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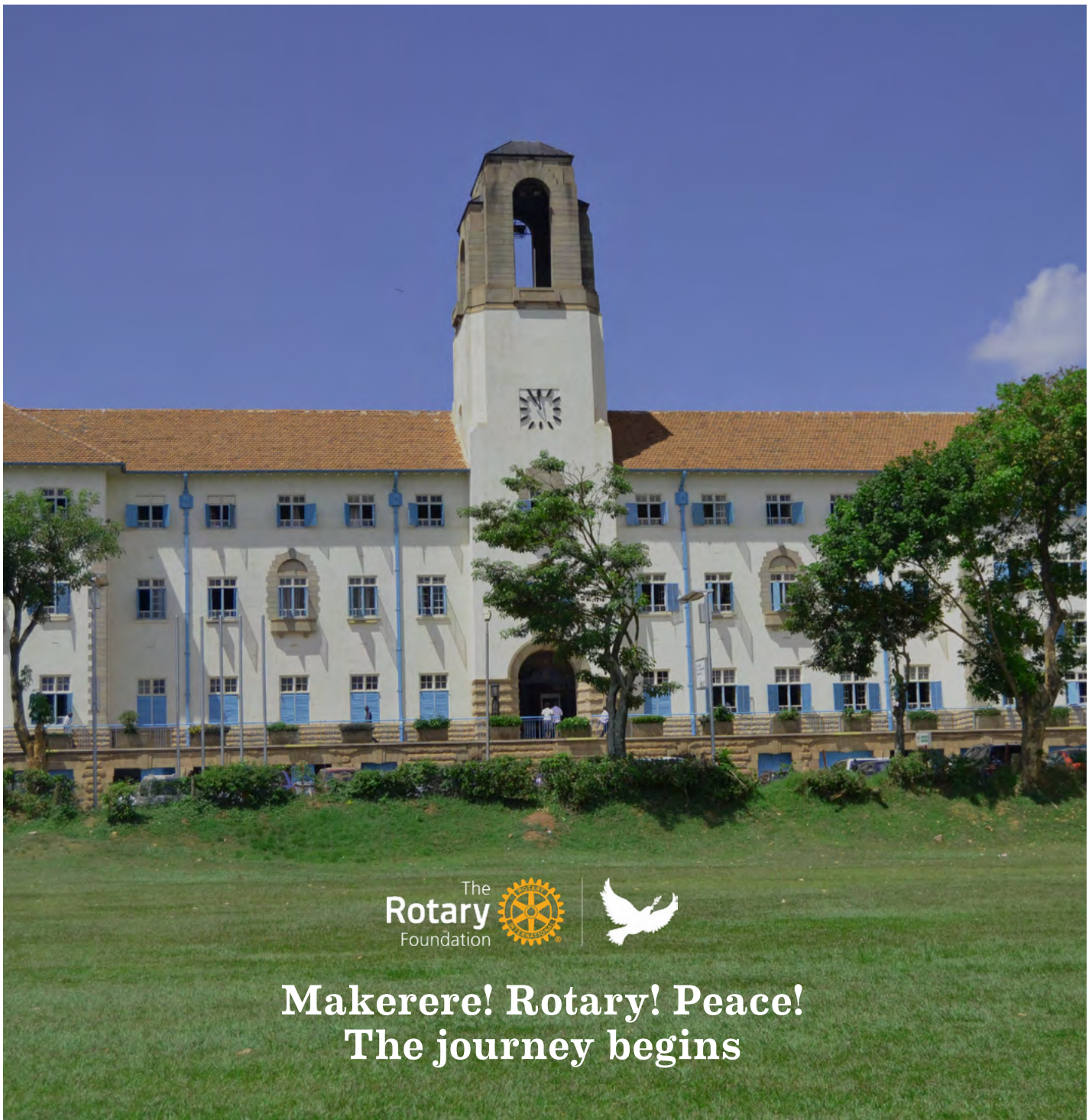
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Editor's Note

Celebrate the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre

Fellow Rotarians and our friends,
This editorial was written at the time when Uganda was undergoing a Presidential and Parliamentary election. The tension preceding this process notwithstanding, we largely had a peaceful election. This was indeed a good time to reflect on the theme for this month - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. For many people, peace is equated to mean the absence of war. Thankfully in this edition, Rtn. Dennis Wong, a Co-founder of the Rotary Action Group for Peace and Rtn. Jones Kyazze, a retired International Civil Servant help us understand the different dimensions of peace.

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The Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution focus area receives the least requests for Global Grant funding in our District. In this edition, we bring you articles from the executive members of the Rotary Action Group for Peace, who are also willing to support Rotary clubs to develop projects in this area. This edition is rich with articles about peace, and different projects implemented by Rotary clubs. As the countdown to the end of District 9211 era begins, we encourage you to continue sharing your club and personal Rotary stories for publication. The benefits of sharing your Rotary story cannot be underestimated. Speaking at last month's Zone 22 Zoom meeting, Jennifer Jones the Rotary International President Nominee encouraged us Rotarians to share stories about the good we do, as this will attract like-minded people to join us. "Good public relations is about telling our story. This is the greatest membership recruitment and retention tool. Telling stories about our work shapes how people view our organisation, which promotes our brand and image," she added during her presentation about - Leveraging Public Image to Grow Rotary in Africa.

Allow me congratulate the Tanzania RYLA (Rotary's Youth Leadership Awards) and Interact Bootcamp teams for winning the international - Leaders in RYLA Awards. You are an inspiration to many youth, thank you for raising the D9211 flag high.

Lastly, remember to send your articles with three to five action photographs by the 15th day of the month to dg9211news@gmail.com.

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COUNTDOWN TO D9213 AND D9214



My fellow Rotarians, we have begun the countdown to 1st July 2021 when D9211 becomes D9213 and D9214. I am sure many of you have questions about life after D9211. GOOD NEWS! I know people who have the answers. Send your questions to **henry.rugamba@gmail.com** or via **WhatsApp +256-781236099**. Remember to include your name and club.

In the March Wave issue, we shall talk about the following programs:

1. Rotary Uganda Cancer Program
2. RI-USAID WASH Partnership
3. Mission Green
4. Fitness and Nutrition (FAN)
5. The Rotary Blood Bank
6. Rotarian Malaria Partners Uganda

No issue too sensitive, No question irrelevant.

Rtn. Henry Rugamba RC Kampala

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Holger Knaack

In Rotary, 23rd February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days.

We are often asked: "How can we get involved in peace now?" There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through

workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalised women will reclaim their inner strength as peacebuilders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

Here is further proof that in Rotary, we prefer action to words. This is Rotary at its best. I encourage you to visit rpri.ch to explore the projects and support them.

We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others. This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that *Rotary Opens Opportunities* to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission.



District Governor

FELLOW ROTARIANS

As I was contemplating on my message for this month, I was reminded of one of my favorite prayers – the Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: “Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.” We are living in a world filled with conflict – in homes, workplaces and communities. And although these situations distress us, our responses to them are often wanting. Many times we find it easier to keep our distance; and other times, we inadvertently fan the flames, through our judgements. This month therefore gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we view and build peace.

And this brings me back to the Peace Prayer. Rotary demands of us to be “instruments of peace” and provides us with the tools that we require to promote peace.

Just like the Peace Prayer, the fourth Object of Rotary emphasizes understanding as a precursor to peace building. Understanding different cultures, value systems, aspirations and grievances in our communities, and co-creating solutions for them is Rotary’s approach to preventing and mitigating conflict. And what a great coincidence that we will later this month, welcome the pioneer Peace Fellows at the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre,

who are being trained to become catalysts of peace. One of the hallmarks of the peace programme is the social change initiative that Peace Fellows will undertake, after completion of their studies, to promote sustainable peace within their communities.

But peace is not just an academic idea for the Rotary Peace Fellows. The “advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service” is a collective responsibility. Our service projects that are tackling poverty, discrimination, access to education, health, water and sanitation and promoting the environment are building the optimal conditions for peaceful societies. It is our role therefore to bring a peace building lens to the work that we do, by making our service projects more inclusive and equitable and ensuring that they reach those who most need them.

Now that you know how to promote peace, I ask, are you as a Rotarian up to the challenge? Are you ready and willing to be an Instrument of Peace? Being part of the solution is how we as Rotarians build together. Being open minded and tolerant is how we as Rotarians approach the problems of the world. As Thich Nhat Hanh says “working for peace in the future is to work for peace in the present moment.” So let’s make peace part of what we do every day.

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The Rotary Foundation: President Martin Mugisha of the Rotary Club of Kampala 7 Hills hands over a cheque of US\$1,700 to DG Rosetti Nabbumba during her visit to the club last year.

K. R. RAVINDRAN



Your giving lifts Rotary to higher levels

Giving is more than an activity. It is a way of life and a beacon in the search for hope in troubled times. There is great turmoil today, but these are not unusual times, not in the span of human history. The wisdom of the ages is especially important to help us set our path and purpose.

Such wisdom comes from the 12th -century philosopher known as Maimonides. Born in Córdoba, Spain, he and his family went into exile in Morocco to escape religious persecution. As a young man, he mastered Aristotle, astronomy, and later medicine. After moving to Cairo, Maimonides became known as the city's greatest rabbi, producing tomes of commentary on the Torah, and he lived out his final days as a renowned doctor.

But his greatest gift to humanity captured his thoughts about giving itself. His Eight Levels of Charity is a masterpiece that teaches us about what giving means and what motivates us to do it.

