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Editor's Note



Light the World with Love

Welcome to the sixth edition of One Voice Magazine. As we mark half a year of publishing, we celebrate six months of strong storytelling and steady commitment to Rotary's mission across District 9214. It has been a meaningful journey of service, hope, resilience, and impact.

December always carries a special atmosphere. It invites reflection and gratitude, and it brings the warm spirit of Christmas. This season encourages us to pause, give generously, and share the joy of the season with those around us. Our theme for this edition, Light the World with Love, reflects both the heart of the holidays and the core of Rotary's purpose.

Rotary reminds us that every act of service sparks light. Every gesture of compassion brightens a life. Every completed project becomes a gift to the world.

As Rotarians and Rotaractors, we do not wait for Christmas to show kindness. We practice it throughout the year. Still, December encourages us to go deeper into the true meaning of Service Above Self. It reminds us that the greatest gifts are not wrapped. They are lived through love, fellowship, and the change we bring to our communities.

Over the past six months of the 2025–2026 Rotary year, District 9214 has shown remarkable leadership in humanitarian work, medical outreaches, literacy programs, peace activities, environmental projects, and steady giving to the foundation which amplify our community impact. Each story in this edition reflects a life touched, a family supported, and a community strengthened.

This magazine is a tribute to your dedication. The long days, the late nights, the bold ideas, and the love you invest in service keep Rotary strong. You are the heartbeat of our mission and the reason Rotary remains a force for good.

As we close the year and welcome the festive season, I invite you to embrace the joy of giving, the comfort of fellowship, and the peace that comes from knowing your work matters. May you continue to light the world with love not only in December, but every day ahead.

From the entire One Voice team, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and thank you for all you do for Rotary and for our communities.

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TO HEALTH & HAPPINESS

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other.

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment. We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences, some numbering in the thousands in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement.

The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries,

only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap. Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past RI President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?" As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good, for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.



Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International



THE SEASON OF GIVING: WHY GENEROSITY IS ROTARY'S DNA

As we celebrate with our families and friends, let us also honor the Rotary family that binds us across borders, cultures, and beliefs.

As December arrives, the world slows down long enough for us to think about what truly matters. Families gather. Communities reconnect. Gratitude rises to the surface. For Rotarians, this moment carries a special meaning—the spirit of giving that fills the season is not a brief burst of goodwill for us. It is the core of who we are.

Generosity is Rotary's DNA. It shapes our actions, guides our priorities, and defines our impact. Every project we launch, from a small community cleanup to a global health initiative, begins with the same question: how can we serve? That question has moved our organization for more than a century, and it remains the force that brings us together today.

December also marks Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. It reminds us that early detection, access to care, and public health are not privileges. They are rights. Rotary has long understood this, and it is why we continue to stand firm in our commitment to end polio, strengthen health systems, and support vulnerable communities. Our work saves lives, not through grand gestures, but through steady, thoughtful, persistent acts of service.

This month, I invite every club and every member to reflect on the simple power of giving. It does not always look like writing a check. Sometimes it is mentoring a young person, offering expertise to a project team, or taking time to listen to someone who feels unseen.

Generosity is measured not only in what we give, but in how we show up for others.

As we celebrate with our families and friends, let us also honor the Rotary family that binds us across borders, cultures, and beliefs. We are strongest when we act together. And this season gives us a chance to renew that unity. Let us enter the new year with sharper focus, deeper compassion, and a renewed commitment to the communities that count on us.

Thank you for the good you do each day. Thank you for proving that generosity is not seasonal. It is a way of life. May this December bring you peace, purpose, and the joy that comes from lifting others.

Happy holidays, and warm wishes for the year ahead.

Emmanuel Katongole
Rotary International Director Elect

A SEASON OF CHRISTMAS GIVING AND ROTARY SERVICE

December is a season filled with warmth, gratitude, and the spirit of giving. It is a time to reflect on the year behind us and to dream boldly about the possibilities ahead. Families gather, communities reconnect, and the world pauses to celebrate the beauty of humanity. For Rotary, however, these values are not seasonal, they are the very heartbeat of who we are and what we do.

As December marks the halfway point of the Rotary Year 2025–2026, let us reflect on how far we have come. In just six months, our district has demonstrated what is possible when dedicated people unite in purpose. From Uganda to Tanzania, our clubs have implemented meaningful service, touching countless lives across all seven Areas of Focus and strengthening our partnerships. Every project, every hour of service, and every contribution has been an act of love lighting the world, one community at a time and fueling our giving to The Rotary Foundation so that hope may reach even further.

December is also Disease Prevention and Treatment

Month, highlighting Rotary's unwavering commitment to improving health and combating disease worldwide. This theme is especially significant as it aligns with Rotary's long-standing efforts to eradicate polio through partnerships with the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other global allies. More recently, our dedication is reflected in the fight against cancer in Uganda through the Uganda Cancer Programme. This is another powerful expression of Rotary's resolve to create healthier communities.

Beyond these flagship initiatives, many of our clubs continue to stand at the frontline in the fight against the numerous diseases that affect humanity. Your support to The Rotary Foundation fuels this life-saving work, enabling us to prevent illness, strengthen health systems, and ultimately save lives.

As we embrace this festive month, let us deepen fellowship within our clubs, strengthen our bonds as a Rotary family, and extend compassion to those who may feel forgotten or alone. Whether through holiday outreaches, acts of generosity,

or simply sharing time with someone in need, let us make December a season that shines brighter because of Rotary.

Looking ahead to the second half of the Rotary year, I am filled with optimism. We have laid a strong foundation, and the impact we create between now and June 2026 will define our legacy. I encourage all clubs to continue raising the bar in service, expanding membership, elevating our visibility, and giving generously to The Rotary Foundation. Together, we can build communities that are healthier, more peaceful, and more hopeful.

As the year concludes, turn the page with gratitude, and start the next chapter with an unwavering belief in yourself. May this Christmas season bring joy to your homes, peace to your hearts, and renewed purpose to your service. May we continue to be a district that leads with compassion, acts with courage, and serves with love. Together, let us continue to light the world with love, today, tomorrow, and throughout our Rotary journey.

Warm festive wishes and a prosperous 2026.

Christine Kyeyune Kawooya
District Governor
Rotary District 9214 (Tanzania and Uganda)





SIX MONTHS OF UNITING FOR GOOD

As we enter the month of December, we step into a powerful moment in our Rotaract journey. December marks the beginning of our sixth month of service, a reminder that we are crossing into the heart of our Rotary year. By now, our clubs should be progressing toward at least 75% of their goals, positioning us strongly for the months ahead. I want to appreciate every Rotaractor who has worked tirelessly to make this progress possible.

