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One Voice, One Act at a Time

Welcome to the August edition of *One Voice!* As we turn the page into the second month of this Rotary year, we do so with hearts full of purpose and hope. There's something uniquely powerful about beginnings they invite us to reflect, to dream, and to act. And in Rotary, every act, no matter how small, is a step toward meaningful change.

This issue is a vibrant reflection of what happens when people come together with a shared mission. From the energetic kickoff of the Seven Days of Service to the heartwarming charter nights and presidential installations, every page echoes the same message: impact doesn't always come in grand gestures. Sometimes, it starts with a pencil handed to a child, a tree planted in a schoolyard, a mother receiving care, or a conversation that sparks peace.

We also celebrate growth in membership, in leadership, and in our collective reach. Across Uganda and Tanzania, new clubs are forming, fresh ideas are blooming, and the Rotary spirit is stronger than ever. For potential members reading this, consider it your invitation. There's space for you here in service, in fellowship, and in purpose.

As you explore this issue, may you be inspired to lean into your own small acts of service. Because when we speak with one voice, and move one act at a time, the ripple effect is unstoppable.

Let's make this Rotary year unforgettable together.

Joseph Batter Ssengooba

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our leaders



Message from the RI President

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to

one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

FRANCESCO AREZZO

President, Rotary International



Sustainable Membership Growth: Expanding Rotary's Reach in Africa

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, a time to reflect on one of our greatest opportunities and responsibilities: growing Rotary. For us in Africa, this is not just a strategic priority it is a calling. And we are rising to it with purpose, creativity, and unstoppable energy.

Africa continues to be Rotary's frontier of hope. We are the fastest-growing region in the world, setting the pace with vibrant new clubs, energetic Rotaractors, and bold leaders who are not afraid to reimagine how Rotary can serve today's world. This growth is not accidental. It is the result of committed Rotarians and Rotaractors who understand that sustainable membership is not about numbers, but about people; real people who want to do good in the world.

Sustainable growth rests on three pillars. First: starting and nurturing new clubs. Across our continent, we've seen exciting innovations corporate clubs, cause-based clubs, flexible meeting models, and multilingual fellowships. These new clubs reflect the rich diversity of Africa, opening the Rotary door to people who might otherwise never have found their way in. Up to 88% of charter club members are new to Rotary proof that new clubs are our most powerful engine for growth.

Second, we must embrace a culture of care. Every year, we welcome about 150,000 new members globally and lose nearly as many. That tells us something is broken. We cannot afford to keep losing people who already said "yes" to Rotary. Let's build clubs that inspire connection, celebrate service, and nourish the spirit of belonging. Let's make Rotary a place no one wants to leave.

Third, we must keep opening our hearts and doors to diversity. The future of Rotary is inclusive. We must be intentional about reaching women,

youth, professionals from all backgrounds, and communities that have yet to be engaged. We must ask not just "Who do we want to bring in?" but "What do they need from us?"

Rotaract plays a vital role in this future. Our Rotaractors are not just future Rotarians; they are leaders in their own right, bringing energy, innovation, and relevance to our movement. As we elevate Rotaract, let us invest in it with the same passion we give to our clubs. Empower Rotaractors, mentor them, partner with them and most importantly, listen to them.

Rotary's Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and adapt. Membership is the gateway to each of these. If we want to do better in the world, we must grow. And if we want to grow, we must care for those who are here, those who are coming, and those who haven't yet imagined they belong.

To every Rotary and Rotaract leader across Africa: You are the heartbeat of our future. Let's keep building clubs that reflect our communities and honor our shared humanity. Let's lead with courage, grow with intention, and unite for good.

Now is our time. Let's grow Rotary together.

Emmanuel Katongole
Rotary International Director 2026–2028
Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda (District 9214)



A Strong Start: Celebrating Unity and Service in July

Dear Rotary Family,

As we turn the page on the first month of our 2025–26 Rotary year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the incredible momentum you've created. July has set a remarkable tone for our year of action, and I am deeply appreciative of the dedication and passion displayed across our clubs.

July is Rotary's dedicated month for Maternal and Child Health. For us in District 9214, it was especially significant not only did it mark the beginning of our Rotary year, but it also laid the foundation for our focus on maternal and child health through this year's flagship project. We now invite every club to develop initiatives in this critical area, whether by equipping health centers with essential MCH equipment, organizing vaccination drives for children, providing training for midwives, or lending vital support to our Oxygen for Life project.

We kicked off our year with a dynamic press conference that brought together representatives from multiple media outlets to learn about our ambitious plans. On the same day, we gathered as one Rotary family at the spectacular launch event hosted by the Rotary Club of Muyenga, with support from Events Warehouse at Speke Resort Munyonyo. It was a joyous occasion, and I am thankful to all District and country leaders from Districts 9212, 9213, 9214 and beyond who joined us. Your presence underscored the unity and shared purpose that define Rotary.

That milestone day featured the launch of our unifying tagline and logo, **"Together, One Act at a Time,"** along with the announcement of several Rotary and Rotaract clubs in formation. We introduced the TRF Donation App, making Mobile Money contributions to The Rotary Foundation easier than ever, and unveiled a special pin to honor everyone who donates at least \$100. We unveiled our newly named District newsletter, **One Voice**, which will keep us connected and informed as we serve side by side.

To our members who turned out with enthusiasm and spirit; I salute you. Your energy and commitment reminded us why Rotary thrives: because of people like you, who show up ready to serve and to lead. The memories of that day will remain fresh in our hearts, fueling our efforts in the months ahead.

During July, I also had the privilege of visiting several clubs to witness firsthand the wonderful initiatives you have planned. Thank you to every club that welcomed me so warmly. Hearing your innovative ideas and seeing your passion in action was truly humbling. I carry your stories and aspirations with me, and I look forward to walking this journey alongside you, supporting your goals every step of the way.

Amid our celebrations, we experienced moments of deep sorrow as well. We mourn the passing of the parents of some of our fellow Rotarians. To those who have lost loved ones, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time. Thank you to all members who offered comfort and solidarity your kindness reflects the very essence of Rotary's compassion.

Now, as August dawns, we turn our focus toward membership growth and new club development. August holds special significance in the Rotary calendar as Membership and New Club Development Month. I encourage each club to reach out to potential members' friends, colleagues, and community leaders and invite them to experience the fulfillment of Rotary service. Let us expand our footprint, strengthen our network, and welcome fresh voices and talents into our family.

Together, let us build on the strong foundation laid in July. Let us embrace the opportunities of August with the same enthusiasm and unity that carried us through our launch. By engaging new members, nurturing emerging leaders, and supporting one another in times of joy and sorrow, we will advance Rotary's mission of service above self.

Thank you once again for your firm commitment. Here's to a month of growth, connection, and meaningful impact.

In Rotary Service,

Christine Kyeyune Kawooya
District Governor, Rotary District 9214



A Month of New Beginnings and Bright Horizons

What a month July has been! We kicked off the Rotary year with energy, purpose, and a real sense of togetherness. From the very start, it was clear when we come together, one act at a time, we can make a real difference.

I was lucky to be part of two incredible joint projects that truly reflect who we are. The Seven Days of Service, led by 16 Rotary and Rotaract clubs, tackled all our areas of focus. And then there was The Uplift Project, driven by the Rotaract Clubs of Muyenga Tankhill, Ndejje University, and Victoria University, which centered on basic education and literacy. These projects reminded me of the power of service done with heart.

On 9th July, we came together for the official launch of the Rotary year—and what a day it was. Over 1,000 members from across our district showed up in full spirit. The energy was electric, the unity was inspiring, and it was a beautiful reminder of what we can achieve when we show up for each other and for our communities.

Later in the month, on 18th July, we visited Keihangara Primary School in Ibanda to officially begin the Uplift Project. With support from 10 Rotaract clubs and 2 Rotary clubs—Muyenga and Ibanda it was an inspiring first step. You could see the joy and hope on the faces of the pupils and teachers. That's what this work is all about bringing hope where it's needed most.

July also brought growth and celebration. We welcomed nine new Rotaract clubs in formation—a strong sign that the spirit of service is alive and well among young people. And we proudly recognized Ivans Kizza as a Paul Harris Fellow well deserved for his consistent commitment and passion.

