President Barry and Esther’s representatives at the District 5340 (Southern California) District Conference early March. It was a triple blessing for us, because, through collaboration they initiated with our District over 20 years ago, we have many friends in D5340. The District Governor and his spouse, Mel and Judy, are personal friends as are Philippe and Duggan who were assigned to us as aides. Aides indeed – we know they would have cared for us equally well if we just visited in individual capacity. The third blessings? Well, Dorcas and I do enjoy traveling and taking time off together. This happens to you when God blesses your marriage, something we always thank the Almighty for.

District 5340 is one of the leading Rotary Districts in terms of giving, international involvement especially through grants, and their fantastic youth programmes. We might be ahead in Rotaract, and their District Conference do not attract as many people as ours – but they are far ahead of us in all other Rotary and Foundation programmes. I was particularly

impressed by the excellent and well-balanced event programme, the management, and the simplicity of it all. No pomp and whistles – just distilled Rotary. Hmmm, food for thought! Another highlight was that they had a project fair for half a day, a project fair with a difference: District 5340 neighbours Mexico just across the border, and they have a lot of collaboration. Rotarians from across the border came to make presentations on their ongoing collaborative projects, or new projects to seek new project partners. More food for thought – maybe we should invest more into this approach as D9211, going to events of potential supported rather than assuming that those who want to support us should come looking for us, which is really rather strange when you think about it.

No prizes for guessing that I was knocked over by the passion of the Rotaractors. My energy for nurturing Rotaractors has been spread thin by increasing Rotary involvement elsewhere, so I did the next best thing after a very exciting discussion with them: I have linked them to the District Rotaract Representative-Elect Jakob Ssendawula. What is the point of having children if they do not take over from you?

Would Dorcas and I do it again? Are you kidding? Of course!

ROTARY CLUB OF NSANGI DONATE SEVERAL BASIC ACCESSORIES TO INTIMATES

*By Rtn Charles Muweesi
Rotary Club of Nsangi*



Rotary Club of Nsangi together with Nsangi Anglican Church and Nateete Archdeaconry Church paid a courtesy visit to Kitalya Prison and donate several basic accessories to the intimates. We thank Rotarian Kato David Ssamba & Rtn Mary Namusoke who coordinated the Program on behalf of the Club.



Celebrate World Immunization Week this last week of April

PARTNERSHIPS



March 19: DG Sharmila and USAID Director Michelle sign an MoU for the RI-USAID \$4 Million WASH Programme to be implemented in Uganda over a period of 3 years.



The signing was witnessed by the PS Ministry of Water - Rtn Alfred Okot Okidi



Rotary D9211 and Buganda kingdom will work together with special emphasis on three of our areas of focus - Economic and community development , Maternal and child health and Water and Sanitation.

AKWANG HILL INTERACTORS IN BLOOD DONATION DRIVE TO SAVE MOTHERS

By Sam Okello

Patron- Akwang Hill Interact Club



When we visited Kalongo hospital in the third term of 2018, we were told one of the biggest problems the hospital faces is the shortage of blood. Kalongo Hospital being the only referral hospital serving Agago, Pader, Otuke and parts of Abim, Kitgum, Omoro, etc. districts, there is always high need for blood. We are losing many women during child birth, and many people whose lives could be saved if we are to have enough blood in the hospital.

Though we cannot solve this problem, we certainly can do something about it. The interactors agreed to donate their blood termly to the hospital through Gulu regional blood bank since Kalongo hospital don't have the requirements for blood donation. We are also sensitizing and convincing other people to always donate blood to save lives as the need for blood never ends.

We thank our headteacher and the management of Kalongo hospital for connecting us to Gulu regional blood bank. This is second time the interactors turned up in good numbers to generously donate their blood, Special thanks to the interactors, our campaign for blood donation to save lives has taken a good shape!

(The Interact Club of Akwang Hill is proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya).

ROTARY VIJANA POA PASSES OUT GRADUATES



March 22, 2019 was the Graduation Ceremony at Uganda Christian University(UCU) - Mukono of the 1st intake of students who completed a certificate course under the Rotary UCU Vijana Poa Programme. Under this partnership, UCU will offer youth a 12-week practical course on Enterprise Development and Mindset Change. The next intake is due in May 2019.

RYLA BOOTCAMP A SUCCESS!

By Michael Lubowa, Rotaract Kampala East.



Over 400 youth from the different parts of the country as nominated by the different sponsor Rotary clubs attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, spread out in the Eastern, Western and Central RYLA editions.

The participants were trained by leaders in different industries on topics like personal branding, how to develop and build a business idea into a successful business, use of digital media for business and most importantly inspired to join Rotaract to serve their different communities. The trainings were all guided by the theme "Embrace the Entrepreneur in you."

Each participant walked away with a certificate as an award for attending the two day intensive trainings, thanks to the District Youth Services Committee for executing on this year's RYLA.



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Planting trees at the RC Mengo Interact conference



RC Bulindo Charter



RC Mutundwe



RC Mutundwe interactors



RC Bulindo Charter



RC Kampala 7 Hills Charter



Rotaract DTTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



MELA FUN FAIR

Wednesday 24th April, 2019 | Time: 7pm
Patel Grounds

Hosted by
Rotary Club
of Dar es salaam

Dress code:
Colorful casual
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COWBOY & COWGIRL

Thursday 25th April, 2019 | Time: 7pm
DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL

Dress code:
Cowboy &
Cowgirl Outfits



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DISCO NIGHT

Friday 26th April, 2019 | Time: 7pm
DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL

Dress code:
Disco wear



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CRYSTAL BALL

Saturday 27th April, 2019 | Time: 7pm
MLIMANI CITY HALL

Dress code:
Black tie &
Ball Gowns



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THE BEST SHOTS ARE OUT!

HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE WAVE'S PHOTO CONTEST!

1. The village Scene by Ibra Bagalana
2. The patient by Magume Blair.
3. The Cyclists by Gava Ibrahim

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WAVE

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*We welcome contributions to the next edition of the Wave. Email to: dg9211news@gmail.com
Kindly send your articles, photos, commentaries by April 15.*