December is also a season filled with warmth and meaning. Christmas brings with it a spirit of joy, generosity, and togetherness. It encourages us to pause and reflect on the blessings of community, friendship, and purpose. As Rotaractors, this season reminds us why we serve: to lift others, to create impact, and to be a light of hope wherever we stand.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we embrace its deeper message, a call to kindness, unity, and compassion. These are not just seasonal ideals;

they are the values that define who we are. Every project completed, every child supported, every community touched, and every friendship strengthened reflects the true spirit of Rotaract.

Let this month inspire us to finish the first half of the year with excellence. January will officially mark six months of service, and how we close December will determine our momentum. Let us recommit to our goals, support our clubs, and continue showing the world what young leaders can achieve when they unite for good.

The months ahead hold great promise. I believe in your energy, your purpose, and your ability to transform our district. May this season fill your heart with peace, renew your strength, and remind you that every act of service is a gift.

Merry Christmas, dear Rotaractors. Here is to uniting for good, today and always.

Alebar Kanyonza
District Rotaract Representative



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DISTRICT 9214 (UGANDA) HOSTS FIRST ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SESSION IN MBARARA

For many years, Rotarians from the western part of District 9214 have travelled five hours to Kampala in the central region, to attend Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) sessions. This Rotary Year, District Governor Christine Kawooya Kyeyune, supported a more efficient way of learning when the District Learning Team (Uganda) guided by Country Chair Rtn. Apollo Ampumwize, in collaboration with RLI, coordinated the first-ever upcountry RLI session in the district's history on 1-2 November 2025.

The initiative was led by Rtn. Elizabeth Kintu, Country Learning Team Leader (Uganda), working alongside Rtn Andrew Muguluma, Chair - RLI Africa (Eastern Africa Lake Victoria Division), and Rtn. Eric Byenkya, Team Leader - RLI Uganda. Together, they brought a delegation of eight facilitators whose combined expertise, passion, and commitment filled Mbarara with the spirit of Rotary learning.

The two-day program featured nine core modules, each delivered by a different facilitator

to ensure a dynamic blend of perspectives and engagement styles. Topics included: *My Leadership in Rotary; My Rotary World; Ethics and Vocational Service; Foundation I: Our Foundation; Engaging Members; Creating Service Projects; Rotary Opportunities; Effective Leadership Strategies; and Attracting Members.*

The 21 participants from clubs across Mbarara, Masaka, Kabale, Kabarole, and Kasese brought infectious enthusiasm and curiosity to every session. From storytelling to spirited

group work, the cohort embraced the spirit of "learning through sharing." End-of-session evaluations revealed deep appreciation for the interactive delivery and relatable, real-world examples.

"The enthusiasm in Mbarara proved that facilitation works; people learn best when they're part of the discovery." - Rtn Andrew Muguluma, Chair - RLI Africa (EA Lake Victoria Division)

Facilitators included Rtn Andrew Muguluma, Rtn. Eric Byenkya, Rtn. Sarah Kaggwa, Rtn. Frank Othembi, Rtn. Walter Nyero, Rtn. S.K. Mugabi, Rtn Simon Peter Lubega, and Rtn. Elizabeth Kintu, each adding their distinctive experience and style, and ably supported by the ever-enthusiastic RLI Administrator, Rtn. Jacqueline Namutaawe, who ensured seamless logistics throughout the weekend.

The weekend underscored

the power of collaboration between the District Learning Team, RLI, and the Country Office, demonstrating Rotary's collective strength when knowledge meets passion.

This landmark session marks a new chapter for Rotary learning in Uganda. By decentralizing RLI and taking it closer to members, District 9214 is making leadership development accessible, inclusive, and sustainable.

The next RLI session is slated for 13-14 December 2025, when participants will complete their undergraduate course and receive their RLI Certificates, paving the way for enrolment into the graduate course.

"It was inspiring and truly exciting to share Rotary knowledge and leadership skills with a team of dedicated and committed Rotarians in Mbarara over the weekend. It is deeply fulfilling to meet Rotarians who are willing

to invest their time and resources in adding value to themselves, ultimately making their clubs stronger and more impactful. It was indeed a weekend well spent." - Rtn. Eric Byenkya, Team Leader - RLI Uganda

Special appreciation goes to District Governor Christine Kawooya for her leadership and unwavering commitment to advancing Rotary learning, and to the Country Chair Rtn. Apollo Ampumwize for his continuous support and to the RLI Team for their sacrifice, dedication, and for consistently using their own resources to support Learning across the country.

District 9214's first upcountry RLI training proved one thing clearly, Rotary's heartbeat doesn't just echo in the capital; it beats strongly across every corner of Uganda.

Rtn. Elizabeth Kintu
Country Learning Team Leader (Uganda)



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ROTARY IN UGANDA



Rotary reached the African continent in 1921 with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Johannesburg. The movement grew steadily northwards, reaching Nairobi by 1930. At that time, all clubs on the continent belonged to District 55. In 1949/50, District 55 was split into Districts 24 and 25, District 24 covered the southern region, and District 25 covered the upper north, beginning with 24 clubs and 1,036 members.

Attempts to introduce Rotary in Uganda began as early as 1946 but did not materialize until 1957, when the Rotary Club of Kampala was finally chartered through the efforts of RC Nairobi. Growth followed slowly, RC Mbale was chartered in 1963 (sponsored by RC Nakuru), RC Jinja in 1964, and RC Kampala West in 1970.

At independence in 1962, most Rotarians in Uganda were expatriates, many of whom left the country soon after. Asian business leaders stepped in and joined Rotary in significant numbers, stabilizing club membership and keeping Rotary alive.

By 1970, Uganda had four clubs. However, political turbulence soon affected Rotary. Following the 1971 coup, President Idi Amin misunderstood Rotary, labelling it an organization of "Zionists and imperialists", and even banned the use of the title "President" for club leaders, who were instead referred to as Chairmen.

In 1972/73, Uganda had its first Black District Governor, Elizaphan Ntende (commonly known as Phan). Earlier, in 1970/71, Governor Vanu Radia, an Asian Ugandan, had been the first District Governor from Uganda. Governor Ntende is remembered as the first Black Rotary Governor globally.

Governor Ntende sought a meeting with President Amin to explain Rotary's non-political, community-focused mission. Unfortunately, Amin was unconvinced. Soon after, he expelled all Asians from Uganda, a devastating blow to Rotary. Many Rotarians were murdered, others imprisoned, and many fled into exile. Membership across the four clubs collapsed from 223 to only 19 by June 30, 1973.

From 1973 to 1979, Rotary activity in Uganda nearly disappeared. After the 1980 elections, Rotary slowly resurfaced, and by 1983, two new clubs were formed, bringing the total to six.