But the month wasn't without heartbreak. On 10th July, we lost Dr. Magreth Swai, a dedicated Rotaractor from Tanzania. Magreth was full of kindness, always ready to serve, and her absence is deeply felt. We send our love and prayers to her family, friends, and fellow Rotaractors. May her soul rest in peace and may we carry her light forward in all we do.

This month, I've received so many kind invitations to visit clubs and see your work up close. Thank you. It's an honor to witness the impact you're making. As we move forward, I encourage even more clubs and corporate partners to come on board. The more hands we join, the greater the change we can create.

Let's keep focused on our vision lasting, positive change in every community we touch. To every Rotaractor, Rotarian, and club that's already shown up and contributed in July; thank you. You're the heartbeat of this movement.

I'll begin official club visits on 4th August, and I'm really looking forward to spending time with you, hearing your stories, and working side by side to make this a year to remember.

Let's keep the momentum going—together, one act at a time.

Warm regards,

Alebar Kanyonza
District Rotaract Representative



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VOICES FROM THE DISTRICT

Growing Together: A New Season of Membership at the Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View

As we step with confidence into this new Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View is filled with fresh energy, renewed purpose, and a shared vision for growth. Membership is the lifeblood of any Rotary club, and this year, we are setting ambitious yet achievable targets to ensure that our club not only grows in numbers but also strength, engagement, and impact.

Our key goal this Rotary year is to increase our membership by 25%. We believe this growth will bring fresh ideas, new energy, and diverse talents into our fold—qualities that are essential as we strive to make an even greater difference in our community and the world. Every new member we welcome is a potential changemaker, a friend, and a fellow servant leader ready to uphold the values of Rotary.

However, as we seek to grow, we are equally committed to nurturing and retaining the wonderful members we already have. Our bold target is to achieve one hundred per cent member retention this year. This means ensuring that every Rotarian in our club continues to find value, purpose, and joy in being part of the Rotary family. We are intentionally creating an environment where each member feels heard, appreciated, and actively engaged in the life and service of the club.

To strengthen our foundation and support these goals, the club has resolved that all membership dues will be fully contributed in the first quarter of this Rotary year. This proactive step will not only ensure the smooth running of club operations but also allow us to focus our energies on meaningful service projects, member development activities, and fellowship opportunities that build lasting bonds.

Our membership strategy stands on three strong pillars:

- **Attracting New Members:** Identifying and inviting individuals who embody Rotary's spirit of service, leadership, and integrity.
- **Engaging Every Member:** Providing meaningful involvement in club meetings, community projects, and social events to keep members inspired and motivated.
- **Retaining Our Family:** Creating a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters satisfaction, relevance, and lifelong commitment to Rotary ideals.

The Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View is more than just a club—it is a community, a home, and a force for good. With your support, we are confident that this year will be marked by growth not just in numbers but in impact, friendship, and purpose.

Let us grow together, serve together, and make this Rotary year truly unforgettable.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Mary Birabwa Lule Nantongo.

Membership Director,
Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View
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Living in the Moment That Matters: Rotary's Role in an Ever-Changing World

A few days ago, I was sitting with a group of friends talking about our time growing up and how things have changed. The stories we shared made me realize just how truly interesting and unpredictable this time is to be alive.



Back then, life seemed simpler. Rotary clubs met in person, service projects were local, and news about what other Rotarians were doing might arrive in a newsletter weeks later. Today, that same news is posted instantly online. Young people are building businesses from their phones. Causes can go viral in minutes. And technology is not just changing how we communicate its changing what people expect from organizations like ours.

In the middle of all this change, one thing remains clear: if Rotary is to stay relevant and impactful, we must evolve with the times without losing who we are.

So, what does that look like?

1. Embrace Innovation in Service

Rotary was built on fellowship and service that doesn't change. But *how* we serve can. We must begin to integrate technology into our impact: think smart solutions in water projects, digital skills training for communities, and using data to track real outcomes. Projects should not just be meaningful they must also be modern.

2. Prioritize Flexibility and Inclusion

The world no longer fits a one-size-fits-all model. Today's professionals and young leaders value flexibility. Clubs that offer hybrid meetings, shorter commitments, or even project-based membership models will be the ones that thrive. We must create space for diverse voices, schedules, and lifestyles.

3. Communicate with Purpose and Creativity

We live in the attention economy. To reach new members and partners, our storytelling must be bold, visual, and au-

thentic. Whether it's a short video, a viral post, or a real-time project update, Rotary's work must be seen not just done.

4. Invest in Youth as Partners, Not Just Future Members

Young people today aren't waiting to lead they *are* leading. Through Rotaract and other platforms, we must offer them meaningful roles, decision-making power, and mentorship. If we don't create room at the table, they'll simply build their own.

5. Think Bigger and More Local

While Rotary is global, its strength is local. We must ensure our global vision translates to visible community transformation. That's where relevance is earned: when people see Rotary showing up in the issues that matter *now* climate, education, mental health, digital inclusion.

The conversation with my friends reminded me that every generation feels that their time is "different." But what makes *this* moment unique is the speed of change and the scale of possibility. Rotary has always adapted from its beginnings in 1905 to today. But now, adaptation isn't optional; it's essential.

In this ever-changing world, Rotary must be a bridge between tradition and transformation. The good news? We already have the tools: a global network, a service-driven heart, and a new generation of Rotarians ready to lead with passion and purpose.

This truly is an interesting time to be alive and an even more exciting time to be a Rotarian.

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Fellowship in Action: Building Sustainable Service Through Rotary in Uganda

In the heart of East Africa, Uganda's Rotary clubs are quietly weaving a powerful story of service, fellowship, and shared purpose. Here, "Service Above Self" is not just a motto—it's a way of life. It guides Rotarians to lead with integrity, support one another professionally, and create lasting impact in the communities they call home.

As we embrace Rotary Year 2025/26 under the theme "Together, One Act at a Time," we are reminded that sustainable service does not begin with grand gestures—it begins with the relationships we nurture and the values we choose to live by.

In Uganda, the spirit of Rotary beats beyond the gavel and beyond the boardroom. It lives in everyday choices: a helping hand to a fellow Rotarian's enterprise, a moment of mentorship for a rising leader, or an act of kindness to a stranger in need. At the centre of it all is the Object of Rotary a timeless call to live with purpose, serve with humility, and build ethical, enduring connections.

Rooted deeply in the African philosophy of ubuntu "I am because we are"—Ugandan Rotarians are showing that when we support one another, we build more than strong clubs. We build resilient communities and a hopeful future, one relationship, one act at a time.

From Acquaintance to Action: Fellowship That Serves Rotary was founded on the idea that acquaintance



provides opportunities for service. But in Uganda, these relationships have become more than connections—they are powerful engines of impact.

At the core of Rotary is fellowship—but in Uganda, that fellowship is deeply purposeful. Building acquaintance is not merely about expanding social circles; it's about cultivating trusted relationships that become conduits for service.

In Kampala, a Rotarian who owns a printing business recently collaborated with fellow members to produce affordable learning materials for rural schools. His contribution not only supported education, but also strengthened local trust in Rotary's values.

In another story, an agribusiness Rotarian from Lira connected club members with farmer cooperatives to source fresh produce for Rotary events. The result? Better prices for farmers, quality produce for clubs, and a supply chain rooted in Rotary values.

These are not just business deals—they are partnerships built on mutual respect, ethical exchange, and shared purpose. They show how supporting each other professionally is not just good business, but good service.

Raising the Bar: Ethics in Everyday Leadership

Uganda's development depends on leadership that is ethical, transparent, and people-centred. Rotary calls us to dignify every profession with integrity. Across Uganda, Rotarians are living this call with quiet conviction.

Lydia, a Rotarian and senior bank manager in Mbale, restructured her loan process to prioritize transparency. Inspired by Rotary's Four-Way Test, she created a new framework that favoured local SMEs, especially those led by women and youth.

In Gulu, Dr. Samuel—a long-standing Rotarian—runs community health camps in underserved areas. He views his medical license as a platform for justice, not just treatment.

Such stories remind us: our professions are not separate from our service. They are our service.

Service That Starts at Home

For many Ugandan Rotarians, service isn't confined to the agenda of the next club project—it starts in the office, on the farm, at the school, or during a phone call with a young professional seeking advice.

In Jinja, a group of Rotarians hosts monthly workshops for unemployed youth, offering mentorship and startup guidance. In Soroti, a retired lawyer offers pro bono support to widows facing land disputes. In Masaka, a secondary school teacher gives her weekends to tutor children who can't afford extra lessons.

