

# the WAVE

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**Rotary**  
District 9211



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# June is BIDDING THE ROTARY YEAR GOODBYE!

CATHERINE  
NJUGUNA



Dear Rotarians,

This is the last month in our Rotary year. And what a year! We've had high moments, low moments and some great moments. Therefore, in this wave we take a recap of the highlights of the events that made the year. As I was going through the past editions of the wave, I was impressed with all that has happened in the District in just a span of one year. Rotarians organized great events - fundraisers and carried out a lot of charity work. And I am sure a lot more happened that was uncaptured. I can only say am proud and humbled to be part of such a great team.

And this is also the last edition of the Wave under the current team. I therefore take this opportunity to thank the DG for honoring us with the opportunity to work on the Wave and for her guidance and support through every edition. Her great ideas made each edition better. I also want to thank my team Flavia, Hellen, Jackie and Eric. Thank you very much for your support.

Thank you to all our contributors. We are sorry for anyone who sent any article and it was not featured or it was greatly shortened. We would have loved to feature all but we could not as we had to consider the length of the magazine. But we tried our best to feature all the material received.

And lastly and most important, I appreciate you, our faithful reader! You made every late night spent on the Wave worthwhile. Thank you very much.

We are handing over the reins to the new Editor Charles Odaga and we wish him and his team all the best.

So from the wave team, Good Bye! Kwaheri! Mweraba! Adieu! Ciao!

*Catherine, Flavia and Eric*

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## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# BARRY'S FINAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

A circular portrait of Barry Rassin, a man with a grey beard and balding head, wearing a dark suit and white shirt. The name "BARRY RASSIN" is written in white capital letters on an orange circular background to the left of the portrait.

BARRY  
RASSIN

*As I look back on all the things I have seen and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is far beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.*

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria. I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees — whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet — from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.

It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to Be the Inspiration in your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities. You are working hard to eradicate polio, participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out

transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

This year, I also saw how Rotary's work to build peace is bearing fruit. The 98 Rotary Peace Fellows who are studying at our peace centers will soon graduate, joining more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to problems that need solutions. And this month, Esther and I will travel to Hamburg, Germany, for a convention where people of all races, nationalities, religions, and political backgrounds will unite because they want to make the lives of all people better.

Seeing what Rotary means to people — to the communities we serve and to Rotarians themselves — has deepened my affection and admiration for all that Rotary is and does.

Soon it will be time for Esther and me to return home to Nassau. When we get there, I will look out on the vast sea that surrounds our island, and it will remind me of Rotary's limitless possibilities, and of the amazing future that awaits us beyond the horizon. I look forward to sailing there with you.



# District 9211 ASANTE SANA/ MWEBALE NNYO

SHARMILA  
BHATT



*This time last year I was apprehensive of the year ahead. The district team had prepared its goals and strategies to achieve it, been trained on it and I was planning my calendar for the year. Every Governor makes sure the district thrives and takes it to another level from the point of inheritance.*

When I travelled for Rotary, I travelled with a different sense of perspective and sense of purpose. There is an awareness of being part of something bigger than yourself. When you board a plane or a car or leave your home in the dark hours of early morning, you may be leaving for lands unknown, but at your destination, there are no strangers. There were always Rotarians waiting and welcoming. This year, I have been quite the traveler, travelled almost non-stop for 10 months and I was warmly welcomed by Rotarians everywhere I went.

As your District Governor, I had the opportunity to see and experience service through your eyes and vision. I put the corner stone for the Nangabo hospital in Kasangati; opened a sustainable water project in Iganga; saw a water reservoir - a complete water solution for 3000 habitants of a village (Maji Ya Rotary)- in Same; visited a co-operative dairy project in



*District team 2018/19 in a group photo during the DTTS in India*

Mwika which processes 3000 litres of milk (a completely new alternative means of living where coffee industry has collapsed) and a biogas bakery being built; opened footbridges in Mwika and Marangu; saw vermiculture composting taught to a village in Musoma and a complete robust cricket making enterprise run by Interactors of RC Kampala Sesse.

We have achieved what we set out in terms of milestones as a district for the year 2018-19 but our service to society will continue as long as we

are required. In the journey of success every finish line is the new starting line. Start looking ahead. Raise the bar and set a new challenge and do it to the best of your ability in every way possible by connecting the world. .

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Governor - I didn't take my job lightly as 4100 Rotarians of you didn't take your year lightly as well. I hope I governed you with devotion, determination, and served you with all with my love.