A turning point came in 1984/85 when Sam F. Owori (RIP) became President of RC Kampala. Under his leadership, the club chartered Masaka, Mbarara, and Gulu. Sam also helped start the first Rotary Community Corps (Mutajazi RCC) and three Rotaract clubs, Mulago, Kyambogo, and Makerere, despite the civil war. His exceptional service led his club to nominate him for District Governor. He was elected DG for 1987/88.

When Sam began his term on July 1, 1987, the district, then covering 12 countries, was the largest in the world at 5.5 million square kilometres. Redistricting created the new District 920, comprising eight countries and 34 clubs, with Sam as the first DG.

Sam's year was historic. District 920 recorded the highest global growth rate, largely driven by Uganda. Uganda achieved more than 110% growth in both clubs and membership. Clubs increased from 9 to 19 in that year, and to 30 the following year. Growth continued into the

1990s, though challenges of quality and dues compliance soon surfaced.

By the late 1990s, Uganda struggled with unpaid dues, leading to reputational challenges. At one District Conference, a Past District Governor from Mombasa bluntly argued that Kenya did not want to remain in the same district as Uganda due to "substandard Rotarians". Despite such sentiments, the 1997 redistricting still kept Uganda in the new District 9200 alongside Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Eritrea. However, the issue of quality persisted, with over 30% of Ugandan clubs often appearing on unpaid dues lists.

By 2002, Uganda had become the district's "laughing stock". In response, four young Ugandan Rotarians, later known as the "Gang of Four", decided to act. They traveled across the country to train clubs on Rotary basics and governance, all at their own cost. They later organized the first Training of Trainers for Past Presidents and championed structural reforms to ensure sustainability.

Working with DG Varinder Singh Sue, they helped establish the office of Country Chair for Uganda to coordinate Rotary affairs. With support from senior leaders like Sam Owori and Abel Katahoire, they secured an office and administrative support, again at their own cost. They also advised the DG to stop visiting clubs with outstanding dues. Within a short time, all clubs became compliant.

Having strengthened governance, the group encouraged one of their own, F. F. Tusubira (Tusu), to run for District Governor. He was elected DG for 2006/07. With renewed confidence, another member of the group, Chris Mutalya, was elected DG for 2007/08. In 2010/11, the narrator of this history also became District Governor. Sadly, the fourth member of the group, Martin Kiyaga, passed away before he could serve as DG.

The results of their efforts remain visible. Whereas Uganda produced only six District Governors between 1957 and 2007, it has produced 18 Governors from 2007 to 2027. The average age of Rotarians has reduced from 62 to about 45. Women's representation has increased from 18% to over 44%. Uganda is now a respected and vibrant Rotary nation, recognized across the Rotary world.

**Rtn. Stephen Mwanje
Past District Governor**

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A MAMA KIT FOR THE KARAMOJONG WOMAN: INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY TO MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE UNDERSERVED

When the streets in the Central Business District in Kampala city are 'dry', Nakut Susan (names changed), along with other Karimojong women commonly living on the streets, will migrate to neighbouring urban locations to beg for food, drink and clothing.

But there is a special need they have that no amount of begging can meet. These women, many only teenagers, are pregnant, and are unable to access antenatal or delivery services. Many deliver their babies in makeshift shacks in dark corridors where they rent a corner a night. Bleeding and other complications are common.

However, if they are lucky, pregnant women like Nakut and her friends will walk to Nsambya Hill at the Nsambya Police Barracks, in Makindye Division, a few kilometres from the heart of the capital Kampala. The Police Barracks which houses serving police officers and their families has a safe haven – a health centre IV with a maternity ward that offers free services.

The health centre is operated by the Uganda Police Force in the barracks area and more than 90% of the health workers are members of the police force. However, the centre is often overwhelmed, serving more than 200 residents daily due to its proximity to slums, which attract low-income earners living in overcrowded informal settlements with poor sanitation and at risk of multiple diseases.

According to the In-charge of the maternity ward at the health centre, more than 80 expectant women are served daily, yet the centre lacks even the most basic materials for a safe delivery as

government supplies cannot meet the growing demand. Many of the women have no source of income and no essentials for birthing; still, when they arrive at the centre to deliver their babies, they cannot be turned away.

When members of the Rotary Club of Nsambya in-forma-tion, (less than 6 months old) were brainstorming a potential project in their community, one of the members suggested a visit to the Nsambya Police Barracks as they had often seen long queues outside the maternity ward. Discussing with the In-Charge at the maternity ward, the assessment revealed that most of the clients were from neighbouring slums, as far as Katwe, who walk several kilometres to access free antenatal and birthing services.

More than 15 club members held a meeting with their New Club Adviser, Assistant Governor, Florence Malinga, of the Rotary Club of Muyenga Bukasa, on the proposed project of supporting the maternity ward with sanitation materials. The New Club Adviser collaborated with a partner club –the Rotary Club of Makindye, to request Mama Kits in addition to the sanitation and hygiene materials and other refreshments donated by the club members. In turn, the Rotary Club of Makindye reached out to their global partner, the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) which provides birthing kits and education in clean birthing practices to different regions of the developing world.

On 17 November, Nakut Susan was one of the expectant mothers who received the 250 Mama kits that were donated to the maternity ward of Nsambya Police Health Centre IV at the Nsambya Police Barracks.



Reverend Father Ponsiano Mayega, who will be leading the club once it is chartered, explained the need for the project: "Mothers find it difficult to access essentials for childbirth and yet this is a low-cost package that can help them deliver safely. This is a project with minimal resources but great impact."

The club engaged the senior management team of the police barracks in planning the handover of the items, and on a bright Monday morning, the Senior Superintendent of Police on behalf of the Director Health Services AIGP, Dr Moses Byaruhanga, expressed gratitude for the timely and practical gift that is meeting a real need for the most vulnerable mothers in the ward. The mothers smiled with disbelief at the free Mama kit – a gift that would make birthing safer and more comfortable for them.

Mama kits are a life-saving miracle for mothers like Nakut Susan: they include a large plastic sheet that the mother can lie on during delivery, a sterilized surgical blade for cutting the umbilical cord, cord ties, disposable gloves, a waterproof sheet for the delivery bed, sanitary pads for post-delivery blood flow and gauze.

Rotarian Jonathan Mugabi, the PR Director of the Rotary Club of Muyenga Bukasa, who provided photography for the handover event, explains the need for such projects: "When prospective Rotarians see the difference that they can make through projects like this, it is very heartwarming and opens their eyes, preparing them for a future of service, which is what Rotary is really about."



**By Rotarian Joyce Kyeyune,
RC Muyenga Bukasa**

CERVICAL CANCER: STRENGTHENING PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION IN TANZANIA

Cervical cancer remains one of the most preventable yet deadly diseases affecting women in Tanzania, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Despite advances in vaccination and screening, many women are diagnosed at advanced stages, when treatment options are limited and outcomes poor. Addressing cervical cancer requires a holistic approach that combines medical interventions, community education, psychosocial support, and ethical clinical practice.