These acts may seem small. But they represent a Rotary that is lived—not just performed. They show that sustainable service begins with personal commitment and a heart for others.

Global Hands, Local Roots

Rotary's international reach has been a critical pillar for many Ugandan clubs, particularly in executing sustainable, high-impact projects.

In Nakaseke, the Rotary Club of Kampala North partnered with a German club to install solar-powered boreholes, providing clean water to thousands. But the story didn't end there. Rotarians also trained local community leaders to manage and maintain the infrastructure—ensuring long-term sustainability.

In partnership with clubs across East Africa and Europe, Ugandan Rotarians are advancing peacebuilding, maternal health, and literacy—not through dependency, but through shared ownership and cultural respect.

These global collaborations reflect the Rotary spirit: partnerships that honour local wisdom, deepen capacity, and plant seeds for lasting transformation.

Why Rotary Matters Now

Uganda is a country of promise—young, entrepreneurial, and brimming with potential. But with that promise come pressing challenges: unemployment, inequality, and limited access to essential services.

In Rotary, we are uniquely positioned to respond—not just through projects, but through each other. Every time a Rotarian mentor a young businessperson, refers a friend's enterprise, or runs their business with integrity, they extend the reach of Rotary's mission.

Let us not underestimate the power of these connections. A Rotarian who grows a fellow member's business helps that Rotarian serve more. A club that supports its members professionally builds a stronger network of changemakers. This is the sustainability Rotary calls for—not aid, but empowerment.

Together, One Act at a Time

In this new Rotary year, District 9214 embraces the theme "Together, One Act at a Time." It is a reminder that big change often begins with small choices: to lead ethically, to support a fellow Rotarian's dream, to serve when no one is watching.

As we live out the Object of Rotary, let's remember: fellowship is not just a byproduct of service—it is the foundation. And when we build each other up, we build a stronger, more compassionate Uganda.

By Rotarian James Nnusu

RC Lubowa/ CPD RC Bunamwaya (In-formation)

Why Joining Rotary Could Be One of the Best Decisions You Ever Make

Around June this year, while scrolling through *Facebook*, I came across a thought-provoking question posed by a blogger: “*What are the benefits of joining Rotary?*” This question was sparked by the many posts about Rotarians convening for the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada. The responses were intriguing some insightful, and others, unfortunately filled with misconceptions often from those who have never been Rotarians themselves. What struck me most was how many people were curious about the monetary benefits of joining Rotary. As one person asked in Luganda, “*Nfuniramu wa?*” essentially meaning, “What do I gain financially?”



This, and many other questions about Rotary, can only be truly answered by someone who has experienced this global network firsthand. With over a million members worldwide, Rotary International is a community of people united by a shared purpose: to do good in the world, all while having fun, making friends, and growing personally and professionally. If you've ever wondered about joining a club or organization that helps you grow personally while making a real difference in your community and beyond, Rotary might be the perfect fit.

Here is why becoming a Rotarian could be one of the best decisions you make.

Make a Positive Impact in Your Community

One of the greatest rewards of joining Rotary is the opportunity to make a tangible difference. Rotary is a membership organization, which means you contribute dues to belong.

But this is not about personal financial gain. Instead, we “pay to serve.” It is through our collective generosity that we turn ideas into action and impact lives. Our dues fund projects that transform lives both locally and globally. It is incredibly fulfilling to see your time, energy, and resources directly improving communities, whether through building schools, equipping health centers, organising medical camps, or supporting clean water initiatives. Rotarians don't just talk about change; they roll up their sleeves and make it happen.

Build Lifelong Friendships

Joining Rotary is by invitation, a deliberate way to maintain a community of dedicated, high-caliber individuals. When you join, you meet people from diverse professions and backgrounds, all united by a common goal: service and connection. These connections often blossom into deep, lifelong friendships. Imagine having a network of like-minded individuals who encourage your ideas, stand by you through life's ups and downs and become like family. Plus, Rotary meetings and events are lively, engaging, and full of meaningful conversation.

Grow Your Skills and Confidence

Rotary offers countless opportunities for personal and professional development. Whether you want to improve your public speaking, lead a project, organize an event, or take courses on leading volunteers, Rotary provides a supportive environment to learn and grow. Many members find their confidence soars as they take on leadership roles or actively participate in club activities. It is a fantastic way to enhance your resume and boost your personal growth, while contributing to a worthy cause.

Expand Your Network

One of Rotary's core principles is “*the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.*” Whether you're a professional, entrepreneur, student, or simply someone eager to meet new people, Rotary is an excellent platform to broaden your network. Rotary membership often includes business leaders, community influencers, and professionals from all walks of life. Through these connections, you can find mentors, collaborators, and opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. This network is a valuable resource for both your personal and professional life.

Experience Cultural Exchange and Global Friendship

Rotary is a global family with clubs in nearly every country. Many Rotarians have inspiring stories of receiving help abroad simply because they wore the Rotary lapel pin. Clubs participate in exchange programs, international projects, and global conferences, offering members a chance to experience different cultures, forge meaningful friendships, and even travel with purpose. It's like having a passport to global service and fellowship—a deeply fulfilling experience.

Have Fun While Doing Good

A common misconception is that Rotary is an exclusive club for the wealthy who just socialize, or that it's all work and no play. The truth is, volunteering with Rotary is about joyful service. We believe that making a difference should be fun. Rotary clubs regularly bend service with social events, celebrations, and friendly competitions. From themed dinners to football and golf tournaments to home hospitalities and installations, there is always something happening. You don't need to be rich to serve; it only takes a generous heart. Rotary members often give joyfully and enjoy themselves while making a difference.

In a nutshell, joining Rotary isn't just about volunteering; it's about growing, connecting, and making a meaningful impact while having a great time. Whether you want to give back to community, meet new friends, develop new skills, or find a community that cares, Rotary has something to offer. Look for a Rotary club near you, or better yet, find one launching in your area and join a network of happy people ready to make a difference. Like me, you might discover that joining Rotary is one of the best decisions you've ever made.

HCP Mercy Nalusiba
Rotary Club of Kansanga

Building Belonging: Growing Rotary Membership Through Localized Service and Community Empowerment

Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self" has ignited change in communities across the globe—from building schools and hospitals to eradicating polio and advancing peace. Yet, in many parts of the world, a puzzling gap persists: while community members often benefit from Rotary's service projects, relatively few choose to become Rotarians themselves. This paradox raises an important question: how can Rotary deepen its impact by transforming beneficiaries into partners, and partners into members?



The answer lies in reimagining how we engage with communities—not as recipients of our service, but as co-creators of change. By adopting a localized approach rooted in inclusion, capacity-building, and collaboration, Rotary can both expand its membership and strengthen the legacy of its service. This approach calls for Rotarians to invite community members to design projects alongside them, take ownership of initiatives, and discover firsthand the values that define Rotary. When people feel seen, heard, and valued in the service process, the desire to belong—to become a Rotarian—naturally follows.

In many parts of the world, this shift from outreach to ownership is already underway. In Uganda, the Rotaract Club of Nakivale, situated in a refugee settlement, is a groundbreaking example of service transformed into shared leadership.

Comprised of refugees themselves, the club empowers individuals who were once recipients of humanitarian aid to now lead service projects, mentor others, and represent their communities within Rotary. Through local ownership, the project outcomes have become more sustainable—and the club, more reflective of the community it serves.

Similarly, in Nepal, the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel adopted a participatory approach when rebuilding schools after the 2015 earthquake. Rather than bringing in outside contractors, the club trained community members in eco-friendly construction methods, enabling them to rebuild with resilience. The process fostered skills, trust, and lasting relationships. Many of those involved in the project later joined Rotary or Rotaract, drawn by the values they had lived out through action.

These stories point to a powerful truth: when people feel they have *built something*, they are more inclined to protect, sustain, and grow it. Service that empowers—not just delivers—creates community leaders who are naturally aligned with Rotary's vision.

Membership extension, then, is not about increasing numbers for the sake of growth. It is about cultivating relationships that inspire commitment. In Colombia, the Rotary Club of Bogotá initiated youth-led peace dialogues in neighborhoods affected by gang violence. By training young people as community mediators and engaging their families in reconciliation efforts, the club became a catalyst for healing. Several of the youth leaders, now enrolled in university, have become Rotaractors—and in turn, ambassadors for peace in Rotary's name.