The bottom rung of Maimonides' ladder is giving out of pity or grudgingly. The next step up is giving less than one should, but doing so cheerfully. Climb up to the fifth rung and you are giving before being asked. Further up the ladder is giving in a way that the receiver does not know who the giver is. The eighth and highest level of charity is to anticipate distress and giving to avoid or prevent it.

When we immunise children against polio, we are anticipating potential illness. We do so with other efforts, such as Rotary projects that reduce the incidence of malaria or cervical cancer.

When we teach someone a profession that enables them to earn a living, we apply the eighth step. From microfinance to education, The Rotary Foundation helps us give the gift of self-reliance.

All of this good work awaits us, as does the work of supporting newborns, cleaning water sources, recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and countless other efforts we lead.

I am proud to say that many Rotary members climb to the top of Maimonides' ladder. Many of them do so anonymously. Whoever they are and for whatever reason, they share their gifts with the Foundation, I thank them.

As an organisation, Rotary climbs that ladder as well. Every one of your donations helps us reach higher levels. As we climb this ladder as one, we gain a wider perspective. We see all those who need to be uplifted as well as the countless opportunities we have to help them in Rotary. And as we do so, we find our meaning and purpose.

K.R. Ravindran
Foundation Trustee Chair

RTN. DENNIS WONG



Our voice, vote and vocation can promote peace and conflict resolution

I would define peace in various ways as:

- Everyone having a right to safety, prosperity and quality of life, the consensus value of peace.
- Negative Peace – the absence of violence or fear of violence.
- Positive Peace – the attitudes, institutions and structures to create and sustain peaceful societies.
- Culture of Peace – the values, attitudes, modes of behaviour and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling the root causes of the problem through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups and nations.
- Peace-building and Conflict Prevention area of focus – address the underlying causes of conflict including poverty, inequality, ethnic tensions, and lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources.
- The Four-Way Test –will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Using 3Vs to promote peace and conflict resolution

Voice: Speak up when you see wrong, or when you can do better to improve peoples' lives in the communities.

Vote: Participate in elections, and use your time and money on causes, products and services that promote peaceful societies.

Vocation: Use your personal and professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs and improve peoples' quality of life. Imagine people in policy-making positions and politics governing by the Rotary principles.

I encourage more Rotarians to join elective politics as this will create an opportunity for them to develop and craft policies beneficial to all concerned and vote to put them into law. Rotarians can then lead and govern by the Rotary principles. By their example, others in government may be attracted to join Rotary.

How a flipped Four-Way Test would affect our perspective towards peace-building

Learn what outcomes would benefit all concerned, and in the process, you can build goodwill and friendships for empathy, trust and fairness. The truth is when we trust each other in creating and sustaining peaceful societies, this is beneficial to all.

To start with – Is it the truth – this is difficult as people have different truths, beliefs, facts and opinions that might get in the way of developing goodwill, friendships and trust to agree on shared goals. It is useful to start with agreed-upon goals and desired outcomes and then work backwards. Talk about what would be fair to all concerned.

Rotarians can also promote peace through the District Peace Conferences where experiences, learning and fellowship are shared. This is normally a congregation of Rotarians that share a desire for peaceful societies and a culture of peace.

Rtn. Dennis Wong
Rotary EClub of World Peace
Co-founder, Rotarian Action Group for Peace
He is interested in a world free of nuclear weapons



PAG JONES KYAZZE

The relationship between Peace, Rotary and UNESCO

This article, published in February which carries the Peace and Conflict Prevention theme within the Rotary International calendar, is written at the invitation of Rtn. Maria Roselynn, Editor of The Wave – our District 9211 monthly magazine. Within that context, I was specifically requested to relate **Peace, Rotary and UNESCO**. The appropriateness of the invitation was easily explainable, and I gladly accepted to take up the challenge for obvious reasons.

In the first place, Peace has for a long time been and still is, the ultimate objective of Rotary International. And that is rightly so. Incidentally, the fact that February which hosts the Rotary International birth date of 23rd February was designated as the Peace... month cannot be taken for granted. It indeed confirms the importance that Rotary International confers on the theme of **Peace**.

And as for me, Jones Kyazze, a long time Rotarian and Rotary official in various capacities, writing about Peace and Rotary, therefore, comes naturally. Similarly, having pursued a long career with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), hence going by the Classification of **“International Civil Service”**, the invitation to handle the topic was viewed as befitting.

Having laid that background, we can now look a little more closely at how Rotary and UNESCO view Peace or more precisely, deal with **Peace and Conflict Prevention**. For purposes of this article, we shall emphasize prevention and only consider conflict resolution as an underlying effect of the action of conflict prevention for both organisations.

It is a well-established fact that Peace per se was not one of Rotary’s initial objectives at the Movement’s creation in 1905. The main objectives were fraternity and friendship as well as mutual support between business and professional persons for the

advancement of their enterprises, based on integrity as a key ingredient. However, our good Rotary founders, led by Counsel Paul Harris, should have no apologies to tender for that vision which did not include Peace at the time. The theme of Peace, World Peace, only gained importance after the two great World Wars of 1914 – 1918 and 1939 – 1945, but particularly after the 2nd World War which is described by Historians as the *“deadliest and most destructive global conflict in the world”* which caused over fifty million deaths.

Naturally, Rotary International, an organisation based on values of fraternity and friendship, could not remain indifferent to the world plight created by those two major wars; Rotary had to pick up Peace as one of its main objectives. This is why Rotary International played a major role in the organisation of the constituent Charter of the United Nations which was held in San Francisco, California in November 1945.

Our Movement is known to have sent the largest delegation to that historical conference whose main objective was to lay the foundation of world peace by creating the United Nations organisation. Since that time, the UN has respected and considered Rotary as one of its important partners in its World Peace-Building efforts. No wonder Rotary has a permanent observer status representation at the UN Headquarters in New York and at several other UN Agency Headquarters such as UN-Habitat and UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) in Nairobi, Kenya. To that recognition, can be added, an Annual Rotary Day observed at the UN Headquarters (1st or 2nd Saturday of November).

Talking about UN/Rotary cooperation reminds us about the eradication of Polio from the face of the earth, definitely as part of peace-building; a crippled child cannot be at peace, neither with him or herself nor with the rest of the world. And yet, we know how much energy, effort and resources were mobilised by Rotary to convince the world community through the UN about the feasibility of polio



Rotary-UNESCO Peace conference in Paris



Rotary-UNESCO Day Celebrations

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eradication. But, mind you, “La Luta Continua; Vitoria e certa!” (The fight is still on; Victory is certain).

Let us now turn our attention to Peace, Rotary and UNESCO. Like in the case of the UN, it has always procured me immense pleasure and pride to hear Rotary being referred to as one of the initial and most important mobilisers of the creation of UNESCO in London in 1945.

One of the most important additions of Rotary to World Peace was the enhancement of the understanding that peace does not only mean the absence of war or armed conflict; it also means freedom from hunger, freedom from ignorance; access to human needs such as shelter, water, etc. UNESCO and Rotary programmes and projects are directed towards these challenges.

In the above connection, UNESCO, to whose creation Rotary contributed, has the following statement as the preamble of its constitution: *“Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the foundations of peace must be constructed.”* That is, peace-building cannot be undertaken only through the stoppage of armed conflict, but also through other actions such as education, mutual cultural understanding and dialogue, promotion of justice,

health for all, etc.

Before ending this article which has dealt with the mix of Peace, Rotary and UNESCO, I cannot help congratulating Rotary International for having so energetically undertaken the benefiting action of embracing women and the youth in the Movement who were not part of the initial plan.

We can now, as an inclusive and diversified Movement, continue to enhance World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace through the Rotary Motto: “Service Above Self” and, “Doing good in the world” with the effective support of The Rotary Foundation.

Yours truly in Rotary,
PAG Jones Kyazze
RC Kampala-Munyonyo



Peacebuilder clubs: A blossoming dream

Alison Sutherland is the District Governor for Southern Wales, and Chair of the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP). She joined Rotary whilst living and working as a missionary in Uganda where she used her business skills to aid orphans and the church (North Kigezi Diocese). She then transferred to Tanzania, living and working in Singida, having set up an NGO and a centre for HIV/AIDS. During the last of her 11 years in East Africa, she moved to Dar-es-Salaam and joined the Rotary Club of Dar-es-Salaam. Alison shares the story behind the RAGFP and Peacebuilder clubs.

The Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) was formed in 2012. One of its big achievements is the creation of Peacebuilder Clubs. Peacebuilders are an important aspect of promoting peace. Everyone can be a Peacebuilder by living per the Rotary principles – Code of Conduct and The Four-Way Test – and lead by example.

The past year was very exciting following the launch of the Peacebuilder Club Initiative. Each Rotary club was required to have at least two members forming a peace committee, just like Foundation or Membership committees. These Rotarians then become members of the RAGFP. They help the club identify areas of peace to engage in, educate themselves as well as fellow Rotarians, within their club and district, about peace. To this end, they can access training on the Peace Academy. Check out the ‘eight pillars of peace’ – as posted on the Institute for Economics and Peace website – and take part in the training. Consequently, they and their club appear on the peace map on the RAGFP website.

The year 2020 started with around 50 Peacebuilder Clubs, and we now exceed 200. One of the surprising, and perhaps few, positives to come out of the COVID-19

pandemic was the growth of Peacebuilder Clubs, probably as a result of the surge of online and virtual events.

The Chair of the RAGFP hosted ‘Chat with the Chair’ five nights per week, which attracted Rotarians, Peacebuilder Clubs and fledgeling RAGFP chapters. It is great to see how they have inspired, encouraged and helped one another by sharing ideas and projects. The latest exciting initiative country-based chapters were borne from a conversation with Walter Gyger at the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg. Although, at first, RAGFP was reticent, because it did not want to promote possible nationalism at the potential expense of unity, soon it became clear the idea was a good one.