Cervical cancer is primarily caused by persistent infection with high-risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Prevention can be understood across five levels:

- Primordial prevention: Focuses on preventing risk factors before they emerge, such as promoting sexual health education, delaying early sexual debut, and addressing cultural or societal conditions that increase vulnerability to HPV.

- Primary prevention: Prevents disease by stopping HPV infection from occurring, mainly through HPV vaccination, safe sexual practices, and male involvement in reproductive health education.

- Secondary prevention: Detects precancerous changes early to prevent progression to invasive cancer. Screening using VIA (Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid), Pap smears, or HPV DNA testing identifies abnormalities before they become life-threatening. The screen-and-treat approach, where women receive immediate management of detected lesions, ensures timely care and reduces loss to follow-up. Secondary prevention also requires trained healthcare providers, functional referral systems, and innovations like mobile outreach and self-sampling HPV tests to increase accessibility.

- Tertiary prevention: Focuses on managing established disease to reduce morbidity and mortality, including surgical intervention, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and palliative care for advanced cases.

- Quaternary prevention: Prevents unnecessary harm, over-treatment, or low-value care. This includes ensuring treatments are evidence-based, proportionate, and respectful; preserving fertility when possible; involving patients in informed decision-making; and providing supportive care that prioritizes quality of life.

Cervical cancer also imposes significant social, emotional, and economic challenges on patients and families. Women may experience fear, stigma, and anxiety, while families face financial strain, caregiving burdens, and disruption of household roles. Misconceptions about the disease can lead to isolation, marital tension, or reduced social support. Addressing these challenges requires psychosocial counselling, family engagement, and community awareness programs.

Integrated approaches combining vaccination, early detection, treatment, psychosocial support, and ethical care demonstrate the power of disease prevention and treatment. Strengthening rural outreach, improving training, decentralizing services, and supporting patients and families are key to reducing preventable deaths.

Cervical cancer is not inevitable. With coordinated prevention, early detection, and compassionate care, Tanzania can ensure that women live full, healthy lives—free from preventable disease.

Dr. Deogratias Luangisa
Medical Doctor, Lecturer & Mental Health Advocate



DISTRIBUTION OF MATERNITY KITS: SUPPORTING SAFE MOTHERHOOD IN TANGA

On 7 August 2025, the Rotary Club of Tanga Central proudly implemented a high-impact service initiative aligned with Rotary International's focus area of Maternal and Child Health. In a dedicated effort to support mothers and newborns in the Tanga Region, the club distributed 40 maternity kits to Pongwe Hospital and Makorora Hospital, two government health facilities serving vulnerable populations.

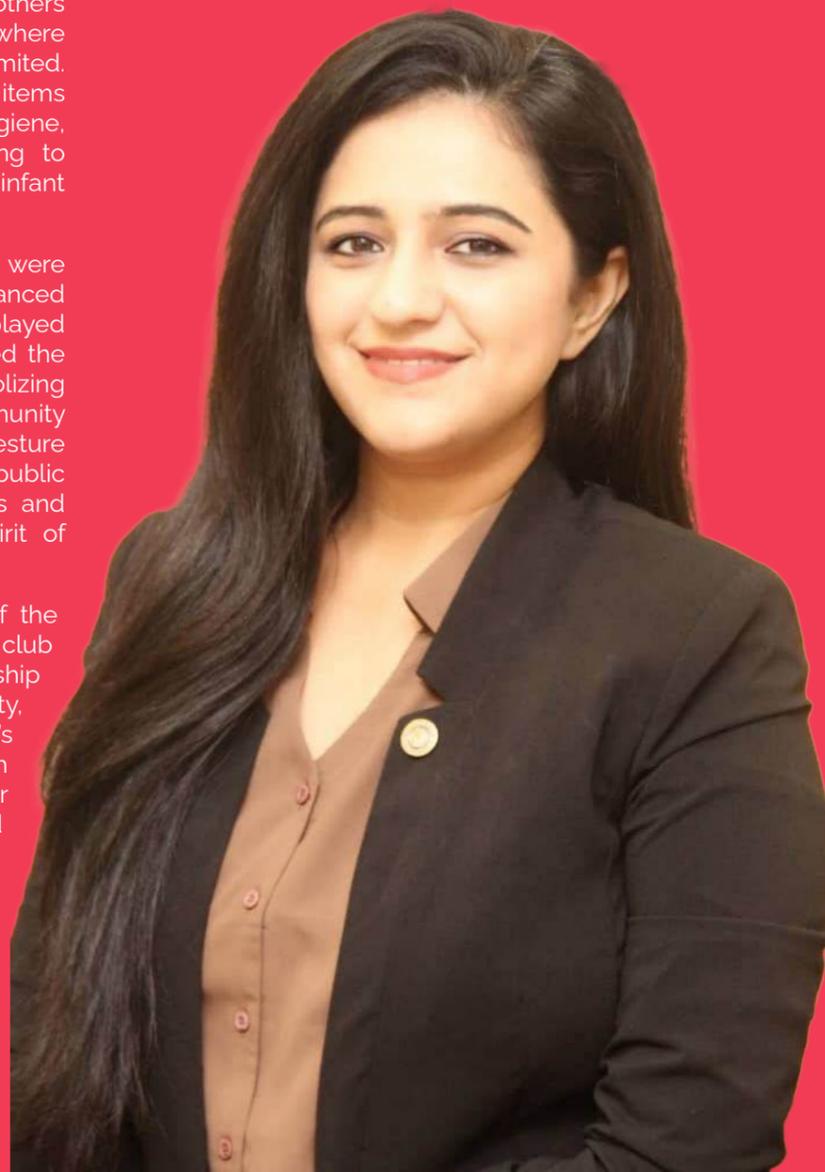
This project was designed as a direct response to the challenges faced by expectant mothers particularly in underserved communities where access to essential delivery resources is limited. Each maternity kit was carefully curated with items that encourage safe childbirth, improved hygiene, and enhanced postnatal care, contributing to the reduction of preventable maternal and infant mortality.

The handover ceremonies at both hospitals were conducted with respect, dignity, and enhanced Rotary visibility. A Rotary banner was displayed at each site, and every maternity kit carried the Rotary Club of Tanga Central logo, symbolizing our ongoing commitment to uplifting community health. The branding served not as a gesture of recognition, but as a way to increase public awareness of Rotary's humanitarian efforts and inspire more people to embrace the spirit of Service Above Self.