Elsewhere, the Rotary Club of Wellington in New Zealand partnered with Māori elders to co-develop early education programs. The initiative not only improved literacy rates but also led to increased representation of Māori members in Rotary—because the club had made space for their leadership from the start. Likewise, in Bangalore, India, the club's innovative "satellite club" model brought Rotary into rural areas, enabling farmers, artisans, and local teachers

to form their own Rotary groups with guidance from existing members. What began as outreach became ownership, with over 300 new members joining through this initiative.

Such success stories are not isolated—they are invitations to action. When clubs listen deeply to communities, share power generously, and celebrate local voices, they create environments of belonging. People don't just join Rotary because of what it does—they join because of how it makes them feel: empowered, respected, and part of something greater than themselves.

To create that feeling, clubs must begin by shifting the way they design and deliver service. Hosting community conversations, inviting local leaders to co-author project proposals, and acknowledging contributions from non-Rotarians in club events are simple but powerful steps. Service must no longer be a one-way gift—but a shared journey. By doing so, every project becomes a bridge—not just to progress, but to membership.

In today's interconnected world, our strength lies not only in what we give, but in whom we invite to give with us. Rotary's ability to grow depends on how well we nurture relationships that lead to shared leadership. If we truly wish to transform the world, we must first ensure that those we serve have a seat at the table—and the opportunity to lead beside us.

As Rotarians, we are not only agents of change—we are architects of belonging. Let us rise to the challenge with courage and humility, knowing that the communities we empower today are the Rotarians who will shape tomorrow.

Rtn Gyaviira Luwaga
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OUR CLUB AND LEADERS



Rotary Club of Kazo Holds Grand Charter Night to Mark Historic Beginning

In a celebration marked by elegance, inspiration, and a strong spirit of service, the Rotary Club of Kazo officially received its charter on Sunday, 8th June 2025, during a magnificent Charter Night hosted at the stately residence of Past District Governor (PDG) Peace Taremwa.

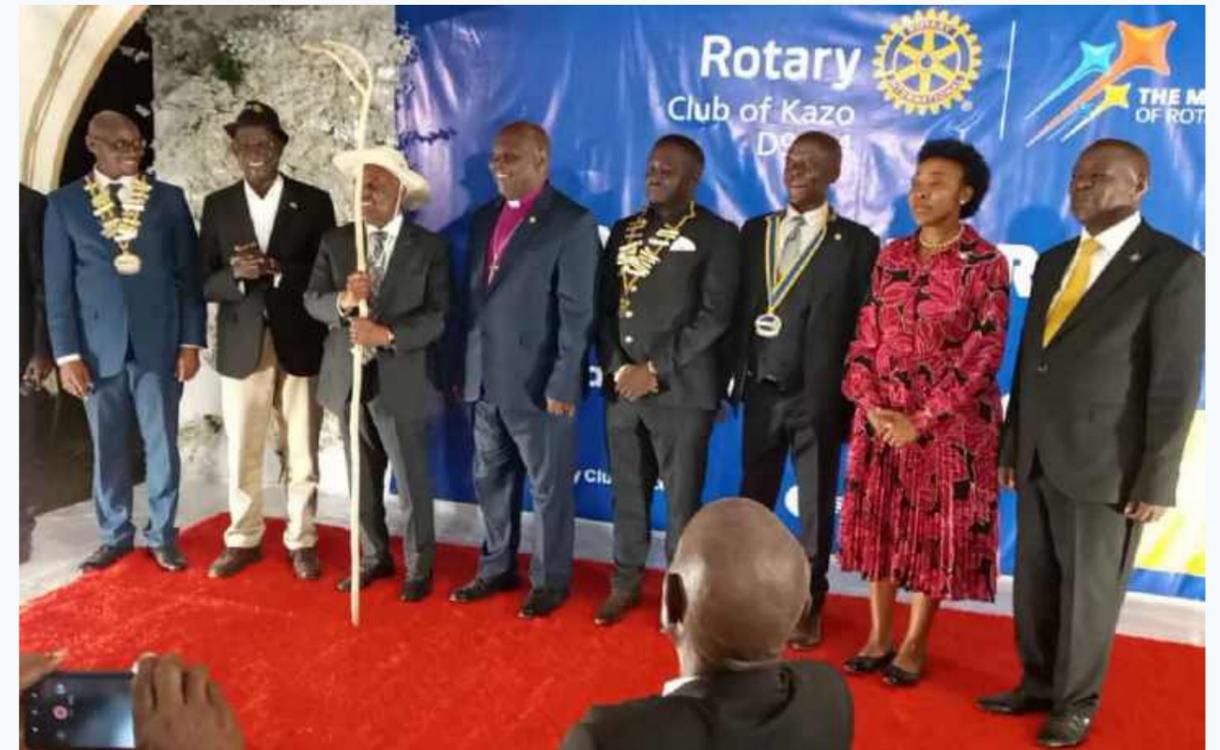
The colorful event was presided over by Rotary International Director Nominee (RIDN) Mr. Emmanuel Katongole, a globally recognized Rotarian leader. He was accompanied by PDG Peace Taremwa, a notable figure in Rotary Uganda, and District Governor Christine Kyeyune

Kawooya, the incumbent leader of Rotary District 9214, which covers Uganda and Tanzania.

The ceremony brought together dignitaries, local leaders, and Rotarians from across the region. Distinguished guests included His Grace Bishop Amos Magezi of the North East Ankole Diocese, whose invocation set a reflective tone, and Mr. Hannington Karuhanga Chairman STANBIC BANK, a respected figure in Uganda's business and public service spheres.

Speaking at the event, RIDN Emmanuel Katongole commended the Rotary Club of Kazo for its timely establishment in a region rich with potential and community needs. "This club stands as a testament to Rotary's enduring mission—to bring together dedicated professionals and leaders to solve real problems," he noted.

The Rotary Club of Kazo begins its journey with 34 committed charter members, each bringing a



unique skill set and dedication to service. These include professionals in animal husbandry, crop agriculture, education, former civil servants, retired politicians, and rising entrepreneurs. The diverse membership reflects the club's broad vision to contribute meaningfully to the socioeconomic development of Kazo and beyond.

The inaugural President, Dr. James Mugume, a former international consultant in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, expressed gratitude and resolve in his acceptance speech. "This club is born out of a desire to create lasting impact," he said. "We are a team of professionals united by service, and we are ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities facing our communities."

PDG Peace Taremwa, the club's advisor and host of the night, was praised for his mentorship and generosity. "Tonight, marks not just a ceremony, but the planting of a seed whose fruits will nourish many in this region," he said, encouraging members to uphold Rotary's Four-Way Test and core values.

District Governor Christine Kyeyune Kawooya officially handed over the charter certificate and Rotary paraphernalia, charging the members to uphold integrity, fellowship, and service above self.

The evening was filled with uplifting speeches, entertainment, and a sense of shared purpose. The Charter Night closed with a ceremonial cake cutting and toasts to a future defined by action, leadership, and service.

As the newest addition to the Rotary family, the Rotary Club of Kazo is poised to play a pivotal role in uplifting communities through health, education, economic empowerment, and peace-building initiatives.
Ends.

Photos and highlights from the Charter Night will be featured in the next edition of the District 9214 Bulletin

Dr. James Mugume
Charter President
Rotary Club of Kazo



Rotary E-Club of Masaki – A Dynamic Start to the New Rotary Year



The Rotary e-Club of Masaki kicked off the 2025–2026 Rotary year with purpose and unity. On 15 June 2025, a smooth leadership transition took place as outgoing President Kaushik Bhojak handed over the presidential chain to incoming President Reshma Shah. The event, officiated by Board Advisor Vikash Shah, marked a new chapter of service and collaboration. President Reshma personally pinned each new board member, reinforcing the spirit of teamwork and shared vision.



A highlight of the ceremony was the induction of Ali Shariff into the Rotary family, presented with a Rotary pin and certificate by Rotarians Vikash Shah and Leena Kapadia—a moment celebrating the club’s commitment to growth and diversity.

On 1 July, the club launched its flagship fundraiser, Pedals for Progress, during a press conference covered by major media outlets. Scheduled for 8 August 2025, the event aims to unite over 300 cyclists to raise funds for women entrepreneurs, promote healthy living, and encourage social impact through cycling. The initiative aligns with Rotary’s focus on economic empowerment and community development.

