



Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month







## **EDITOR'S NOTE**



Dear readers, you are most welcome to this edition of the District Governors WAVE magazine. So far we have delivered seven exciting editions and are geared up to ensuring that we maintain the moment to the end of the Rotary year.

The month of February is usually very active as we realise that away from the New Year resolutions, it's time to walk the talk. We have compiled great stories for you and we hope you will reciprocate by continuing to share those amazing stories from your clubs and personal experiences. How appropriate it is for us to feature a story about the Rotary Peace Centre during the theme month of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

The District Governor calls on us this month with a continued appeal to donate to The Rotary Foundation. Every Rotarian is encouraged to participate in a Foundation project and make a personal gift to the Annual Fund every year. The Annual Fund is the primary funding source for Foundation activities. So let's find it within ourselves to reach deep into our pockets and generously support the Fund. Visit www.rotary.org/give to make a one-time or recurring gift.

Again, we the editorial team would like to thank you all for the dedicated readership and wish you a fabulous month of February.

### RI President's February Message -



Mark Daniel Maloney President 2019-20



Happy 115th birthday, fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary!

Much has changed in the world since 1905. Then, the global population was roughly 1.7 billion. Today, it is 7.7 billion. There were 5 telephones per 100 people in the United States 115 years ago. In 2020, it is estimated that 96 percent of the U.S. population has a cellphone — and both China and India have more than a billion cellphones in use.

In the 115 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed except Rotary values. We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. While our Service Above Self motto dates to 1911, the ethos behind those words had already been ingrained by Rotary's founders.

As the pace of change worldwide continues to accelerate, the need for Rotary service is greater than ever. It's one thing to read about service projects, quite another to see them in action and to see the grateful faces of people who have benefited from them. Rotary projects change lives and connect the world. And over the past year, I have seen some amazing Rotary projects in action.

Gay and I visited Japan's Fukushima prefecture last year. Few places in the world have had to deal with the kind of devastation that visited Fukushima in March 2011, when a tsunami touched off by an earthquake led to disaster at a nuclear power plant. But the story of Fukushima today is not one of destruction; it is one of hope and renewal. Rotary grants have helped improve access to medical and mental health care for victims of the disaster and reduced the isolation of these communities by sharing the experiences of people from other parts

of the world who have also recovered from disasters. Our grants have also helped to foster self-motivation and encourage sustainable long-term community recovery across the region.

In Shanghai, I learned about the Careers in Care program. This helps migrant workers fill the need for skilled professionals in elder care facilities. After taking a course, trainees receive certification to boost their employment prospects, while the care industry benefits from an expanded talent pool. Rotary projects like this are successful because they address a local need, and they have the potential to attract local government funding to sustain their impact.

And in Guatemala, Gay and I went to Sumpango. Global grants there provide mechanical cows to produce soy milk; an improved water distribution system; water filters; clean compost latrines; family gardens; support for income generation; and training in WASH and literacy programs. The food items sold there not only provide nutrition to women and children, but also create a source of income for local women.

In every area of focus, and in every part of the world, Rotary projects are improving lives and helping communities adapt in a time of rapid change. As we celebrate another great year for Rotary, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthening the connections that make our service so impactful. We will make lives better as Rotary Connects the World.

### DG's February Message

It was 115 years ago this month that Paul Harris and three of his friends founded the first Rotary club. His goal was simple: to create an oasis of friendship amid a city of strangers, with those who shared his values. The world has changed greatly since 1905. However the values that bound Paul Harris and his friends: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership have endured and have attracted millions more. Today, Rotarians in every part of the world, are engaged in service and are demonstrating leadership by tackling challenges in their communities and improving lives.

As we celebrate Rotary's 115th birthday, let us re-dedicate ourselves to strengthening the connections that enable us to serve our communities. I hope that your club will be marking this milestone in a significant way. Whichever way you do it, I would like to encourage you to consider a contribution to the Rotary Foundation in commemoration of this birthday. When you give to the Foundation, you increase Rotary's ability to serve humanity in more impactful ways and from generation to generation.

February is also Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution month. More than 68 million people suffered displacement in the past year, half of whom were children. As Rotarians, we refuse to accept conflict as a way of life and are investing heavily in conflict prevention. I would therefore like to thank all the Rotarians in this district for your efforts in addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, lack of access to education, and the unequal distribution of resources.