One of the most remarkable highlights of the project was the tremendous support from club members. With over 70% of the membership present, the event showcased the unity, passion, and dedication that define our club's culture. Their strong turnout added warmth to the ceremonies and strengthened our relationships with healthcare workers and beneficiaries.

As a club, we remain dedicated to implementing sustainable initiatives that transform lives. The maternity kit distribution project stands as a testament to what Rotary can achieve when members come together with compassion, collaboration, and commitment to community wellbeing

Rtn. Shrooti Asher
Club Secretary (2025–2026)
Rotary Club of Tanga Central



SPREADING JOY AND KINDNESS: MAULID DAY CELEBRATION AT GREEN CRESCENT ORPHANAGE

On 12 September 2025, the Rotary Club of Tanga Central had the heartfelt privilege of celebrating Maulid Day with the young residents of Green Crescent Orphanage. In the true spirit of compassion and community, this special day was dedicated to spreading joy, fostering connection, and giving the gift of belonging to 27 boys under the age of 15, along with their five committed caretakers.

The celebration went far beyond a simple gathering it was an expression of love and solidarity. The afternoon was filled with lively games, interactive activities, and warm fellowship as Rotarians spent time engaging with the children. The air was filled with laughter and excitement as both the boys and club members enjoyed playful competitions and team building moments that created lasting memories.

To make the occasion even more meaningful, the Rotary Club of Tanga Central distributed personalized gifts to each child. These included personal care items, essential stationery to support their education, and treats to add a touch of sweetness to the day. Each gift was thoughtfully selected to ensure that every child felt recognized, appreciated, and celebrated.

The purpose of this initiative was beautifully simple: to bring happiness to young hearts and ensure the children felt valued on a day that symbolizes unity, compassion, and generosity. As Rotarians, we uphold the ideal of *Service Above Self*, and this Maulid Day celebration offered a meaningful opportunity to give that value by uplifting vulnerable members of our community.

We express our sincere appreciation to the caretakers of Green Crescent Orphanage for their tireless service, and to all Rotarians whose kindness, enthusiasm, and presence made this celebration truly special. Together, we continue to strengthen our commitment to building a more caring, inclusive, and compassionate society one act of kindness at a time.



Rtn. Shrooti Asher
Secretary (2025–2026)
Rotary Club of Tanga Central

ROTARACT CLUB OF BWEBAJJA DRIVES MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TO 3,000 STUDENTS

In an inspiring demonstration of youth leadership and community impact, the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja has successfully completed a month-long Mental Health Awareness Campaign that reached more than 3,000 students across five secondary schools. The initiative, conducted in partnership with Voice Elevation Uganda, aimed at equipping young people with practical knowledge, emotional resilience, and the confidence to seek help when facing mental health challenges.

The campaign—implemented throughout the month of November—responded to the rising cases of stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and social pressures affecting adolescents in Uganda. Recognising the urgent need for early intervention, the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja designed school-based sessions that combined education, interactive discussions, motivation, and relatable storytelling.

Through this partnership, students engaged in well-structured conversations facilitated by trained youth mentors from Voice Elevation Uganda alongside Rotaract volunteers. The sessions focused on understanding mental health, identifying early warning signs, managing emotions, handling peer pressure, building self-esteem, and knowing where to seek support.

Many students were particularly drawn to the open discussions on real-life experiences, which created a safe space for them to express their concerns—something rarely available in traditional school environments. Teachers and school administrators commended the project for addressing a gap that often remains unspoken yet significantly affects academic performance and personal growth.

Speaking about the impact, the Project Chairperson from the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja noted that mental health education among teenagers is not just a necessity but a responsibility that young leaders must embrace: *“When we equip young people with knowledge and confidence, we safeguard the future. This project is a call to action for all of us to prioritise mental wellness.”*

Voice Elevation Uganda, known for its commitment to youth empowerment and mental-wellness advocacy, applauded Rotaract for taking bold steps towards creating emotionally healthy communities. The organisation highlighted that early mental-health awareness reduces stigma and enables young people to support each other through difficult moments.

The month-long outreach concluded with a strong recommendation for scaling up the program to

more schools, including follow-up mentorship cycles, peer-support clubs, and periodic wellness checks. Both partners expressed readiness to deepen and expand the initiative to reach even more students in the coming year.

With this impactful project, the Rotaract Club

of Bwebajja has reaffirmed its dedication to meaningful service, leadership development, and championing causes that build stronger and healthier communities.

Rosemary Namuleme
President Rotaract Club of Bwebajja





UPLIFT PROJECT RETURNS TO KEIHANGARA PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH STRONG PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

The Uplift Project has successfully completed its second visit to Keihangara Primary School, Ibanda, strengthening its commitment to uplifting young learners through education, dignity, and consistent mentorship. The outreach, held 22-23 November 2025, once again demonstrated what collaboration can achieve when partners unite for a shared purpose.

This impactful visit was made possible through the dedicated partnership of the Rotary Club of Ibanda, Gold Vine, and a team of passionate volunteers committed to supporting vulnerable children. Each partner played a crucial role in

amplifying the project's reach and ensuring meaningful support for the learners.

The Rotary Club of Ibanda, known for its strong footprint in community service, mobilized resources and provided logistical and on-ground support. Club members joined the outreach team, engaged the pupils, and reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to strengthening education and promoting dignity for every child. Their involvement added warmth, structure, and community trust to the entire exercise.

Gold Vine, a valued partner in youth and community empowerment, contributed generously to the project's

essential supplies. Their support enabled the donation of **books, learning materials, and sanitary pads**, ensuring that both boys and girls have the resources needed to stay in school and thrive. Gold Vine's participation also reflects the growing role of the private sector in advancing education and menstrual health for underserved communities.

During the visit, the Uplift Project team—together with the partners—engaged learners in reading activities, mentorship sessions, and motivational talks designed to inspire confidence, curiosity, and resilience. The sanitary pads distribution addressed a critical challenge faced by many girls

who often miss school due to lack of menstrual hygiene products. Teachers expressed deep appreciation, calling the intervention "timely and transformative."

Project leads described this second visit as a powerful example of what partnership can accomplish: "When organisations and communities

work together, we create lasting change. The Rotary Club of Ibanda and Gold Vine have shown what it means to uplift children with both resources and love."

The team also conducted a needs assessment to guide the next phases of the project, focusing on reading spaces, mentorship programs, and

improved hygiene training.

With strong partners by its side, the Uplift Project continues to champion hope, empowerment, and opportunity for every child at Keihangara Primary School and beyond.

ADRR Kato Isa
Rotaract Club of Kigo Seven Lakes Golf



FROM BROKEN TESTUBES TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, A TIMELY INTERVENTION AT BISHOP MARAKA COLLEGE

Some moments leave an imprint on the soul. I and my Club Members recently experienced one such moment at Bishop Maraka College in Kumi District, a school full of bright, determined students, yet starved of the basic tools they need to succeed.

