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The Power of One Voice,
The Impact of Many



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Welcome to the 5th edition of One Voice Magazine a celebration of stories, service, and the unstoppable spirit of Rotary in District 9214 and beyond. Each page of this issue carries a heartbeat of impact, echoing the passion, creativity, and unity that define who we are as People of Action.

This month, as we mark Rotary Foundation Month, our collective theme is clear, let us give with gratitude. From classrooms and clinics to trees and peace concerts, Rotarians and Rotaractors across Uganda and Tanzania continue to transform lives through The Rotary Foundation. And as Director Emmanuel Katongole reminds us in his message, "Giving is not

just charity; it is legacy."

In this edition, we proudly feature stories of new beginnings and renewed commitment from the charter of the Rotary Club of Seguku to the bold fundraising efforts of RC Nateete Kampala's Fashion Show and the maternal health action by the Friday Rotary Clubs at Kisugu Health Centre III. We celebrate the Twaweza Campaign, Tanzania Edition, the Run for Albinism, and the youth-led Mount Elgon Tree Planting Initiative all shining examples of Rotary's reach and relevance in our communities.

You will also find in these pages' reflections on peace, equality, and mental health reminding us that service is not only about what we do, but how deeply we care.

As we turn the corner toward the festive season, may this issue inspire us to give more, serve more, and believe more. Let every act of service, every coin given, every hand extended, be a note in the melody of hope that Rotary continues to sing across Africa and the world.

Thank you for lending your one voice to the chorus of change. Together, we are doing good in the world one story, one act, one heartbeat at a time.

With gratitude and pride,

Rtn. Joseph Batter Ssengooba (JB)
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Let us give with gratitude

Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio.

This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peacebuilders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

Francesco Arezzo
Rotary International President 2025-26
Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair's Message November 2025



Many of you will remember the theme I chose as RI president in 2020–21: Rotary Opens Opportunities.

I remain passionate about these opportunities and I know you do too.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, let's reflect on the many ways the Foundation makes the world better. Rotary is extraordinary, and the Foundation amplifies that impact.

I encourage all of you — in Rotary and Rotaract clubs — to discover this for yourselves. Go beyond the local level and engage with The Rotary Foundation globally. You can partner with clubs to boost literacy in Guatemala or fight malaria in Zambia. You can make a difference with clean water initiatives reaching millions or maternal health programs saving lives across continents.

It doesn't stop there. Through major impact projects like Programs of Scale, we're pursuing bold initiatives that push Rotary's potential to create lasting change further. Greater impact and greater visibility: this is our path forward.

Many of you have asked about the status of Rotary's biggest impact project in history — our long-term commitment to polio eradication. Recently, RI President Francesco Arezzo, International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael McGovern, and I met with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the army leadership of Pakistan. Everyone is fully committed to eradicating polio once and for all. We were absolutely convinced by the work of Pakistan's emergency operations centers, where experts plan and coordinate vaccination.

While some governments scale back support for polio eradication, Rotary remains committed to its pledge to raise \$50 million again this year. This meeting reaffirmed our unwavering commitment to finishing this historic mission.

What excites me most is seeing how each of us can make a real difference through our Foundation. I urge everyone

especially newcomers to Rotary to explore these opportunities. Find your passion among our areas of focus and discover projects to support, especially through global grants.

We members fund, sustain, and deliver these projects. That's why the Foundation consistently earns top ratings from Charity Navigator. If you don't want to lead a project, you can still be part of the Foundation through annual support.

Our fundraising goal for 2025–26 is an ambitious \$500 million. Your gift this month will create countless opportunities.

We have incredible opportunities before us, and the impact we achieve together through The Rotary Foundation is exponential. The proof is undeniable.

*Holger Knaack
Trustee Chair 2025–26*

Doing Good in the World—With Your Name on It

“I believed in Service Above Self, and I chose to make that belief permanent.”

Each November, as we celebrate **Rotary Foundation Month**, we are reminded that *our giving is not just charity it is legacy*. Through **The Rotary Foundation**, we transform compassion into classrooms, wells, vaccines, peace centers, and countless opportunities for a better world. Every contribution we make becomes a story of hope and service.

Among the many forms of giving, one stands out for its lasting and personal impact Named Giving. This is a unique opportunity for individuals, families, or clubs to associate their name or that of someone they wish to honor with a specific contribution or fund in The Rotary Foundation. A Named Gift can support an area of focus close to your heart or establish an endowment that will continue to change lives long after we are gone.

Why does Named Giving matter? Because it transforms generosity into a living testimony. It says, *“I believed in Service Above Self, and I chose to make that belief permanent.”* A Named Gift is not just a donation; it is a declaration of values a personal imprint on Rotary’s timeless mission of doing good in the world.

How can you begin?

- Make a contribution of **USD 25,000 or more** to

establish a Named Fund within the Endowment or Annual Fund.

- Choose to honor a mentor, family member, or your Rotary club by naming the gift after them.
- Work with your **District Rotary Foundation Chair** or the **TRF team** to identify a cause that reflects your passion whether in peacebuilding, maternal and child health, literacy, or clean water etc.

