

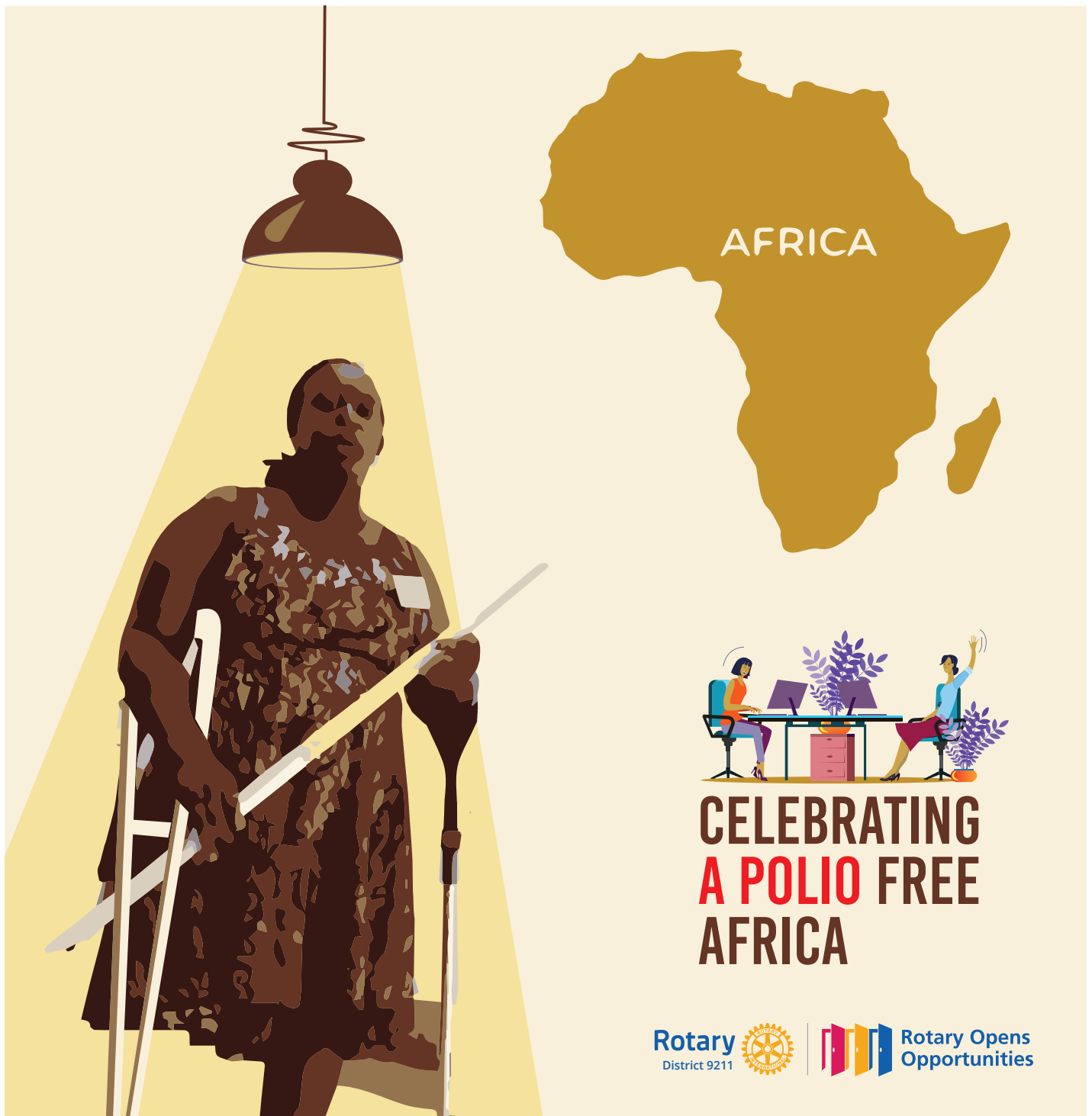
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Editor's Note

It is now ten months since the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic disrupted our lives. Although the measures governments put in place could have contained the spread of the virus, they have also constrained economic aspects of our society. Research shows that the vulnerable and marginalised populations – majority of whom are women and youth have been hardest hit by the pandemic.

Through our focus area this month, Economic and Community Development, Rotarians have implemented projects aimed at skilling communities in financial literacy, business development and management, and sustainable farming among others. Majority of the beneficiaries are women, youth, and people with disabilities in impoverished communities. As Ciiru Waweru a Kenyan entrepreneur recently said, "we should give people tools, teach them a skill, or upskill them, and they will perform." Now more than ever, we should facilitate innovation by investing in skills development, while addressing the other aspects like access to capital and markets.

This month, we also celebrate the World Polio Day and Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week. In this issue, Past District Governor Ijeoma Pearl Okoro, the End Polio Now Zone Coordinator, Africa Region 21 shares why we must continue striving for a – Polio Free World. We also highlight the different projects transforming society, how economic empowerment can be achieved through Rotary Action Groups, the *Emyooga* Programme, and US\$50, plus many other stories. Three alumni of Rotary programmes – Rotary Peace Fellowship, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotary Friendship Exchange, share their amazing life changing experiences. This month, clubs are encouraged to reconnect with alumni of these, and several other Rotary programmes like Interact, Rotaract, scholarships and others. This is the time to attract these members to join Rotary.

The Wave Treasure Hunt is on, do not miss this month's prize from Lycamobile! We greatly appreciate this month's writers and also thank you for reading, and sharing articles for publication. We look forward to hearing from you this month. Share your 500-word article with three to five action photographs by the 15th day of the month to dg9211news@gmail.com.

Our Governor Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga features in this month's Rotary magazine; read about her plans to uplift women and youth in this District. Have a blessed October!

Yours in service!

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Holger Knaack

During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the “old normal” in Rotary — and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry — who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary — but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of

Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections — through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships — in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

All Rotary clubs have the opportunity to be innovative clubs, just like Bec's club. Let's trust those clubs, learn from them, and lend them our support. Change in Rotary happens at the grassroots level, as clubs lead the charge, defining what this new Rotary can be.

Change is constant, and we have more work to do in many areas. It is important that we celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds and promote people from underrepresented groups so that they have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders in Rotary.

The tools to make Rotary more inclusive, more relevant, and more fun for everyone are at our fingertips. Let's use them now, and we will see how Rotary Opens Opportunities for ourselves and for those yet to discover us.



District Governor

FELLOW ROTARIANS

We are in the second quarter of our Rotary year. No doubt, the first quarter was hectic and challenging as we all tried to amidst the new normal to implement the brilliant ideas we had planned at District, club and personal level. It has been extremely rewarding as I continue to visit clubs and see all the marvelous work Rotarians do across our District. I hope you are equally as proud and carry a sense of satisfaction that you are giving your best.

I appreciate the fact that each one of us is gifted in various ways to make a difference. To-date, I have visited more than half of the clubs – seeing clubs and projects in varying sizes and impact. No matter the size, each project has left an indelible mark on me, and the communities where they are implemented.

It is truly amazing to witness, firsthand, our outstanding projects. We should better promote our good work so that more people will know about Rotary and desire to lend their support. The more help we get, the better placed we are to address the needs of our communities.

Rotary has designated the month of October for Economic and Community Development. It highlights one of our seven areas of focus, and may be the one that probably gets the least attention in our District. We are experiencing sluggish economies, high levels of unemployment and rising poverty. These conditions lead to crime and

health issues. As Rotarians, we should be concerned about these trends and think about ways we can help. Can we develop projects that will create jobs and promote entrepreneurship? What if we were to, as Rotarians, engage other community and business leaders as well as stakeholders in the public and private sectors to work together to develop and implement such initiatives?

This is an opportunity for us to check the classification list in our clubs and identify members with skills best suited for economic development and put them to work. I am sure that we would come up with amazing solutions. Creating awareness about the opportunities in our communities, could positively impact the lives of the residents around us. Can you imagine a District where Rotarians helped influence reduction in crime, improvement in job opportunities and the general wellbeing of our neighbours? And just think about the number of future Rotarians that we might be creating! That, my fellow Rotarians, is significant. Let us make October a month to remember.

It is important that all members are given an opportunity to use their talents and vocations to support our communities. Every member should be engaged for the maximum effect of making a difference. Let us engage one another in club talks and trainings, uplifting our classifications for a better enlightened Rotary.

Finally, friends, a kind reminder to contribute to The Rotary Foundation because it is through this foundation that our District is able to implement impactful projects. Let us also

give towards Polio Plus, so that we can completely kick Polio out of the world. Let us give as much as we can, until it hurts. I also encourage everyone to pay their dues! Let us be exemplary Rotarians.

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President Michael Muwanguzi of the Rotary Club of Source of the Nile receives his Paul Harris Fellow certificate of recognition from District Governor Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga



Keeping Polio at Zero..... Advocacy and Fundraising

“Until the last Child is reached and immunized, no Child in the World is free. Let us all support the cause to End Polio Now!”

A World Without Polio

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of five. Rotary has been fighting to end Polio since 1988 making it Rotary's most strategic priority. On 25th August 2020, the African Regional Certification Commission certified Nigeria and the African Region as Wild Polio-Free. With this historic milestone, the world is now closer to ending yet another disease after the eradication of smallpox in 1980. With this, five out of the six World Health Organisation (WHO) regions that represent 90% of the world population is now free from the Wild Polio virus. This is a 99.9% achievement as we get closer to a total eradication - remaining only with Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), is indeed pleased with the governments of the 47 countries in the WHO African Region.

Ending Polio in Africa is an awesome achievement and has reiterated that a Polio Free World is indeed achievable.

How This Was Achieved

It took strong leadership, innovation and dedication to achieve this, as countries successfully confronted

their individual challenges which mostly hovered around high population, conflict and insecurity and deteriorating health service as major impediments.

What We Should Be Doing

We can never undermine the efficiency of continued Advocacy and Generosity to enable us to reach the finish line. The continued generosity and shared commitment of donors including government, the private sector, multinational institutions, philanthropic organisations and Rotarians enabled Rotary to build the infrastructure that enabled it reach more children across all borders with the vaccine. We cannot afford to be complacent, since the work is not finished yet, we are only 99.9% done.