On the 30th day of October, 2025, the Rotary Club of Muyenga Bukasa together with our partners The Global Uplift Project (TGUP) and Rotary Clubs from Districts 5160 and 5170 delivered modern science equipment through the Science Lab in a Box (SLAB) initiative, part of the Science Education Uplift-Uganda (SEU-U) program. Microscopes, test tubes, beakers, and other essentials were handed over to a school that had long gone without.

One Senior four candidate student shared how he sat his science practical exam using a broken test tube. Another had to wait for classmates to finish using the few available tools before he could begin his own practical. These are children sitting the same exams as their peers in well-equipped urban schools. The same questions, the same expectations, but not the same opportunities.

Teachers expressed deep gratitude, and students beamed with excitement, knowing they could now engage with science subjects in a way that felt real, tangible, and empowering.

We were glad to have been joined by Mrs. Sarah Adong, the District Education Officer, and Mrs. Atai Stella, the Municipal Education Officer. Both expressed deep gratitude for our support of government programs and emphasized the urgent need for continued investment in rural education infrastructure.

Even though our intervention came just in time during the exam season, it was a lifeline.

Other challenges remain at Bishop Maraka College. The current school's laboratory block

lacks the infrastructure necessary to safely and effectively house the laboratory equipment we provided. Without a proper facility, the equipment risks being underutilized or even damaged.

I left Bishop Maraka College inspired but also burdened. We've taken a meaningful step, but the journey is far from over. These students deserve more than broken glass and borrowed time. They deserve dignity. They deserve a proper science lab.

If this story moves you, I invite you to be part of the solution. Help us build a proper laboratory block. Help us give these children the tools to explore, experiment, and excel not just in exams, but in life.

Nakamatte Florence
President, Rotary Club of Muyenga Bukasa



EACOP GREEN SCHOOLS INITIATIVE LAUNCHES FIRST SCHOOL IN KYOTERA



A new chapter in environmental education and sustainability has begun with the launch of the first school under the EACOP Green Schools Initiative Project at St. Kizito Kiterede in Kyotera District. The project, an ambitious collaboration between the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) and Rotary Uganda, aims to empower schools with knowledge, infrastructure, and practices that promote environmental stewardship among young learners.

The historic event, held on 18th November 2025, was attended by district leaders, educators, community members, and partners. Rotary District 9214 was officially represented by Uganda Country Chair, Apollo Ampumwize, who commended the initiative as a model of how corporate community partnerships can drive sustainable development.

The Rotary Club of Kyotera, the participating club from D9214, played a central role in coordinating the school's involvement, mobilizing community support, and ensuring that learners and teachers understand the long-term value of environmental awareness.

The EACOP Green Schools Initiative is designed to integrate environmental education into school culture by promoting activities such as tree-planting, waste management, clean energy adoption, environmental clubs, and climate change awareness. At St. Kizito Kiterede, the launch featured hands-on activities, including the planting of indigenous trees, demonstrations on proper waste disposal, and interactive sessions on conserving natural resources.

In his remarks, Ampumwize, highlighted Rotary's deep commitment to environmental protection, one of the organization's seven Areas of Focus. "The future belongs to young people who understand the value of our environment. This partnership with EACOP ensures that we are not only teaching children but equipping them to become champions of sustainability in their communities."

Representatives from EACOP reaffirmed their dedication to investing in community-centered environmental programs, noting that Green Schools serve as practical laboratories for developing eco-friendly habits at an early age. They applauded Rotary for its strong grassroots network and its ability to mobilize stakeholders around service and environmental responsibility.

Teachers at St. Kizito Kiterede expressed excitement and gratitude, describing the project as a timely initiative that will help instill a culture of responsibility and conservation among learners. The school pledged to implement the Green Schools model fully and to maintain the planted trees as a symbol of their commitment.

The successful launch sets the stage for the rollout of the Green Schools Initiative across more communities along the pipeline route. With Rotary Uganda and EACOP working side by side, the project promises to nurture a generation that understands—and protects—the environment for years to come.

Rtn. Andrew Ssennabulya
District Projects chair,
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CELEBRATING
OUR CLUBS

ROTARY CLUB OF BWERENGA'S CAR WASH RAISES FUNDS FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



The Rotary and Rotaract family in the Bwerenga community came together on **1st November 2025** for a vibrant **Bwerenga Car Wash Fundraiser**, an event dedicated to raising funds for the **Rotary Foundation**. Despite morning drizzles and cloudy skies, the spirit of service and generosity shone brightly throughout the day.

The fundraiser was graced by **District Governor Nominee 9213, Kasi Fabian**, who served as the **Guest of Honor**. His presence energized the volunteers and participants, reinforcing the message that every contribution big or small, helps Rotary create lasting change across communities.

Organized by passionate Rotarians, Rotaractors, and community supporters, the event attracted car owners from Bwerenga, Garuga, and neighboring areas who turned up not just for a wash, but to support a cause that transforms lives through Rotary Foundation programs. The atmosphere was festive, with music, teamwork, and strong camaraderie among volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the day.

DGN Kasi Fabian commended the organizers for their creativity and commitment, emphasizing that grassroots fundraising efforts like the Bwerenga Car Wash are essential in sustaining Rotary's life-changing projects: *"The Rotary Foundation is the heartbeat of our service. Today you have demonstrated that impact begins with simple acts of giving and teamwork,"* he said.

Funds raised during the event will support Rotary Foundation initiatives, including water and sanitation projects, disease prevention, maternal and child health programs, environmental conservation, and education support— within Districts and across the globe.

Participants applauded the event for its fun, community-centered approach to fundraising. Many expressed pride in contributing to a foundation that directly supports humanitarian projects, scholarships, disaster relief, and the global fight to end polio.

As the sun set on a successful day, organizers expressed gratitude to all partners, car owners, volunteers, and community members whose enthusiasm made the event a success. With strong energy and positive outcomes, the Bwerenga Car Wash stands as a reminder that communities thrive when people come together with purpose.

The team pledged to make the car wash an annual tradition, continuing to raise awareness and resources for the Rotary Foundation while strengthening bonds within the community.

Rtn. Susan Najjingo
President Rotary Club of Bwerenga

SPREADING WARMTH, SMILES, AND HOT MEALS

On 15th November 2025, the Rotary eClub of Masaki, in partnership with the Cook and Serve Organization, commemorated Children's Day with a heartwarming act of service donating and serving hot, nutritious meals to 200 children at the Salvation Army.

The event was filled with joy, laughter, and the pure energy that only children bring. As volunteers served meals and interacted with the little ones, the atmosphere blossomed into a celebration of kindness and community spirit. Their bright smiles reminded everyone present that even the smallest gesture can uplift a child's heart and make a meaningful difference.