Country-based chapters

Country-based chapters can be likened to a holding company with regional offices, which are culturally relevant to their area and, most importantly, they represent the unique issues of that area. They work together to formulate a strategic plan, whilst simultaneously adhering to the mission and strategic plan of the holding company.

Currently, three chapters are piloting this concept in Serbia, Germany and Hong Kong. Each chapter has great achievements. Hong Kong brought in over 70 new members to RAGFP and 30 new Peacebuilder Clubs. A total of 65 Rotarians have participated in the Peace Academy training.

They hosted a Multi-District Conference with Peter Kyle and I as keynote speakers. They are undertaking a series of training sessions, assisted by Rotarian trainers from the USA with whom they connected

through the ‘Chat with the Chair’.

A striking outcome from Switzerland was the Geneva Project Incubator which brought together over 50 Peace Fellows, 100 Rotarians and other organisations, each working together on the various aspects of peace projects. It is hoped that all forty-plus projects will receive funding from clubs through Global Grants. One such project was suggested by a UK Peace Fellow, Amardeep Kainth, partnering with the RAGFP and War Child. The project, called Youth more enables the local youth to identify issues of concern, helps them to formulate a strategy to meet with the relevant parties involved and to bring change to the issue. The RAGFP reached out to the Rotary Club of Kampala Ssesse Islands which has gladly agreed to host the project. The RAGFP is also in talks with the Peace Centre at Makerere University.

Aside from the chapter achievements, other participants made great strides for peace. Some Rotarians are working with Karim Wasfi, a renowned cellist and conductor from Iraq. They produced a video called Shaping Peace of Karim and the orchestras which he set up in the war-torn areas of Iraq for World Peace Day.

After attending a ‘Chat with Chair’ session, Rotarians from Turkey sought to organise a conference around Gallipoli and Anzac Day. They were inspired by the other attendees and added more numbers to their group and successfully organised a Global Virtual Peace Conference in November 2020. RAGFP connected them to Peace Fellows, speakers and panellists. They got a global grant for peace as an outcome of this conference. It has been an honour to see this group grow in stature.

Engagement with Rotaractors

Bearing in mind the changed Rotaract status, Chehab Elawar a RAGFP Director, and the Chair hosted an online meeting of Rotaractors from over 20 countries. Thereafter, they organised a virtual Global Peace Conference in October 2020 with Rotary International President, Holger Knaack as their keynote speaker. RAGFP reduced its membership fees for Rotaractors in September and October 2020 which enabled Rotarians sponsor groups of 20 Rotaractors. Now, over 350 Rotaractors are members of the group. The Rotaract Clubs have been supported through speaking engagements.

Reem Ghunaim, RAGFP’s Executive Director, held ‘Together for Peace’ talks with a varied and distinguished list of guests. She too works closely with the Institute of Economics and Peace (a partner). Reem produced a workbook breaking down the elements of peace within given projects. She regularly holds workshops on Positive Peace.

What about the future? RAGFP exists to conduct its mission to ‘engage, educate and empower’ Rotarians and others in the area of peace. We may not have all of the answers, or all the resources, but we know where to get them and how we can connect. We have speakers available (via zoom) and we have a desire to grow, support, inspire and encourage more involvement in peace-related projects, both within the local community and globally, in East Africa. Asante Sana. Karibu.

For more information visit:

rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org

Rtn. Alison Sutherland -

District Governor for Southern Wales

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2021 Rotary Peace Fellows

RTN. GODFREY G. MUKALAZI

The District Rotary Peace Fellowship Sub-committee received 70 applications for the 2021 Masters program intake. After a rigorous assessment 19 applications were endorsed for Rotary International consideration. James Taremwa was selected to commence studies at the International Christian University (ICU) Rotary Peace Centre in Tokyo, Japan.

Two applicants (Yannick Van Winkel and Paul Mdumi) were selected as alternate candidates for the Rotary Centres at the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia and ICU, Japan respectively.

For the certificate program, 18 applicants were awarded the fellowship to commence their studies at the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre. There will be two cohorts: one starting in February, and the second in September 2021. Ocen Ivan Kenneth will undertake his studies at the Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

Note: The alternate fellowship candidate status means that if one of the Rotary Peace Fellows (1st priority awardee) is unable to accept his/her scholarship, the alternate may be contacted to fill an open place at the Rotary Peace Centre he/she was assigned.

No.	Name	Home Country	Professional Background
1	Ajao Olusina	Nigeria	Security and Crisis Management
2	Sunny Dada	Nigeria	Journalism and Peacebuilding
3	Catherine Bainomugisha	Uganda	Criminal and Family Justice
4	Ronald Kasule	Uganda	Community Development and Disability Rights
5	Stephen Sempande	Uganda	Development and Humanitarian Service
6	Patience Rusare	Zimbabwe	Journalism, Leadership and Conflict Resolution
7	Thomas Sithole	Zimbabwe	Media and Peacebuilding
8	Chimenya Thokozani	Malawi	Humanitarian Service
9	Eleanor Curl	United Kingdom	International Criminal Justice and Victimology
10	Teresa Labriola	Denmark	CSR, Philanthropy and Business Development
11	Teshome Mungesha	Ethiopia	Peace and Security
12	Jew Monde	Zambia	Human Security and Development
13	Mothebedi Pinkie	Botswana	Community Development and Social Justice for marginalised communities
14	Paul Mushaho	DR Congo	IT and Humanitarian Activism
15	Peter Pal	Australia/South Sudan	Community Development and Peacebuilding
16	Taylor Nobantu	Liberia	Community Development and Mass Communication
17	Amina Warsame	Somalia	Gender and Humanitarian Service
18	Nzovisenga Fikiri	Burundi	International Human Rights Law and Community Development

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At all levels, a key priority for Rotary continues to be improving the application process to ensure that it is as equitable and inclusive as possible.

2021 Statistics

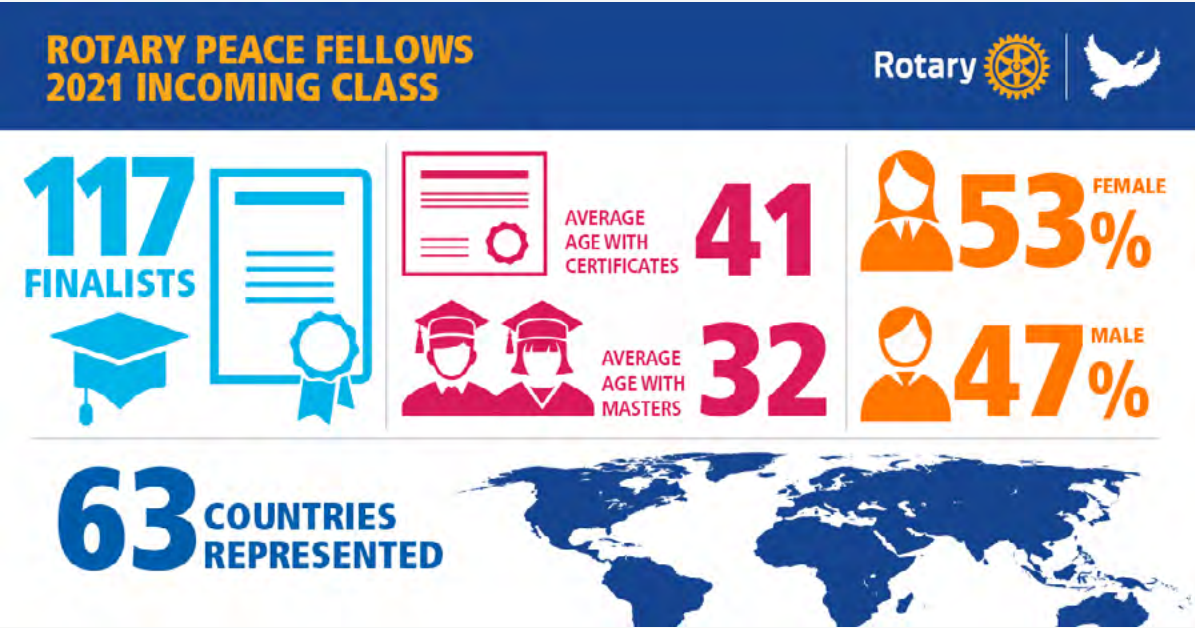
- A total of 102 citizenships were represented in the pool of qualified candidates.
- Compared to the previous year, a 22% increase in qualified candidates from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, a 16% increase from Asia, and an 84% increase from Africa.
- The finalists represent 63 countries. There was a gender balance of 53% female and 47% male. The average age for certificate finalists registered was 41, while that for Masters finalists was 32.

Look out for the launch of the 2022-23 Rotary Peace Fellowship application this month. We invite you once again to circulate a call for applications at Club level, submit referrals, and connect with Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair to enhance our recruitment efforts.

All the best!

Rtn. Godfrey G. Mukalazi
Rotary Peace Fellowship
Sub-committee Chair - 2019/20

Additional information by Rtn. Anne Nkutu
Rotary Peace Centre Host Area Coordinator





DR. HELEN NAMBALIRWA

Inside the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre

Makerere University is home to the first Rotary Peace Centre on the African continent.

The Centre is hosted by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Religion and Peace Studies. Classes for the first cohort of Fellows begin this 8th February with an online session for the first two weeks, after which the Fellows will report for the 10 weeks onsite session from 21st February to end of May. They will then leave for their nine months social initiative. The second cohort begins classes on 27th September, 2021.