I am also extremely delighted that we in d9211 are going to host the first Rotary Peace Centre on the African continent, in partnership with Makerere University. The Peace Centre provides us with an opportunity to scale up our peace building work. I am therefore encouraging you to identify potential peace fellows who will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to foster understanding and resolve conflicts in our communities.

During this month we will also have the Rotary Project Fair in Arusha, Tanzania. The Project Fair is not only an opportunity to showcase your club projects but to also connect with potential partners from different parts of the Rotary world. I therefore urge you to participate actively.

Have a great month!

F X Sentamu
District Governor 2019 - 20
Rotary International District 9211





### **Summary Statistics**

Contribution summary	2018-19	Cumulative
Annual Fund	\$126.1 million	\$2.8 billion
Endowment Fund	\$26.3 million	\$374.5 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$128.7 million	\$1.6 billion
Other*	\$40.8 million	\$235.3 million
Total outright contributions	\$321.9 million	\$5.0 billion
Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund	\$58.4 million	\$828.9 million
Polio transfers**	\$14.9 million	_
Grand total	\$395.2 million	-
Program awards & operations	\$301.4 million	Since 1947: \$4.57 billion

- \* Includes cash contributions to global grants, directed gifts, and the donor advised fund
- \*\* District Designated Fund transfers and the resulting World Fund match to PolioPlus, affinity card royalties, and donor advised fund transfers to PolioPlus

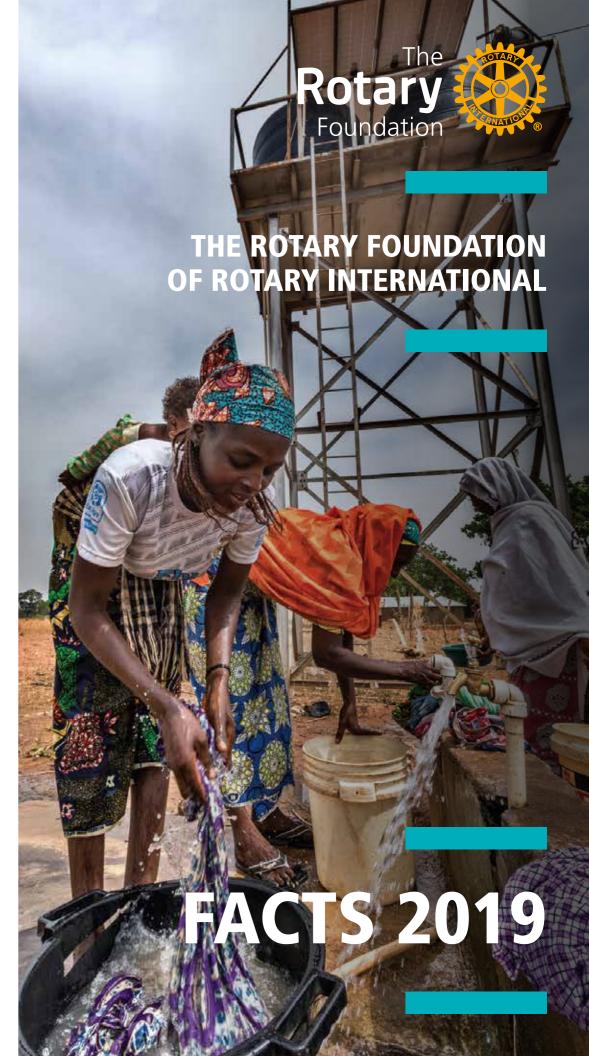
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### Rotary establishes Peace Centre at Makerere University

9th January 2020 will go down in the annals of D9211's history as the day when the first Rotary Peace Centre on the African Continent was established. A high powered Rotary delegation led by RI International Vice President - Olayinka Babalola, Past Rotary International Director and Chair, Rotary Peace Centres – Byrn Styles and District Governor Xavier Sentamu was on hand to witness the signing of a partnership agreement between Rotary International and Makerere University.