To raise visibility, President Reshma and Secretary Jessica Thadey appeared on ITV Kumeku-

cha Michezo Live on 10 July, sharing the club’s mission and details of the fundraiser.

The club also held its first official meeting on 3 July, where President Reshma delivered a personal keynote on homeownership, inspiring members with her journey.

Recognition was given to Shehzada and Bela (emceeing), Kaushik Bhojak (accessory donation), Leena Kapadia (press leadership), and Adeline (100% RI Convention attendance).

With strong leadership and community focus, the Rotary e-Club of Masaki is poised for a year of impact and innovation.

Rtn. Rajvi Ladwa
Club Public Relations Officer



A Glamorous Presidential Installation at RC Kampala Munyonyo



On the evening of 5th July 2025, the Victoria Hall at Speke Resort Munyonyo radiated elegance and celebration as the Rotary Club of Kampala Munyonyo held its presidential installation ceremony. The magical atmosphere was a fitting stage for the graceful handover of leadership from the charismatic President Ronald Kwesiga to the dynamic President Jonathan Bakwega.



The event drew a distinguished audience, including District Governor Christine Kyeyune Kawooya, the Attorney General of Uganda, Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka, who served as the chief guest, and Past District Governor Xavier Ssentamu, the guest of honor. Their presence added to the significance and prestige of the occasion.

In his acceptance speech, President Jonathan laid out a bold and focused vision for the new Rotary year. His leadership theme rooted in action emphasizes deepening membership engagement and retention, launching sustainable, high-impact service projects, strengthening community partnerships and visibility, and empowering youth through

mentorship and leadership development. He passionately reminded all members that “this ambitious vision is only possible if we stay active, committed, and involved as Rotarians.”

The evening was a blend of tradition, inspiration, and celebration — a true reflection of the Rotary spirit. As RC Kampala Munyonyo embarks on this new chapter, the energy in the room made one thing clear: the future is bright, and the journey ahead is filled with purpose.

Rtn. Esther Namatovu
Rotary Club of Kampala Munyonyo

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- Constructed a 36-bed cancer treatment centre at Nsambya Hospital.
- Fitted the center with equipment worth over USD 150,000 including staff training that was acquired through two Global Grants.



- Contributed 200M to construction of the Rotary Blood Bank at Mengo Hospital.



- Commenced the construction of 2 bunkers that will house the 2 LINAC cancer testing and treatment machines.
- 3.8 billion so far spent on the planned Cancer Centre towards the construction of the bunkers and superstructure

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THE CANCER CENTER

USD **3.6M** or approximately UGX **13.8** billion to go towards the construction of the bunkers and associated spaces.

HOW MUCH HAS BEEN RAISED?

UGX **8.071** BILLION

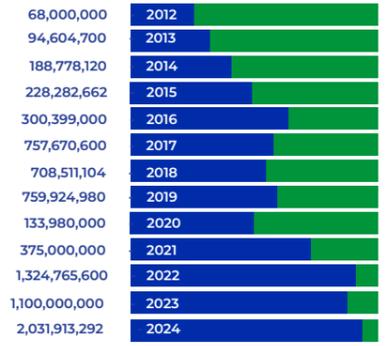
2025 RUN'S TARGET

UGX **4** BILLION



3D impression of the Nsambya cancer facility

HOW HAS MONEY BEEN RAISED OVER THE YEARS?



- #### Rotary Cancer Center Facilities at Nsambya Hospital include:
- Treatment Facilities (Actual bunkers)**
Two External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) Units that house the Linear Accelerator machines, plus one Brachytherapy Unit designed for internal radiation therapy.
 - Clinical Support Facilities**
Radiation Oncology Department Offices and a Treatment Planning CT Unit.
 - Patient-Centric Facilities**
Patient Reception and Waiting Area, Consultation Rooms, and Changing Rooms and Toilets
 - Educational and Collaborative Facilities**
Conference Room
 - Specialized Care Facilities**
Pediatric Oncology Unit providing specialized care and support for children with cancer.

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ABOUT THE 2025 RUN:
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**Birthing Kits
Delivered – Rotary
eClub of Masaki
Champions
Maternal Health**



July: Rotary's Month of Maternal and Child Health

The Rotary e-Club of Masaki marked July—Rotary's Month of Maternal and Child Health—with impactful action by distributing over 200 birthing kits to health centers in Tanzania. This initiative is part of the club's ongoing commitment to improving maternal and newborn care in underserved communities.

Since 2019, the club has distributed 1,720 birthing kits, supporting safe deliveries and reducing maternal and infant mortality rates in areas with limited access to sterile medical environments.

Why Birthing Kits?

Each kit contains essential items including a mackintosh, sterile gloves, umbilical cord clamp, surgical blades, syringes, and more. These supplies are critical in preventing infections and complications during childbirth, especially where clean facilities are scarce.

July 2025 Distribution Highlights

5 July: 160 kits were donated to Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Dar es Salaam. The handover was led by President Reshma Shah, alongside Secretary Jessica Thadey and Treasurer Shriti Bhojak, and covered by Sunday Newspaper and Habari Leo.

9 July: 10 kits delivered to Pugu Kajiungeni Health Center

16 July: 10 kits donated to Chanika Health Center

17 July: 20 kits delivered to Zingiziwa Health Center, Ilala District

A Continuing Mission

Operating under the theme Unite for Good, the Rotary eClub of Masaki continues to serve through direct action, advocacy, and partnerships. The club remains dedicated to reaching more communities, ensuring that every mother and child has the chance for a safe and dignified birth.

Rtn. Rajvi Ladwa
Club Public Relations Officer



Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja Begin the Year with a Joint Act of Kindness

On Tuesday, 1st July 2025, the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja started the new Rotary year with a heartwarming joint project at St. Charles Lwanga Primary School in Kawuku.

Together, members of both clubs donated school supplies like bags, books, pens, and other learning materials to the pupils. For many of the children, these items meant a lot they gave them hope, encouragement, and a reason to keep working hard at school. It was more than just a donation; it was a message that someone out there cares about their future.

After the donations, members also planted trees around the school compound. This simple but powerful act helped improve the school environment and showed our care for the planet. It was a small step toward building a cleaner, greener space for the students to learn and grow.



This was the first project of the new Rotary year, and it truly reflected our shared theme: *“Unite for Good – Together, One Act at a Time.”* By working side by side, Rotarians and Rotaractors showed what service with love looks like.

Starting the year with this project reminded us that real change begins with small, intentional actions. It was also a chance to bond with our Rotary family and remind ourselves why we serve to touch lives and make a difference where we can.

We are thankful to everyone who showed up, gave their time, and made the day special. This is just the beginning. With more hands and hearts working together, we are excited for what lies ahead.

As we step into the year, this project has set the tone for the kind of impact we hope to make kind, thoughtful, and united. Here’s to a great year of service, friendship, and making good things happen, one act at a time.

Rtn. Ann Nambatya
Past President – Rotary Club of Bwebajja



The Uplift Project: A Powerful First Step in Ibanda



On Thursday, 18th July 2025, we officially kicked off the Rotaract Uplift Project our flagship initiative for Rotaract District 9214 this Rotary year. And what a meaningful beginning it was.

We gathered at Keihangara Primary School in Ibanda, a rural school tucked away in the hills but full of bright, eager learners. From the moment we arrived, you could feel the excitement in the air students smiling, teacher's hopeful, and Rotaractors ready to serve.



This visit brought together Rotaractors from 10 clubs and two amazing partner Rotary clubs Muyenga and Ibanda. It was a beautiful show of teamwork, unity, and shared purpose. We weren't just there to donate or take photos. We came to listen, to learn, and to lay the foundation for something bigger than just one day.



The Uplift Project is about more than helping a school it's about standing with communities that deserve better. It's about creating safe, inspiring spaces for children to learn and grow. And it's about showing up not just once, but over time.

During the visit, we took time to speak with teachers and students, understand their biggest challenges, and start mapping out how we can support them from fixing classroom infrastructure to providing learning materials and mentorship. It's a long journey, but we've taken the first step and that matters.

What touched many of us the most was how warmly we were received. The students' performances, the gratitude from the headteacher, the joy in their eyes

it reminded us why we do what we do.

This is just the beginning. Uplift is our flagship project for a reason. It reflects what we believe in: practical service, long-term impact, and giving children a real chance at a better future.

To everyone who showed up, contributed, and gave their heart to this day thank you. Let's keep the fire burning and keep uplifting, one school, one child, one act at a time.