We may have conquered the Wild Polio Virus in Africa but we still need to eliminate the spread of type 2 Circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus (CVDPV2), which is present in 16 countries in Africa. Such strains continue to pose a threat especially now that we have disruptions in immunisation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected mobility thereby leaving communities vulnerable to CVDPV2 outbreaks. We are therefore encouraged to constantly create awareness in our communities and all media platforms. This will continue to be the appeal until the world is



eradicated of all types of polio virus. Till then, the whole world remains at risk and no child is free.

How to Keep Polio at Zero

Over 2.5 billion children have been immunised by Rotary and partners (WHO, UNICEF, CDC, GAVI and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) since the inception of the GPEI programme. Routine immunisation is the key to polio eradication. This implies that parents and care givers must ensure that every Child is given the polio vaccine at birth (OPVO), at six weeks (OPV10), at 10 Weeks (OPV2), and at 14 weeks (OPV3). The Child will also be given the inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) at 14 weeks. It is therefore apt that every Child is taken to the hospital for routine immunization against polio and other childhood illness when due. Rotarians should continue to stress the importance of allowing health workers (during the house-to-house campaigns) to administer two drops of the oral polio vaccine to any child under the age of five years (0-59 months of Age). Ensure that you personally participate in the immunisation exercise and grab the privilege of giving life through those two tiny drops.

What We Must Continue to Do

Rotary so far has contributed over US\$1.8billion towards eradicating this disease worldwide. We need

more funds to reach the last child, and this requires that we continue to donate to the Polio Fund of The Rotary Foundation well knowing that every dollar donated will be matched by two by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Visit www.endpolionow.org and find out how you can support this fight. You may also engage in the World Greatest Meals to end polio as a way of involving the family of Rotary and friends. Simply share meals, drinks or snacks together and register the event at www.wgmeal.com, no amount is too small.

Conclusion

The experience gained from polio eradication will assist the world in combating today's COVID-19 pandemic and other health problems that have plagued the continent for too long. We must therefore continue to volunteer, advocate, create awareness, engage the community and improve surveillance. This is the only way to keep our promise to the Children of the World - a Polio Free World!

Ijeoma Pearl Okoro,
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End Polio Now Zone Coordinator,
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RTN ROSEMARY MUTYABULE

Empower communities through Rotary Action Groups

Poverty has remained an acute problem in Uganda with no sustainable solution. Mitigation programmes and policies implemented by government are not sufficient. Rather than socio-economic aid programmes, the majority of the interventions appear to be merely the realisation of politically motivated campaign promises. In this manner, sustainable economic and community empowerment impacts are never obtained.

With nearly 1.4 billion people living on less than US\$1.25 a day and 3.4 billion people a medical bill away from poverty, Rotary has taken on the responsibility of bridging the gap to empower communities across the globe. Rotarians have generously extended their time and resources towards providing sustainable solutions to end poverty through charitable acts and projects directed to this cause and continue to record tremendous achievements. Most of the interventions are within the five (5) avenues of service namely: Club, Vocational, Community, International and New Generation.

Most of our efforts have tended to lean more towards community than direct economic empowerment. Majority of our club projects and activities are centered around five of the now seven areas of focus namely: Peace and Conflict resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy. Rotary clubs should be intentional about designing projects intended to economically empower the communities, for longer lasting impact and sustainability of our interventions.

It is commendable to see that Rotary has set up affiliate Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) made up of both Rotarians and non-Rotarian experts in particular fields offering their technical expertise and support to help clubs and districts plan, find partners, prepare grant applications, fund, develop, implement and

monitor projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This will redefine our relevance to communities as it now involves actual members of the communities and non-Rotarians, gathering their knowledge, and directly involving themselves in empowerment projects to attain longer lasting impact beyond charitable acts and donations.

The Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development (RAGM) seeks to alleviate poverty through sustainable microfinance and community development. This approach will address one of the critical needs of the bottom of the pyramid communities globally – the need for capital to engage in economic activities (entrepreneurship). Building structures to enable communities access credit is a critical area of interest to entrepreneurs and vulnerable groups thus making the role of RAGs even more vital. Given the vast expertise within Rotarians, our members should strengthen local entrepreneurs and communities, by dispensing technical knowledge through capacity building programmes in economic empowerment structures, seeding savings and investment schemes to increase access to credit particularly for women and the vulnerable persons in impoverished communities.

As we commemorate the Economic and Community Development month, let us challenge ourselves at club level to pay more attention to economic empowerment of communities. Let us form, or join and collaborate with RAGs to make a difference in our communities by empowering them to take charge of their livelihoods. This will enable Rotarians empower communities to break the poverty cycle in a sustainable manner! Remember that "To the world you may be one person, but to one person, you maybe the world"

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Enterprise Uganda



RTN. SIMON PETER RUKORERA

Tap into the *Emyooga* Programme for economic transformation

Uganda's economy has declined in growth due to the severe impact of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a locust invasion, and flooding caused by heavy rains. This has led to an increase in poverty levels given that some sectors such as agriculture, tourism and the service industry have been significantly hit by the pandemic. Many households in Uganda remain vulnerable, mostly to income fluctuations, food insecurity, and climate-related shocks.

In the 14th Uganda Economic Update, Strengthening Social Protection to Reduce Vulnerability and Promote Inclusive Growth, it is noted that social protection can help the poor and vulnerable people cope with crises and shocks, find jobs, invest in the health and education of their children and protect the elderly. In line with this, the Government of Uganda instituted the Presidential Initiative on Wealth and Job Creation (*Emyooga*) launched in August 2019 as part of its strategies to transform 68% of homesteads from subsistence to market oriented production with the overall objective of promoting job creation and improving household incomes.

The initiative is centred on 19 categories/enterprises/*emyooga* to be facilitated with both technical assistance and financial support to enhance performance of their projects and enhance their incomes. Individuals to be supported should belong to Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS)

in the following categories: Bodabodas, Women Entrepreneurs, Carpenters, Salon Operators, Taxi Operators, Restaurant Owners, Welders, Market Vendors, Youth Leaders, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Produce Dealers, Mechanics, Tailors, Journalists, Performing Artists, Veterans (veteran widows and children), Teachers, Fishermen, and Elected Leaders.

Rotary's theme this month focuses on Economic and Community Development. A number of Rotary clubs implement projects aimed at improving the livelihoods and building capacity of the marginalised communities to engage in income generating activities. Some are even supporting the formation of small SACCOS. Rotarians could support such groups to get registered and venture into productive and gainful economic activities in order to benefit from the *Emyooga* programme.

The main objective of the initiative is promoting job creation and improving household incomes. More details about this initiative can be accessed through the Microfinance Support Centre (MFSC), with a zonal coverage of 14 offices countrywide.

Rtn. CPA Simon Peter Rukorera

RC Kampala Central

Manager Finance & Administration – MFSC

“Rotarians could support such groups to get registered and venture into productive and gainful economic activities in order to benefit from the *Emyooga* programme.”

Also visit the website for more information:
<https://www.msc.co.ug/faqs-emyooga-presidential-initiative>

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Uplifting livelihoods in Mbale, Busia, and Kumi

Uganda is naturally blessed with fertile soils and a good climate that favour the country's chief economic activity – agriculture. However, the country still registers very high poverty levels. According to the 2016 World Bank Report, Uganda's poverty rate stands at 87.8%, hence the population suffering from poverty related problems like malnutrition, poor health care and rampant illiteracy among others. The major cause of low food production is the rudimentary subsistence farming methods used by the native population to produce food.

Seeking to transform the livelihoods of its surrounding communities, the Rotary Club of Mbale after several consultations with community leaders and intended beneficiaries pursued a Food Crop and Fish Farming Development Project. The club, with support from RC Midvalley (District 5420), various rotary clubs across the State of Utah and in the United States of America and The Rotary Foundation are supporting communities in districts of Mbale, Busia and Kumi to set up demonstration farm sites for training the locals in various skills required to manage organised and projected production of food for consumption and for the local market. Project implementation kicked off in October 2019, and will run for three years, costing US\$75,150. The project targets over 1,000 direct beneficiaries, majority of them female and youth, and it has as its major focus to:

- Organize community members into legal Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and support them to own the project.
- Have a community based force promoting protection of the environment as the members learn more about how their activities affect the environment, especially swamps and soil.



- Introduce new methods of crop growing and fish farming, while integrating them with the existing ones, hence increasing food production and reducing malnutrition.
- Link the communities with other parts of the world for easier opportunity tapping.

Push and pull farming techniques

On an eight-acre demonstration farm in Kolony, Mbale District, members of Beaton Foundation Initiative are taught push and pull techniques, detailing how to use the same piece of land to grow maize, beans, desmodium, and nappier. The nappier attracts butterflies and traps army worms produced by the butterflies, while desmodium produces a smell that repels butterflies from the garden hence being trapped by the nappier grass. The desmodium also helps to increase soil fertility, and it kills striga (witch weed) that kills crops because of the high competition for water. The striga emerges in gardens as a result of soil infertility. Nappier grass and desmodium are fed to the cattle as hay. The two have very high levels of proteins and sugars that cattle needs. Farmers without cattle sell the hay.

Fish farming

Earthen Pond fish farming is carried out in Busitema in Busia District, and Abubur in Kumi District. This is done through - Salaam Integrated Fish Farming Group in Busitema, and Atutur Fish Farming Group in Abubur.

The groups are trained on pond excavation and maintenance; feeding habits, drainage, vegetation layup in and out of the pond, fish harvesting, and local based financial management skills. The project is funding the acquisition of high-grade fish feeds, fingerlings, pond construction and trainings. RC Mbale and the community groups also engage the government authorities to enable them achieve environment protection goals.

The COVID-19 restrictions on travelling, gatherings and the lockdowns led to suspension of project trainings for some time. With support from RC Midvalley, the project contractor Ideal Life Vision (ILV) Uganda also organised sensitisation sessions about COVID-19 prevention for

the local communities. They were taught how to wear masks, sanitize/wash hands, social distancing and working in clusters to avoid contact.