The news of the new partnership was greeted with fanfare within the Rotary fraternity and included a

meeting with the Prime Minister of Uganda, a joint fellowship of Rotary Clubs in Kampala, and a dinner at the Kampala Sheraton Hotel. At the dinner, Rotarians and partners from d9211 pledged a preliminary contribution of US \$ 80,000 towards the Peace Fund. This, according to DG Xavier, was an indicator of d9211's intent to become a Peacebuilder district by making annual contributions to the Peace Centres Endowment Fund. DG Xavier also noted that the Centre is providing Rotarians in D9211 with the opportunity to more actively address conflict — which remains one of Africa's most pressing challenges.

By Rtn Anne Nkutu Additional reporting from Rotary Peace Centres Program, Evanston The Centre at Makerere University becomes the seventh Rotary Peace Centre, the other six being located in premier universities in Australia, England, Japan, Sweden, Thailand and USA. As noted by the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University - Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, the significance of the Rotary Peace Centre at Makerere lies in its proximity to the Great Lakes region which has been riddled by conflict for decades. This will afford the Peace Fellows direct exposure to the complexities of peace-building.

The year-long program in Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation and Development will emphasize issues and solutions that are of particular relevance throughout the African continent and beyond. Hands-on experience will complement coursework that addresses topics including human rights, governance, the role of the media in conflict, refugees and migration, as well as resource and identity-based conflicts.

The program will incorporate the Positive Peace framework pioneered by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) as well as apply concepts grounded in mediation and negotiation, African philosophy, and indigenous mechanisms for conflict resolution.

"For centuries, we have looked at peace as the absence of violence, without fully considering the other drivers in play," said Olayinka Babalola, Vice President, Rotary International. "Instead of merely examining the causes of war, Rotary Peace Fellows at Makerere University will explore the underpinnings of peace to achieve tangible measures of human wellbeing and progress."

The program is designed to accommodate working professionals with at least five years of proven experience in the areas of peace and development. There will be two cohorts a year each with 20 fellows, and the first class will begin in February 2021. The online application will be available in February 2020. To learn more, visit https://rpc.mak.ac.ug.





## SPRINGS JOURNEY

By Rtn Harriet Obbo



Saturday 25th January night was not only a celebration of twenty months, but was also a celebration of Rotary. Having started as just a dream, it resulted in the coming together of 30 women and 18 men with a commitment to come together and serve the community. The long term pregnancy was worthwhile. The outcome was a team of 48 youthful, innovative, committed and focused men and women. This ensured a rich classification Club profile with a wealth of skills and attributes. The tireless effort paid off.

The team comprised of the new Club Advisor DS Aggrey Kakunda, Charles Odaga and the two Past Presidents of the parent Club - Kampala South during whose terms the Club was under formation; namely IPP lan Ssenkatuka and President Peter Mukuru. A number of other committed Rotarians from Kampala South came together to make their contributions and support this journey. Having 45 members of the parent Club present at the event was a clear sign of the support rendered by RC Kampala South.

I recall the early formation days at Zone 7 and all the highs and lows that the team went through. The initially proposed name of 'Mutungo Mbuya', which was quite a mouthful, was later changed to the more catchy name -'Kampala Springs'. The Never Give Up spirit of a team resulted in more growth that saw the bright light at the end of the tunnel.

I sat quietly at some point in admiration of this spirit, that if each one of us had, would ensure the growth of Rotary not only in Uganda but in the District. This would be just the way our fore leaders like RIPE Sam Owori projected.

I salute the team at Kampala South and Kampala Springs that have walked this journey not for the faint hearted. They dared to go into the unknown and created a magnificent original and authentic product of Rotary. Congratulations!

It was a beautiful and very well organised event. The live band was super, the food was served hot and it was yummy. There was warmth in the company and it felt like the time rushed by too fast. Okay, I had forgotten to talk about the abundance of drinks.

All the best to the now ROTARIANS of Rotary Club Kampala Springs as they embark on the journey to make Rotary more impactful and meaningful through service.













### Best shared Xmas Xcitement - A visit to African Delighters



My visit to the orphanage was a fulfilling experience as I left with memories and some valuable lessons. When you share your happiness with deprived children, who do not know what love and care of a parent is; not only does it delight you and your soul but also, lets the children feel and experience the pleasant and joyous moments.