Each Named Gift becomes a foundation stone in Rotary’s global legacy of compassion. It inspires others to give, to serve, and to build upon the light you have kindled.

As Rotarians, we are not only called to serve today we are called to **secure the future of service**. Through Named Giving, we create a bridge between our actions and eternity, ensuring that the good we begin continues for generations.

This November, let us each ask ourselves: *What will my Rotary legacy be?* Whether as individuals, families, or clubs, may we consider making our names synonymous with impact. Together, we can build a world where every name written upon The Rotary Foundation represents love, hope, and service that never ends.

Let your name stand for good. Let it stand with Rotary.

Emmanuel Katongole
Rotary International Director 2026 – 2028



Doing Good in the World, Together, One Act at a Time

As we begin the month of November, which is globally recognized as The Rotary Foundation Month, I take this opportunity to thank you all for your dedication, energy, and service over the past weeks.

October was a month of remarkable activity and collective achievement throughout District 9214. Your efforts made a real difference not only in the communities we serve, but in strengthening the spirit and unity of our Rotary family across Tanzania and Uganda.

We saw this clearly through the 100 Days of Impact Celebration, wonderfully hosted by the Rotary Club of Garuga. The level of innovation and execution displayed by clubs and leaders was commendable. The Western Mega Fellowship further reinforced the value of connection, reminding us that relationships are the foundation of strong service.



Giving to the Foundation is more than a donation. It is an investment in a better future. Every dollar counts. Every act of generosity creates ripple effects far beyond what we can see.

On World Polio Day, we joined Rotarians around the globe to raise awareness about our commitment to ending polio. From community walks to media engagements and local outreach, clubs across the district showed up with purpose and passion.

To close the month, the Africa Peace Concert at Speke Resort Munyonyo brought us together in a powerful way. Through music and unity, we raised support for the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University, while affirming our commitment to building peace at all levels of society.

I want to recognize and appreciate the many clubs, teams, and leaders who brought these events to life. Your planning, leadership, and follow-through were instrumental in their success. Special congratulations to the clubs and presidents who received recognition during the 100 Days celebration. Your achievements are a source of pride for our district.

As we move forward, I encourage every club to stay focused on growth through stronger membership engagement, strategic partnerships, and innovation in service. The months ahead offer new opportunities to elevate our impact.

In November, our focus turns to The Rotary Foundation, the cornerstone of Rotary's global mission. Through this Foundation, we empower communities with clean water, access to education, quality healthcare,

economic opportunity, and peace initiatives.

Let us use this month to renew our commitment: Contribute generously. Learn more about the Foundation's programs. Invite others to give and be part of the solution.

I urge every club to strive for 100%-member participation in giving. No gift is too small when we give collectively. Our district goal is to reach \$100 per member by December, and this can be achieved through small, consistent contributions.

You can easily make your donation through the JENGA platform, our digital giving tool. I encourage each of you to set a weekly target, for example \$15 or more, and invite your fellow members to do the same. These contributions will directly fund grants, scholarships, and projects that change lives.

Giving to the Foundation is more than a donation. It is an investment in a better future. Every dollar counts. Every act of generosity creates ripple effects far beyond what we can see.

Let us move forward with commitment, unity, and purpose as we continue to serve with excellence.

Christine Kyeyune Kawooya
District Governor 2025–2026
District 9214 (Tanzania and Uganda)



The Power of Steady Service: A Reflection on Our Rotary Year



As we move deeper into this Rotary year, one thing remains clear: our district's strength is found in its resilience, unity, and unwavering commitment to service. Each of you — Rotaractors and Rotarians alike has continued to lead with purpose, and your dedication is shaping a remarkable year of impact.

This journey has not been without its challenges. Our friends in Tanzania have faced a difficult period of political unrest, and as a Rotary family, we have held them close in prayer. We extend our heartfelt condolences to all who lost loved ones. Though healing takes time, we continue to hope for peace, stability, and brighter days.

Even amid these challenges, the spirit of service across our district has been extraordinary.

A Landmark Triumph: The Rotaract Earth Initiative

I extend my deepest thanks to every Rotaractor and Rotarian who contributed to the success of the 11th Edition of the **Rotaract Earth Initiative**. Together, we achieved milestones that speak to the very heart of Rotary's commitments to environmental protection, community development, and dignity for all.

In the Suam Forest Reserve, we planted **over 1,500 trees** and scattered **255 kilograms of seed balls**, strengthening our efforts toward long-term ecosystem restoration. To promote sustainability beyond the event, an additional **2,000 tree seedlings** were handed over to the local community to ensure continued planting and care.

Our work extended beyond the environment. At Anderson Primary School, we engaged with learners and distributed **700 sanitary packs** to girls from vulnerable backgrounds — a direct investment in dignity, health, and uninterrupted education.

At the **Anderson Medical Centre**, our medical outreach provided critical services including but not limited to:

- 10 women were screened for cervical cancer, with 1 positive case identified and referred for specialized treatment.
- 54 individuals received eye care screening, and 23 were given support glasses to improve their quality of vision.

None of this would have been possible without you, the three districts (9212, 9213 and 9214), the clubs that contributed funds, the

47 attendees from District 9214, the generous sponsors, and in particular, the outstanding support from **DFCU Group**. You made this initiative not just successful, but memorable.