Course Modules

- Fundamentals and Approaches to Peace and Conflict Transformation
- Human Rights, Governance and Media
- Refugees, Migration and Community Cohesion
- Identify, Human Security, Resources and Climate Change
- Positive Peace Workshop
- Experiential Learning Field Capstones
- Social Change Initiatives – nine months to be concluded in home countries

The onsite classes will be conducted in the well-equipped multimedia room located in Central Teaching Facility 1 (CTF 1), while the Fellows will reside in Mugenyi Flats. The university has plenty of recreational facilities to occupy them during their free

time. The Centre also has a home located on Pool Road, Plot 46 at Makerere University.

Strategic Direction

- An African Centre of Excellence in Peace and Conflict Studies
- Establish and operationalise a Mediation Centre
- Run Peace Clinics for the youth with a deliberate initial focus on the Makerere University community and other vulnerable communities
- Establish a Think Tank to respond to policy matters related to peace and security in the country and beyond

Partnerships

- The Centre shall continue to engage with different partners both local and international.
- Partners from the IEP shall guide the Fellows through the positive peace workshop.
- The Centre is also in discussion with sister peace Centres to promote virtual connection between the Fellows and faculty.

The Centre has continued to receive expressions of interest for partnerships from all over the world, especially from individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs. All these are welcome and for more information on processes or details about the Centre please reach out to Dr. Helen Nambalirwa-Nkabala, the Director, Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre.



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Africa Peace Cultivation Dinner

Over US\$255,000 was pledged for the Rotary Africa Peace Fund, and Sam Otori Peace Fund that support the Rotary Peace Centre at Makerere University. The Africa Peace Cultivation Dinner was part of the All Africa Zone Institute held at Speke Resort Munyonyo last year. The Endowment and Major Gifts Advisor (EMGA) PDG Emmanuel Katongole pledged US\$25,000 to kickstart the Sam Otori Peace Fund.

During the launch of the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre in 2019, Rotarians and partners from District 9211 pledged a preliminary contribution of US\$80,000 towards the Peace Fund. This, according to then District Governor Xavier Francis Sentamu was an indicator of D9211's intent to become a Peace builder district by making annual contributions to the Peace Centres Endowment Fund.





RTR. PAUL MUSHASHO

Mushaho: Enrolling at the Makerere Univer- sity Rotary Peace Centre is a golden opportunity

With great humility, I received this golden opportunity to undertake a Rotary Peace Fellowship at Makerere University. I am Paul Mushaho, a refugee from Democratic Republic of Congo and founding President of the Rotaract Club of Nakivale established in a refugee settlement in Uganda.

I am a recipient of the Social Innovator Award by the United Nations and Rotary International (RI), ChangeMaker Award by American Refugee Community and Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda, and the Award of Honor by RI President Barry Rassin received during the 2019 convention in Hamburg, Germany. I am also a board member of the Rotary Action Group responsible for refugees, forcibly displaced people and migrants.

I applied for the Rotary Peace Scholarship because I wanted to gain skills to advocate for peace in the region. I am living in Uganda where I have peace that I lacked in my country. I know what absence of peace means, unfortunately, many people especially youth do not know the value of having peace.

With the skills, I hope to create an environment that unites people, and a platform for youth to advocate for peace in the region – beyond social and political aspects. As a youth, I want to play a role in spreading peace around the world. In the next five years, I will be a youth peace advocate for Africa. I have already established Freedom Centres in my community including Rotaract clubs.

Having a Peace Centre at Makerere University means a lot to Africa, a continent characterised by insecurities, rebels, human and domestic violence, human rights abuse, lack of freedom. This Centre is a great opportunity for Africans to learn and understand that peace is the foundation of every development.

Now the service is closer. Do not take it for granted.

Rtr. Paul Mushaho

2021 Rotary Peace Fellow

Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre



OCEN IVAN KENNETH

Gear up for a youth peace hub in Northern Uganda

I seek to promote the desire to value peace and make it fun, while welcoming opportunities that facilitate a positive learning environment and communicate with communities in two languages – conflict resolution and peace-building. This comes with gratification and obstacles which require skills and knowledge, thus my decision to apply for the Rotary Peace scholarship.

As part of my peace commitment, I am developing community peace forums, radio programs, sports tournaments and walks, and letter writing clubs based on topics such as honesty, anger, generosity, justice, and kindness. Peace is relevant in everyone's life since quarrels, fights and insecurity start from disagreements, unkindness, injustices and anger.

I am constructing a Human Rights and Peace Centre in Oyam District to act as a hub for rehabilitating, mentorship and learning for various young people where they will gather together and speak the same language of peace and economic development. This will be the first-ever peace hub for youth in Northern Uganda.

It will create spaces for dialogue that will enable youth peace-building processes that promote coexistence, trust-building and appreciation of diversity; increase participation, awareness and influence youth in policy dialogue on issues impacting community development and reform agenda; ensure that education supports greater social cohesion; and that citizens and communities advance common peace-building goals through culture.

Key outputs will include – (i) Dialogue platforms and information sharing hubs that will link youth and decision-makers, citizens and civil society; (ii) a micro-grant to

fund local initiatives that promote coexistence and respect for peace; and iii) a communications and outreach component to enhance public perceptions of peace, reconciliation and respect for diversity. This will develop local solutions that promote peaceful coexistence and workable community-based conflict resolution methodologies centred on all the causes of conflict.

I would love to create a network of peace promoters, managers, ambassadors, mentors and managers, and take lead in several projects in peace and economic development.

The Peace Centre at Makerere University will provide a safe space to galvanise and enhance the leadership skills of young people to effectively participate in peace-building and conflict resolution. The centre will help Africans build their capacity to become change agents in peace-building and post-conflict recovery through leadership training, cross-cultural exchanges, research and give back to the community initiatives. I hope the centre will address the deficit and post-conflict settings by building leaders with skills and knowledge to respond to conflict dynamics, share knowledge, critique existing policies, and structures to design and apply approaches for social change and challenge structures that undermine peace-building processes.

Ocen Ivan Kenneth

Program Manager – Foundation for

Development and Relief Africa (FIDRA)

2021 Rotary Peace Fellow – Chulalongkorn

University in Bangkok, Thailand

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Kasule – An advocate for the rights of PWDs

RONALD KASULE

Ronald Kasule is a community educator and research consultant focusing on disability rights, education, and inclusive development. He holds a Master's degree in Educational Planning, Economics, and International Development from the UCL Institute of Education, University of London; a Bachelor's degree in Adult and Community Education from Makerere University; and a Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation of Kyambogo University. He undertook postgraduate training in Sustainable Development and Global Justice at the University of Antwerp, Belgium; and Social Protection and Inclusion of persons with disabilities from the University of Applied Sciences, Bon Rhein Sieg, Germany.

A childhood polio-survivor, Ronald embodies an outstanding blend of disability lived experience and professional excellence in the field of community-based inclusive development. He has worked with persons with disabilities (PWDs) and mainstream organisations to promote social inclusion at local, national, and global levels. Ronald consulted for the International Rescue Committee, UNCHR, and Elrha's Humanitarian Innovation Fund.

Ronald works with the International Disability Alliance as a Global Survey Programme Fellow. He is also the co-founder and Managing Director of Diversity Ability Support Network System (Dasuns), a social enterprise that promotes access to professional support assistance for PWDs.

Motivation to apply for the Rotary Peace Scholarship

In situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, PWDs are more vulnerable and suffer greater impact due to a general breakdown of systems. In many instances, the socio-economic gap between persons

with and those without disabilities increase due to lower levels of education, higher rates of unemployment and economic inactivity and a lack of social protection for PWDs in comparison to their non-disabled peers. The PWDs often encounter reduced access to healthcare and other services; face an increased risk of violence and abuse; lack access to justice; experience discriminatory attitudes and hence, have minimal participation in public life.

Ironically, PWDs are often not involved in the design and management of mainstream rebuilding, livelihood and education emergency programmes. Coordination mechanisms also lack disability representation and leadership, which affects information sharing leading to failure to address the specific needs of PWDs.

Through the Rotary Peace Fellowship, I hope to learn, develop and strengthen my skills in human rights, peace and development to fill the participation gap of PWDs in situations of risk and humanitarian emergency programming. I intend to set up an effective support network system to facilitate the independent living and participation of PWDs in mainstream community life.

The Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre

African political leaders have often reiterated that Africa's peace and development challenges require African solutions that suit the respective socio-economic and political context. Introducing a Peace Centre at Makerere University will serve as a contextualised solution incubation centre for peace and development challenges that afflict the African Continent.

Ronald Kasule

2021 Rotary Peace Fellow

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EMILIAN KAYIMA

We all appreciate peace, but why do we promote conflict?

Some of the things I proudly recall from my Latin class back in the day are idioms and proverbs. I have since forgotten many of them. There is this striking idiom I want to share with our esteemed readers, “civis pacem para bellum,” meaning that if you want peace, prepare for war. We must examine the relationship between peace and conflict. Secondly, we must integrate the paradox of all of us wanting peace, but working against it through conflict. Usually, strong nations and people start the attacks directed toward weak parties. It is the rule rather than the exception. I will therefore put it to you reader; “what is your level of preparedness to guarantee a healthy living environment in which peace and not war or conflict prevails? First, are you a peacemaker? Peace has to stem right from our hearts for it to spread far and beyond.

Surprisingly, realities are different; there is war almost everywhere; not only in form but also content. There is conflict in many of our spaces, be it home, our workplaces and deep inside our hearts. Many people grapple with issues that cause them so much pain leading to stress and emotional outbursts, sometimes giving way to physical attacks that often cause fear and anxiety, injuries, maims bringing about death and destruction.