A few executives from each group met with the ILV Uganda trainer to get guidelines on how to use inputs like fertilisers and feeds, pumps, planting methods and feeding the fish. The executives then executed tasks on the sites with a few of their members. As transport fees were hiked due to suspension of public transportation, delivery of inputs and services was carefully planned to fit within the project budget. A number of trainings were held on phone - with a few members gathering, while maintaining social distance. Sometimes this was delayed owing to the fact that some members lacked mobile phones or Internet to conduct online meetings.

Economic transformation

In Busitema, the group stocked 1,000 fingerlings in December 2019, and they harvested over 700 fish in August 2020. A total of 300 fish were sold fetching Ug shs 650,000. Half of this money will start a piggery farm, while the other portion will be loaned to group members to help them in their small vegetable businesses. The remaining fish was shared amongst the group members. In Kumi, 1,000 fingerlings were stocked in mid-January and they are still harvesting, although they have sold 210 fish worth Ug shs 430,000 so far.

In Kolony, the group planted beans on eight acres in late April 2020, and harvesting started in July – with over 1,000kgs gathered. The Elgon beans planted take 60 to 70 days to mature. Over 4,000kgs of maize were harvested in July. The farmers got hay for their goats and cows. From an acre of nappier and desmodium, a farmer can also earn between Ug shs 200,000 to 370,000 for the hay. As the first project year winds up, it is safe to say the main objectives have been met since there has been a fairly great harvest from the fish, maize and beans.

Directorate of Service Projects
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Iringa Hope Joint AMCOs: Alleviating poverty in Iringa and Njombe

In a bid to alleviate poverty in Iringa and Njombe regions of Tanzania, the Iringa Hope Joint AMCOs as an umbrella organisation was registered in 2018 with a membership of 27 Agricultural and Marketing Co-operatives Societies (AMCOs). It supports farmer groups – through Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOs), and AMCOs to access and effectively utilise credit to buy agricultural inputs, commodity aggregation, delayed sales storage (DSS) in all Integrated Development Centers (IDCs) and connecting with commodity markets. It also trains farmer groups and leaders. There are 35 SACCOs with over 3,000 members and 27 AMCOs with 1,800 members. All these collaborate closely with Iringa Hope Joint AMCOs.

The Rotary Club of Iringa is implementing a project titled – Warehouse Receipt Program, which helps smallholder farmers store a portion of their crops until prices rise. Through this initiative, the Iringa Hope Joint AMCO Warehouse

Receipt Program will be expanded to all 23 locations with IDCs throughout Iringa.

The US\$188,200 Program is funded by the World Fund (US\$71,067), Non-Rotarian individuals (US\$69,333), RC Lakeville (US\$9,800), RC Burnsville (US\$6,000), RC Prior Lake (US\$6,000), District Designated Fund (US\$25,000) and RC Iringa (US\$1,000).

Program Operations

All sites are required to have funds to nominally support at least 400 bags of crops per IDC. An IDC is a building that houses a SACCO and an AMCO that collaborate to facilitate and support local members store their maize in PICS bags. In principle, AMCOs should own over 400 PICS bags for storage, and members are charged 1 US\$ for each bag. Members bring their crop in their own bags. The crop is checked to ensure its moisture is 12.5% or less and is clean. It is then weighed and transferred from the member's bag to PICS bag for storage. Each member signs an agreement for the AMCOs to sell their crop at a later date, normally over six months. The member is given a receipt, which can be used to pay bills or access a loan at the SACCOs – the maximum amount to be loaned is 60% of current market price. Iringa Hope guarantees the value of the receipt by depositing the funds necessary to redeem



the receipt if needed.

Over the six months waiting period, the AMCOs provides members options for sale of their crop at the current best price. All crops have to be sold by the end of six months or at the end of the contract. The Joint SACCOs collect all funds from crop sales, pay the various fees, repay the loans plus interest, and send the remaining funds to the member's account at the local SACCO. This has increased the farmers' incomes.

Operationalisation of the DSS arrangement commenced in July 2020. Individual farmers cannot sell their crop, only the cooperative sells the crop and collects payment. In all 23 IDCs, smallholder farmers are being facilitated with credits that are issued at 60% of the current market price of one bag of maize, which was US\$27.3 in August. By 31st August, over 250 metric tons had been collected and credit amounting to over US\$32,000 spent. It is expected that by the end of October/November, 1,000 tons of maize will have been aggregated in all the IDCs.

Rtn. Enock Ugulumu

Director- Iringa Hope
RC Iringa



RTN. CHRISTINE KYEYUNE KAWOOYA

Overcoming the plight of a hardworking African woman

It is difficult to imagine the plight of Ugandan women without re-conceptualising the untold sacrifices borne by our mothers trading in the chaos of today's urban and village markets. Their needs outdo the dispositions of what society defines as an opportunity. If a Nagadya, for example had been given an education, maybe it would have transformed what life presents her today. This is the fantasy that inspires what I do, as I choose to tackle this unimaginable anthem called – poverty.

While heading the Product Development Unit at DFCU bank, I interacted with various people in both the formal and informal settings. I appreciated what people – especially those at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid go through while trying to make ends meet for their families. I took keen interest in how the women in markets keep their families afloat. The challenges behind their plight are never revealed by anyone.

Greenlight Financial Services is born In 2019, with two like-minded friends – Rachel and James, we embarked on saving part of our salaries to grow our little investment club (JCR Limited) with the aim of one day reaching out to the communities in the markets to offer affordable financing and training. This we did over one year and with the bonus we received as Senior Managers, we were able to start out in 2010. Our initial area of focus was Owino Market and purposely focusing on women. In the first six months of operation, we reached out to 400 women with a few exceptional men. With this, we created impact, which motivated us to widen our base.

With time, we built a portfolio of dedicated customers borrowing for their quick needs ranging from school fees payments, business growth, rental payments,

kibanja acquisition, medical treatment, the list goes on. Our expertise came in handy as we were all highly knowledgeable bankers having led various units and departments within the banking sector.

For the customers, we developed training programmes in financial literacy, sales and marketing, managing family businesses, and succession planning. For the staff, we focused on relationship management, credit, sales and recoveries. These were key for the staff to appreciate the clients, whilst growing a healthy customer base. Despite our busy schedules, we deliver the trainings ourselves in order to share our vision and manage the uptake by customers. Our focus on training was premised on the notion that a knowledgeable person can make economically impactful decisions for the community. As the saying goes: “Once you train a woman, you have empowered her to look after her family, her community and the country at large and thus improved economies”.

This training covers all aspects of life and relating to Rotary, we address the seven areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution – when a woman can pay for the basic items, there is peace at home, and in the community.
- Disease prevention and treatment – a trained woman will always ensure she takes good care of her family to keep them healthy and if they are taken ill, she will use all her resources to pay for treatment.
- Water and sanitation – when trained, a woman will know the value of maintaining proper hygiene and better sanitation.
- Maternal and child health – a trained woman will manage her health and that of the children.
- Basic education and literacy – with basic training, a woman will ensure she takes her children to school or teach them the basics at home. Women always pay it forward when they are trained.
- Economic and community development –a trained

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- woman will do all that is within her reach to ensure that the family and community are economically viable, and
- A trained woman will support the environment by planting trees both for fruits and for conservation.

I pledged to support girl child education and empower women for economic independence. This passion to uplift the plight of the African woman has seen me join a number of initiatives. As a member of the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE), we focus on educating girls, and here I held the role of Vice Chairperson. I also belong to the Mentoring and Empowerment Programme for Young Women (MEMPROW) family that empowers the vulnerable girl child especially those dealing with domestic violence. I greatly thank Rtn. Dr. Hilda Tadia for inviting me to join the MEMPROW Board.

With GIZ, I provide financial literacy sessions to girls especially in the banking sector and women in business and closely working with Technoserve we train women to start and manage businesses and the New Faces New Voices team to train girls in life skills and women in financial literacy. Thank you Dr. Theo N. Sekitto for inviting me to this team to share your passion.

25
Branches

4,300
Customers

170
Staff

Serving as the Chief Executive Officer for the Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Limited (UWEAL), we focused on empowering women economically through financial literacy sessions, business expansion and advocacy. This gave me a firm footprint in the entrepreneurship sector.

Looking back over the years, I can say, we have made a significant impact and difference in the community either through financial literacy, mentoring girls and women, availing capital for businesses and start-ups, business identification and providing growth strategies.

- Greenlight Financial Services, which was born out of the passion of like-minded friends with a vision to empower women has grown to:
- Twenty-five branches (seven branches opened post COVID-19),
 - Serving over 4,300 customers, with 85% women,
 - Employing over 170 staff with 80% girls/women, and
 - Offered opportunities to Rotaractors as we believe they can empower others to serve humanity.

I thank God who has enabled us to reach out to educate the Nagadyas because without the Vision, we would not have made a difference to the various customers, employees, and the community.

Christine Kyeyune Kawooya
Charter President – RC Muyenga Tankhill
Assistant Governor (2020/21) – Kampala Zone 1

Rotary Roses Blood Donation Drive

The Rotary Roses, in partnership with the Rotaract Ladies Initiative (ROLI), Uganda Red Cross, Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank, Rotaract District 9211, and Davis and Shirtliff organised a blood donation drive in Kabale, Mbarara, Mbale, Gulu and Kampala on 19th September, 2020. A total of 207 units were collected. According to Past Assistant Governor Flavia Serugo, the D9211 Rotary Roses Coordinator, the quarterly blood donation drive should spread to all regions where Rotary is present. Be part of the next blood donation drive in December!!





HARRIET MUDONDO

KCCA: Empowering the Vulnerable

The Directorate of Gender and Community Services and Production (GCSP) in Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) empowers and facilitates communities, particularly vulnerable groups to realise and harness their potential for purposeful and sustainable development. Harriet Mudondo, the Director GCSP shared with The Wave team about the directorate’s projects which are impacting communities.

The Directorate has given KCCA a human face and opened its doors in communities. Tell us about its mandate.