Strengthening Our Commitment to The Rotary Foundation

This month, we turn our focus to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**. As a district, we have raised **\$8,000** toward our target of **\$20,000**. This progress is commendable, and I urge us to keep pushing forward.

We will conclude this month's giving campaign on **3rd December** with a **Rotaract Night of Giving**, where we will honor all donors from sustaining members to Paul Harris Fellows. It will be a celebration of generosity and shared purpose.

Looking Ahead

To every leader reading this: thank you for your courage, your creativity, and your consistency. What we have achieved so far reflects the power of collective action and the best is yet to come. The Action Year will be one we look back on with pride.

Yours in Service,

Ms. Kanyonza Alebar
District Rotaract Representative

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Celebrating the Rotary Foundation, A Legacy of Doing Good in the World

This November, we turn our spotlight to The Rotary Foundation the beating heart of Rotary's service and sustainability. For more than 100 years, this remarkable institution has been transforming gifts into life-changing actions that touch lives in every corner of the globe.

Since its humble beginnings in 1917, when Arch Klumph proposed "an endowment fund for Rotary to do good in the world," the Foundation has grown into one of the world's most trusted and impactful humanitarian engines. Its mission is simple yet profound to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The power of The Rotary Foundation lies in how it unites ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things. Every dollar given, every grant written, and every act of service adds another chapter to Rotary's story of compassion in action.

Empowering Change – One Gift at a Time

As we celebrate Foundation Month, Rotarians and Rotaractors across District 9214 and beyond are invited to pause, reflect, and rekindle their connection to this noble cause. The Foundation is not just a fund it is a global movement of hope.

It fuels our health camps in remote villages, our literacy drives in local schools, our safe-water boreholes, our scholarships for young peacebuilders, and our global efforts to end polio forever. Each project, large or small, represents the ripple effect of giving a reminder that when we give through The Rotary Foundation, we are not just donors; we are changemakers.

Our November TRF Objectives

This month, let us align our hearts and actions with these four shared goals:

1. **Understand the Foundation's Mission and History:** Rediscover the heart of Rotary's giving.

Learn how the Foundation's structure ensures transparency, impact, and global reach.

2. **Showcase Local Impact:** Celebrate the stories of transformation born right here in District 9214 through Foundation grants and partnerships.
3. **Personal Reflection and Action:** Encourage every Rotarian and Rotaractor to ask: *What can I do? What will my legacy of giving be?*
4. **Celebrate the Power of Small Acts:** Because in Rotary, no act of kindness is ever too small. Remember, just US\$0.60 can immunize a child against polio – the simplest act of generosity can rewrite a life story.

Did You Know?

The Rotary Foundation has invested more than **US\$4 billion** in life-changing, sustainable projects around the world. Each dollar given is carefully stewarded, multiplied through partnerships, and directed where it can do the best. That's what makes TRF one of the most efficient and trusted charitable organizations globally.

Your Foundation Action Checklist

Use this month to take one or more steps that strengthen our shared impact:

Give from the Heart – Ensure every club member makes a contribution, no matter the size. Every dollar brings hope.

Partner for Impact – Explore opportunities to apply for or co-fund a **District or Global Grant**. Dream boldly and act collectively.

Tell Your Story – Showcase how your club's service aligns with Rotary's Areas of Focus. Share your story to inspire others.

Take One Personal Step – Pledge one simple action this month: donate, volunteer, or invite someone new to experience the spirit of Rotary.

Together, these actions create a wave of kindness that reaches far beyond our clubs, our borders, and even our lifetimes.

Voices from Leadership

"When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you're not just donating — you're investing in hope, health, and humanity."

— **PDG Peace Taremwa**, District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC), District 9214

"The true measure of a Rotarian is not how much we give, but how deeply we care. Through the Foundation, we translate our compassion into change."

— **DG Christine Kyeyune Kawooya**

A Vision Beyond Borders

The Rotary Foundation is more than numbers — it is a bridge between compassion and impact. From clean water in Tanzania to literacy initiatives in Uganda, it shows that our unity as a Rotary family

transcends geography.

Through **Africa Zone 22**, we continue to see the strength of collective giving. Districts 9213 and 9214 have demonstrated that when Rotarians align their passion with purpose, even modest clubs can achieve monumental outcomes.

Let's continue to lead by example — by giving, applying for grants, and telling our stories boldly so that others may follow.

Closing Call to Action

This November, let's move beyond celebration to participation. Let's turn inspiration into intention, and intention into impact.

Discover. Give. Serve.

Together, we grow Rotary — and together, we transform lives through **The Rotary Foundation**.

Because the world needs more of what Rotary does best: people who care enough to act.

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Rotary Club of Muyenga

The Joy of Chartering a New Club, A New Dawn of Service in Seguku

“We started as individuals with an idea, but today we are a family with a purpose. Chartering this club is proof that when young people believe in service and in each other, extraordinary things happen. Plus this is just the beginning”

Every great journey begins with a dream – and for a small group of young visionaries in Seguku, that dream took shape on 22nd May 2025, when they gathered for their very first fellowship. What began as a simple conversation soon grew into something powerful: a shared commitment to serve, to lead, and to grow together.