The world yearns for peace and for it to prevail, we must have and nurture peace and give it to others. Surely, what we give is what we get in turn. It is not mere rhetoric. It is a reality. Peace is equated

to that much-needed warmth that comes to us when we need it most. When we give it to others, automatically it comes back to us. Therefore, we must learn lessons around this important subject of peace and the ugly realities of its absence. These matters have direct physical and psychological wellbeing for us all.

The United States of America (USA) held elections recently and the incumbent president, Donald J. Trump has done things no sitting American president has ever done. He alleged electoral malpractice without presenting any evidence and decided not to attend the inauguration of his successor, Joe Biden, the elected leader of the USA. Before the world recovered from this shock, he mobilised supporters to go to Capitol Hill, something that will be stuck in the hearts of many for long, and all these compromise world peace.

In Uganda, we hold elections every five years. They are very emotive and usually substitute our peace for conflict. Many people hold grudges with those they are contesting against. Others have deep conflicts with their own families and these could be compounded by the debts some incur to run an election campaign. What happens when one loses the elections? It is trouble in the right sense of the word.

Many lose property; others lose lives due to stress, depression and other ailments. Some families become unstable due to domestic-related violence and prison awaits many as the recovery of borrowed monies take shape. There is more conflict than peace amidst us. Why don't we work for peace yet we all crave it?

In Uganda, candidates at various levels presented their credentials, vigorously campaigned during these hard COVID-19 times and obviously, there was bound to be winners and losers, cheers and tears! Almost everyone goes to the race with the hope of winning. Tension builds over time and there comes a time when the process looks pretty much like an ambush. You brave it. You either survive or die. It evokes emotions.

A couple of years ago after an election in Uganda, a seasoned political figure on television explained why almost all elections come with all manner of allegations, especially rigging. “The pain of loss cannot allow you to simply go away without throwing a tantrum,” he said. And he added that politics is sometimes deceptive and addictive. Often, I wonder if we ever pick lessons after holding elections. Why would a brother conflict with another brother because of supporting different ideas, different candidates?

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Loss is such an ugly reality to contend with. Many losers look at everyone as a traitor! That blurs their thought processes, rendering them vulnerable to more troubles. Some players get completely written off like old damaged vehicles. It is at this point that we need to seek for professional helpers to ease the pain, help these victims of loss to discover their abilities and support them to overcome the pain by accepting realities however painful they are. Counseling psychologists do a great job helping those whom peace has eluded, to find it again and keep it. Avoid the quarks and fake religious leaders or traditional personalities who are simply after your wallet.

This is the rule of thumb; if you want peace, create peace and export peace. When that happens, peace automatically comes back to you and you will surely blossom like a flower. We must therefore nurture peace for it is medicinal for many of the ailments we suffer.

Conflicts do not build. Instead, they tear us apart, rob us of families and friendships, destroy relations and kill our future. If we all gave deep thoughts about The Four-Way Test, we would be better human beings that promote peace in our spaces. Reader, find the magic in this test and practice it often in the protection and promotion of peace we all crave.

Emilian Kayima
Senior Police Officer
*Author of Taasa ttaka Lyo,
Raising Great Children, and Omuzadde n'Omwana*
A former member of RC Muyenga Sunday Sunset



RTN. FRANCIS R. SELASINI

Moshi’s Rotary Peace Garden: A beacon of hope

The idea to establish a peace garden in Moshi Municipality, on the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro, originated in June 2016, while the Rotary Club of Moshi (RCM) was inaugurating its Peace Monument in celebration of the Rotary Foundation Centennial.

During the inauguration, Municipal leaders requested the RCM to address the sore sight along the road adjoining the site of the Peace Monument. The club accepted the challenge, knowing it would enhance the Monument’s environs aesthetically while offering yet another opportunity to increase Rotary’s visibility in Moshi Municipality and beyond.

While the initial focus of club members was on carting away the unsightly tons of garbage from the targeted plot, Rotarians worldwide, unfortunately, had to mourn the untimely death of Rotary International President-Elect (RIPE), Sam Frobisher Awori. The club agreed to turn their grief towards the construction of the Peace Garden to complement the Peace Monument in perpetual memory of the late RIPE. It was resolved that the garden had to be beautiful and deserving of a memorial plaque for our RIPE.

Construction works began – the dirt and filth on site were removed; a layout sketch of the garden, including lawn area, attractive natural trees and flowers, comfortable seats, pathways, toilets, and photo-op locations was developed; and circumventing walls improved. The club went sought clarification from Municipal authorities on the garden’s boundaries, ownership rights, permitted installations of toilets, a kiosk and other durable fixtures, and acceptable uses of the garden.

As the works were underway, numerous challenges surfaced, owing partly to limited experience with

the implementation of a project of this size, and the hurried commencement of works, without careful prior preparation. At every stage of the project, the club faced fundamental questions of what to do, how, and when, and of course, how to raise the funds.

All this notwithstanding, the club moved speedily with developing the garden, thanks to four extenuating factors. First, the strong sense of ownership prompted individual members to contribute generously, financially and in-kind. Second, in the latter part of 2017, a member who had closed his solar lights business offered the club a large stock of lamps that he left behind upon returning home to Canada. The club donated some lamps to needy families and schools, and sold the rest to help cover the project cost. Third, the club mobilised complementary financial support through aggressive fundraising efforts within Moshi Municipality and from few external sources. Finally, the club prepared more carefully for all forthcoming project components, thereby strengthening individual member’s sense of ownership and willingness to support ongoing works.

On 30th November 2017, the RCM completed the first phase of the Peace Garden in a celebration graced by Past District Governor Ken Mugisha by unveiling a well-placed memorial plaque for RIPE Sam Frobisher Awori. The function was attended by the Rotary family, financial supporters, professionals, business persons and senior officials of Moshi Municipality. This “unveiling” celebration also attracted the Kilimahewa Interact and Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University Rotaract Club members. Many Interactors and Rotaractors had participated in numerous works like embellishment of the bordering wall with graffiti and Rotary thematic painting.

By then, the garden was looking attractive, albeit with a nascent lawn, unpaved pathways punctuated by



memorial benches, and recently planted tree, flower and pavement seedlings. Even so, it had become an attraction for outdoor meetings and passers’ free relaxation. It did not take long for RCM to realise that the garden could periodically serve as a welcome place for Rotary business and fellowship gatherings.

Moving forward, the challenges of continuing to nurse the garden to fuller maturity had to be addressed. Part of the work during this phase needed continuous attention – mowing the lawns, pruning the increasingly luscious vegetation, periodic watering the garden, regular pickup of trash, construction of a toilet and provision of security services. This paved way for the continued enjoyment of the garden by the public and club members, including a celebration in October 2020 marking the elimination of Polio in Africa. With COVID-19, the garden has become the venue for RCM’s outdoor meetings.

The club has explored two options for managing the garden’s future maintenance – handing it back to Moshi Municipality, or continue to assume responsibility for running it. The club opted for the latter while experimenting with a possibility of sub-leasing the garden’s care to an entrepreneur who could balance observance of the original goals – having the garden with “friendly” income-generating activities (like sale of snacks and soft drinks).

To guarantee effective maintenance of the garden, Peace Monument and the club’s other assets, the club bylaws were amended to provide for a Standing Committee (comprising current club officers and few club members) to oversee long-term management of the club’s assets. The club’s budget now has to provide adequately for maintenance of its assets. The garden provides an ideal peaceful location for

recreation, connecting with friends, and meditation. The RCM also uses the venue to remember departed fellow Rotarians: PP Che (Bill) Sims – Charter member and a father to Past Country Chair Rtn. Faye Cran and a founder member of the RCM, PDG Karimjee, PP Harshit, and PP Peter Renju. The club wishes to have more similar sites where community members can relax and regain strength to move ahead for a better life. Karibu!!

Rtn. Francis R. Selasini
RC Moshi





FRANCIS MUJUNI

A couple’s generosity enables 500 people to access water in Kyotera District

There are people in our communities that do great things but are never appreciated because their actions are neither recorded nor made known to the public for appreciation. Such are people who give their all without prospects of personal gain, but rather for a greater value such as education.

This is the case for Leonard Mutebi (67) and his wife Regina Nampijja (58) who gave up a bigger part of their coffee plantation to create an access road for the drilling machinery, and land for the construction of a borehole (estimated to serve more than 500 people) at Kibutamo Primary School and the surrounding community in Lwankoni Sub-County, Kyotera District. When I visited this school last year after Government allowed candidate classes to resume, there was a lot of excitement and jubilation by both the pupils and the community after they received the first drops of clean and safe water from the borehole provided by the Rotary clubs of Kyotera and Kalisizo, and Rotary International.

“Oh God, the water is cool and sweet!” exclaimed a pupil who eagerly cupped his hands to drink directly from the borehole out of excitement. When I saw the number of coffee trees cut down and the size of the area cleared to have this water source constructed, I was touched by such generosity and benevolent action; such sacrifice at a time when the price of coffee is so high and the value of land is skyrocketing!

Asked why they parted with this kind of investment when Leonard has retired from active service and has fewer prospects of purchasing or cultivating coffee on another piece of land, his response was the most endearing:

“To educate our children, I can give up anything in my possession. As a retired teacher, I would love for every child to be educated, and I also embrace development. Having a safe water source in this village is a sign of development. I have electricity in my house,” pointing to the wires connecting electricity to his house “which we got partly because of this school. Through it, I am sure more things will come our way. This village will be transformed!”



“I thank God for Rotarians who came to our aid at a very crucial moment when the world is struggling to control the spread of COVID-19. Part of the prevention strategy is regular hand washing, which we cannot do without safe water. If you could see where we have been fetching water, you would appreciate the suffering we have gone through for a long time.”