The GCSP Directorate is mandated to empower communities to harness their potential and facilitate vulnerable populations to become productive, improve their livelihoods and participate in the development process in a sustainable manner. It provides support to the vulnerable populations in the city through a number of programmes broadly categorised into 11 sectors, namely: Gender and community development; Probation and welfare function; Labour Administration; Youths; Employment Services; Animal Production; Urban Agriculture; Commercial services and trade enterprise development; Fisheries and aquaculture; Social rehabilitation, culture and antiquities; and implementation of the resettlement action plan for the Kampala Institutional Infrastructure Development Project (KIIDP II).

How many projects are being implemented?

There are over 20 projects and/or programmes. Some of which include:

- The Community Driven Development Programme – provides approximately 260 community based organisations with grants annually.
- The Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Project –

provides affordable loans to women aged 18-59 years.

- The Functional Adult Literacy Programme – teaches adult learners numeracy and literacy.
- Cente Loan – extends loans to youths aged 18-35 years through a revolving loan.
- Youth Centres – which include the KCCA Employment Services Bureau established in 2014 to address the problem of unemployment. The Bureau conducts trainings, skills development programmes, and placement of youth (jobseekers) in gainful employment through partnerships and collaborations. To date, 14,332 youths have benefited through these training programmes. Another is the KCCA Kabalagala One Stop Youth Centre, which provides vocational skills training in leather tanning, cosmetology, hairdressing, garbage recycling, bag making, electrical installation and briquette production. A total of 2,938 youths benefited from these training programmes.
- During the COVID-19 lockdown, the Directorate rescued and rehabilitated 200 children from the streets in Kampala, and transferred them to approved children’s homes for further management.
- UNICEF: Girls Empowering Girls Programme – it benefits 1,500 girls both in and out of school to enable them transition into safe adulthood through mentoring and a small cash transfer.
- UN Women: Safer Cities Project – This is a city wide comprehensive, coordinated and integrated project that will make Kampala a safe and women friendly city.

What parameters are used when making interventions in a community?

Different programmes target different people and many of them are implemented according to prescribed national guidelines. The selection criteria and parameters for the various interventions vary from one project to another.



Which project has been the most successful and impactful? Why?

All projects have had significant levels of success and to a great extent met the objectives and purpose for which they were initiated. However, in terms of reach, the Agricultural Grant, and the Cente Loan, have the biggest number of beneficiaries.

How much have you spent on the project and what has been achieved?

The Cente Loan, managed by Centenary Bank on behalf of KCCA is a youth fund that provides loans to young people aged 18-35 years at an interest rate of 10% per annum. In 2012, KCCA transferred Ug shs 3.3billion to the bank. As at 13th March 2020, 14,245 youths had accessed loans amounting to Ug shs 43.2billion. This is one of the best performing revolving loans in Uganda.

The second-high impact project is the Agricultural Grant which has a budget of Ug shs 6.5billion. Through this project, KCCA promotes urban farming by providing agricultural inputs to 35 farmers per parish. Kampala has 99 parishes and this translates into 3,465 beneficiaries per annum.

Through funding from the Agricultural Grant and for purposes of supporting urban farming in the city, KCCA established the Kyanja Agricultural Resource Centre in FY 2012/13. The facility is set on 31 acres, and is used to demonstrate urban farming technologies. Since inception, the Centre has: raised and distributed 382,300 vegetable seedlings, brooded and distributed 103,767 Kuroiler chicks, produced

915 well-bred piglets for farmers, provided semen used to inseminate 2,273 pigs, and trained 37,651 farmers from Kampala and surrounding districts. The centre receives on average 10,000 visitors a year.

What signifies success in the projects you implement?

Success is multifaceted. As a programme designer and leader of the implementation process, the extent to which a programme achieves the purpose for which it was initiated is big time success. The second measure of success is the change that happens in the life of the target beneficiary and their households. I gauge success using three main parameters: change in access, change in practice, and change in behavior.

What challenges do you face when executing your roles?

Kampala is a fast urbanising city, growing at a rate of 5.3%. This puts a lot of pressure on the existing infrastructure and services, and significantly reconfigures the urban space. The increase in social development services has not matched the rate of urbanization, and there are many vulnerable people that remain unreached. The limited resource envelope limits the scope of interventions and the number of beneficiaries.

Which opportunities exist for KCCA to partner with Rotary?

Kampala has a young population which is looking for role models, and people that can handhold them as they navigate the youth phase of life. Alternatively, Rotary can partner with KCCA to set up a computer center and workstation at our Kabalagala One Stop Youth Center. There is need for about 15 computers.

Thank you for your time.

RTN. GYAVIIRA LUWAGA



Why Salma needs you

At 23, Salma has spent the early years of her adulthood nursing the burdens of bad decisions and fate. Three years ago, she met Herman a young professional who promised the world and its fantasies to this young and naïve soul. The bliss and facades of glory at the time engulfed her daily fun escapades and her pursuit for education was torn in between appeasing the young flowery gentleman.

Retake after retake and living the joys of life seemed more exciting than listening to public appearances of tact lecturers whose narratives made no sense.

"He loves me, she said and I cannot stop thinking about him," were the frequent words in her conversations as she convinced the bulk of her friends how glamorous he was. The unsung realities were the consistent desires to appease Herman whose disregard for Salma's education was insufficient.

In no time, the young figure full Salma was pregnant and life took another twist. Herman stopped visiting her hostel and the unimagined realities of early youth pregnancy set in.

To mukyala Kasfa, Salma's mum, this was not even a worthwhile conversation as she withdrew her resources from paying her fees, and sent Salma into the world of motherhood.

You don't have to be a mother to know that the pains of losing motherly and spouse support can be daunting, as Salma embarked on the road to survive. To many of her friends, she was a destitute. To her spouse, she was just another number like many who have fallen in the tentacles of his large sexual network.

She needed to survive and work to make ends meet for herself and her unborn baby. She started a food and soft drinks vending business near one of the construction sites at Nkulito. Many enjoyed her early morning katogo but were hesitant to pay daily as they got their proceeds at the end of the week. Without cash and help, survival took its toll on the once acclaimed beauty. This came along with consistent sexual advances from young men and frequent undesired groping.

Like Salma, many young women and men today are tirelessly dealing with the ordeals of life. These young adults languish in our streets, neighbourhoods and places of work. Many have opted to start small businesses like catering, fruit parlours, and stalls in markets, among others. They are burdened with lack of resources to support themselves and their children, frequently falling prey to abuse and self-induced exposure to make ends meet. Many have resorted in trading their dignity for support, resulting in even bigger problems.

Rotary gives us an opportunity once again to be the

unsung heroes of many women and men like Salma through our selflessness. We are asked to examine our conscience and share the little that God has given us with the world. That said, we cannot give out handouts big enough to tackle the problems that society embellishes. But we have the chance to make a difference through uniting and taking action.

How can we build capacity towards sustainable economic empowerment?

Today presents the need for sustainable economic empowerment solutions such as educating the youth and the young, vocational skills training, raising resources through associations such as savings and credit cooperative societies (SACCOs), and saving groups that communities can tap into. Using the power of - Service above Self, we can share our vocational expertise with society to improve efficiency, and productivity at individual and community levels.

We are called to appreciate and make use of the Rotary avenues of service. Let us build strong relationships within our clubs anchored towards a strong membership plan with diversity and inclusivity, so that; members, resources and engagement can be tapped into.

Through vocational service, members can contribute their expertise to solve the problems and needs of society. If you are a banker, help in the management and set up of the club's community SACCO. If you are a manufacturer, help communities set up home manufacturing cottages so that together, the world can be a better place.

We are privileged to have Rotarians working in vast corporations and sectors. Your untapped international engagements and contacts can be the much-needed opportunities required for the success of your club and the communities you aspire to change. Salvage these relationships and be the opportunity that Salma and her friends need to thrive.

The youth are the future of Rotary and without them, we cannot grow. Collaborate with your Rotaract clubs on projects and bring these young energetic men and women on board through skills training, opportunities and engagement. Tap into their understanding of the youth, and use them to develop strategies that economically empower their age mates.

The world will be a better place once we utilize our avenues of service to create change through sustainable economic empowerment programs.

Rtn. Gyaviira Luwaga

RC Muyenga Tankhill

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NOELINE KIRABO

What can you do with US\$50?

US\$50 is approximately Ug shs 185,000, less than what some people spend on food a week, or an outing with friends. Maybe it covers just enough fuel for your car for a few days. Over the past few months, we have learnt that an equivalent of the same is all it takes to rebuild dreams for some families.

I am Noeline Kirabo, team leader of Kyusa. I am a former school dropout, inspired by my own experiences to design an approach to empower fellow out of school youth to actualize their goals and aspirations.

Kyusa, started in 2014 and is a for-impact organisation committed to improve the quality of life for youth at the margins of society. We support early start-up entrepreneurs in low-income communities such as urban slums, rural areas and refugee camps. Kyusa provides leadership and business development support services that enable youth successfully start and grow their businesses. In line with this, we designed the first Rotary Vijana Poa curriculum used to train the initial trainers and facilitate the pilot phase. Following the outbreak of COVID-19, many of the youth we support stopped working. The majority of them operate at the bottom of the economic pyramid and typically survive on daily sales, meaning that many did not have means to support themselves and their families.

The majority were concerned about their ability to bounce back after the pandemic. Their resilience to keep pushing against this unprecedented economic storm inspired us to launch an online fundraiser initially to support 100 vendors by offering them micro-grants worth US\$50 or less.

Our list grew to 200 vendors, and we have so far supported 125 vendors in Kampala. On average, every vendor supports three secondary beneficiaries.

Kampala is home to over 10,000 vendors. These micro-entrepreneurs are a core part of the economic base of this country. Our economy cannot fully recover without including these stakeholders. Kyusa is building a network of professionals to mentor the vendors for at least six months. We also have partners to offer them unsecured loans as capital.

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Founder/Team Leader - Kyusa



RTR. PAUL MUSAHO

Thriving against all odds in a refugee settlement



Supporting women groups with watering cans

I am Rotaractor Paul Mushaho a refugee from Congo, Charter President of the Nakivale Rotaract Club, a young entrepreneur, and an information technology professional. I fled Congo not only because of the impending danger from rebels, but also my relatives were envious of my family wealth. Both parties attacked my family and stole our cattle. Being the only boy in my family, the rebels feared I would return from school and take revenge for the theft. They planned to kill me, so I fled to Uganda and became a refugee. I have been in Nakivale Refugee Settlement for five years. I am now a social worker, creating freedom centers that enable people meet, share ideas, and be trained. I also engage in business.