This initiative embodied Rotary's spirit of service showing that when we come together with compassion, we can create moments of hope and happiness for the next generation.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Rotarians, partners, and supporters who contributed their time, love, and dedication to make this day truly special. Your generosity helped shine a light of warmth and care on our young beneficiaries.

Together, we continue to serve, empower, and inspire.

Rotarian Reshma Shah
Rotary eClub of Masaki



ENTEBBE BASE HOSTS MASQUERADE VINTAGE FUNDRAISER



The Rotary Club of Entebbe Base hosted a memorable Masquerade Vintage Edition Fundraiser on 25th October 2025 at the elegant Emperor Heights in Kisubi, to support Noah's Ark Children's Home, a sanctuary for children with special needs. The evening blended compassion, style, and purpose, drawing Rotarians, friends, and well-wishers to raise funds for a cause that deeply impacts vulnerable children.

The event was graced by Past District Governor (PDG) Ken Mugisha, the Guest of Honour. His presence and inspirational message elevated the spirit of giving, reminding attendees of Rotary's calling to uplift those who most need support.

PDG Ken commended RC Entebbe Base for choosing to champion children with disabilities, noting that "a society is best judged by how it cares for its most vulnerable."

The fundraiser aimed to generate resources for Noah's Ark Children's Home Project, which provides shelter, care, therapy, and education for children with special needs. Funds raised will support essential items such as assistive materials, medical supplies, rehabilitation support, and improved living conditions for the children under the home's care.

The Masquerade Vintage theme gave the night a unique flair as guests arrived in elegant masks and

retro fashion, bringing colour, joy, and excitement to the event. The atmosphere was lively with music, entertainment, auctions, and hearty engagement from the Rotary family and supporters.

Rotarians from neighboring clubs, corporate partners, and friends joined hands with RC Entebbe Base to amplify the fundraising effort. Organizers celebrated the strong turnout and the generosity displayed throughout the evening.

The President of RC Entebbe Base expressed gratitude to the attendees and partners, emphasizing that every contribution will make a direct and meaningful difference:

"Tonight, we have shown that compassion can be fun, stylish, and impactful. The children of Noah's Ark deserve dignity, care, and opportunity and we are honoured to support them."

The successful fundraiser reaffirmed the club's commitment to community service and its dedication to creating sustainable change. With the strength of the Rotary family and generous partners, RC Entebbe Base continues to uphold the spirit of "Service Above Self" through transformative initiatives like this one.

Rtn. Eve Mugidde
President Rotary Club of Entebbe Base

A GLAMOROUS AND GOLDEN EVENING OF FUN AND PHILANTHROPY WITH RC BWEBAJJA



Emperor Heights in Kisubi sparkled brighter than ever on 20 November as the Rotary Club of Bwebajja hosted its signature Gold & Glam Annual TRF Dinner, an elegant night where style, fellowship, and purposeful giving came together in perfect harmony.

From the moment guests stepped into the golden-themed venue, it was clear that this was no ordinary Rotary event. The evening radiated class, excitement, and heartfelt unity, as Rotarians, Rotaractors, friends, and partners gathered to celebrate the spirit of giving that defines the Rotary Foundation.

Adding prestige to the night was Past District Governor, Peace Taremwa, the Guest of Honour, whose warm presence and inspiring message elevated the entire experience. PDG Peace praised RC Bwebajja for its creativity, passion, and consistency in supporting the Rotary Foundation, emphasizing that every contribution enables Rotary to change more lives, empower more communities, and build a more peaceful world.

The program was a beautifully curated blend of inspiring speeches, recognition of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) champions, uplifting

entertainment, and lively fundraising moments. Members who have faithfully supported TRF were honoured, while new contributors were encouraged to embrace the joy of giving. The atmosphere remained joyful, elegant, and full of fellowship throughout the night.

Club leaders expressed deep appreciation to all partners, supporters, and friends of Rotary who continue to walk alongside RC Bwebajja in delivering impactful projects across the community. The message of the evening was clear: giving to the Rotary Foundation is more than a financial gesture it is an investment in humanity.

As the night drew to a close, laughter, music, and heartfelt conversations filled the air, proof that Rotary service, when blended with celebration and togetherness, becomes even more powerful.

The Gold & Glam TRF Dinner 2025 was not just a glamorous evening; it was a shining reminder that generosity, when shared with joy, creates a legacy that lasts.

Rtn. Julie Nasimolo
Rotary Club of Bwebajja



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MONTHLY ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE TIPS:

Tip #4 : Thank Supporters and Showcase the Year's Impact (December Focus – Build goodwill and pride by celebrating your club's achievements publicly)

Steps to Follow:

1. List Your Year's Highlights

- Write down the key projects, partnerships, and achievements from the Rotary year.

Examples:

- » Number of service hours completed
- » Funds raised or donated
- » Communities or schools impacted
- » Any awards or recognitions received

2. Create a Year-End Thank You Message

- Write a warm, heartfelt message to the community and partners.

Example:

"As 2025 comes to a close, Rotary Club of [Name] thanks all our members, volunteers, and partners for helping us plant 2,000 trees, donate 100 desks to schools, and bring clean water to 3 villages. Together, we created lasting change!"

3. Share on Social Media and WhatsApp Groups

- Post your thank-you message with a photo collage, short video, or infographic.
- Tag key supporters or partners if possible.
- Use simple hashtags like #ThankYou, #RotaryYearInReview, #PeopleOfAction.

4. Send a Letter to the Editor

- Draft a short letter for your local newspaper or community magazine.
- Thank the community for its support and highlight Rotary's impact.
- This helps reach non-members and enhances your club's credibility.

5. Recognize Key Members & Partners

- Publicly acknowledge outstanding members, sponsors, or community allies.
- Consider a certificate, thank-you post, or a personal message.

6. Archive and Repurpose Your Content

- Save your year-end summary to reuse for:
 - » Club reports
 - » Grant proposals
 - » New member kits
 - » Future newsletters

Why This Works

- Shows transparency and accountability
- Strengthens relationships with the public, donors, and partners
- Boosts pride and motivation among members
- Provides "proof of impact" to attract future supporters



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DISTRICT
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DISTRICT 9214 SHINES BRIGHT AT THE ROTARACT AFRICA SUMMIT 2025 IN BENIN



The Rotaract Africa Summit (RAS) 2025, held from 20th to 23rd November in Cotonou, Benin, was a remarkable celebration of youth leadership, continental collaboration, and transformative service. For four inspiring days, hundreds of young leaders gathered to exchange ideas, showcase projects, and strengthen the spirit of African unity through Rotaract.