## LOOKING BACK

# EVENTS THAT MADE HEADLINES

- *Editor's choice*



### 1. KIRK WHALUM JAZZ CONCERT

This was the top fundraising event for the district that saw the legendary jazz musician Kirk Whalum perform in a charity concert in Kampala on 7th May that raised USD64,000 for Rotary Blood Bank at Mengo hospital, Uganda.



### 2. 94TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY

This year's DCA was held on 24 - 27 April and attended by over 1,200 Rotarians, Rotaractors and their friends and families. The event's program did not disappoint - great evening entertainment and many local and international inspiring speakers. Now all eyes are on 95th DCA that will take place in Mbarara, Uganda.

### 3. ROTARACT WELCOMED TO ROTARY FAMILY!

This is victory for the whole Rotary family! This year, Rotaract clubs were elevated as important members of Rotary International and not just a program following a vote at the Rotary's Council on Legislation.

### 4. RYLA BOOTCAMP - A ROARING SUCCESS!

This year's RYLA bootcamp was an amazing affair. It was organized across different parts of the two countries - in the Eastern, Western and Central zones for Uganda and in Dar es Salaam, Bukoba and Arusha for Tanzania and attended by over 600 youth from the different parts of Tanzania and Uganda



### 5. 8TH EDITION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RECOGNITION (TRF) AND FUNDRAISING DINNER

This year's edition of this annual event to recognize Rotarians and Rotaractors for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation, was held on March 8th 2019 at Sheraton Hotel, Kampala and attended by over 500 guests.

### 6. TRIPLE CLUBS' INDUCTION



The historic event which took place on January 19 saw three clubs initiated by the Rotary Club of Oysterbay chartered. These are the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam City, of Sunset, and Mbezi beach. The event was graced by the District Governor Sharmila Bhatt and attended by senior Rotary officials from Tanzania and Rotarians and friends.

## 7. FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGES

This year we were fortunate to host three Rotary friendship exchanges. These included Rotarians from Hereford, UK District 1100 from in February; from Rotary Sarasota, Florida, District 6960 in October 2018 and Rotarians from Chennai-India in September 2018.



## 8. FIVE RI PRESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

It was an honor for D9211 as five Past District Governors were appointed as representatives of RI President Barry Rasin at various DCA's. PDG Harish Bhatt (District 9101, Senegambi, Banjul, Gambia); PDG Tusu Tusubira (District 5340, San Diego, USA) PDG Kenneth Mugisha (District 9110 conference at Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria), PDG Robert Nsibirwa (District 9125 in Jos, Nigeria) and PDG Stephen Mwanje, (District 9141 in Warri, Delta State, Nigeria)

## 9. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL UN DAY FIRST TIME IN AFRICA



For the first time ever, Rotary International UN Day was held in Africa on 10 November 2018 at the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) with the theme, Youth Innovation: Crafting Solutions to Emerging Challenges. Our own Rotaractor Paul Mushaho, was recognized as one of the innovative youth. He was awarded the leadership award at RI convention.

## 10. DISTRICT 9211 SCOOPS 7 AWARDS AT ROTARY ZONE 20A INSTITUTE

Our district was top in giving to the Rotary Foundation and increase in membership. It was second in the highest number of new Rotary clubs chartered and third place for the highest number of Rotaract clubs chartered. It was also ranked third in giving to the Endowment Fund.

## 11. HEELS THAT HEAL – 10<sup>TH</sup> ROTARY DAR MARATHON

This iconic event was held on 14 October 2019 this year attracted a whopping 15,000 runners, walkers and bikers who took part in 5 km and 9 km walks, a 21.1 km and 42.2 km marathons and, 21.1 km and 42.2 km cycling.. The event is held annually jointly by all Rotary Clubs in Dar es Salaam.



## 12. 7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE CANCER RUN

This year, this annual fundraising event got bigger and better – held on 26th August 2018 in Kampala and other 30 towns across the country it attracted over 30,000 participants. In Kampala, the Chief Runner and Government Chief whip Hon Ruth Nankabirwa flagged off the race which had 21, 10 and



# HIGHLIGHTS



I am a “doer” and believe in getting things done. I have excellent networks which makes it easy for me to fundraise and get new members. My highlights in my year as president was formation of five new clubs and bringing over 100 members to Rotary. We also had amazing social media presence. In April, we had over 140,000 likes on Facebook but the major highlight was winning 5 awards at the 94 DCA including the Best Club Award

*Vikash Shah, President,  
Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam -  
Oysterbay*



My year began as soon as DG Sharmila appointed me as the Country Chair and immediately entrusted me with the preparation of President Elects Training (PETS) 2018 in Tanzania. That trust has driven me throughout this Inspirational year and culminated in the support given by the District and fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors in hosting for the first time in Kagera region a successful Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) and Interact Boot Camp!