I am inspired to create lasting change and build a meaningful life for others. I want to create abundant

opportunities for both refugees and non-refugees. I received the Social Innovator award from the United Nations, the Rotary International Award of Honor from former President Barry Rassin, and the Change Maker Award from the American Refugee Committee and Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda.

Life was very challenging in the settlement. Youth face various challenges when trying to gain economic empowerment. They lack capital, skills, and opportunities. Those that try to earn an income, do so in challenging circumstances – engaging in activities like brick making (although it is forbidden), selling chapattis, and clean water collected on bicycles far from the settlements, some have small retail shops, or ride motorcycles (bodabodas).

Women engage in farming, tailoring, selling food, washing clothes and utensils in different households, among others. They face challenges like domestic violence, sexual abuse, and not being paid yet often over worked.

Nakivale Rotaract Club has supported the mobilization and training of both the youth and women in different economic activities. I urge Rotarians to engage the refugees to identify how they can better be empowered.

Rtr. Paul Mushaho
Rotaract Club of Nakivale

PP RACHEAL LUBOWA



Giving to the Polio Fund is still vital

When I was assigned the role of District Polio Officer, I was ecstatic and ambition overpowered me with the desire to eradicate Polio during this term. I began researching about the polio eradication journey and greatly appreciated the input of Rotarians in the noble cause.

Rotarians started this journey over 30 years ago and have achieved 99.9% eradication of the disease worldwide, having contributed over US\$1.8 billion towards this cause.

Wow! A lot of work has been done. Sometimes, I wonder if I am truly a Rotarian! How much have I contributed? How many times have I received a personal letter from The Rotary Foundation thanking me for particularly giving to polio? I still do not have a straight answer despite receiving one or two letters, but no clarification on what my contribution was for. This can apply to you my friend. Giving to Polio Plus is the beginning of learning to give, just like you learned to give Sunday school offertory. Every contribution counts and makes a huge difference.

On 25th August 2020, Africa said goodbye to Polio - this was only possible because of the drive of people like Nelson Mandela (RIP) who launched the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign in 1996. He was joined by the government health workers and international partners through a collaboration known as the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) made up of the World Health Organization (WHO)

Rotary International, US Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

District 2911 commemorated this day with a press conference at Shanghai Restaurant. The event was attended by Past District Governor Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa (representing DG Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga), and the WHO Representative in Uganda Dr. Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam. I thank the District Polio Team for organising this event.

As we plan to celebrate World Polio Day on 24th October, I urge all Rotarians step up efforts in eradicating this pandemic. We should raise awareness about our work. The wild poliovirus still affects children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As long as Polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat to everyone in the world.

All Rotarians and Rotaractors should organise a World Polio Day event in their communities. This year, online events will allow us expand our reach, raise more awareness, and inspire others to join us. I urge all clubs to continue contributing to the Polio Plus Fund. By giving Ug shs 5,000 – 10,000 from your weekly budget, you will definitely save the world. Ensure this money is recorded under your name. God bless you!

PP Racheal Lubowa

District Polio Officer
RC Kampala Sunrise



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RC MUKONO DEMO GARDEN

In a bid to sensitise club members and the surrounding communities about the importance of good nutrition, the Rotary Club of Mukono established a fruits and vegetable demonstration garden. The garden, containing carrots, spinach, beetroot, passion fruits will enable communities learn best farming practices, which they can adopt within their own homes.

This is part of the club's Fitness and Nutrition (FAN) activity for the first quarter of the Rotary Year. Gardening does not only avail one with nutritious food, but it is also keeps you fit, and is a great stress reliever. The fresh air and sunshine enjoyed when one is gardening helps soothe frazzled nerves!





Makerere Peace Centre gives Rotary a global perspective

PETER PAUL OPATA

Peter Paul Opata is a Project Manager for a European Union funded four-year project under the Danish Refugee Council. In 2011, he was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kampala to undertake a Rotary Peace Fellowship with an MA in African Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. Peter was hosted by the Rotary Club of Haworth and Worth Valley. He is married with eight children, four of whom are biological.

While working as a Partnership, Justice and Advocacy Officer for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), I was exposed to the impact of the Lord's Resistance Army atrocities on the people of northern Uganda. Each time I went for field missions, I returned feeling helpless and wondering how I could be more helpful to the disenfranchised population. I desired to gain more technical knowledge to enable me bring about the change I yearned to see. I was encouraged to apply for the fellowship by two alumni of the Rotary Peace Fellowship - an old friend, Godfrey Mukalazi and a colleague at work, Chantal Payda (RIP). My class at the University of Bradford was one of the most diverse communities I have ever spent time with - it was an enriching and life changing experience, worth every moment. The university is well known for its centre of excellence in peacebuilding. It had some of the most accomplished scholars in this field, so interacting with them influenced my perspectives towards peacebuilding. Ultimately, I am more drawn to praxis than academic theory. Finding the mutual compromise between these two is sometimes not as simple.

Through my work, I have tested the theories and skills gained during the fellowship, although the ideal can be elusive. Peace literacy is critical for developing countries like Uganda and its neighbours that have been riddled with a history of wars and instability, and continue to struggle with insecurity and lawlessness. There is need to galvanize the baby steps these countries and others worldwide are making to sustain human development that should match the era we live in today. Since we are consolidating our governance systems and infrastructure, we should strengthen the socio-economic, political and other dimensions of development. We should uphold and strengthen peace literacy in our region.

I advocated for Rotary to open a Peace Centre in Africa. I felt that some sections of the world were disproportionately represented on the programme, yet a large number of fellows have a deep desire to study about the issues that Africa contributes to the global arena. I was confident that Africa could manage and run the programme. Adding Makerere to the programme will strengthen it and give Rotary the global perspective and legitimacy in living up to the values it promotes.

In five years, I hope to be a Rotarian. I also hope to take up more central roles in influencing decisions that impact the many lives that hunger for peace and development.

Peter Paul Opata

Rotary Fellow Peace 2010/12



Rotary Friendship Exchange opens doors for learning

DR. NGISI MASAWA

In 2017, I participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange between District D9211 (Tanzania and Uganda) and D9350 - Cape Town. I was hosted by Past District Governor (PDG) Shan Simons of Newlands Rotary Club and Ruben Maistry of RC Cape Town.

I attended fellowship in three rotary clubs - Newlands, Cape Town and Wynberg and we shared information about the different service projects being implemented in our communities. I noted that majority of the clubs in Cape Town offer scholarships to students to access a good education. This is against the belief that through education, they will get rid of poverty and xenophobia.

Visit to Service Projects

Ilitha Family Learning Project: This nursery school in Khayelisha was started by a teacher who often visited different homes in the neighborhood teaching young children how to read and write. With support from RC Sea Point D3630 (South Korea), a local Anglican church and other donors, a pre-school of about 40 kids was started.

Moyo Wikaya Harvest of Hope: From an abandoned dry land that had been turned into a waste disposal area, RC Constantia set up an irrigation scheme on four hectares. Through a local organisation - Abalimi Hezekhaya they combined about 50 farmers who grow vegetables and daily use crops which they sell to the community and to surrounding hotels.

Valley Development Project: This is a community house, located at Cape View and run by RC Cape of Good Hope. It provides social services to about 200 assaulted individuals, some of whom are drug addicts, alcoholics, and pregnant teenagers. In collaboration with KFC and other donors, they also provide free lunch to about 700 kids daily who struggle to have at least three meals per day.

Masakhane Educare Centre: A pre and primary school run by women of the RC of Good Hope. Parents contribute a minimal cost to enable their children access lunch and an afternoon nap.

Exploring Cape Town

We visited some of the popular tourist attractions in like the Table Mountain Cableway, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, Peninsular Drive, Table Mountain National Park, Robben Island and also engaged in wine tasting.

I am grateful to RC Oysterbay for sponsoring me to attend the programme. It enhanced my knowledge on how Rotary operates, different projects, and I also made many new friends. I appeal to the club to continue sponsoring more Rotaractors to participate in such programmes, and also the Rotaract Youth Exchange Programme.

Dr. Ngisi Masawa

Alpha Rotaract Club

GERTRUDE NATENE



Natene: Rotary Youth Exchange unlocked my opportunities

My name is Gertrude Natene Bwaya, currently a student at Kabojja International School. I am 18 years old, and a Paul Harris Fellow (+1). Last year, while the Vice-President of the Interact Club of British School of Kampala, I became the first student from District 9211 to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange – Outbound only Program.

I was hosted by District 6960 – Southwest Florida, USA. The District also hosted seven other exchange students, namely: Ana Clara Martins Meira (Brazil), Matteo Ganassi (Italy), Regina Castellanos (Mexico), Damien Tison (France), Juline-Sophie Jadzinski (Germany), Jano Cernak (Slovakia), and Sara Lehtiniemi (Finland).

I enjoyed a magical bond with my host parents – Past President Wayne and Past District Governor Sandra Hemstead. With them, I visited the State of Georgia, went rock climbing (indoors) and even fulfilled my dream of swimming with dolphins! They introduced me to their friends and families who treated me like one of their own.

Community Engagements

I was warmly welcomed by the various communities like the Naples United Church of Christ, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, and at Gulf Coast High School in Collier County.

I took part in the fall musical, engagements with different school clubs, and even the annual cabaret! Overall, the entire school welcomed me - right from the teaching and hygiene staff, those in nutritional services, and the students.

My host and sponsor club was Rotary Club of Bonita Beach Sunset, in collaboration with RC Bonita Springs. Through the Interact Club of Gulf Coast High School, I also interacted with RC Naples Bay. I enjoyed the meetings at the various clubs visited namely - RC Venice, RC Fort Myers Sunset, RC Naples, and the DeSoto High School Interact.

I enjoyed the community service projects like Meals of Hope where we either distributed food at the food pantries or in the warehouses packing the food. At the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, I volunteered to be a side-walker – so while sessions were on going, I would walk beside the person riding a therapeutic horse and be a support point.