For four months, the group met consistently, learned, planned, and built bonds that went beyond friendship. Each Thursday evening from 7:00

p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the lights at Dazzle and Shine Seguku (after Roofings) glowed a little brighter with laughter, purpose, and hope. The dream of a Rotaract club in Seguku was slowly coming to life.

Then, on 22nd October 2025, that dream became reality the Rotaract Club of Seguku was officially chartered under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Seguku. With 20 dedicated charter members, the club stands as a symbol of passion and unity in action.

Reflecting on the milestone, **Charter President Hudu Lubowa** shared,

The Rotaract Club of Seguku now embarks on a journey filled with promise, to serve, to uplift, and to inspire. And as they meet every Thursday night, one can still feel that same spark that started it all the joy of belonging to something greater than oneself.

Hudu Lubowa
 Charter President
 Rotaract Club of Seguku



Rotary Club of Nalumunye Holds Its First Action Year Home Hospitality in Style



Saturday, September 6th, 2025, will forever be remembered as a milestone in the Rotary journey of the Rotary Club of Nalumunye. Under the gracious hosting of President of Presidents, Rotarian Debbie K. Kakande, and her family, the FIRST Home Hospitality of RC Nalumunye in the ACTION YEAR came alive in vibrant color, energy, and spirit. It was an unforgettable evening that perfectly embodied the Governor's call to make Rotary fun, purposeful, and impactful.

The Kakande home was transformed into a hub of joy, laughter, and heartfelt fellowship as Rotarians, Rotaractors, friends,

and distinguished guests from Districts 9213 and 9214 gathered. With buddy groups of RC Nalumunye, the Rhinos, Buffaloes, Tigers, and Lions taking center stage, the atmosphere was electric. From expressive miming, energetic dances, karaoke battles, team-building feats, and thrilling quizzes, the night was a celebration of creativity, talent, and togetherness. In the end, the Lions Buddy Group roared to victory with unmatched creativity, but every group left its mark in making the evening memorable.

Adding to the excitement, the event honored love and commitment within

the Rotary family. Rotarians celebrating significant marriage anniversaries were recognized and toasted with warmth and cheer. These included:

- Rtn Senteza and his wife (13 years of holy matrimony)
- Rtn Sentongo and Rtn Agnes (21 years of holy matrimony)
- Past President Philemon Mukisa and his wife (18 years of holy matrimony)
- Rtn Oteng Moses and Rtn Josephine (5 years of holy matrimony and 14 years of adventure)
- Our generous hosts, the Kakandes themselves, marking 19 years of love

Their stories drew applause, laughter, and a few joyful tears, reminding everyone of the beauty of Rotary fellowship that extends into family life.

The presence of esteemed leaders such as the Dean of Assistant Governors, Rtn Benjamin Bwanika, Nalumunye's own AG Bob Nsereko, several District Leaders, Action Presidents, and friends of Rotary gave the evening an extra layer of significance.

AG Bob's words captured the spirit best: "I am a proud AG of RC Nalumunye! The Munyes truly rock!" Their participation in all the day's activities highlighted the strength of Rotary's wider network and the bond that connects members across clubs and generations.

Music from a top-notch DJ kept the energy high, while delicious food, refreshing drinks, and heartfelt conversations fueled the spirit of the evening. The event was more than just a social gathering it was a true Rotary celebration of unity, passion, service, and friendship.

In her closing message, President Debbie reminded everyone: "As we look ahead, let's continue to unite for good taking one act at a time, and building on this momentum."

Special thanks go to the renowned Kakande Family (the KK Family), whose warm hospitality and generosity made this spectacular evening possible. May God bless them abundantly.

The FIRST Home Hospitality of RC Nalumunye in the ACTION YEAR was more than an event it was a call to action, a celebration of Rotary values, and a reminder that together, we can achieve extraordinary things. It was fellowship at its finest, love at its brightest, and Rotary spirit at its strongest.

Rtn Josephine J. Anying (Public Image Director)
Rtn Maureen Natuhwera Kyakana (Family of Rotary)



RC Nateete Kampala Hosts 17th Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser for Maternity Ward



On the evening of September 5th, 2025, style met service at the 17th Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser, hosted by the Rotary Club of Nateete Kampala. Held with a noble mission to raise funds for a maternity ward the night shimmered with elegance, energy, and purpose.

Guests arrived dressed to impress, but the spotlight was on the cause. The runway came alive as Rotarians and Rotaractors transformed into models, showcasing an array of styles: flowing gowns, cultural wear, cross wear, casual fits, and

professional attire. Each outfit was more than just fashion, it was a statement of compassion and commitment to "Service Above Self."

The show was graced by PDG Owe'k Robert Wagga Nsibirwa as Guest of Honour, with PDG Fransisco Semwanga also in attendance, adding weight and warmth to the event. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement, rooted deeply in the shared mission of improving maternal health and safe childbirth in the community.

Taking the crown for the 2025/2026 Rotary year was Rtn Aisha Komuhangi from the Rotary Club of Mutundwe, with Sheba from the Rotaract Club of Nateete Kampala earning a well-deserved runner-up spot.