During the festival season, members of 'then' Provisional Rotary Club of Kampala Springs and members of my family agreed to visit an Orphanage called African Delighters on 20th Dec 2019. This Orphanage is a shelter home for over 121 children with HIV/ AIDS. The age group of the children ranges from 5 years to 16 years.

The orphanage is situated in the outskirts of Luzira. The walls of these buildings are old and at a glance, it's certain that these buildings have had no maintenance for years. The buildings are classrooms during day and dormitories at night. There were no bunker beds, just dirty mattresses piled up and a few desks and chairs scattered in the rooms.

Most of the children looked like they hadn't had a meal. When we arrived, there were gazes of hope. We had brought food, clothing, shoes, cold drinks, snacks and sweets etc. The children were ecstatic to have food from outside and were even more elated when they received the clothing, shoes and sweets. We allocated tasks among ourselves and went to talk individually to everyone.

After interacting with children, we found out that they used their skills in dancing and singing to survive and maintain the orphanage. We were then entertained to the famous bakisimba traditional dance.

After visiting the orphanage; I started appreciating the little things in life; when you see people who don't have, it at such times that you do tide over the insignificant and immaterial things and appreciate the bigger picture.

By Dorothy Waniala Charter President – Rotary Club of Kampala Springs



## Serving Humanity: A dream fulfilled, thanks to Rotary!

Nakibuuka Stellah Rotary Club of Sunshine-Nakasero (In formation) It had always been my desire to serve humanity and let go of the "Me, myself and I" mentality. I didn't exactly know how this could be achieved, but I was convinced that it was possible. I had heard about a slogan "Service above Self" which I later gave an interpretation to mean "one dedicating ones efforts toward making lives of those around him or her better, without expecting a return or a reward. I came to learn that it was a Rotary slogan based on a principal of serving humanity.

Having learnt that it was Rotary I longed to join a club. It's not until I became close to a Rotarian from whom I received encouragement to join, that I achieved this longing, "Springer" Rotarian Dorothy Waniala - Charter President of the Rotary Club of Kampala Springs.

My interest to be part of a family that prides in "Service above Self" skyrocketed. I didn't hesitate but rather joined the Rotary Club of Sunshine-Nakasero (In formation) and I am a now set to become a charter member.

As a club member, I look forward to serving humanity through implementation of projects that speak the language of Service above Self. The Rotary Club of Nakasero-Sunshine (In formation) has set its feet on the ground, walking into the footsteps of our mother club; the Rotary Club of Kiwatule.

We hold fellowships every Friday between 1-2pm at XANADU, located in the suburb of Nakasero, 5 minutes' walk from the Kampala City Center. The number of club members is immensely growing and we are in the process of acquiring a provisional status.

As a new club, we are already embracing the principal of 'Service above Self' and we have implemented a project in line with this slogan. During the Christmas Season of 2019, we put a smile to the disadvantaged and vulnerable children under the care of "Heart of a Child".

Heart of a Child is a children's home located in Namakwa Mukono district, a few kilometers from Mukono town along Katosi road. The home takes care of about 32 abandoned and disadvantaged children. Club Members, friends and well-wishers donated food items and money that were delivered to the children on the 22nd of December 2019.

The smiles on the faces of the children as they received the items were more than enough to make a public statement that Rotary serves humanity. We played and talked to the children, giving them hope and words of encouragement to see themselves and useful people who can create a big impact in the society.

As a club, it is our prayer and plan that we move in the direction of fostering early childhood development projects to safeguard and secure the future of generations which has to be done now. We hope to take up such projects and also partner with both local and international partners to steer the projects.



# MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTHCARE PROJECT UPDATE



kla North Dr. Catherine Nakibuule, the incharge at Stephens hospital mpererwe receives an assortment of equipment



Kla North Doctors Greg in white t-shirt, Yanick sandy in grey dress and Yanick in blue t-shirt hand over certificates

Rotary partners with Drexel University to train midwives at two health centres in Uganda.

The Rotary clubs of Kampala North and Blue Bell, The Rotary Foundation together with Drexel and Makerere universities made it possible for a team of 3 doctors from Drexel University hospital to fly into the country on 5th November 2019 to train midwives at St. Stephens Hospital Mpererwe and Namungarwe Health Centre III in Preeclampsia and emergency newborn care training. This training was a follow up of the earlier trainings that were carried out in February 2019 under the same project of maternal and child health care.