A perk to interacting with many people is you learn how to connect with people of all ages, backgrounds and professions. It was great connecting with an 80-year-old, still have no trouble relating with a 3-year-old, and even connect with my age mates! I learnt about cultural differences - from the Haitians in my school, to the 'snowbirds' that vacationed in

FLORIDA
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Florida, and to the Spanish community all around! I got perspectives which I could not have adopted if I remained looking at the world and life through my eyes. There is a certain beauty and light that comes with a global perspective, and with this beauty, are a myriad of opportunities for one to choose from!

Exploring Florida

Every month, prior to the pandemic, the District's Youth Exchange team took us on trips to explore the beauty of Florida. We visited the Kennedy Space Center, the famous Miami and South Beach, Disneyworld, Key West and also got a chance to canoe down the Peace River! The trips were a chance for us to get to know each other. I learnt a lot about Finland, Brazil, Germany and other countries all from my interactions with the exchange students.

Representing Africa at the 2020 EEMA

After this exchange, I no longer feel restricted or limited by the walls of Uganda, East Africa, or even Africa. Once you make connections and build relationships, a new wave of opportunities come your way. Last month, I represented Africa at the first ever digital Rotary Youth Exchange for Europe – Eastern Mediterranean - Africa (EEMA). This conference brings together students in different Rotary Exchange Programs. Being a speaker at the same conference as the Rotary International President Holger Knaack was one of the best opportunities I have

received. Johann Wolfgang von Goeth said, "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." The idea of addressing over 300 people around the world was pretty scary, but nothing less than magical!

Being the first to do something brings a whole lot of responsibility and expectation. It would be a lie to say I know why I was chosen to represent District 9211 in this Youth Exchange Program. Honestly, all I know is that I met the requirements, but the rest was up to God and a whole lot of faith and luck. I appreciate the support from the District 9211 officers in Rotary Year 2018/19. That, and the support from my sponsor club - RC Kampala West – made for a good year.

After a year as an exchange student, I will take from Muriel Strode who said, "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path, and I will leave a trail." Being an exchange student means you have to be in position to learn. As Alvin Toffler put it, "The illiterate in the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and re-learn". I look forward to learning more and paving wider paths for the youth in my District and Africa. It was a pleasure representing you! I thank my parents – Sam and Norah Bwaya, who have raised me as part of the RC Kampala West family.

PP. ADOLF OLOMI



Bringing relief to Karatu through a PMTCT Global Grant

Maternal and infant mortality rates are very high in Tanzania, and even higher in the remote Karatu District in Arusha region. Within the Karatu Town is a small hospital operated by the Foundation for African Medicine and Education (FAME). Eleven Tanzanian physicians from the hospital offer comprehensive prenatal care and labor and delivery services, as well as emergency obstetrical care and management of high-risk pregnancies.

Although most mothers in and around Karatu utilise the hospital's services, sometimes even those who live nearby often fail to come in for as many prenatal visits as they should, and many do not have an ultrasound exam during their pregnancy. Meanwhile, women living in outlying villages find it very difficult to access formal medical care. These are less likely to have any prenatal care and usually deliver their babies at home, assisted only by a family member or a traditional birth attendant.

To avert this situation, the Rotary Club of Arusha, in 2019 partnered with RC Los Altos in California and secured a Global Grant 175122, worth US\$ 64,000. The major objective of this project is Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT). It was noted that quite a number of mothers with HIV did not know their status, it was therefore imperative that pregnant women are tested during pre-natal clinic

visits and if found HIV positive, both mother and baby are given antiretroviral drugs, resulting in a 95%-98% chance that there will be no trace of HIV in the child's blood at one year of age. It is also likely that the mother will survive to raise the child.

According to Rosemary Davidson, a member of the Club's project committee, over 2,000 mothers will benefit from this project annually. Majority of these beneficiaries are women and children residing in marginalised and impoverished communities not only in Karatu District, but also in the surrounding areas, including the Maasai people of Ngorongoro District. Medical equipment donated to FAME Hospital included; an ultrasound machine, a fetal monitor, two fetal dopplers, an IV pump, and an oxygen concentrator.

The project also provided HIV test kits and trained staff in maternal and child health with a focus on HIV counseling, testing and treatment to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Incentives (mama kits) for mothers to visit the clinic for prenatal care, delivery and well-baby visits were also provided. The mama kits contain – double FAME khangas, five maternity pads, two underwear, baby cloth, two reusable diapers, four wipes, a baby hat, socks and two assorted baby clothes plus baby soap and oil.

Adolf Olomi – RC Arusha
Country Chair – Tanzania

RTN. FAYE CRAN



Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania

In 2003, Past Rotary International Director Brian Stoyel, then President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) chose the Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania (REMIT) as his Presidential Project. At that time reports suggested that malaria was the biggest killer in Tanzania, exceeding even HIV/AIDS. Over 100,000 people a year were dying of malaria in Tanzania, of which 70% were under the age of five. Starting off with a small grant of US\$5,340, the REMIT project was successful and it rose to access grants of over US\$182,000. Upon my transfer to the Rotary Club of Moshi, I continued as the Country Coordinator.

Through the REMIT Project, the RC of Moshi seeks to:

1. Reduce death of young children and pregnant women from malaria.
2. Improve education through saving days missed from school due to malaria.
3. Reduce community poverty by reducing days off work caused by malaria
4. Reduce number of people affected by the effects of malaria such as chronic anemia, brain and kidney damage.
5. Form Rotary Community Corps to supervise the prevention measures in each region of operation. These include: Kigoma (6 districts), Tabora (7 districts), Dodoma (7 districts), Mbeya (7 districts) Mwanza (7 districts), Kagera (8 districts), Mara (6 districts) Iringa (5 districts), Singida (6 districts),

Ruvuma (6 districts), Rukwa (4 districts), Manyara (6 districts), Arusha (7 districts), Kilimanjaro (7 districts), and Singida (6 districts)

Approximately 3.7 million children and adults have been trained on malaria prevention, diagnosis and treatment. After the training, the children engage in a quiz where the top five winners are given t-shirts stamped with the words "REMIT WINNER". It is amazing that before the training, some people come with the belief that malaria is caused by – "rabid dogs, rain, smell of toe nails, darkness and foreigners" among others. Never has anyone said stagnant water, long grass, rubbish heaps or empty containers and damp drains etc.

After training, the community buys mosquito nets at a cost of US\$0.9 per net, therefore creating a sense of ownership, however, the poorest families as identified by the village heads do not pay. The small fee covers the cost of delivery and free nets. So far, 19,685 nets have been sold. With the emergence of COVID-19, each person is also given a mask.

With support from PDG Terry Youlton from RC Ridgeway in Canada, school children in all boarding schools in Tanzania were given mosquito nets. PDG Terry raised CA\$650,000 through a Swim Against Malaria campaign. Assisted by PSI on transportation, 130,000 nets were delivered to the school children. Rotaractors helped hang the nets and train the children

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on proper usage. The Ministry of Education permitted the airing of films and training well into the night, even midnight. The kids loved the films.

REMIT Saving Lives in Lower Kilimanjaro, our current project is in partnership with the Pan African Malaria Vector Research Consortium. The total project cost is USD 163,000. Through this project, RC Moshi trains health workers about malaria, dengue, zika and chikungunya diagnosis, transmission, prevention and control.

The project also supplies diagnostic and other malaria equipment to the health centres in their areas of operation. This is in addition to the sprayer given to each area Government Malaria

Focal Person, while the Government supplies the insecticides. This equipment will cost US\$110,267 and the training US\$31,800.

Mosquito-eating fish are placed in water tanks and ponds, making sure the ponds have vertical edges so the fish do not flounder in shallow water. The Rotary Community Corps care for the mosquito repellent trees and supervise the indoor spraying.

This year, I was appointed a Director of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), and will continue to seek for more support to eliminate malaria in Tanzania.

Rtn. Faye Cran
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How 13 members collect over US \$30,000 in fundraisers

PRESIDENT MICHAEL NELSON

The Rotary Club of Zanzibar, recognised at this year’s District Conference and Assembly as the most diverse club in District 9211, is a small but highly active club of 13 members, comprising a core of long-term residents (both local and expat) and complimented by a dynamic contingent of members who come to the island for a more limited time. Membership fluctuates given the transient nature of Zanzibar, but currently we are 60% female, 13 nationalities, 12 classifications, and an age range from 27 to 65!

In a typical year, this small club raises between US\$30,000-35,000 locally! An amazing result for a small island.

This club’s experience has demonstrated that ‘less is more’! Focusing on two major events in a year – Gala Dinner and Golf Tournament, rather than several smaller events, ensures that funds raised are maximised and ‘charity event fatigue’ in the local community is avoided.

For several years, the Gala Dinner has become one of the highlights of the Zanzibari social calendar. It is attended and supported by the local business community and particularly the tourism sector. The event, held at 6 Degrees South, one of the best restaurants in Stone Town, includes a rooftop welcome cocktail, sumptuous three-course meal with wine and a DJ, all at a favourable cost price, thus improving the profit margins. Tickets cost US\$75 per person, and each event has a theme – the last one being ‘Shimmer & Shine,’ and the one before ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’.

Rather than have long speeches, Rotary’s work is effectively communicated through laminated brochures placed on each table.

Majority of funds are raised from the generosity of local businesses and hotels that donate about 170 prizes each year. The value of the prizes can be as little as US\$15-20, and as much as US\$5,000 in the case of major luxury hotels or safari lodges, such as Nomad Safaris, Fundu Lagoon, Melia, Zuri, Our Zanzibar Group and many more. The club’s challenge has been maximising the revenue obtained from the prizes, but over time they have become very imaginative in achieving this.

The funds raised are not specific to any one project, but have recently been used to combat COVID-19 (U\$16,000), start a martial arts program (BORA) in two local state schools (US\$13,000), and support a number of smaller health care and educational projects.

The majority of prizes go into a tombola where tickets cost US\$20 each. Every ticket wins a prize. At least most people recoup their money, but several prizes between US\$200-600 are also included in the tombola. This formula has been extremely successful in making the Gala Dinner the ‘talk of the town’ – the tombola opens and sells out within 10 minutes raising approximately US\$3,000.