We're only getting started.

Charles Emma Ofwono
Rotaract District project Chair



Seven Days of Service: United in Impact, One Day at a Time

From July 1–7, 2025, Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Uganda’s District 9214 came together for an inspiring initiative **Seven Days of Service** under the powerful motto *“Unite for Good, Together, One Act at a Time.”*

The week began with the Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja and Rotary Club of Entebbe Base joining the Rotary Club of Bwerenga at Bugiri Public Primary School. Over 150 pupils received backpacks, notebooks, and math sets. But more than supplies, they received mentorship and motivation to dream big.

On July 2, the Rotary Club of Kansanga and Rotaract Club of Bunga transformed Bugonga Primary School with a water purification system and a hygiene education session. Every child went home with a hygiene kit—soap, toothbrushes, and lessons in dignity. “We are here not just to give, but to teach,” said Kansanga Rotarian Timothy Ssejjoba.

July 3 saw the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja lead a maternal health outreach at Kitala Health Centre II. Mama Kits were distributed to expectant mothers, and a water filter was installed. Nutrition and hygiene training ensured this was more than a one-day effort it was a step toward safer births.

The next day, the Rotary Clubs of Garuga and Lunguja brought youth to the forefront with a peace dialogue at Kitala Secondary School and the installation of a new Interact Club president. “We’ve always wanted a space to speak,” one student shared. “Today, we were heard.”



In Kikubemutwe on July 5, the Rotary Club of Muyenga Tank Hill and Rotaract Muyenga Tankhill offered free health services, malaria testing, and a blood donation drive, bringing healing and hope to underserved communities.

On July 6, the Rotary Club of Sseguku, along with Rotaract Clubs of Bwerenga and Victoria University, empowered single mothers in Bwerenga with tailoring and soap-making skills to uplift their livelihoods.

The week concluded with Rotaract Clubs of Kyengera and Kampala North planting trees and leading a waste management session at Mpererwe Church of Uganda Primary School nurturing both young minds and the planet.

With heartfelt thanks to our sponsors AFRipads, Next Media Services, Joint Medical Stores, and Euroflex. We celebrate a week that proved: when we unite for good, one act at a time, real change follows.

Nnamuleme Rosemary
President – Rotaract Club of Bwebajja



Three Rotaract Clubs Unite for a Lifesaving Health Drive in Katwe

On 19 July 2025, three dynamic Rotaract Clubs; Rotaract Club of Kigo Seven Lakes Golf, Rotaract Club of Upper Kololo, and Rotaract Club of Victoria University joined forces to deliver a powerful community health initiative in the heart of Katwe, Kampala. The **Katwe Immunization and Blood Donation Drive** was a timely response to two pressing health needs: increasing child immunization coverage and boosting Uganda’s life-saving blood reserves.

Held in partnership with Mengo Hospital Blood Bank, the drive focused on protecting the most vulnerable members of the community. Over the course of the day, 102 children received vital immunizations, shielding them from preventable but deadly diseases like polio and measles. For many parents in Katwe, this free service was a lifeline, offering essential vaccines that they might otherwise have struggled to access.

Alongside the immunization effort, the clubs championed voluntary blood donation — an area where Uganda consistently faces shortages. Thanks to the generosity of local donors, the drive collected 50 units of safe blood. Each unit has the potential to save up to three lives, meaning this single-day effort could benefit as many as 150 patients, from mothers experiencing birth complications to accident victims and those in need of urgent surgeries.

Beyond the vaccines and blood units, the drive also prioritised education and awareness. Volunteers and health workers led community sensitization sessions on disease prevention, good hygiene practices, and the importance of routine immunization. These discussions empowered families with knowledge that will help prevent illness and promote healthier lifestyles long after the tents were packed away.



The Katwe Immunization and Blood Donation Drive stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and service above self. It demonstrated how Rotaractors, working hand in hand with health partners, can bridge critical gaps in local healthcare. For the Rotaract Clubs involved, this project not only made a tangible difference for over 150 direct beneficiaries but also inspired club members to continue driving community impact.

As Uganda and the global Rotary family press on with the mission to eradicate polio and strengthen pub-

lic health systems, projects like this remind us that grassroots action remains vital. By meeting communities where they are and addressing urgent needs, Rotaract Clubs are proving that youth-led service can transform lives one child vaccinated, one pint of blood donated, one family empowered at a time.

Together, we are building healthier, stronger communities and we’re just getting started.

ADRR Isa Kato
Rotaract Club of Kigo Seven Lakes Golf

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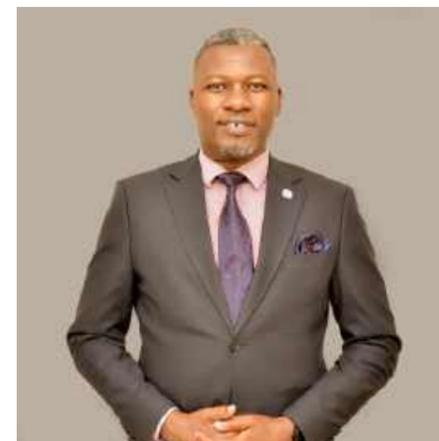
Rotary Means Business Fellowship Uganda Launches with a Bang at the Inaugural Mega Business Expo 2025



Rotary Means Business Fellowship (RMB) Uganda successfully hosted its first-ever signature event—the Mega Business Expo 2025—on June 14–15, 2025, at the UMA Show Grounds, drawing remarkable participation from over 65 exhibitors and 11 sponsors, including Next Media Group (Platinum), DFCU Bank, ABSA Bank, Post Bank, Roke Telkom, Henrob Hospital, Jukas Construction, Pearl Marina Estates, Crown Beverages, UMA, and TLB Consulting Group.

The Expo was officially opened by keynote speaker Dr. Peter Kimbowa, who commended the organizers for shifting the narrative from dependency to entrepreneurship. “This is not about promoting begging—it’s about empowering Rotarians to grow their businesses and create opportunities,” he said to resounding applause.

A dynamic panel discussion moderated by Belinda A. Namutebi featured top thought leaders and innovators, including Mohammed Hazari (Goph Technologies), Rena N. Mukasa (TLB Consulting Group), Laura Bahemuha (Post



Bank), Noah Nyanzi (Amla Biotech), and Michael Niyitegyeka (Refactory). The conversation centered around innovation, growth strategies, and digital transformation for SMEs.

The Expo also featured a vibrant lineup of live entertainment, including performances from Elijah Kitaka, Octet Band, Ebrahim Soul-O, DJ Guangz, and the renowned Azawi, creating a celebratory atmosphere that drew large crowds and energized the venue.

A landmark moment came with the official launch of Rotary Means Business Fellowship Uganda by the Guest of Honor, District Governor D9213 Rtn. Anne Nkutu, who praised the initiative as a timely innovation within the Rotary family. She personally visited each exhibitor and pledged continued support for business-focused Rotary programs.

Another milestone was the launch of the Youth Business Innovation Challenge 2026, an initiative which seeks to support youth-led innovation in addressing pressing community challenges. This was spearheaded by PDG

Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa, the founder of Rotary Vijana Poa and also the 2nd Deputy Prime Minister of Buganda. He too visited each exhibition stall and commended RMB Uganda for the exceptional organisation.

HCP Margaret R. Naimanye, Chairperson of the Expo Organising Committee and RMB Uganda’s Director of Strategic Partnerships, expressed heartfelt appreciation to all Rotarians, sponsors, and partners for their support and enthusiasm.

HCP Edward Luyombya, Chairman of RMB Uganda, declared the Mega Business Expo and Youth Business Innovation Challenge as annual signature events, announcing that the next Expo will be a three-day affair from February 26–28, 2026 at UMA. He encouraged all Rotarians and Rotaractors to join RMB Uganda and urged early booking by exhibitors and sponsors.

Rtn Edward Luyombya
Chairman, Rotary Means Business Uganda



On 9 July 2025, Rotary District 9214 kicked off its 2025–2026 programme with an electrifying press conference and gala launch brimming with pomp, glamour, and an unmistakable spirit of unity. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Muyenga at the stunning Speke Resort Munyonyo and expertly managed by Events Warehouse, the day drew District and country leaders from Districts 9212, 9213, 9214 and beyond, underscoring Rotary’s ethos of “Service Above Self.”