No celebration of this event would be complete without honoring its originator, CP Jones Kyazze, the visionary behind this impactful tradition. His legacy continues to

bless lives year after year.

Special appreciation goes out to the sponsors who made the night possible:

- Ginah Classic – Professional wear
- Blessed Collectors – Cultural fashion
- City Bridal – Wedding gowns

To the organizing committee, led by IPP Florence Bulya, and key contributors Rtn Aisha, Rtn Jackie, Rtn Godfrey, and Rtn Cathy you delivered excellence. President James Musoke Nsubuga, your support didn't go unnoticed.

To every Rotarian, Rotaractor, sponsor, and guest: thank you for standing with us. This fashion show wasn't just about clothes it was about community, compassion, and change. Together, we proved that when service meets style, the sky is the limit.

Rtn Margaret Rwahwire
Rotary Club of Nateete Kampala



Monthly Public Image Tips

Engage with **Community Networks Online**

Build Visibility Where Your Community Already Gathers

Simple Steps to Follow:

Identify Local Digital Communities

Search for active Facebook groups, WhatsApp groups, or community forums.

Examples: "Dar es Salaam Events," "[Your Town] Volunteers," or "Community Bulletin Boards."

Join 1–2 Relevant Groups

Choose groups where locals discuss events, volunteer needs, or social causes. Make sure your club representative(s) join using their personal profiles.

Observe and Understand the Tone

Take time to read posts, group rules, and get a sense of what kind of content people engage with.

Avoid promoting right away start by listening and learning.

Share Rotary Updates Thoughtfully

When appropriate, post upcoming events, service opportunities, or success stories.

Use friendly, community-focused language. Example:

"We're hosting a tree-planting drive this weekend – all are welcome to join!"

Engage in Community Conversations

Respond to people asking for volunteer or community service opportunities.

Comment helpfully, mention Rotary activities if relevant, and never be pushy.

Use Visuals & Keep It Simple

Share one good image or flyer with a short message.

Mention how people can join or learn more (link to your Facebook page or a contact).

Be Consistent, Not Spammy

Don't post too frequently—1–2 thoughtful posts or comments a month can go far.

Focus on being genuine, helpful, and community-minded.

Why This Works

1. It costs nothing
2. Reaches people who don't follow Rotary
3. Builds recognition through trust and consistency
4. Increases attendance and volunteer turnout at your events

PDG Sharmila Bhatt
Vice Governor and Advisor on Public Image





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Twaweza Campaign – Tanzania Edition: Empowering Communities Through Health and Education

On 27th September 2025, the Rotaract e-Club of Swahili, in collaboration with the Rotaract Clubs of Alpha, Kampala Kibuli, Upper Kibuli, and the Interact Club of Njechele Secondary School, successfully launched the Twaweza Campaign Tanzania Edition at Njechele Secondary School, Mabwepande, Dar es Salaam.

The word “Twaweza,” meaning “we make it happen,” perfectly captures the campaign’s spirit of collaboration and action. This cross-border initiative between Rotaract Clubs in Tanzania and Uganda was designed to improve students’ learning environments, promote better health, and strengthen community well-being.

The campaign directly aligns with the United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3) and Quality Education (SDG 4) by addressing critical gaps in health awareness and access to educational resources.

The launch event brought together over 398 participants, including 376 students and 22 community members. It offered five essential services:

- Mental health education
- Sexual health awareness
- Hepatitis B screening
- Sickle cell screening
- Blood donation drive

In partnership with Damu Salama and the Ruge Mutahaba Foundation, the campaign collected 14 units of blood, screened 91 individuals for sickle cell, and delivered life-changing health information to hundreds of young people.

The Twaweza Campaign was more than just a day of outreach it was a celebration of learning, connection, and hope. Rotaractors from both Tanzania and Uganda worked side by side with teachers and local leaders to deliver interactive awareness sessions in classrooms, ensuring that every student had the chance to engage and learn.

Through group discussions, health talks, and peer-led conversations, participants were empowered to take ownership of their well-being and to carry the message of health and education back into their communities.

Like any meaningful project, the campaign faced its share of challenges including limited funding, communication delays, and language barriers. Yet, these obstacles only strengthened the team’s resolve.



The resilience and unity displayed by the Rotaractors and their partners transformed each difficulty into a learning opportunity, paving the way for even stronger collaboration in the next phases of the project.

This first phase of the Twaweza Campaign marks only the beginning of a long-term effort to empower communities through education and health awareness. With plans to reach more schools and communities in the coming months, the campaign aims to expand its impact, touching more lives and strengthening the bridge of friendship and service between Tanzania and Uganda.

As Rotaractors, we are reminded that service knows no borders. The success of Twaweza reflects the very essence of Rotary creating lasting change in our communities and in ourselves.

Together, we truly make it happen.

*Rtr. Gordon Godwin,
President, Rotaract e-Club of Swahili*



The Silent Crisis: Gender Inequality, Mental Health, and Socio-Cultural Structures

Every year, more than 727,000 people die by suicide globally (WHO 2023–2024), many of them aged 15–29.