*Adeline Rutabanzibwa,  
Country Chair, Tanzania.*



Highlights of my year include the District Team Training (DTTS) that was held in Agra. This was quite a unique concept and great for team building. And we got a chance to see another country and a wonder of the world. Our district successful emphasis on branding and getting us all on the same page. The gorilla trekking in Uganda – this was another great concept for team building. We are also proud of the record number of new club chartered in Tanzania - and especially close to my heart, was the chartering of Rotary Club of Tanga Central, and the 94th DCA.

*PDG Jayesh Asher*



My year begun with the excitement of visiting India for the first time, and Agra for the DTTS from which I gained a lot of knowledge that prepared me well to serve as an AG. Working with the inspiration first lady DG for D9211 was exciting too. The WASH project in Merikit, Tororo district implemented by RC Kampala, in memory of the late RIPE Sam Owor, and

which I have been involved in, also made my year. It was very fulfilling to see thousands of people get clean water, microflash toilets built and training of teachers and health workers on sanitation and hygiene including menstrual management in schools in Merikit was simply amazing.

*Mebra Lwabaayi,  
Assistant Governor.*

# HIGHLIGHTS



What an exciting moment it was for me when then DGN Sharmila requested me to be District Executive Secretary for Rotary year 2018-19 in Arusha 2017. I was surprised, shocked and dismayed all at the same time and I think she must have

seen my hesitation. However, being the inspirational leader she is, she quickly interrupted my thought process and said: 'You have time to think about it but as you do, I will not accept NO as an answer'.

Planning the year with such an organized, smart, excellent communicator and advisor like DG Sharmila has been one of the most exciting highlights of the year. I am actually all those things myself. The AGRA DTTS is another major highlight for me during this year. It indeed needed a lot of coordination, patience, astuteness but above all I enjoyed that experience which I will cherish for the rest of my life

I loved the adventures on the DG's visit such as the gorilla trekking during the visits to western Uganda Clubs; the Dar Marathon, the partnerships developed including with the Buganda Kingdom and the milestones we hit on Membership, PR and Youth Service. All these formed key highlights.

DG Sharmila and the TEAM 2018-19, ASANTE SANA. You have made me an excellent Leader and learned that I can take on any role including being an Excellent Rotarian.

*Ronald Kawaddwa, District Executive Secretary*



*Joe Nuwamanya | Vice District Youth Service Chair*

When I was appointed Vice District Youth Service Chair, I must have under estimated the amount of work that would go into serving with the millennials at this level. Never one to back out of a challenge, my team and I undertook to creating awareness of how the millennials operate and how we can get them to join Rotary and bring impact and innovation to the organization. My highlight though is and was receiving testimonies on how through RYLA, we helped some of the millennials start businesses they have been afraid of starting. Or, how the training had made them better people in the job market because of

the soft skills they had received and not just at the work place but also amongst their peers. This is exciting but to top it up, we witnessed a number of them join Rotaract clubs in their communities. All this we attribute to having carried out the camps and workshops differently. The team and I took a gamble and although it was a lot of work, it paid off immensely. This for me, made my Rotary year and oh, did I mention how greatly I have witnessed the improvement in the relationship between Rotarians and Rotaractors? All I can say is this path was as amazing as it was inspiring.



## REFLECTIONS

# A GORILLA TREK *and Lessons in Leadership*



*By Anne Nkutu  
Country Chair (Uganda)  
2018/19*

Last year in September, I found myself stranded in the middle of Bwindi's mountain forest. Sitting on a dry patch of grass with my head between my hands, I kept wondering what the heck I was doing in this jungle, how and whether I would make it out of there alive. Correction - I wasn't lost or anything of the sort. In fact, I was part of a group of Rotarians who had set out that cold morning to trek mountain gorillas in the famous Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. The idea had originated from District Governor Sharmila who deemed it a perfect bonding opportunity ahead of her official visits to Rotary Clubs in South Western Uganda. Although Gorilla trekking had never been on my bucket list, the invitation seemed too good to pass up, especially at a time that I needed some revving up. It was only nine days since we had laid to rest Stella - my twin sister (from another womb); and the emptiness that I felt in the wake of her death was numbing.



Our group of 22 Rotarians set out early at about 5.00 am on 24th September, 2018 for the great trek. On arrival at Ruhija Centre, we were quickly taken through some drills and given 3 different route options based on fitness levels. As you can guess, I chose the easiest route and was joined by 7 guys. A few steps into the trek, the lead ranger asked me to take the lead having detected that I had the shortest strides. Perhaps it was also because I was the only woman in the group, other than the armed female soldier who was positioned at the

back. What initially seemed like an easy walk down an idyllic landscape quickly turned into something more treacherous. In addition to being tripped by twigs and creeping plants, we kept skidding on the slippery slopes. As we went down and down, and further down towards an endless bottom, the walking sticks we had been given as supports, also became slashers as we had to beat the bush ahead of us to make a path for ourselves.