Indeed, when I visited their former water source, I was sympathetic to this community and especially to the children who had to fetch water from such a dangerous unprotected well.



To guarantee the school and community’s continued access and utilisation of this facility, Leonard and his wife signed a give-away agreement, witnessed by the Local Council I Chairperson.

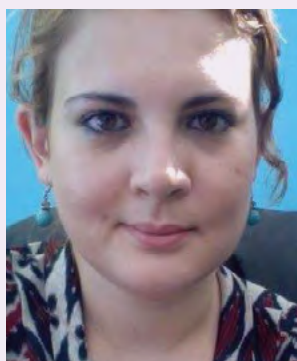
While goal six of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires that by 2030, the world should achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all, this aspiration is too far to be realised.

The Uganda Water Supply Atlas (<http://wsdb.mwe.go.ug/index.php/reports/national>) reports that the country’s access rates vary from 32% in Kyegegwa District to 95% in Lamwo District. Uganda has 133,954 domestic water points which serve 27.6 million people, leaving about 15.4 million people without access to safe water. Of these domestic water points, 5,312 have been non-functional for more than five years and are considered abandoned. Uganda has 1,211 piped schemes which serve close to a million people.



According to (<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/uganda-population/>) Uganda’s population is estimated at 46,478,600. This calls for increased investment in the supply of safe water to especially the poor by both state and non-state actors. In many cases, when non-governmental organisations receive funds from donors to provide a water source like a borehole, they do not budget for money to purchase land. That is why people like Leonard and Regina who can donate land for a common good should be saluted. We pray God rewards them abundantly for such generosity.

Francis Mujuni
Advocacy Officer
RI-USAID WASH Project



RTN. DEBORAH DA SILVA

Tell Rotary stories, create impact!

As Rotarians, we help people every day via our clubs, personal initiatives or through contributions to the Rotary Foundation. We are indeed people of action. But let me ask you, how well do those around you know about Rotary or the work we do? If you were to tell someone about Rotary, how would you describe it? How would you tell your club's message?

All clubs create an impact in someone's life regardless of how big or small our projects are; someone will benefit from your club's efforts. Even a small contribution can change that person's life for better. So the main question is, are we telling our stories strongly enough?

Rotary founder Paul Harris, once said: "In the promotion of understanding, it is important to reach large numbers, non-Rotarians as well as Rotarians, and you cannot reach large numbers privately."

By promoting our service and achievements, we will be in a better position to connect with partners, collaborators and potential new members. Creating awareness about our projects will shine a light on the challenges faced by our communities, as well as give your club members a great sense of pride.

As with any business, branding and publicity go hand-in-hand with growth, so it's important to learn how to share your achievements and tell the stories of those you are helping, the lives you are changing and how others can get involved.

The more awareness you create about your club, the easier it will become to gain trust, raise funds, promote an event, generate new members interest, get support and as a result, help more people.

Good communication is critical for any club, especially during such times where we need it more than ever. The way we communicate has evolved and we must be willing to keep learning and use all resources available to us. Online communication is now the most cost-friendly channel we can use and the most effective too. Your club's website and social media profiles are extremely important and you must make good use of these platforms.

How to improve your club's public image:

- Maintain good communication, internally and externally – Keep your members, partners and supporters updated about meeting agendas, activities, projects and events.
- Keep your image consistent, make sure you follow the Rotary brand guidelines, keep colours consistent and using correct logos and assets. Help is available online via the Brand Centre.
- Select one or two social media platforms that fit your audience better and make sure they are regularly updated, at least once a week.
- Maintain your website updated.
- SHARE, SHARE and SHARE! Share your stories with your networks, family, partners and supporters, and encourage them to do the same.

Be proud of the work your club is doing. Even during the early stages, share your stories, talk about them, share within your district and even internationally! Rotary is global and opportunities are endless, by sharing our stories, we are sharing challenges and giving hope to our communities.

Rtn. Deborah Da Silva
PE and PR Director
RC Dar-es-Salaam Sunset



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From disaster to a miracle: Overcoming physical disability in Teso sub-region

When you visit a primary school and notice that 50 to 60 pupils have the same physical impairment, you wonder - "how is this possible?" This tragedy happened and is worsened by the fact that over 2,000 young people in Bukedea District experienced this problem. It is characterised by children walking with difficulty, barely developed buttocks, and difficulty in sitting on a school bench or defecating, often writhing in pain. Because of the underdeveloped muscles, it is impossible for the affected to run. The female are not able to deliver naturally, with many opting for a caesarean birth. This situation is prevalent in several districts within the Teso sub-region.

Cause of the problem

About 10-20 years ago, these young adults got quinine injections administered through their buttocks, as a treatment against malaria. Many lives were saved, however, in this area about 5% of the children injected reacted negatively to the treatment. In an attempt to protect itself, the body formed a band of connective tissue (fibrosis) in the lower part of the back. This band presses the muscles, blood vessels and nerves, and makes further physical development almost impossible. The high prevalence of this problem in the Teso sub-region could be attributed to the low level of medical care, inexperienced health workers, and perhaps genetics.

A miracle in the offing

In the last two years, over 100 young people have been operated upon in Kumi Hospital to enable their muscles, blood vessels and nerves develop and function again. Immediately after the operation, the patients engage in exercises to prevent the tissue from connecting again. The exercises are done for at least a year. These operations are financed by Rotary clubs in Holland.

The results are amazing. I recently visited a primary school where about 40 pupils were operated upon. Some of them almost jumped over my head in excitement. A new life began for them. Even 20-year-olds recover almost completely.

The Rotary Club of Bukedea has collected about US\$40,000 from Rotary clubs in Europe and anonymous donors. The club also applied for a Global Grant of about US\$100,000. Under the name "Operation operations" we hope to conduct the operations at Bukedea Health Centre IV. Our target is between 1,000 to 1,500 young people operated upon this year. A ward

was renovated, while plans to buy medical machines and hire experienced surgeons and a physiotherapist are underway. It is hoped that 10 young people will be operated upon per day. The exercises conducted by the physiotherapist begin a day after the operation. When feasible, the patients will be transferred to their homes where the physiotherapist will check on them daily. This will also enable family involvement in the recovery process.

The club is cognizant of the fact that there could be cases of children with physical disability not related to the effects of quinine injection, these will be given either crutches, wheelchairs, or prostheses.

This intervention is sponsored by Rotary clubs in Holland, Germany, Denmark, and Belgium. We welcome support to enable the club to give more affected young people a chance to enjoy optimal development.



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MIRACLE



RC Dar-es-Salaam donates desks to Chanika and Tungini primary schools

RTN. NIKKI AGGARWAL

Several public schools in the Dar-es-Salaam area are experiencing a shortage of desks. To help overcome this problem, the Rotary Club of Dar-es-Salaam has embarked on a six-month project to donate 1,000 desks to various primary schools in the area. To kick start this initiative, the club donated 400 desks to Chanika and Tungini primary schools in December 2020, targeting 1,200 primary school children.

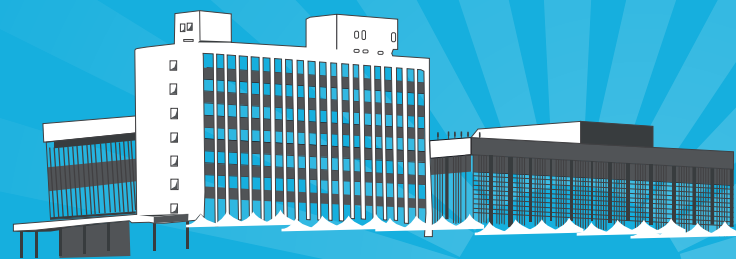
Speaking during the handover, Kumail Manji, the Project Director, said the club seeks to empower children through education. He added that the desks were made with a steel frame and treated hardwood to ensure their durability for many years. The club ensured that local carpenters made the desks from locally sourced materials. To neutralise the environmental impact, the Rotarians, pupils, teachers and parents in the beneficiary schools will plant two trees for every desk donated.

The desks were sponsored by individuals such as Nilesh Patel in loving memory of BK Patel, and various companies including Pepsi, SHTL, Dolsons Interiors, CTV, Kamal Steel, Skylink Tanzania, Emerald Haulage, Plasco, Abbasi Exports, Helpdesk Engineering Tanzania, Fabex Steel Structure, and the Mohsin and Fauzia Jaffer Foundation (USA) through the Rotary Club of Weston, Florida.

Past District Governor and Past President of RC Dar-es-Salaam, Sharmila Bhatt, said that this would not have been possible without the sponsors and strong support of the community. She called for their continued support until the target of 1,000 desks is reached.

Rtn. Nikki Aggarwal
RC Dar-es-Salaam





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The idea to form Ukonga Rotary Club was coined during one of the meetings at Namaingo Business Agency in Ukonga Mwembe Madafu. The agency brings together ordinary citizens that join efforts and capital to engage in agricultural projects. In November 2019, there was a suggestion that we form a Rotary Club so that we could also engage in community service projects, besides our commercial interests.

We reached out to the Oysterbay Rotary Club which guided our journey to club formation. This journey was affected by COVID-19 in the early months of 2020 thus hampering our ability to meet for some months. We resumed meetings in July 2020 and one of our challenges was that members did not understand the Rotary values. It was easier to unite for commercial projects than for a community service exercise. This did not deter our resolve to form a club, we soldiered on and eventually, we were chartered on 4th December 2020 with 25 members. This is a great milestone, making us very proud.