Every year, more than 727,000 people die by suicide globally (WHO 2023–2024), many of them aged 15–29. Behind these numbers are untold stories of women bearing invisible burdens, holding families together with little support or recognition. In many rural areas, cultural norms enforce silence, while economic inequality strips women of independence. Men often benefit from their labour without shared responsibility, and in polygamous communities, stretched resources and emotional strain can lead to despair and substance abuse.

Across Sub-Saharan Africa, suicide mortality is 48.7 per 100,000, well above the global average. In Tanzania's Geita Region, the rate is 16.7 per 100,000 (WHO 2024/25). In Monduli District, Arusha, women, especially widows and those in pastoralist settings, face barriers to education, healthcare, and economic participation, deepening vulnerability to depression and anxiety. Yet their strength and resilience remain remarkable.

Through outreach projects in Monduli, I met widows, mothers, and young women marked by loss and stigma, but not defeat. With partners including Tanzania Better Health, Amazing Grace Widows and Orphans Organization, Unite the World with Africa Foundation, and Primetel Medical Clinic, we held mental health education and dialogue sessions that became sanctuaries of healing spaces where stories were shared and courage restored.

Such initiatives prove that mental health advocacy must go beyond awareness. It must restore dignity and challenge the systems that silence women. When healthcare meets compassion and cultural understanding, transformation begins not only for individuals but for entire communities.

Globally, men account for most suicide deaths, yet women attempt suicide up to 20 times more often. In Sub-Saharan Africa, 66 million women suffer from depression, and 85% lack access to care. Stigma and

under-resourced systems sustain this hidden crisis.

To change this reality, we must:

1. Engage Youth Challenge harmful gender norms and promote mental wellness.
2. Provide Safe Spaces Encourage open conversations and support networks.
3. Educate Communities Dispel myths and reduce stigma through dialogue.
4. Empower Women Create opportunities that build confidence and independence.
5. Expand Mental Health Services Bring inclusive, community-based care to rural regions.

When mental health meets dignity and empowerment replaces silence, healing begins. Change starts with one community, one woman, and one act of compassion at a time.

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

Run for Albinism – Empowering Through Action

On Saturday, 11 October 2025, the Rotary Club of Bahari Dar es Salaam, together with its Rotaract Clubs Rotaract Club of Bahari Youth and Rotaract Club of Kwanza proudly joined hands with the Interact and EarlyAct Clubs of Braeburn Dar es Salaam International School for a meaningful event: The Run for Albinism.

This youth-led charity fun run was not just a sporting activity it was a celebration of compassion, inclusion, and empowerment, raising funds and awareness for persons living with albinism in Tanzania.

The Run for Albinism perfectly embodied Bahari's C.A.R.E. motto Commitment, Accountability, Respect and Empowerment with Empowerment shining through at every level.

From President Sameer, who graced the event as Guest of Honour, to Rotarians who ran, Rotaractors who volunteered, and the Interactors and Earlyactors who organized and executed the day, every participant exemplified Rotary's ideal of fellowship, leadership, and service in action.

Special recognition goes to Miss Elayne Janna and Miss Maria Kaaya, the dedicated teachers in charge of Braeburn's Interact and EarlyAct Clubs. Their tireless guidance and mentorship were instrumental in coordinating logistics, mobilizing the school community, and securing partnerships that made the day both vibrant and impactful.

Thanks to generous sponsorships from partners including Mixx by Yas, KFC Tanzania, parents, and other community supporters, the school grounds were transformed into a festival of energy and solidarity. Participants from children to parents took part in 2km, 5km, and 10km runs, all united under the banner of inclusion and shared purpose.



Held during Rotary's month dedicated to Economic and Community Development, the run focused on restoring dignity, promoting understanding, and breaking harmful myths surrounding albinism.

Funds raised from the event will go toward providing 10 monocular devices and UV-protected sunglasses for persons with albinism, complementing Braeburn's earlier donation of protective sleeves in partnership with Under the Same Sun Organization.

Each contribution, each step, and each cheer that day became a stride toward a safer and more inclusive society one where every person, regardless of difference, can thrive.

Building a Legacy of Inclusion

Beyond the event itself, the Run

for Albinism inspired a powerful new chapter in Bahari's journey of service. Youth living with albinism are being integrated into Rotaract programmes – beginning with the Rotaract Clubs of Kwanza and Bahari Youth; allowing them to experience the Rotary spirit first-hand.

Over time, these young leaders will be encouraged to transition into Rotary membership, fulfilling the Rotary pathway of EarlyAct → Interact → Rotaract → Rotary. This progression reflects Bahari's deep commitment to mentorship, leadership development, and sustainable service.

Every Step Counts

The Rotary Club of Bahari Dar es Salaam extends heartfelt gratitude to all sponsors, volunteers, families, and community members who made the Run for Albinism possible.

Every kilometre run, every cheer shared, and every contribution made brings us closer to a future where persons with albinism live free from stigma and full of opportunity.

Together, we continue to turn Empowerment into Action.

Would you like me to now design this as a magazine-ready PDF layout (in Rotary blue and gold, with clean two-column text, event photos, and pull quotes like "Every step taken brought us closer to inclusion")? I can match it with the RELI article so both appear as part of the same Rotary Tanzania digital feature spread.