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# MY JOURNEY

## *as Assistant Governor*



*By AG Robinah Lutaaya  
Assistant Governor-  
Kampala Zone 14*

It all started in February 2018 when we attended the District Team Training Seminar in Agra India. It was an excellent training which prepared me to take on the mantle of my assignment as Assistant Governor (AG). On my return, I started making unofficial visits to the Clubs in my designated zone to get acquainted with members and the Presidents of the Clubs. I worked together with the Presidents to set the goals of their respective Clubs

The responsibilities of an AG require one to give of his/her time and make sacrifices. For example, I had two Clubs meeting on the same day and time as my home Club the Rotary Club of Bukoto i.e. on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Therefore, my responsibility as AG took precedence hence missing many of my Club meetings.

Being an AG is a critical responsibility that demands a high level of commitment. The main responsibility is to supervise the clubs and ensure that Clubs through their respective Presidents set goals in alignment to the District Strategy, monitor the progress of the Clubs and

ensure that they are on track with their goals. In addition, the AG is required to visit the clubs under his or her supervision at least quarterly, offering guidance to the Presidents and providing them with information, resources as well as advice that will enable them to be successful. The Assistant Governor also keeps the District Governor (DG) up to date on each club's progress and also gets to identify areas that may need attention. He or she helps the Club leaders to prepare for the District Governor's official visit to the Club.

During my term as AG I have gained a lot of experience and learnt many things. I learnt to be extremely patient, tolerant and level headed. I always reminded myself that I was dealing with volunteers of different personalities. Some were quick to respond, others were slow and others do not react until some pressure was exerted. These skills are very important for an AG to possess to avoid clashes with the Presidents. My level of commitment to a given assignment/responsibility has been strengthened. I always reminded myself that I accepted to serve therefore I had to do my level best.

Serving as an AG also boosted my love for Rotary and increased my knowledge about Rotary. I had to read extensively about Rotary to avoid being embarrassed in case I am asked questions about Rotary. In my experience I realized that I should never assume that a Club that has existed for a long time knows all about Rotary. Thus learning and development is continuous for the role.

I have also met many people and built friendships within and beyond Rotary. It is also important that an AG make friends with some members of the Clubs in that you get to know more about the Club and its challenges which may not be brought to your attention by the President.

I would like to thank my District Governor Sharmila Bhatt for her confidence in me and by appointing me Kampala zone 14, which was comprised of both new and old clubs such as Rotary Clubs of Bugolobi Morning Tide, Buloba, Najjeera, Kampala West and Makindye.

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## REFLECTIONS

# DISTRICT CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS:

*what has been achieved*

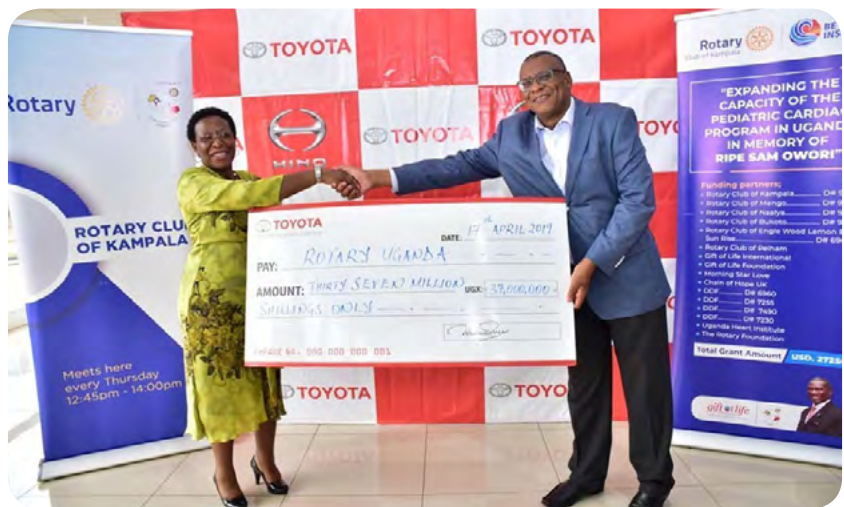


*Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga  
District Corporate  
Partnerships Chair 2018-19  
District Governor Nominee  
2020-21*

At the start of 2018/19, DG Sharmila tasked me to lead volunteers to strengthen existing partnerships and bring new ones on board; meet at most 40 corporates and sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with two high value partners for three years with sums of \$50,000 and above. These targets have been achieved and surpassed thanks to the hardworking committee: IP Henry Luzinda; PP Hamza Kassongo; PP Sadiq Chagani; PP Moses Musiitwa; Rtn Joseph Tinkamanyire; PP Peter Kimbowa; IP Francis Ogwang; Rtn Henry Rugamba and PP Jane Kabugo. Historical footnote: This is also the first time a sitting RI President has ever proposed an item to the Council.