12 midwives were trained at St. Stephen's hospital, with the help of Doctors Greg, Sandra and Yanick from Drexel University, assisted by Doctors, Rose Nabilye, Mike Kagawa and Scovia Nalugo from Makerere University.

The topics focused on pre-eclampsia, severe preeclampsia and eclampsia, most of it theory and practices on how to keep a breathing baby and a safe mother. Dr. Greg thanked all the midwives for showing interest and encouraged to continue practicing and reading further to help reduce on cases of maternal and child deaths.

While closing the training at Namungarwe Health Centre III, Rotary District 9211 Governor, Francis Xavier Sentamu thanked the Rotary clubs of Kampala North and Blue Bell plus Drexel and Makerere universities and Ministry of Health for making the training possible. He implored the trained midwives to use the knowledge acquired in ensuring that mothers and babies are handled well before, during and after child birth to reduce deaths.

Together with the in charge Namungalwe HCIII, Dr. Misaki Charles, the president RC Kampala North and the rotary District 9211 governor handed over equipment to help the midwives in their work. This equipment was secured using project money from the partnering rotary clubs and The Rotary Foundation.













































# RC Nateete Kampala The Annual Fashion Show 2019, The New Face



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Florence K. Tamale
Connecting President \_ RC Nateete Kampala

The Show was held on Saturday November 3, 2019 at Ivys Hotel, Wakaliga Road and it was said that it was a three letter word "WOW.

One person said that this time round participating Clubs and individuals were very many, approximated at 85% increase. While others say they were happy because Nabisere Hall was full of Rotary Family and happy faced guests.

Other sources said it had a handful of Rotaractors from Rotaract Nateete Kampala thus the innovations. May be it was because of a variety of entertainment by the Rotary Family and spiced up by the performance of Presidents, the host Club and RC Nalya.

One Club member said her excitement climaxed when she realized we had collected a lot of money at the entrance courtesy of 2 Rotaractors from Rotaract Kibuli not forgetting the so many invitation cards sold.

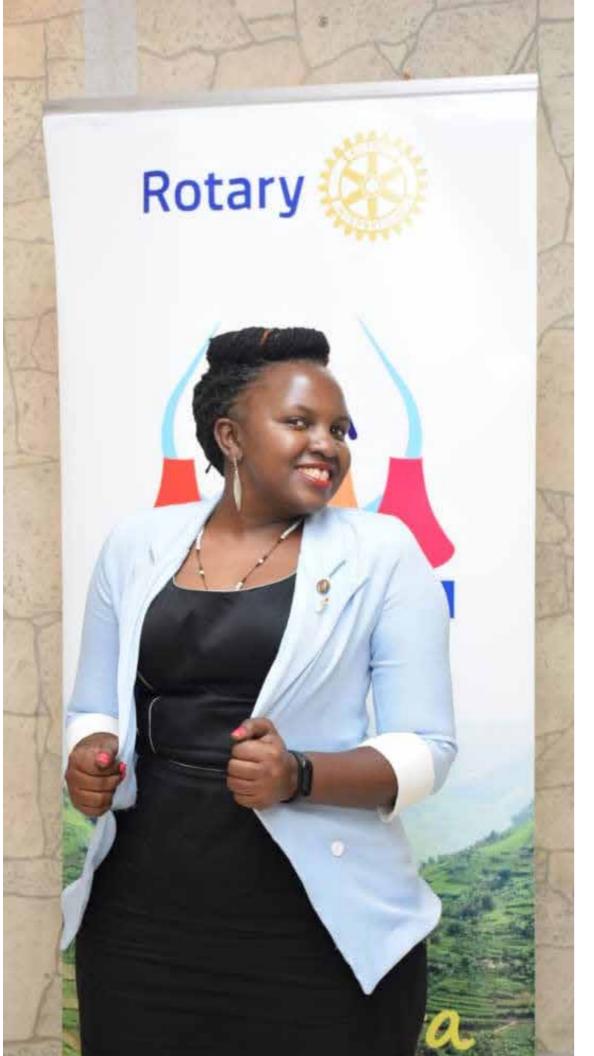
Some guests were amazed by the professional well-dressed judges who happened to be Connecting Presidents and an Assistant Governor clad in traditional attires.