District 9214 (Uganda and Tanzania) stood out as one of the most visible and vibrant delegations at the Summit. The district was proudly represented by RIDE Emmanuel Katongole, PDG Ken Mugisha, IPDRR Joseph Batter Ssengooba, and DRR Alebar Kanyonza, along with several other Rotary and Rotaract leaders whose presence underscored the district's growing influence on the continental stage. Their participation brought prestige, experience, and collective strength to the discussions and engagements throughout the Summit.

One of the defining moments came during the glamorous closing dinner, where the Rotaract Africa Awards were presented. District 9214 earned continental recognition by winning two major awards for Rotary Year 2024/25—one for exceptional Rotary Foundation (TRF) performance and another for outstanding membership growth and retention. These awards celebrated the district's collective success, reflecting the hard work of its Rotaractors, club leaders, project teams, and mentors across Uganda and Tanzania. The applause that filled the room when 9214 was announced demonstrated the respect the district has earned across Africa.

Beyond the awards, District 9214 shined throughout the summit. Its leaders contributed to conversations on innovation, membership development, youth leadership, and impactful service. Delegates from other regions spoke highly of the district's visibility, project excellence, and strong leadership pipeline. The presence of senior leaders like RIDE Emmanuel Katongole and PDG Ken Mugisha also added weight to the district's profile, with many appreciating their guidance and mentorship to young leaders.

RAS 2025 in Benin became a powerful moment of pride for District 9214. The district not only represented itself with distinction but also reaffirmed its position as a driving force in African Rotaract—dynamic, innovative, and united in purpose. As the delegation returns home, the awards and experiences from Benin serve as motivation to continue raising the bar and shaping a future where District 9214 remains at the forefront

of transformative youth leadership.

District 9214 did not just attend the summit, it shined and inspired as a model of excellence on the continent.

The achievements in Benin reaffirm the district's place among Africa's strongest Rotaract communities—driven by teamwork, innovation, and a relentless commitment to "Service Above Self."

With renewed energy and continental recognition, District 9214 returns home inspired, motivated, and ready to write an even greater chapter in the year ahead.

Joseph Batter Ssengooba
Rotaract Club of Bwebajja



DGE DANIEL DDAMULIRA UNVEILS 2026–27 THEME AT DISTRICT MEET & GREET



On Saturday, 22nd November 2025, the Rotary family of District 9214 convened for a warm, engaging, and highly energising Meet & Greet with District Governor-Elect (DGE) Daniel Ddamulira. The event marked a key milestone in the district's preparations for the Rotary Year 2026–2027, setting the stage for a year focused on purposeful engagement, unity, and impactful service.

The gathering brought together club presidents, district leaders, Rotarians, Rotaractors, past leaders, partners, and friends of Rotary — all eager to meet the incoming district leadership and understand the priorities for the new Rotary year. Fellowship flowed naturally, and the atmosphere was filled with optimism, curiosity, and a renewed commitment to service.

A major highlight of the event was the introduction of the 2026–2027 District Theme: "Each One, Engage for Impact."

DGE Daniel Ddamulira shared the story behind the theme, explaining how it emerged from extensive consultations, reflection, and an understanding of the current needs of clubs across District 9214. The theme highlights a simple but powerful truth—impact begins with engagement. When every member participates, contributes, and takes ownership of their Rotary journey, clubs grow stronger, projects become more meaningful, and communities experience real transformation.

As the theme and its logo appeared on the screen, the audience responded with enthusiasm. Members appreciated its clarity and relevance, noting how it resonates with Rotary's Action Plan priorities, especially membership, engagement, and delivering meaningful results.

The Meet & Greet also provided the perfect platform for open dialogue. Club leaders asked questions, shared expectations, and expressed their readiness to champion the theme in their clubs. DGE Daniel encouraged clubs to focus on member experience, elevate Rotary Foundation participation, strengthen youth partnerships, and deliver projects that create measurable community impact.

By the close of the event, there was a strong sense of shared purpose. The district leaders left the room aligned, inspired, and ready to walk the 2026–2027 journey alongside DGE Daniel Ddamulira.

With a clear direction under the theme "Each One, Engage for Impact," District 9214 is poised for a year of growth, collaboration, and transformative service.



Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner



The Spirit of Giving: What December Teaches Us About Service Above Self

December carries with it a silent magic. It is a month enveloped in love, gratitude, giving, reflection, and generosity. A season when communities open their hearts a little wider, and kindness becomes our shared language. Around the world, people pause to give, to share, and to uplift. And in Rotary, this spirit is not seasonal; it is our way of life.

Yet December gives us a gentle reminder of why we serve. Across Rotary District 9214 and beyond, this festive season inspires a renewed sense of togetherness, encouraging us to embrace simple acts of kindness that restore dignity, hope, and human connection. It is a time when the smallest gestures, offering encouragement, extending a hand, and visiting someone in need carry a remarkable weight. These moments remind us that service does not always require grand resources, but presence and intention.

Such acts may appear modest, yet they shine brighter than any decoration. They affirm a truth at the heart of Rotary: giving is not defined by abundance, but by genuineness.

December teaches us that service is sweetness in motion. It shows us that generosity does not need a festive season to be meaningful, but that the season gently awakens our awareness of each other. And above all, it reminds us that our greatest impact as Rotarians is not measured by the scale of our projects, but by the sincerity of our compassion.

As we celebrate this month of giving, sharing and love, may we carry its lessons into the year ahead. May we continue to serve with open hands, open hearts, and the silent joy of knowing that every act of kindness no matter how small helps light the world.

Happy festive season and new year 2026!

By Catherine Nayesiga, Editor 2025/2026,
D9214 (Uganda & Tanzania)

Festive Greetings



Rotarian Joyce Kyeyune

"The festive season is always a period of reflection and gratitude. Even when plans shift or fall short, this time reminds me of the unexpected blessings that shape my year. My greatest joy comes from gifting others in small but meaningful ways."



Rotaractor Micheal Melchior

"December is my reset button. It is when I pause, reflect, breathe, and prepare to step into the new year with intention. Christmas embodies hope and unity, reminding me of what truly matters."



Rotarian Winnie Namutaawe

"To me, Christmas is a sacred celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. It is a moment to look back on the year with gratitude for God's guidance and to give generously sharing not only gifts, but compassion, hope, and presence with those around us."



Rotarian Catherine Ninyesiga

"December carries a quiet magic. It is a season wrapped in love, gratitude, reflection, and generosity. Communities open their hearts wider, and kindness becomes a shared language. In Rotary, this spirit is not seasonal, it is who we are every day."



Rotarian Reshma Shah

"I love this season because my energetic spirit shines brightest—decorating Christmas trees, playing Secret Santa, and creating joyful moments. The laughter, surprises, and shared gifts make December truly magical!"



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