More than 45 Rotary Clubs and 22 Corporate bodies were met and the need to form alliances with Rotary was discussed. More than 20 MoUs were signed with D9211 the most significant being:

- USAID \$4million for three years for WASH programmes.
- Toyota Uganda for three years with initial \$10,000



disbursed for Rotary Hospital Mukono

- Kingdom of Buganda for five years for the six areas of focus plus environmental conservation, hunger eradication and employment
- Austrian Intercountry Committee for promoting sustainable and innovative projects with D9211
- Four three-year MoUs between RC Mukono and Colline Hotel Limited, Mukono Municipal Council, Centenary Bank Mukono and Midway Supermarket for supporting Cancer Run Mukono; TRF; Women and Youth Economic Empowerment Programmes and the six areas of Focus.

Other agreements signed are:

- Uganda Christian University for long term engagement on the Rotary Vijana Poa Entrepreneurship and Mind-set Centre
- RC Entebbe and various partners to upgrade and equip Entebbe General Referral Hospital including ENHAS/NAS \$90,000 over three years
- Rotary Clubs of D3232 India with various clubs in Uganda through Rotary friendship Exchanges. Existing partnerships for the Blood

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# ROTARY UGANDA

## *welcomes DGND Magezi with pomp!*



*By Helen Nanteza Kawesa  
Rotary Club of Kampala  
Ssese Islands*

It was all singing and dancing as the Rotary Club of Kampala North, joined by other Rotarians, celebrated John Magezi's homecoming after he was named the new District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) during the 94 District Conference and Assembly in Dar-es-Salaam last month.

Magezi, a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala North, emerged the winning candidate for the coveted post of District Governor and following the warm resounding applause that accompanied the announcement, it was easy to tell he was a popular choice.

Members of his Club and Rotarians from all over Kampala gathered in the special 'Homecoming Fellowship' on Monday 6th May 2019 to celebrate the moment. These included Past District Governors Henry Kyemba, Nelson Kawalya, Steven Mwanje and Tusu Tusubira, Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa, Kenneth Mugisha, the DGE Xavier Sentamu and the DGN Rosetti Nabumba; the Country Chair Anne Nkutu, Assistant Governors and other senior Rotarians. Prior to the formal fellowship and proceedings, Club members and Rotarians welcomed John Magezi with a celebratory dance and traditional songs.

Rotarian John Ndamira Magezi has been Rotarian since 1996 and has been District Treasurer, and is currently Chair of the recently launched US\$4 million RI-USAID/WASH Programme in Uganda. He has chaired several district 9211 events to celebrate partnerships with international partners and friends. He is a Major Donor Level Two and is a member of the Bequest Society.

Magezi is currently the National Coordinator of the Farm Income Enhancement and Forestry Conservation Programme – a multi-sectoral programme in the Ministry of Water and Environment in Uganda. He is married to Barbara and has one daughter, two sons and one grandchild. The family has hosted several Study Exchange participants.

Addressing the Rotarians during the fellowship, Magezi said he was humbled for having been named DGND and he pledged to serve to the best of his ability.

Magezi is fondly referred to as the 'Legendary hugger' in his Club. This is due to his warm, likeable and friendly demeanor to one and all, during fellowships.

His tenure as President in Kampala North was a stepping stone to other senior posts in Rotary. "It has been truly

rewarding from being a Boy Scout to being a Rotarian; serving and leading others in various capacities. It has been a very inspirational experience, which has enabled me to appreciate much more, the values that Rotary cherishes; diversity, leadership, integrity and service among others."

"I am prepared for this," Magezi reassured his audience. "With you as my friends who have promised to support me, and with my family – Barbara and the children – it will be well, because they have always walked the road with me."

Magezi thanked the Rotarians and friends for the warm congratulatory messages of support. He pledged to build on the successes of the gallant Past District Governors, whom he said had done a lot to build Rotary to its current standing in the district. "I will build on the successes to take this district to a higher level of service. I cannot work alone and I call for your support. My success and this club's success, and that of all of you, will be the success of District and of Rotary International as we grow in numbers and serve our communities. Let's grow together because then we are stronger. Let's join together to take action to serve our communities – whether we know them or not."