Ukonga Rotary Club's unique aspect

Most club members are ordinary citizens engaged in micro business and agricultural projects but we are passionate about helping the community. We desire that this club will serve as a role model to our fellow Tanzanians that even ordinary citizens can unite, form a Rotary club and bring positive change in society. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Oysterbay, we renovated two classes at Juhudi Primary School. The dilapidated structures had been turned into a store, with the roof and floor full of holes. Completing this project

Ukonga Rotary Club's road to charter

was inspirational and a great start for the club. We look forward to networking opportunities in Rotary. The people we meet through Rotary are trustworthy and they bring different skills through their professions and experience. Engaging with Rotarians from our Mother Club Oysterbay has been very exciting.

Going forward

We look forward to implementing several community service projects, which we shall innovatively fund. We shall also expand club membership to increase contributions to the Rotary Foundation. We were challenged by District Governor Rosetti Nabbumba and our mother club to hit 100 members and outgrow them. This is a challenge we gladly take on. We shall form Rotaract clubs to inspire young people to become future Rotarians.

We look forward to cooperating and collaborating effectively with other Rotary clubs to learn and network. We are proud to be part of the global Rotary family.

Rtn. Jackton Achola Ochieng
Charter President - RC Ukonga



RTN. DENIS BUGEMBE

RC Kabulasoke - Gomba reaches out to health centres and police stations

The COVID-19 pandemic has tested our ability as Rotarians to fulfill one of our avenues which is community service. I am happy that Rotarians in Uganda and worldwide have lived up to the challenge as usual by supporting the communities affected by the pandemic.

In this regard, the Rotary club of Kabulasoke Gomba and that of Enns in Austria, District 1920 combined efforts to support the communities in Gomba and Mityana districts by providing liquid soap, masks, hand gloves, sanitisers, and disinfectant. The Rotary Club of Enns contributed 2,000 euros, while Kabulasoke Gomba added 500 euros. The items were distributed to five health centres, two police stations, the Resident District Commissioner’s Office, taxi park and sub-county offices.

We are extremely humbled by the generosity of the Ennis Rotarians for always partnering with us in our efforts to transform communities.

Denis Bugembe
President - RC Kabulasoke-Gomba

Rev. Sr. Harriet Nalubega –
St. Luke Health Centre III, Kiyindi

Dear Rotary family, we greatly appreciate the items given to us during this hard time of COVID-19. We shall utilise the items efficiently, and the babies will look adorable in the clothes.

We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Kabulasoke Gomba for taking the time to deliver clothing packages to our vulnerable children. These items will make them feel loved and give them hope to rise above the difficult circumstances in their lives. May the good Lord bless you.

PRESIDENT ABEL

So long President Abel Mbilinyi

Our brother, friend and fellow Rotarian



With great sadness, we announced the passing of our President, Abel Mbilinyi, on the morning of 12th December 2020 at Aga Khan Hospital due to a severe pneumonia infection.

Abel was a dedicated Christian, a diplomat, leader and manager of complicated emergencies, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Mbezi Beach, family man, an entrepreneur, lawyer and very honourable gentleman.

He was a former international civil servant having worked with the UN for over 25 years in various capacities, including as UNHCR Country Representative in Malawi and Burundi, Global Coordinator of the Comprehensive Strategies for resolving the Rwanda refugee crisis, and Deputy Regional Representative for Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries. He was also the former Executive Secretary for Refugees in Africa and the Middle East at the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

Abel was a practising advocate of the High Court in Tanzania and its subordinate courts. He held a

Masters’ degree in Law and a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Negotiations.

A seasoned humanitarian worker, Abel devoted much of his working career assisting the most needy and vulnerable people in various communities across Africa. Even after his retirement he continued serving the community and sharing his blessings through Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Mbezi Beach is very grateful to have known and worked with this amazing man. Thank you for the great and wonderful memories we shared. Rest well President Abel. We will miss you.

Rtn. Eunice Urrio

Adieu my brother and fellow Rotarian

So much unsaid and so many unspoken words, ideas shared but not taken to completion, you were taken away in a short flash of time. It seems like just yesterday on 8th September, 2020 when we celebrated your 65th birthday and together we danced and played. President Abel, we miss you so, and your family misses you even more.



Together with Rotarian Susan Mbilinyi, your wife – “my better half” – as you always called her, you embarked on your Rotarian journey, becoming a charter member of RC Mbezi Beach. We battled together with the family of RC Mbezi Beach to make it what it is today. As the Charter President, I always say by default, you were a rock of support, with an impeccable attendance. That in itself was a reflection of your commitment no matter what, you always tried to make it to for the fellowships.

I can almost hear your last message sent through – “Colleagues I am down with flu today,” - this was on 30th November 2020.

President Abel, your sense of calmness was most needed, it grounded us, bringing about reflection and sound thinking. It was an honour to be with your family, the whole village of Makete and friends from Dar-es-Salaam who attended to put their shining star to your place of rest.

A ceremony celebrating your life was held in the small and quaint church you helped to refurbish. Oh how they held your name high, be it the young or the elderly.

Together with President-Elect Pamela Mutabazi, we further understood the riveting and resounding importance that you held far and wide as you wanted to raise the communities in which you lived to greater heights.

Rest in peace, eternally our dear brother, friend and fellow Rotarian, in your place of rest on the mountains of Makete. Rest assured your dreams and legacy shall live on.

Hope it’s not too long...
Hugs to you ...stay well and safe
I still am unable to fathom.

Rtn. Guru Sykes
RC Mbezi Beach



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RTN. MERCY KAINOBWISHO

Lessons from Rtn. Robinah Lubwama Lutaaya's life

The Rotary Club of Bukoto lost its Charter member, Past President, Past Assistant Governor, District Stewardship Sub-committee Chair, Director and Treasurer - Rotarian Malaria Partners, and Paul Harris Fellow (Level 4) Rtn. Robinah Lubwama Lutaaya in December 2020. We were deeply shocked and saddened by her demise.

As a club, we lost a great leader, a woman of integrity, a mentor, teacher, prayer warrior. We received several tributes from the Rotary family from Uganda and beyond.

Whereas the club will never be the same without her, we decided to celebrate her legacy and learn from her life story. A woman so educated and connected, but yet very humble and available to help communities. Her hard work, stewardship and strengths motivated many members. She inspired the young and the old through her words of encouragement and being a Rotarian of action.

She was a champion of our Kabutemba signature project (a primary school in Gomba District). She warmly received every new Rotarian in the club and mentored and prayed for them. We all drank from her cup of wisdom. She taught us many things in Rotary and especially things to do with dues and accounts, and followed up every new Club Treasurer to find out if they were recording for ease of transparency and accountability. Robinah corrected new Rotarians

whenever they made mistakes and was indeed the unsung consultant on Rotary matters because she knew all the dos and don'ts.

PAG Robinah served Rotary with all her heart having joined in March 2003. Her active and impactful role will forever be felt. The positive energy and zeal she invested in Rotary activities bore fruit. She planted seeds of love, wisdom everywhere she went. Her integrity, hard work, smartness made her serve successfully within and beyond the club.

She served on several Club committees - she was the Club Secretary in 2013/14, President in 2015/16 and Assistant Governor Zone 14 in 2018/19. At the time of her demise, she was one of my club advisors.

The entire Rotary family lost a gem, a committed and outstanding leader, a mother, pastor, and advisor to many Rotarians and clubs.

The Rotary Club of Bukoto will always miss her greatly but will keep Robinah's legacy and implement her Kabutemba dream. Our sincere condolences to the Lutaaya family.

Fare thee well our great leader and advisor- we know you are in a better place.

Rtn. Mercy Kainobwisho
President – RC Bukoto

RTN. SHROOTI ASHER

RC Tanga Central donates maternity kits to expectant mothers in Mikanjuni Hospital



Promoting maternal and child health is one of the focus areas that the Rotary Club of Tanga Central has embraced having surveyed several hospitals in the area and noted that they lack adequate medical supplies to enable expectant mothers to deliver safely.

In a bid to overcome the possible calamities that could arise as a result of lacking these essential items, the club last month donated maternity kits worth Tz Shs 375,000 for the 30 expectant mothers at the government-funded Mikanjuni Hospital, Tanga. The kits contained cotton wool, underpads, surgical blade and gloves, oxytocin injection, an umbilical clip and two syringes, and catgut (thread).

“Tunashukuru Rotary Club of Tanga Central kutupatia msaada huu ambao itasaidia wakina mama wajawazito kotojifungua nyumbani na kufika hospitali na itawapatia nguvu wa akina mama kuja hospitali haraka kwa kuwa wengi huchelewa kufika hospitali kwa sababu ya kukosa fedha za kununua vifaa vya kujifungulia ambayo huzua matatizo wakati wa kujifungua,” said the hospital's Dr. Mwanahamisi Mgawe.



Translated as: “We are very thankful to the Rotary Club of Tanga Central for your support. These maternity/delivery kits will help the expectant mothers not to deliver at home but also arrive at the hospital on time as many report late due to lack of funds to buy essentials for delivery. This has often resulted in various delivery complications.”

Kwa kweli msaada huu utasaidia kuokoa maisha ya mama na watoto.

“Together we save lives”

Rtn. Shrooti Asher
President – RC Tanga Central



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RTR. YOWERI NINSIIMA

Mission Green: Rotaract clubs plant 10,000 trees in Western Uganda

In a bid to address climate change and promote the Rotary Mission Green Campaign, the Rotaract clubs of Nkumba, and Nkumba Stewards planted 10,000 trees at Kakindo Church of Uganda/Omungari Archdeaconry in Omungari Sub-County, Kazo District in September 2020. The clubs were supported by their mother clubs – RC Bwebajja and RC Nkumba, and many other corporate companies/organisations.