IPP Eline Njunwa,
Next Generation Director,
Rotary Club of Bahari Dar es Salaam & Rotaract Club of Kwanza

Rotary eClub of Masaki: Empowering Women and Strengthening Communities

October, the Rotary Month of Community Economic Development, marked an exciting milestone for the Rotary e-Club of Masaki with the official launch of the Women Entrepreneurs' Start-up Support Program a bold initiative designed to empower Tanzanian women with innovative business ideas.

The program invites Tanzanian women entrepreneurs to submit their start-up ideas for support and mentorship. Applications are open to all Tanzanian nationals, with the deadline set for 30th October 2025.

Physical Submissions: Plot 713/11, Jamhuri Street (Opposite NSSF Parking, near Azam Roundabout)

Online Applications (English): <https://forms.gle/y9AkCQuXkVEgT7419>

This initiative aims to turn ideas into impactful businesses, promote women's financial independence, and strengthen community resilience through entrepreneurship.

Together, we help women transform vision into value and ideas into income.

September also brought meaningful impact as part of Community Service Week, a time when Rotarians, Lions, Kiwanis, and Optimists unite to uplift communities through service.

On 20th September 2025, the Rotary eClub of Masaki proudly joined hands with Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Sky and Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Uhuru to serve at Mzambarauni School – Special Unit.

Through teamwork, creativity, and compassion, volunteers helped improve the school's learning environment and brighten young lives.

Our Service in Action

During this joint project, the teams:

- Painted 7 classrooms, doors, and the dining hall
- Replaced roofing for 5 classrooms
- Repaired flooring in 5

- classrooms
- Installed protective nets in 7 classrooms
- Donated stationery, colouring books, paints, and play dough
- Served hot meals to children
- Donated 3 brand new footballs

These efforts turned a single day of service into a legacy of love, learning, and joy.

Community Service Week exemplifies the spirit of "Service Above Self" and "We Serve" showing that when service organizations collaborate, their impact multiplies.

The Rotary eClub of Masaki remains committed to fostering education, entrepreneurship, and empowerment building sustainable pathways for community development across Tanzania.

Service Above Self + We Serve = Stronger Together.

Rtn. Rajvi Ladwa
Club Public Image Chair, Rotary eClub of Masaki

PEOPLE & EVENTS



President of Rotary eClub of Masaki, Reshma Shah, cuts a ribbon to mark the launch of seven renovated classrooms at Mzambarauni Primary School in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The renovation was a joint initiative between the Rotary eClub of Masaki, Lions Club of Dar Uhuru and Lions Club of Dar Sky. The event also included the donation of reading materials, a special needs Quest programme in collaboration with the TAI Organisation, hot meals for 160 children and school stationery. On her right is Sarfarazali Chagani, President of Lions Club of Dar Sky and on her left is Sabira Saleh, President of Lions Club of Dar Uhuru. (Photo by Robert Okanda)

<p>WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS' START-UP SUPPORT (Helping women turn ideas into successful business)</p> <p>Submit your START-UP Applications (Online or Physical - Template provided)</p> <p>Physical Applications to be dropped at: Plot 713/11, Jamhuri Street, Opposite NSSF Parking building near Azam Round About</p> <p>Deadline to submit: 30th October 2025</p> <p>Open to Tanzanians Only</p>	<p>MSAADA WA KUANZISHA BIASHARA KWA WAJASIRIAMALI WANAWAKE (Kuwasaidia wanawake kubadilisha mawazo kuwa biashara zenye mafanikio)</p> <p>Wasilisha Maombi Yako ya KUANZA BIASHARA (Online au kwa Karatasi - Fomu Imetolewa)</p> <p>Maombi ya karatasi yawekwe kwenye: Plot 713/11, Jamhuri Street, Opposite NSSF Parking building near Azam Round About</p> <p>Mwisho ya kuwasilisha: 30 Oktoba 2025</p> <p>Wazi kwa Watanzania pekee</p>
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Turning Pages, Changing Lives: The Story of RELI

In the heart of Rotaract Tanzania's movement, a spark was lit a spark that grew into a flame of hope, knowledge, and opportunity. That spark is the Rotaract Education Literacy Initiative (RELI) an organ of Rotaract Tanzania, born in the Rotary year 2023-2024 under the visionary leadership of Past District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Prudence Asobola.

RELI began with a simple belief: every child deserves the chance to read, learn, and dream. What started as an idea has blossomed into a nationwide movement one that unites Rotaractors with a shared mission to open minds and create brighter futures through books.

The journey started in Arusha, where the first RELI Book drive took place at *Kisimiri Secondary School*. There, Rotaractors handed over more than 100 books to students' books that soon became keys to imagination and inspiration.

The following year, the flame of literacy spread to Bagamoyo Secondary School, where RELI delivered over 250 books, doubling its impact and deepening its reach.

This Rotary year, RELI's story reached a new milestone. Rotaractors once again gathered their arms full of books and their hearts full of purpose to support Zanaki Secondary School in *Dar es Salaam*. Over 500 books were donated, marking the biggest milestone yet in RELI's growing legacy.