# ROTARY CANCER RUN 8

*seeks to raise Ushs One Billion for modern equipment*



*By Helen Nanteza Kawesa  
Rotary Club of Kampala  
Ssese Islands*

Kampala and 40 other towns all over Uganda will, on Sunday 25th August 2019, be painted blue and gold as Ugandans run to raise Ushs 1 billion in the 8th Edition of the Rotary Cancer Run under the theme 'Keep Running'.

The Chair of The Uganda Rotary Cancer Programme, PDG Stephen Mwanje said that the focus this year is to raise funds to procure high tech cancer treatment machinery in the country. "To establish an effective centre of excellence, we need two Linear Accelerators and two bunkers to house them. This is estimated to cost US\$ 4.5m or approximately UGX 18 billion. We hope to raise Ushs 1bn towards this in the next Run in August", Mwanje said.

He said that Ushs 1.5 billion has so far been raised from the seven previous runs, and these have resulted into the construction of the 36-bed Rotary-Centenary Cancer Treatment Specialty Ward at St. Francis Hospital in Nsambya, that is operational today. The ward is fitted with equipment worth US\$150,000 from two Rotary Global Grants.

"We also contributed Ushs 200 million towards building the Rotary blood bank at Mengo

Hospital – the second one in the country, this helps in supplying the much needed blood for treatment of cancer and other diseases."

Mwanje added that the target this year was to have 50,000 people run to raise money for on the linear accelerators and the bunkers. The Linear Accelerators are the most modern radiotherapy equipment used for treatment of cancer patients.

The Rotary Cancer Run (RCR) started in 2012 as the major fundraising vehicle of the Uganda Rotary Cancer Programme in Kampala. The first run was organized at Lugogo Cricket Oval. Today, over 33 major towns in Uganda participate in the run on the same day and at the same time. The activity has in the past attracted on average 30,000 participants and attracts major corporate sponsors including The Parliament of Uganda, Centenary Bank, Stanbic Bank, Pepsi, Hima Cement,

National Housing, Nsambya Hospital, Mengo Hospital, government, individual

Rotarians and Rotary International which has provided two Global Grants

The Run this year is sponsored by the Parliament of Uganda and Centenary Bank among others.

Mwanje says that it expected that the purchase of the two accelerators and the construction of the bunkers will have been successfully done by October 2021.

"After that, we will embark on building similar centres in four other major regions of the country to ensure that services are taken nearer to people. The plan is to start with one in the North and another in South Western Uganda," he said.

Tickets for the Cancer Run will cost Ushs 25,000/= and can be bought from all Centenary Bank branches around town, and at all Capital Shoppers outlets, Rotary Office on the 9th Floor of NIC Building, Buganda Kingdom Headquarters at Bulange, Mengo, Game Stores Lugogo, and all Café Javas branches in Kampala and Entebbe. Kits will be availed at the point of ticket sales. Tickets will also be sold at several upcountry points around the country, in those towns participating in the Run.

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## DISTRICT ROUND-UP

# D9211 SHINES IN HAMBURG AT 110 RI CONVENTION

All roads for Rotary led to Hamburg, Germany for the 110 Rotary International Convention. Members of D9211 were among them and they flew our flag high as they took part in various events at the district and scooping several awards.

Rotaractor Paul Mushaho, President of the Rotaract Club of Nakivale, Uganda, the first Rotaract club in the world to be based in a refugee settlement received the Rotary honor award for leadership by Rotary International President Barry Rassin. He was also honored at the 2018 Rotary UN Day as one of six Rotary People of Action: Young Innovators. He was one of the plenary speakers at the convention where he talked about the club's activities in the refugee camp.

Rotaractor Patience Asimwe also gave a talk on polio eradication in Uganda and behind the scenes story on the Rotary VR film "Two Drops of Patience" which she took part in.

Rotarian Kimberly Kasana, Charter President of the Rotary Club of Kampala

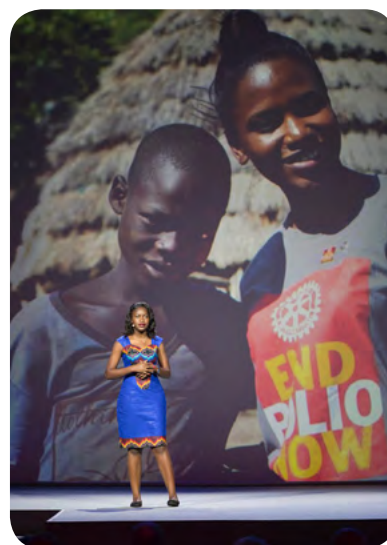
Maisha, District 9211 and a faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute - a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program for Rotarians, took part in one of the panel discussions.