Rotary Mission Green seeks to plant and nurture five million trees a year, over the next five years (2017-2022) in Uganda and Tanzania. The programme focuses on tree growing alongside tangible benefits provided through clean energy technologies (institutional stoves) that redefine biomass energy consumption trends. Every person is capable of planting a tree/trees and inspire more people to do the same. Mission Green will therefore be a catalyst for Uganda's committed green growth and in some way, meet the global Sustainable Development Goals.

After the tree planting, the team travelled to Rwamwanja Refugees Settlement in Kamwenge District where we launched a campaign on menstrual hygiene within our project named "Breaking Silence on Menstruation". Women were trained in menstrual hygiene management, oral health, and personal hygiene.

The clubs donated reusable sanitary towels, underwear, and clothes among many other items. This brought smiles to the faces of many beneficiaries, the majority of whom were refugee women. However, the items were not enough so there is still a need for more support for these women. I encourage Rotarians and Rotaractors to donate to refugees because their needs are overwhelming.

To crown off the outreach were fun activities like camping, storytelling, team building, outdoor games and above all the Sunday morning walk – a fulfilment of District Governor Rosetti's call to embrace fitness and nutrition. We thank everyone that supported this project, and as the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja, we shall continue to work towards making the communities we serve better, through a cleaner, safer and greener environment.

Rtr. Yoweri Ninsiima

President – Rotaract Club of Bwebajja



GLOBAL GRANT UTILISATION AWARD

To be presented to a Club with the Highest Global Grant Utilisation since 1st July 2020 / a Club with the Highest Global Grant amounts approved and spent within the Rotary Year 2020-2021

DO NOT APPLY

ROTARY CLUB OF THE YEAR

The Club that meets the highest number of district goals during the Rotary year 2020-2021 which include:

- Percentage increase in membership
- Innovative and impactful service projects
- Adherence to Rotary brand standardization
- Highest net giving to the Rotary Foundation
- Best joint project with Rotaract and Interact Clubs
- An event that has brought in significant partnerships and resources and generated wide and positive publicity for Rotary

DO NOT APPLY

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Club that has best promoted Rotary's visibility as evident from corporate partnerships, fund raised and media coverage. Press clippings from newspapers, video clips, audio records, photographs and club social media pages that are active shall be considered in determining the winner.

APPLY

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Club with the most innovative, impactful and sustainable service project. A Project addressing most of Rotary's 6 areas of focus is an added advantage. (Both Tanzania and Uganda)

APPLY

YOUTH SERVICE

The club that has undertaken a Youthful Impactful Service Project which addresses some of the critical challenges affecting the youth. (Rotaractors and interactors are not eligible)

ENHANCED PARTICIPANTS ENGAGEMENT AWARD

To be presented to the Club that has the best Fitness and Nutrition Campaign, has the highest percentage of members that belong to a rotary fellowships and action groups. Diversity in club meetings, times and formats. A club that has held at least two family events/days home hospitalities,

APPLY

RECOGNITIONS

FIRST TIME ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING ROTARACTORS THAT HAVE TRANSITIONED TO ROTARY

APPLY

Notes

First and Second run-up will be recognised.

ROTARY ROSES CATEGORY AWARDS AT THE 96TH DCA

The Rotary Rose program is an initiative that aims to grow and groom female membership in D9211 with an objective is to engage, elevate and empower the girls/women with the involvement of men and boys to improve gender relations. The program is part of the celebration of the 96th DCA that will be held in Munyonyo. The Rotary Roses Theme night is will recognizing the achievers of the program goals which include: (a) Growth of female membership female membership, (b) Increase our impact in community service, (c) Leadership development-coaching and mentorship of youth (boys and girls) and women, (d) Celebration of female leadership and achievements of the program. Recognitions will be awarded based on the following categories.

ROTARY ROSE FEMALE GROWTH AWARD.

This award will go to a club with the highest net increase in female membership. (i.e. recruitment of more than 3 females)

ROTARY ROSE SERVICE AWARD

This award will go to an impactful and sustainable club/ joint club initiative that has been implemented to empower and address girls/ women's needs in a community.

ROTARY ROSE MENTORSHIP AND COACHING AWARD

Award goes to a club/clubs that have implemented an impactful and effective mentorship program for women and youth (aged 15-35).

ROTARY ROSES ATTENDANCE AWARD

Club with highest registration and attendance of female delegates (including non- Rotarians) at the 96thDCA. *(Non Rotarians/Rotaractors have special Rotary Roses rate of \$ 55 /\$25 to attend the Rotary Roses day and night activities).

ROTARY ROSE CHIEF CREAM HONOR AWARD

A club that has achieved all the above i.e. Service Award, Mentorship Award and Female Growth Award and Attendance award of females at the 96th DCA

ROTARY AWARDS AND CRITERIA

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The Club with the highest percentage increase in membership and has attracted at least 5 Honory Members. Winners to be determined from RI data. As of 31st March, 2021

Small Clubs (less than 30 members)
Medium Clubs(30-60members)
BIG Clubs(over 60 members)

DO NOT APPLY

MEMBERSHIP DIVERSITY AND GENDER BALANCE

The Club that is the most diverse (age, gender balance, classification, nationality etc) as far as the Rotary website records show by 31st March, 2021

APPLY

MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION AWARD

The Club that has made the most contribution to membership extension through the formation of new Rotary Clubs

DO NOT APPLY

ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARD

To be presented to the Club that has contributed the highest to the Rotary foundation. Data to be picked from the RI Website by 31st March, 2021

To be presented to Clubs which meets the following:

For the Small Clubs (less than 30 members)

- Contributes at least USD 3000 to foundation
- Each member should have contributed a minimum of USD 30 to the annual Fund and USD 10 towards Polio.

For Medium Clubs(30-60members)

- Contribute at least USD 6000 to the Annual fund
- Each member should have contributed a minimum of USD 30 to the annual fund
- Each member should have contributed a minimum of USD 10 towards Polio eradication.

BIG Clubs(over 60 members)

- The Club with Highest contribution
- Each member should have contributed a minimum of USD 30 to the annual fund and USD 10 towards Polio.

NOTE: In each of the above, the per capita contribution will be an added advantage.

DO NOT APPLY

DG's Club Project Visits



Rotary Club of Kampala Ssesse Islands

Ssesse Islands Literacy Project Phase 2, Kalangala District (Teacher training, water harvesting system and water purifiers)

Phase 1 of this project, which started in 2016 involved distribution of over 2,000 textbooks to 23 primary schools in Ssesse Islands.

In 2020, the club secured a global grant (GG1981309) worth US\$69,000 in partnership with the Rotary Club of Varel-Friesland. Phase 2 of this project seeks to:

- Improve learning and teaching in 23 primary schools and one pre-primary school through the provision of non-textbook materials and appropriate teaching aids.
- Improve teaching methods through training teachers on how to use non-textbook materials.
- Reduce primary school dropout rates in the district from 70% to 50% in three years
- Improve the capacity of primary teachers to deliver quality basic education through the provision of teacher guides and appropriate illustration materials
- Provide safe water for drinking by using solar-powered water purifiers.
- Provide water by rainwater harvesting to Ddagye ECD Community School.
- Conduct training in water, sanitation and health for selected teachers from the 23 government-aided primary schools in the district.
- Enhance knowledge and skills of staff in undertaking water, sanitation and health issues.
- Create awareness to prevent WASH-related diseases through the distribution of IEC materials.

The Ddagye ECD Community School, with a population of 120 pupils also got ECD textbooks. The school and a Health Centre II were constructed by the club through its Adopt-a-Village project. Last year, District Governor Rosetti commissioned the solar water purifier and water harvesting system installed at Ddagye Community ECD School.



Three District 9211 leaders to train International Assembly delegates

RTN. MARIA R. MUZAAKI

The Rotary International Assembly gathers over 500 District Governors Elect and their partners from all over the world as they prepare to take lead in the year ahead. This year's assembly, earlier scheduled to take place at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida, USA will instead be a Virtual International Assembly from 1st -11th February, 2021.

The training session, is one of the most important events in the Rotary calendar, as priorities for the coming year are highlighted. The participants will discuss the impact of our service, the power of Rotarians and Rotaractors to do good in the world and the importance of telling our story. There is also a focus on membership and how Rotary leaders can empower each and every member to play a role in growing Rotary.

This year, Governor Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga, and Past District Governors Sharmila Bhatt and Harish Bhatt have been selected to join the coveted team of trainers for the next generation of leaders in Rotary.

DG Rosetti will participate in the **Grow Rotary Panel**, accompanied by Rotarian SaeHo David Chang and Rotarian Barton Goldenberg, and moderated by RI Director-Elect Jessie Harman.



"Being identified to train governors is a privilege because its involves preparing for our future as Rotary. It is an honour to have three trainers selected from our District 9211. This shows that we have built sufficient leadership capacity. For me to speak about growing membership in Rotary means that the strategies District 9211 is deploying have been found worthy to be shared with the rest of the world. I congratulate my colleagues for their outstanding performance," said DG Rosetti.

An equally excited PDG Sharmila Bhatt will serve as a training leader, "this is really an honour. I am happy to be training DGE Young and John, and many other DGEs." PDG Harish Bhatt will serve as a spouse trainer, taking them through an engaging and informative program designed to appeal to their diverse interests and experiences.

For the first time, a select group of Rotaractors will also participate in the sessions. Allan Ntambi Lukoda and Noah Nyabwana will represent Districts 9213 and 9214 respectively. They are among the 10 Rotaractors selected from Zone 22.

Congratulations to this team!!

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