Talk about branding, the sponsors did a great job to receive their worth value.

Frankly speaking the success of the fashion show was due to a combination of all the above not forgetting the live Band which played immediately after the show.







## ROTARY CONNECTIONS OPENNED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME

Rotarian Rittah Nakasawe (PHF) Rotary club of Kajjansi

One evening when I told Daddy that it was Rotarian Julie's birthday, he reminded me of a story that happened years back.

One fateful Tuesday evening in 2016, as I was coming from my club fellowship. By then, I belonged to the Rotaract club of Rubaga; I received a call from a Rotarian and the conversation was as follows:

Rotarian: How are you Nakasawe?

**Me:** Am ok, how are you?

Rotarian: Am fine, I would like to talk to you, when can I see you? Can you attend our fellowship this Wednesday?

Me: I have a very busy work schedule so I can't promise you that I will come to Kajjansi anytime soon.

Rotarian: Where do you work?

Me: Princess Gardens bar and restaurant Rotarian: Nakasawe you work in a bar?

Me: (trying to sugar coat) It has a Gardens, a restaurant and a bar section.

Rotarian: And which one of the sections do you work in?

Me: I manage all of them.

Rotarian: It can't be! How can you my decent daughter walk from

the convent into a bar?

Me :.....( silence)

Rotarian: How much do they pay you?

Me: 450,000 UGX plus accommodation and meals.

Rotarian: How many days in a week do you work?

Me: 7 days, busiest in the hours when most people retire from work and over the weekends since it's in the hospitality industry.

Rotarian: Come work with me, I will multiply that salary times 2 and you will work 5 days in a week from 8am to 5pm.

Me: ... (I was silent and in shock!! I had never dreamt of earning bigger than I did, and above all working up to 5pm was going to give me ample time to reach out to the clubs that were under my care as Assistant District Rotaract Representative by attending their fellowships and projects over the weekend. I was going to be able to stay with my parents again!!! I was being given a job on a silver platter yet very many people out there search for jobs and fail to get any. "Who on earth does that but for a relative? What have I done to deserve it?" I wondered.

Rotarian: Hello, Hello, Nakasawe, are you there?

Me: Yes, I can hear you, but I need time to think about this because I have to hand over properly and bid farewell to my boss especially because he and his wife treat me like their own child.

Rotarian: You have until first week of July to make up your mind, that is about 2 weeks from now. Send me your CV on my email for now and we will invite you for an interview.

Me: (I realized that even though she sounded like she had given me the opportunity to think about it, she actually didn't expect NO for an answer)

I then started composing myself to relay the communication to my boss, Past District Governor Stephen Mwanje but because I had experienced a father figure in him, it drained me emotionally to even think about the right words to say goodbye. When I finally did so, in response he said," who is going to be your new employer? Am happy for you! Sometime back I shared with some of my friends, that you are a diligent employee and yet the business couldn't afford to pay you any better. Please mentor someone who will replace you before leaving and if you want to come back. You are very welcome back home, and home means any of my businesses. If you ever need a recommendation, please let me know"

His words left me puzzled! "What a love!" I thought to myself. "What could be happening to me?" I wondered. "What did I do to deserve this favour?", I asked myself as tears of joy rolled down my chicks having realised that I was surrounded by not just human beings but by Heaven sent angels.

The rest is now history, Rotarian Julie Kyokunda from the Rotary club of Kajjansi and Rotarian Stephen Mwanje from the Rotary club of Mukono, thank you for loving me and opening opportunities for me, I will forever remember to invoke God's blessings upon you.









## **OPPORTUNITY**

Starting with the month of September, we are offering an opportunity to all Rotarians and Rotaractors who would like to advertise their businesses on this online platform. We have included a card with very attractive rates to enable us not only grow our businesses but Rotary too. All proceeds from this advertising space will go towards the Rotary Foundation of the respective countries. We believe this will be a great opportunity to directly reach the over 5,000 Rotarians and further organically reach their networks.

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