Other speakers from the District included during breakout sessions included PDG Tusu Tsubira and PAG Jane Kabugo at the District led a break-out session on managing menstrual hygiene. PDG Harish Bhat was expected to make a presentation but unfortunately could not make it.

The district's cocktail was another roaring success. The Rotary International President, Rassin Barry was among the attendees including 8 Governors. In total, 269 Rotarians participated.

The District Booth at the convention had a new design and attracted a lot of visitors.

And at the Rotaract Pre-convention, held on 31 May-1 June, our DRR Augustine Mwombeki Balige presented on club's engagement and impact through international community service.



*Rotaractor Patience Asimwe speaking at the conference*



*Rotaractor Paul Mushaho speaking at the conference*



## FEATURE

# STRATEGIC PLANNING: *Taking care of our future*

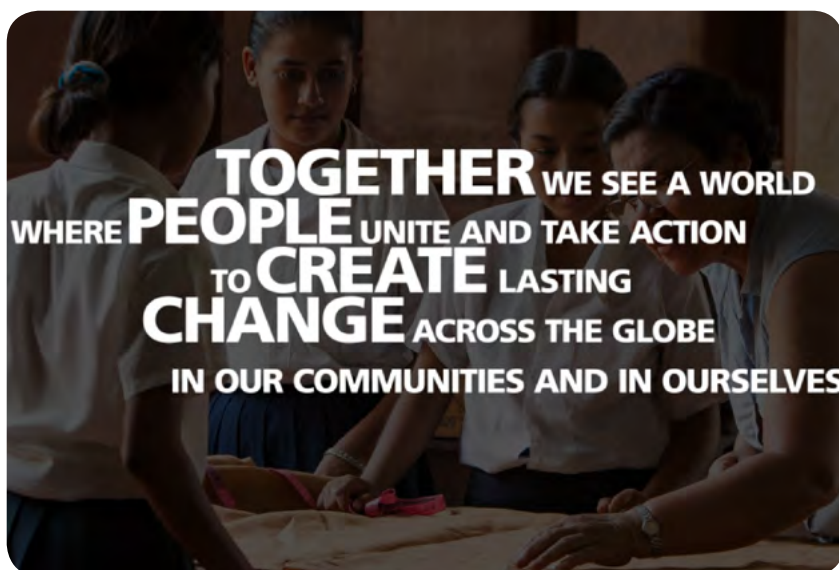


*Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga  
District Governor  
Nominee 2020-21*

It is a privilege and an honor to serve in 2019/20 as your District Strategic Planning Chair together with Vice Chair Rtn Adeline Rutabanzibwa of RC Bukoba in Tanzania. We would like to highlight the importance of strategic planning for our club and district growth. Our goal is that in 2019/20, 100% of clubs in District 9211 have a three to five year strategic plan that guides club interventions and actions.

## WHAT IS STRATEGIC PLANNING?

This is an organizational management activity that involves setting priorities in our rotary clubs, focusing members' and partners' energy and resources and strengthening club operations, with the intended purpose of working toward common goals and results. In simple words, it is about determining what the rotary club wants to achieve and how it is going to get there. The document that communicates the actions needed to achieve the agreed goals over a given period is the Strategic Plan. The Plan may be on a post card or in a few pages that are easily readable and actioned by all members of the club.



## BASIC STEPS IN PREPARING A STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Appoint a Club Strategic Planning Officer and Committee to coordinate the process of preparing a new or update an existing Club Strategic Plan
2. Determine the status of the club by undertaking a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) and administering a member satisfaction survey.
3. Use the findings from Step 2 above to determine where you want the club to be in the next five years;
4. Define the planned goals and targets that are simple and easy to measure to ascertain progress and impact.
5. Determine the strategies, action plans, budgets and members who will implement specific activities in the Strategic Plan.

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# BE THE INSPIRATION for a skilled girl force



By Rinah Nakintu  
Rotary Club of Rubaga

*Every year, more than 400,000 graduates enter the Uganda job market which unfortunately has an absorption capacity of fewer than 100,000. There have further been glaring reports about the skills discrepancy among the lucky few who get jobs and yet are “half baked” and thus unable to successfully deliver at these jobs. Given the extra demands and pressures on the girl child it would be even more interesting to explore statistics on the number of girls who graduate but are unable to find meaningful employment.*

As a young girl who only graduated recently, I indeed relate with the challenges of the annual 400,000 graduates. My leadership journey however inspires me to inspire fellow girls into leadership, as it has been an indispensable tool to neutralize the challenges of inadequate skills for employability. While at Makerere University, I campaigned and won to be the Chairlady of Africa Hall. But, the real lesson behind my triumph was not the win. Prior to, I was a very shy person and never believed I could stand in front of people to speak. The real lesson is the confidence that I found to act on my passion and find the strength to overcome my fears.