Uplift Project. Fellow Rotaractors responded enthusiastically, pledging their full backing and their local networks to ensure timely deliveries of learning materials, teacher-training workshops, and digital-learning hubs.

In keeping with Rotary’s growth mandate, the District also announced the formation of 17 new Rotary clubs and 7 new Rotaract clubs across the district, with a strong tagline of “Unstoppable Membership Growth” and a call to attract, engage, and retain members.

The morning press conference gave media representatives an exclusive first look at District 9214’s ambitious agenda. Later, over 600 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests gathered under azure skies for a celebration that seamlessly blended formal speeches with lively entertainment. Traditional drummers set a festive tone, while contemporary dance ensembles and a great music kept attendees on their feet, dancing between sips of expertly mixed cocktails and local sparkling juices.

District Governor Christine Kyeyune Kawooya unveiled the freshly minted logo and tagline “Together, One Act at a Time” which beautifully aligns with Rotary International’s presidential theme, “Unite for Good.” As the new emblem illuminated the stage in a cascade of vibrant colors, she highlighted how each individual action, no matter how small, contributes to a larger tide of positive change. “By uniting our diverse talents and resources under one banner, we amplify our impact on communities near and far,” she said.

Rotary International Director-Elect Emmanuel Katongoole delivered a stirring address that wove together the global tapestry of Rotary’s work with a clear vision for Zone 22’s future. He opened by congratulating District 9214 on its remarkable membership growth during 2024–2025, noting that such momentum reflects the power of shared purpose and community impact. He then challenged members to harness their collective expertise and deep local knowledge to pilot bold, innovative solutions.

District Rotaract Representative Alebar Kanyonza presented vital strategies to enhance educational support for schools across the region through the

In a highlight of the day, Governor Kyeyune Kawooya inaugurated the flagship project Oxygen for Life, aimed at installing oxygen plants and emergency medical supplies in underserved district hospitals. She called on all Rotary clubs in the district to contribute funding, advocacy, and volunteer hours to expand the initiative district-wide.

Adding a continental dimension, video messages from Rotary leaders across Africa underscored the unity of purpose that defines the organization. These greetings reinforced the shared commitment to tackle challenges from climate resilience to educational equity through collective Rotary action.

Innovation took center stage with the unveiling of the TRF Donation App, designed to simplify mobile-money contributions to The Rotary Foundation. A commemorative pin was also introduced to honor donors of \$100 or more, encouraging grassroots philanthropy.

Finally, editors of the newly christened newsletter, One Voice, invited members to contribute stories, photos, and project updates, ensuring that Rotary District 9214’s family stays connected, informed, and inspired throughout the year.

As the sun set on Speke Resort’s shimmering waters, Rotarians and Rotaractors raised their glasses in a final toast celebrating a year ahead filled with collaboration, service projects, and the joyous, unifying spirit that defined this unforgettable launch day.

Rtn Nakato Nsibirwa
Vice Chair District Events and Celebrations



Unstoppable Membership Growth” A Call to Attract, Engage, and Retain Members

In line with Rotary’s mission to grow and connect more people to service, our district has taken a big step forward by launching the formation of **17 new Rotary clubs** and **9 new Rotaract clubs** across the district. These new clubs, which are now starting their journey to become fully chartered, were flagged off by Rotary International Director Elect **Emmanuel Katongole** during the launch of the Rotary year on **9th July 2024** at Speke Resort Munyonyo.

This strong start supports the district’s main goal to charter **35 new Rotary clubs**, **20 new Rotaract clubs**, and add **1,300 new Rotarians** and **1,000 new Rotaractors** by **June 2026**. It is all under the bold theme: **“Unstoppable Membership Growth.”**

This is more than just numbers it is about opening doors for more people to serve, lead, and grow together. Every new club is a chance to bring in fresh ideas, new energy, and more hands to do good in our communities.

To succeed, we must not only attract new members but also engage them and help them stay. Clubs are encouraged to be flexible and creative starting satellite clubs, interest-based clubs, or using new meeting styles to meet the needs of today’s members.

Growth is not just the job of leaders every member has a part to play. Invite a friend, talk about your Rotary story, support new members, and help create a club where everyone feels welcome and inspired to give more.

Together, we can make our goal of “Unstoppable Membership Growth” a reality. Let us stay focused, open-minded, and united in purpose to grow Rotary and Rotaract so we can reach more people and change more lives.

Attract. Engage. Retain. Grow. Unite for Good!

PAG Annie Ninyesiga
District Membership Chair D9214 (2025-26)

One Tap at a Time: How Innovation is Powering Grassroots Giving

Innovation has taken center stage in our Rotary community with the launch of the new TRF Donation **Web App**, designed to make supporting The Rotary Foundation easier than ever one tap at a time.

In an age where mobile money is transforming how we handle transactions, this web app meets Rotarians and friends of Rotary where they are: on their phones and devices, online. With just a few taps, anyone can log in and contribute directly to TRF’s life-changing programs from global grants and polio eradication to local community initiatives.

This easy-to-use platform is especially tailored to encourage smaller, more frequent donations, empowering more people to give in a way that suits their daily lives. It’s not here to replace Rotary International’s other online giving options but to complement and simplify them adding another gateway for everyday generosity.

To make this step forward even more meaningful, a special commemorative pin has been introduced to celebrate our everyday heroes. Every donor who contributes \$100 or more through the web app will receive this unique pin as a symbol of gratitude and recognition. It’s more than a keepsake it’s a reminder that grassroots generosity fuels Rotary’s mission to create lasting change.

This innovation reflects Rotary District 9214’s commitment to staying relevant and responsive in a rapidly changing world. By embracing digital tools, we remove barriers to giving and encourage members from long-time Rotarians to new Rotaractors to become active partners in service.



As clubs and members start using the TRF Donation Web App, the hope is that giving becomes part of our everyday habits. One tap may seem small, but when multiplied across our global network, it turns into clean water for communities, vaccines for children, and hope for families in need.

Let’s continue to inspire each other to give, serve, and build a better world one tap at a time. Log in, make your contribution, wear your pin with pride, and spread the word in your clubs and circles. Together, we’re proving that meaningful impact doesn’t always require big gestures sometimes, it just takes a simple tap.

PAG Peter Brian Kagwa
TRF Fundraising Chair



**Rotary Five-A-Side Tournament:
Sport, Fellowship, and Service**



On Saturday, July 19, 2025, the Kampala International School (KISU) Bukoto grounds hosted the ninth annual Rotary Five-A-Side Tournament a fundraising event organized by the Rotary Club of Kivatule. Dozens of teams from Rotary and Rotaract clubs across Districts 9213 and 9214 converged for a spirited day of soccer, fellowship, and philanthropy. According to NBS Sport, the tournament was “focused on strengthening networks and promoting physical activity through football,” and also “aimed to raise funds for impactful community initiatives.” Vibrant team colors and cheering supporters set a lively tone, underlining that this was far more than just a game it was a community celebration of service.

Under bright Bukoto skies, Rotary and Rotaract teams filled the pitch with energy and friendship. Players in colorful jerseys represented clubs from both District 9213 (Uganda) and 9214 (Tanzania and Uganda), creating a festive mosaic of fellowship. Each goal and save drew cheers from fellow Rotarians and families alike. “It’s about people coming together to have fun for a good cause. Sport unites people, and football brings everyone together,” one organizer shared.

These field scenes high-fives, laughter, and team celebrations epitomized the Rotary spirit of fellowship on the field.

Rotary’s commitment to community service was on full display. The event was “a wonderful activity” that demonstrated the power of Rotary, Rotaract, and corporate teams uniting for impact. Generous prize funds (UGX 5 million for the winning Rotary team, plus awards for runners-up) were designated to support club-led service projects. In celebrating every goal and handshake, the Rotary community proved that on and off the pitch, the spirit of service always scores.

As the Rotary Club of Garuga, we were honored to attend the tournament. It was more than just a sporting event; it was a powerful reminder of what it means to belong to something greater than ourselves. We thank the Rotary Club of Kivatule for their exceptional organization and warm hospitality. For us, it was a fitting and emotional way to celebrate friendship, service, and unity.

Rtn. Ronald Mutebi Kizito
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Rotary History



The first four Rotarians

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Each of the first four Rotarians, and Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian," brought different professional perspectives to the organization.