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Open and closed auctions with roughly 15 high value prizes can raise up to US\$8,000 on a typical night, with much competition for the most exclusive prizes.

Finally, because of the increasing number of high-value prizes donated, another fund-raising platform was created – the “Millionaire’s Raffle.” Here 10-12 prizes with a combined value of about US\$6,000-10,000 are raffled off. Only 60 tickets are sold giving roughly a ‘1 in 5 chance’ of winning a prize. The top millionaire’s prize usually has a value of several thousand dollars, giving the chance of a ‘holiday of a lifetime’ for the lucky winner for a ticket cost of US\$50.

And then the dancing begins! Everyone at the event has a memorable and marvellous night, whilst providing significant funds to benefit the local community.

President Michael Nelson
RC Zanzibar

The Ultimate Fundraisers

Sharing a light moment at a fundraising dinner in Zanzibar





RC Njiro Arusha attracts new members with beauty and fun

RTN. CIREN GRACIAS



RC Kalisizo’s Sitatunga WASH Project delivers relief to Sembabule Schools

RTN. JOSEPH MUBIRU - PHF

It was a cool and balmy evening in the sprawling suburb of Njiro, located in Arusha in the northern part of Tanzania. One of the newest clubs in District 9211, the Rotary Club (RC) of Njiro Arusha, only chartered in February 2020, organized a Membership Drive. The club’s first event this Rotary year took place in August 2020, at the Njiro Climax Resort, which hosts its meetings every Friday evening. RC Njiro Arusha was chartered with 20 members, and has since added three members, with two more to be inducted soon. The cocktail organising committee was led by Rtn. Victoria Shangarai. Each club member was tasked to invite two to three guests as potential Rotarians. The event aimed at informing communities around Njiro about Rotary, its purpose, and why they should join. President Elect Joyce Mosha welcomed the guests on behalf of President Daniel Njoolay. Introduction of the club members, visiting Rotarians and the guests broke the ice and enabled everyone to know who was present.

RC Njiro Arusha was sponsored by RC Arusha Mount Meru – and it was pleasing to see five members from the mother club – a Past Assistant Governor (PAG), two Assistant Governors (AGs), the President and President Elect! Among the guests was a former Miss Tanzania. The event was truly graced with beauty and clout.

Two interesting presentations, one by Rev. Fr. Pastory Kijuu, about “Raising Children in a Globalized Environment,” and another by Country Chair PAG

Adolf Olomi on “How to do Business in a Pandemic Environment,” were proceeded by a captivating talk from AG Edgar Muganwa. Guests were encouraged to attend the Friday meetings. To ensure that they do not forget, the Club Secretary was tasked to capture their names and contacts to send them reminders.

With the formalities completed, everyone was treated to a sumptuous meal. The dessert was a surprise! Rtn. Raymond Mosha, who had turned a ripe old age of 75 brought cake. Everyone paid a small amount of money for a slice, and these funds went towards the Club’s project fund. In the true Rotary spirit, almost every club member donated gifts for the raffle and they bought tickets for the kitty. The raffle prizes were handed over by PAG Anna Rweyemamu from the mother club. Could the night have ended without a dance? Not at all. Arusha evenings in August tend to get chilly and as some lively numbers were belted out by the DJ, Rotarians and their guests took to the floor and danced with joy. The looks on their faces as they departed seemed to suggest – “When is the next event?”

The success of the function will depend on how many members the club will recruit through the event. However, a lot of satisfaction was derived from pulling off such a grand occasion by members, majority of whom had not been in Rotary a year before. Surely this is a sign of great things to come!

Rtn. Ciren Gracías
RC Njiro Arusha

In September, 2019 the Rotary Club of Kalisizo together with RC of Madras Coromandel (India) and RC of Central Chester County (USA) kicked off the School WASH Enhancement Global Grant named – The Sitatunga Project. The project cost is valued at US\$71,000; of which the District 9211 contributed US\$20,000.

This project has brought smiles to the parents and learners in six primary schools, namely: Kanyogoga, Mitete, Katwe, Kiteredde Baptist, Kawanda Muslim, and Mateete all located in Sembabule District. The estimated number of direct and indirect beneficiaries is 2,856 learners and teachers, and 2,149 parents and school management committee members respectively.

Each school got a five stance lined pit latrine, fitted with a hand washing facility and a rain water harvesting tank, except for Kiteredde that only got a latrine, and Mateete a water tank. In addition, the project provided a series of trainings, which included:

- Menstrual hygiene management for 30 senior women teachers.
- School WASH operation & maintenance for 20 sanitation teachers.
- Mobilisation of health and maintaining a vibrant School Health Club for 40 Patrons.
- Planning, budgeting and monitoring effectiveness of School WASH facilities for 25 SMC & PTAs.
- Water quality testing skills for 12 Health Inspectors.

The club in collaboration with the Sembabule District Education Department analysed the school sanitation statistics for about 50 schools in the district, and the Senior Education Officer compiled the pupil: stance ratio across all the schools. It was noted that 15



schools had the highest pupil: stance ratio (ranging from 80:1 to 200:1), compared to the national recommended ratio of 40:1. A visit to the worst affected 12 schools by Rotarians and several stakeholder meetings kicked off the grant writing process. Basing on guidance from The Rotary Foundation, six schools were chosen to benefit from the Sitatunga Project.

The beneficiaries were excited about the project and had this to say: “This project came at a time when it was most needed because the district has a limited budget for latrine construction,” **Bwana Nantamu, Senior Inspector of Schools.**

“We are very grateful to the Rotary clubs for providing latrines and a tank to our school, actually we were scrambling for the two stances between teachers and pupils,” **Rebecca Namujju, Headmistress Kanyogoga Primary School.**

Rtn. Joseph Mubiru - PHF
RC Kalisizo

Country Grants Support Officers 2020/21-Uganda

Zone	Country Grants Co-Chair	Grants Support Officer
Kampala 1: Ntinda Metro, Gaba, Kajjansi, Makindye, Kampala Day Break, Rubaga	Nelson Kabwama	George Mirie
Kampala 2: Ntinda, Muyenga, Nsambya, Acacia Sunset, Kiwenda, Naguru		
Kampala 3: K'la North, Nateete, Makindye West, Bweyogerere Central, 7 Hills, E-Club of Uganda		Emmy Kwesiga
Kampala 4: Kasangati, Lubowa, Namasuba, Kampala Metropolitan, Entebbe, Kampala Sunrise	Sam Farouk Mukasa	George Mwirie
Kampala 5: K'la Ssese Islands, Nkumba, Buloba, Mutundwe, Muyenga Tankhill, Kisugu Victoria View		Emmy Kwesiga
Kampala 6: Bugolobi, Kiwatule, Kitante, Seguku, Kampala City, Kyambogo		
Kampala 7: Lugogo Mango Tree, Seeta, Kampala Central, Kisaasi-Kyanja, Muyenga Sunday Sunset, Maisha	Nelson Kabwama	George Mirie
Kampala 8: Naalya, Bugolobi MorningTide, Kololo, Bunga, Kigo, Bweyogerere Namboole		
Kampala 9: K'la South, Kampala Wandegeya, Portbell, Kampala Kawempe, Nansana, Rubaga Lake View		
Kampala 10: Mengo, Bukoto, Kyengera, Nsangi, Makerere Rainbow, Bulindo		Emmy Kwesiga
Kampala 11: Kampala, Bwebajja, Kampala West, Kibuli, Muyenga Breeze, Namugongo	Sam Farouk Mukasa	Emmy Kwesiga
Kampala 12: Najjeera, Munyonyo, K'la East, Mukono Central, Mukono, Lugazi		George Mirie
Central 1: Mityana, Mubende, Hoima-Kitara, Gomba-Kabulasoke		Milton Tusingwire
Central 2: Masaka, Lukaya, Kalangala-Ssese, Kalisizo, Lyantonde, Kyotera, Lwengo		Joseph Mubiru
Eastern 1: Jinja, Source of the Nile, Iganga, Bugiri, Njeru, Kayunga	Nelson Kabwama	Samson Egesa
Eastern 2: Mbale, Tororo, Soroti Central, Kumi, Bukedia, Mbale Metropolitan		Bonny Mark Alinga
Western 1: Mbarara, Rwampara, M'bra East, Bushenyi, Kabwohe, Mbarara City	Sam Farouk Mukasa	John Bosco Agaba
Western 2: Kabale, Ntungamo, Rukungiri, Kihhi, Kisoro-P		
Western 3: Kabarole, Kasese, Ibanda, Fortportal		Milton Tusingwiire
Northern 1: Gulu, Lira, Kitgum		Gerald Obai
Northern 2: Arua, Arua Eco City, Masindi, Kigumba	Nelson Kabwama	Moses Otim