This is what I would like to encourage every girl out there to always try and find; that boldness, that confidence, that resolution and that

commitment to overcome your fears and fight for what you truly believe you can be. We need our girls to acquire the resolve to be leaders, not merely leaders in positions, but leaders of their own dreams and aspirations.

Leadership does not only arise from an individual turnaround of mindset like it was in my case. Instead, it is a skill that can be learned and therefore for which efforts should be made to nurture among our girls. To nurture this however, the role of the environment within which leadership is inspired and groomed is a very important factor. We need to reflect about creating and encouraging our girls to find supporting environments within which skills such as leadership can be nurtured.

Over the past 2 years, I have experienced the responsibility

and pride of serving as the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Rubaga. Organized forums like Rotary are some of the enabling environments that we should encourage our young girls to join. Given the diversity of people and responsibilities therein, such environments provide opportunities for young people to learn, grow and serve in responsibilities of leadership. But more importantly, such organized platforms are based on the principle of voluntary service, which on its own is a valuable mindset that we should instill among girls early enough. Many graduates wait to be employed yet they can invest their time in voluntary service where they can continue to not only learn relevant job skills but more so, network so as to expand their employment opportunities.

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# ADOPT A VILLAGE, *Kabutemba project*

*By Moses Kafeero  
Rotary Club of Bukoto*

The Rotary Club of Bukoto's signature project "Adopt A Village – Kabutemba" is located in a remote area in Gomba District, 60 miles from Kampala. The members of this community are impoverished and mainly survive on subsistence agriculture. The population in the village is steadily rising and currently has over 300 households with an average of 10 people per household.

At the inception of this project, this community was challenged with lack of clean drinking water, economic activities and gender based violence. The average distance a child had to walk to go to school was 8 kilometres which posed several dangers to the child especially, the girl child who were targets of rape and sexual abuse as they walked to and from school. This distance also was the biggest cause of school absenteeism and dropouts.

With that in mind, the Rotary Club of Bukoto decided to adopt the entire village so as to create radical and holistic changes. The following are the five thematic areas which have been focused on in the



*Villagers of Kabutemba were presented with elementary farming equipments to help them pursue economic prosperity*

adopt the village project. These interventions are aligned to the Rotary areas of focus namely: Basic education & literacy, Water & Sanitation, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal & Child health as well as Economic Empowerment and Development.

### 1. EDUCATION:

RC Bukoto has built a school in Kabutemba and continues to support pupils through a cost sharing strategy on fees and scholastic materials and scholarships beyond primary

education. The St Peter's Community Primary school project was started in 2013 and so far six classrooms, one multi-purpose hall, a 30,000 litre water tank, have been constructed. Currently the Club is constructing four teachers' quarters and is planning four more to help with the recruitment of the qualified teachers who have expressed remoteness of the areas as an impeding factor to their availability.

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## GIVING MARGINALIZED YOUTH IN MOSHI AND ARUSHA HANDS UP!

*By Faye Cran, Rotary club of Moshi*



This Global Grant #1642143 of the Rotary Club of Moshi of \$ \$55,566 has offered hope to over 200 disadvantaged youth, providing these adolescents with knowledge, tools and equipment and the competence to become self-reliance. Saving them from being recruited into all manner of destructive and illegal activities to survive, driven by desperation and the desire for an income. It is part of Rotary Vijana Poa initiative.

The youth under this grant are involved in tailoring, hairdressing, stationery supplies, farming – keeping pigs, chicken and goats and horticulture, cheese making, catering, cooking, shop keeping, and child care, among others.

Most of these youth are receiving “on the job training” as they learn the businesses. One group of 19 young girls off the street, a combined effort between Rotary Club of Moshi and Rotary Club of Golden Sunrise are already independently running businesses in Arusha.

This is not a “hand out” project, it is a “hand up” project offering the first step up the ladder out of a dark hole.

A Rotarian from Uchumi Bank is taking a great interest and is giving them further financial training with support.

## KNAACK APPOINTED AS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2020-21



Following the resignation of President-nominee Sushil Gupta due to health reasons, the Rotary Nominating Committee has appointed Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, to serve as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians.

## BREAKING NEWS!

The Rotary Foundation's Peace Programs Oversight Committee has approved Makerere University as host site for the next Rotary Peace Center.

The Trustees were very impressed with Makerere's proposal and have requested the district team to proceed with partnership negotiations for a certificate program with a tentative launch date in 2020-21. Congratulations to D9211!!!



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