Rotary's founder, Harris, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. Harris, a lawyer, was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois, USA. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

Shorey, a merchant tailor, served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, too. He was born in Maine, USA, in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's treasurer from July to December 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, USA, in June 1870, Schiele attended

Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, Ruggles was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, club president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of The National Rotarian and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 23 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

When the Rotary Club of Chicago published this member roster in October 1905, the club had grown to 21 members, including two honorary members.

Why the Rotary year begins 1 July?

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting

club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

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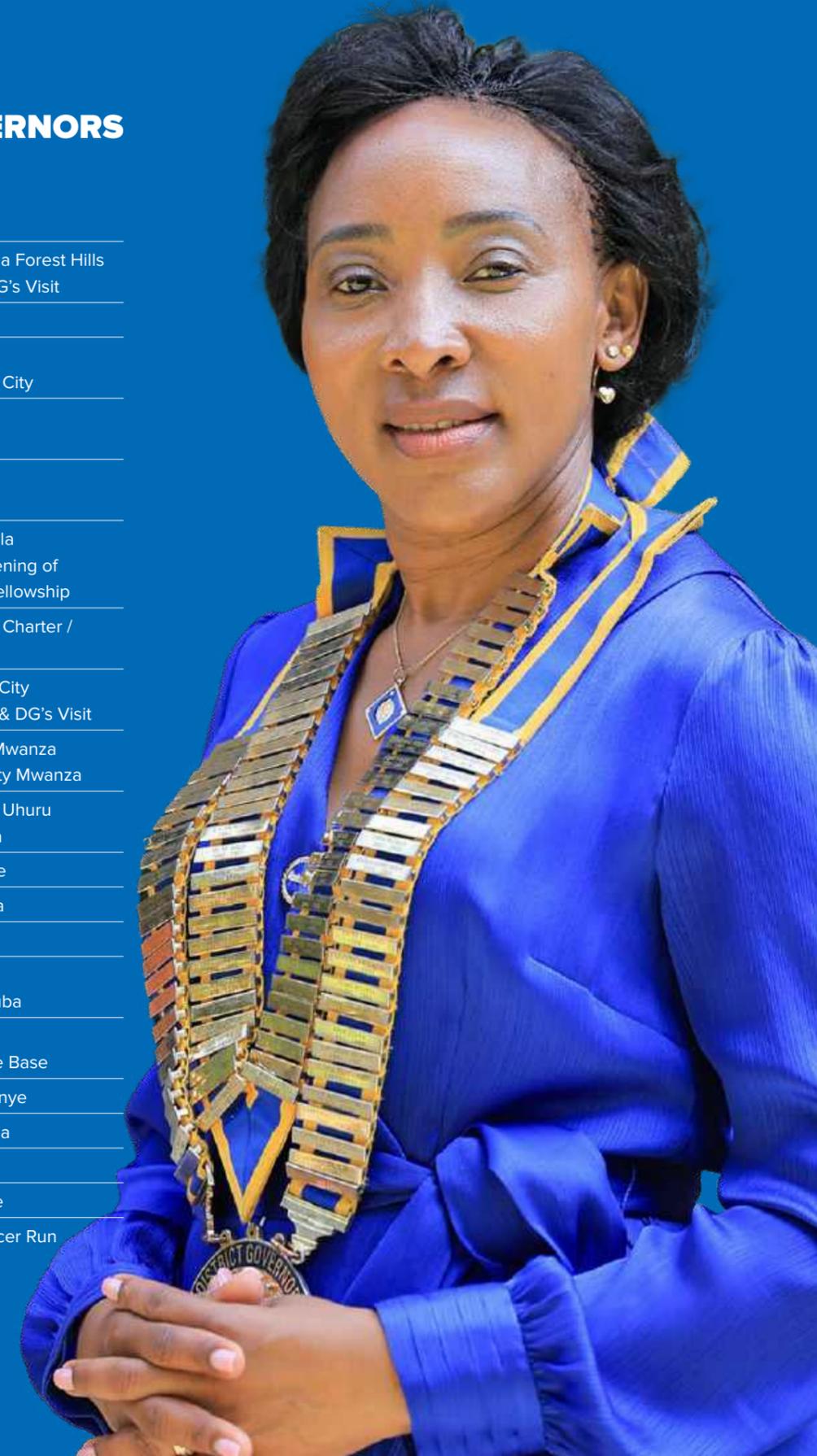
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FRI 08 AUG	RC Kalangala Official Opening of Camping Fellowship
SAT 09 AUG	RC Kitende Charter / DG's Visit
SAT 16 AUG	RC Akright City Installation & DG's Visit
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TUE 19 AUG	RC Bukoba Uhuru RC Bukoba
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FRI 22 AUG	RC Musoma
SUN 24 AUG	RC Maya
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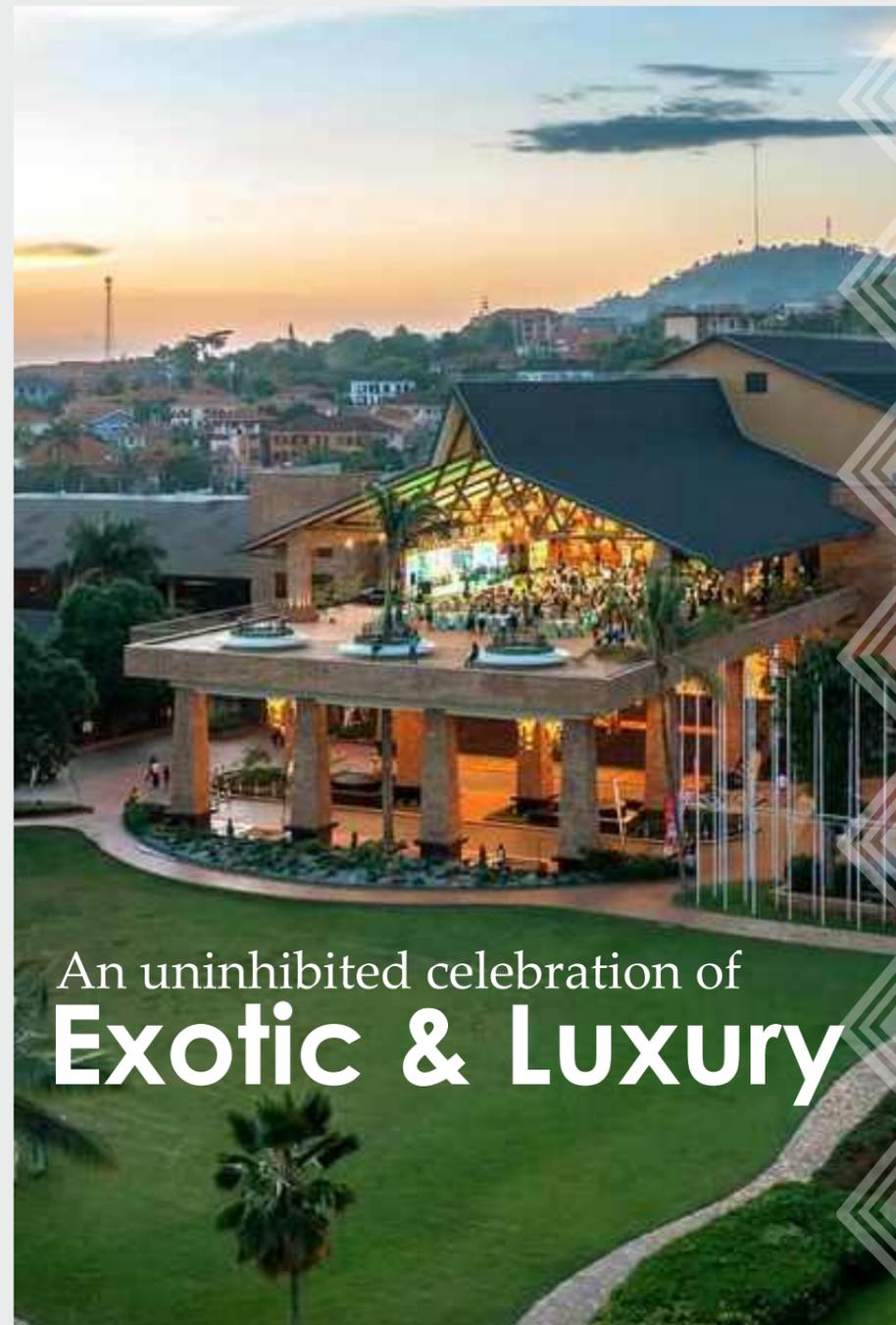


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