District 9211 Community Economic Empowerment Global Grants 2019/20

Grant ID	Grant Title	Project Description	Host Club	International Club and District	Total Budget
GG1640381	Economically Empowering People with Disabilities through skills training	To train people with disabilities in Kasese District, about income-generating activities.	Kasese (Uganda)	West Ottawa (Canada) District 7040	\$38,122.00
GG1876847	Uganda Food Crop and Fish Farming Development Project	To develop one food crop demonstration farm and two aquaculture ponds to be used by local village and community-based organizations to teach improved farming techniques over a 3-year period in Busia, Mbale and Kumi.	Mbale (Uganda)	Midvalley (United States) District 5420	\$75,150.00
GG1980478	Increasing Household Incomes for Farmers in Kamuli District Through Improved Farming Practices	To establish poultry enterprises for 30 farmers that will be trained on poultry production skills, marketing, financial management, and entrepreneurial business skills, mainly focusing on women and youth in Kamuli District, Uganda.	Bweyogere-Namboole (Uganda)	Effingham (United States) District 6490	\$43,000.00
GG1980986	Warehouse Receipt Program	To expand Iringa Hope Joint AMCO Warehouse Receipt Program to all 23 locations with Integrated Development Centers throughout Iringa, Tanzania.	Iringa (Tanzania)	Lakeville (United States) District 5960	\$188,200.00
GG1981728	Vocational Training and Economic Development in Uganda, Manufacturing an Innovative Wheelchair	To provide vocational training in the production of wheelchairs as well as metalworking skills, and incubation of social enterprise for the sale of wheelchairs produced at the Katalemwa Cheshire Home, Uganda.	Muyenga (Uganda)	Burlington (Canada) District 7080	\$137,875.00
GG1982315	Bududa Adopt a Community (Level 2)	To adopt the community served by Bududa Disabled Peoples Empowerment Initiative (BUDEI), Uganda to improve basic education and literacy, water and sanitation, community economic development and strengthen the village health teams to improve community wellbeing.	Kampala-North (Uganda)	Madras (India) District 3232	\$219,000.00
GG1983245	Saving Cooking Energy and Growing Fruits to Improve Income in Selected Schools in Teso Sub-region	To conduct agronomic training and provide fruit seedlings to 30 households and 3 schools for the purpose of income generation in Soroti and Kaberamaido Districts, Uganda. Provide energy saving cookers to reduce consumption of wood.	Soroti Central (Uganda)	Santa Rosa East (United States) District 5130	\$36,795.00
GG1987728	Manyama-Kamaggwa Adopt A Village	To train farmer associations in livestock and modern farming techniques, financial management skills, provision of rain water harvesting tanks, and community training and education in community leadership skills development for Manyama-Kamaggwa Village, Uganda.	Kalisizo (Uganda)	Calgary (Canada) District 5360	\$72,000.00
GG2010397	Equipping St. Padre Pio Rotary Technical Institute Buikwe	To provide furniture, textbooks, computers, and tools to St. Padre Pio Rotary Technical Institute Buikwe, Uganda in order to develop the students' vocational skills.	Kajjansi (Uganda)	Republic of Korea - District 3661	\$88,295.00
GG2095466	Empowering Families of Children with Disabilities on Bussi Island, Uganda	To train at least 50 young adults with disabilities, and provide income-generating activities to at least 30 families of children with disabilities on Bussi Island, Uganda.	Lubowa (Uganda)	Telgte (Germany) District 1870	\$71,500.00



PRESIDENT
JESSICA PAUL
SHAYO

Raising project funds through a wholesome FAN activity

Immediately after their charter last year, the Rotary Club of Arusha ClockTower adopted monthly walks as a means to keep every member in the club fit and healthy. The walks, held every last Saturday of the month, have become an essential activity across the Rotary community in the Arusha Region, as members of other clubs have joined in.

With the introduction of the Fitness and Nutrition (FAN) campaign this Rotary year, the club added cycling as another activity which could involve other clubs like the Rotaractors, Toastmasters and friends of Rotary around Arusha.

In August, the club hosted its first 20km cycling and 10km walking event, attended by over 60 people. It was a wonderful opportunity to exercise, interact and socialise, which is good for mental health. Stretching sessions and a healthy breakfast followed in suit.

Part of the Tshs 530,000 (US\$228) raised will support a FAN project aimed at providing proper nutrition to the diabetic that cannot afford it.

The club looks forward to hosting more FAN events for the Arusha community.

President Jessica Paul Shayo
RC Arusha Clock Tower



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DG's Club Project Visits



Rotary Club of Mengo

The Rotary Club of Mengo has implemented a number of projects within the Bufumbanswa community (Luero District) since 2015. Last year, a US\$45,000 Bufumbanswa Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) global grant was approved with support from the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento District 5180 (USA).

The project seeks to: construct two lined drainable Ventilated Improved Pits (VIP) toilets at Buvuma Junior School and St. Joseph Kikubampagi Primary School with seven stances each and a washroom/changing room for girls; install two rain water harvesting tanks - 10,000liter capacity each - at the two schools; drill two boreholes at Bufumbanswa and Nkondo villages; conduct trainings about good hygiene and sanitation practices and leadership, and also create awareness to ensure project ownership by the community for its sustainability.

DG's Club Project Visits



Rotary Club of Jinja

The Rotary Club of Jinja is implementing the Rotary-USAID WASH project in five schools (St. Andrews Nakabango Primary School, Namulesa Muslim P/S, Butiki P/S, Musima P/S, and Wanyange Girls School) and three health centres (Bugembe HC IV and Wakitaka HCIII). Each facility will have latrines/changing rooms for girls, group handwashing facilities, and an incinerator constructed. District Governor Rosetti visited Namulesa Muslim Primary School.

In partnership with Clutches for Africa, the club got a 40ft container of mobility devices - wheelchairs, walkers, walking sticks and clutches for distribution to persons with disabilities countrywide.





Jennifer Jones shatters Rotary's glass ceiling

This October, Jennifer Jones officially becomes the President Nominee, paving way for her to become the first woman to lead Rotary International.

Speaking to the Windsor Star in August, Jennifer noted that, "Our organization is 115 years, we have never had a woman serve as the President and I am incredibly proud to be able to take on this role," she added. "But I think it's important to note that I was selected as a qualified candidate, not because of my gender." Women were only allowed to join the organisation 34 years ago after the Supreme Court ruling enforced that change in the United States of America.

"It's something that moves me very profoundly. I feel incredibly grateful," Jennifer said. "I am somewhat overwhelmed. But I am also very excited by the opportunities that lay ahead. There are very few opportunities in our lifetime to make a difference on a global stage," added Jennifer.

She noted that many women are qualified to take on the role of President, but members must have served in a number of other positions first. "We're just at the point where we have a very small critical mass of women who have been able to accomplish serving in those different roles," she added.

"It is a remarkable step forward in history because

it represents a diverse perspective and I think any organisation that is looking to have balanced thought, needs to have diverse perspective. This is a sign of very positive change."

Jennifer, who will serve as President in 2022-23 says she sees Rotary's Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing its impact. "As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that our ability to adapt would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history," Jennifer said in her vision statement. "Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today's reality."

As the first woman to be nominated to be President, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realise growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jennifer noted. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family." Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor, Canada. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and Chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been

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recognised for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jennifer holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

Jennifer played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as Chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the Co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise US\$150 million for polio eradication efforts. She has been a leader in cultivating experiential fundraising opportunities such as Rotary's Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, which raised over US\$5.25 million for polio eradication.

Jennifer recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000 people. She has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self-Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She also contributes much of her energy to local organisations.

Jones is happily married to Nick Krayacich, a local family physician. They share a love for many things including travel, cycling, golf and relaxing at their family cottage. They also share a thirst for adventure and reached the summit of Mount

“We're just at the point where we have a very small critical mass of women who have been able to accomplish serving in those different roles,” she added...

Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa in January 2009. As champions of The Rotary Foundation, both her and her husband (also a Rotarian) are members of the Arch C. Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society and are charter members of the Bequest Society.

Jennifer joined Rotary in 1997 when she was only 27. She owned a television production company and the general manager of a cable company invited her to attend a Rotary meeting. "I had covered Rotary as a young reporter when it was still an 'old men's club.' So I was not really sure what to expect." But she went and "when I arrived I felt like I had arrived home!" She joined RC Windsor--Roseland in Canada. In 2001, she became the Club President, and loved it. Her club then had 65 members and around 60 per cent were female. In 2007-08 she became Governor of District 6400.

Jennifer broke through the glass ceiling in Rotary to become one of the only 10 women to reach the level of Rotary International Director, serving from 2015-17. Thereafter becoming the Vice President of Rotary International in 2016-17. She has served the organisation as a training leader, moderator, committee vice-chair, coordinator and President's Representative. She also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees, which manages the business of The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of our organisation that funds service activities.

Additional Sources:
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DG'S VISITS

ROSETTI NABBUMBA NAYENGA

Date	Activity 9 (AM)	Activity 12 (Noon)	Activity 2 (PM)
Thu 01-Oct-20			RC Mwalimu Nyerere
Fri 02-Oct-20			RC Musoma
Sat 03-Oct-20			RC Morogoro Central
Sun 04-Oct-20	Club Project Visit TZ		RC Moshi
Mon 05-Oct-20			RC Morogoro North
Tue 06-Oct-20		RC Kyotera (12noon-1.00pm)	RC Karagwe
Wed 07-Oct-20	RC Kalisizo (10.00-11.00am)	RC Masaka (2.00-3.00pm)	RC Bukoba (online; 5.00-6.00pm)
Thu 08-Oct-20	RC Kalangala Ssese Islands		
Fri 09-Oct-20	UGANDA-INDEPENDENCE DAY		
Sat 10-Oct-20	RC Kampala North (+Project visit 11.00am-1.00pm)	RC Kampala North (+Project visit 11.00am-1.00pm)	
Sun 11-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		
Mon 12-Oct-20	RC Kampala Early Bird (7.00am-8.30am)		
Tue 13-Oct-20	RC Sunrise (Project visit 9.00-11.00am) + RC Kansanga (& Nakawa in formation)	RC Sunrise (Project visit 9.00-11.00am) + RC Kansanga (& Nakawa in formation)	RC Bukoto (5.00-7.00pm)
Wed 14-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Kireka Movers(5.00-7.00pm)
Thu 15-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Makerere Rainbow (5.00-7.00pm)
Fri 16-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Kawempe (5.00-7.00pm)
Sat 17-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		
Sun 18-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		
Mon 19-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Naguru (5.00-7.00pm)
Tue 20-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Kisugu Victoria View (+project visit)
Wed 21-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Muyenga (5.00-7.00pm)
Thu 22-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Muyenga Tankhill (5.00-7.00pm)
Fri 23-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Muyenga Breeze (5.00-7.00pm)
Sat 24-Oct-20	WORLD POLIO DAY CELEBRATIONS		
Sun 25-Oct-20			RC Muyenga Sunday Sunset (5.00-7.00pm)
Mon 26-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		
Tue 27-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Wandegeya (+Luwero Kasana Prov) (5.00-7.00pm)
Wed 28-Oct-20	RC Maisha (7.00am-8.30am)		RC Kira (5.00-7.00pm)
Thu 29-Oct-20	RC Kampala Daybreak (7.00am-8.30am)		RC Kampala Ssese Islands (5.00-7.00pm)
Fri 30-Oct-20	OTHER DUTIES		RC Metropolitan and RC Kampala 7 Hills (5.00-7.00pm)
Sat 31-Oct-20			

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