For every page turned, a child's

world expands. For every book donated, a dream finds its wings.

That is why RELI's vision does not stop here. The current campaign marks only the first phase, with Phase Two already in motion aiming to deliver an additional 500+ books, bringing the total to more than 1,000 books shared across Tanzania.

But what truly defines RELI is not just the number of books collected it is the spirit of unity it inspires. Every Rotaract Club across Tanzania is invited to contribute whether it's one book or one hundred turning individual acts of service into a collective force for change.

From the Rotaract Clubs of Young Professionals Dar es Salaam, Bahari Youth, Kairuki, e-Swahili, Kwanza, KCMC, Alpha, Iringa, Muhimbili, TIA, Mbeya, and Rafiki, Rotaractors have risen to the occasion proving that when we come together, small efforts become extraordinary achievements.

RELI is more than a project. It is a promise a promise that no child's potential should be limited by the lack of a book to read. It is a testament to the power of service, collaboration, and belief in a brighter tomorrow.

As RELI continues its mission, the call goes out to all Rotarians, Rotaractors, and partners in service: join us. Together, let us keep turning pages and changing lives one book, one child, one story at a time.

Rtr. Johansen Mwijage,
RELI Country Director





Rotary Club of Bwerenga Leads Independence Day Tree Planting in Gomba

This year, Uganda's 61st Independence Day was marked not just with celebration, but with action; thanks to a powerful tree planting initiative led by Rotary Club of Bwerenga in Gomba District. The project brought together several Rotary and Rotaract clubs in a united effort to give back to the country by restoring the environment and promoting sustainable community development.

With a total budget of \$2,000, the initiative was largely funded by RC Bwerenga, which contributed \$1,200, while the host community supported with \$500. The balance was covered by individual members who believed in the impact and long-term value of the project. Tree seedlings were generously donated by the National Forestry

Authority (NFA), Roofing Group, and Ariflos, ensuring that the event would make a significant ecological contribution without overstressing the financial resources.

The event, held on 9th October, turned Uganda's Independence Day into an opportunity to honor the land and the communities that depend on it. Volunteers planted hundreds of trees across selected sites in Gomba, working side by side with local residents to instill a sense of ownership and shared responsibility for environmental care.

The project drew strong participation from partner clubs including Rotaract Clubs of Bwerenga, Kitende, Lukuli Nanganda, Kampala East, Mukono, Lukuli Konge, and the E-Club Lunguja (in-formation).

Their involvement added energy and unity to the cause, reflecting the power of Rotary partnerships in action.

Beyond just planting, the event focused on building awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and the role that individuals and communities can play. It was a day of purpose, teamwork, and true service.

As the trees take root in Gomba, so does a renewed commitment to protecting Uganda's natural heritage. Through this meaningful Independence Day initiative, RC Bwerenga and its partners have proven that celebrating our nation can also mean working to preserve it.

*Rtr. Kizza Suudi
President,
Rotaract Club of Bwerenga*



Rotaract Club of Bunga Empowers Learners Through the “Future Me Project”

On Tuesday, 28th October 2025, the Rotaract Club of Bunga carried out its flagship Basic Education and Literacy initiative – the Future Me Project at St. Paul Ggaba Demonstration School. The project was designed to empower and inspire pupils preparing for their Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) as they take the next step in their education journey.

The day's activities were thoughtfully designed to empower and uplift students as they prepared for their upcoming exams. The activities started with engaging career guidance sessions where we shared personal journeys and inspired learners to pursue their dreams with determination. Mental health awareness was also a key focus, with open discussions on managing exam anxiety and the importance of seeking support, followed by the donation of geometry sets to ensure every candidate

was equipped to tackle their mathematics papers with confidence, and to cap it off, each candidate received a personalized success card filled with motivational messages, a simple yet powerful gesture to boost morale and encourage a positive mind-set. Through these activities, the Future Me Project not only addressed the pupils' academic needs but also their emotional and psychological well-being. The atmosphere at the school was filled with excitement, laughter, and gratitude as learners interacted with us and shared their aspirations for the future.

Speaking about the project, Club President Mildred Nanziri noted, "This project is close to our hearts because it gives us a chance to shape young minds, reminding them that their dreams are valid and achievable. Seeing their smiles and hearing their ambitions reminds us why service matters."

Teachers at St. Paul Ggaba Demonstration School through the head teacher Madam Namiro Annet and Director of Studies Mrs. Kalumba Bernadatte commended the club for its initiative, highlighting how such outreach programs motivate pupils to study harder and believe in themselves. The event also strengthened the club's commitment to supporting education as one of Rotary's key areas of focus, Basic Education and Literacy.

As the Rotaract Club of Bunga continues to champion youth empowerment and community service, the Future Me Project stands as a beacon of hope, nurturing not just academic success but the confidence and resilience needed to build brighter futures.

Mildred Nanziri
President,
Rotaract Club of Bunga





Transform Early Childhood Learning in Kalangala: **Greater Masaka Joint Project**

In a collaborative effort, the eight Rotaract Clubs of the Greater Masaka area have successfully completed the third phase of their annual joint community project. This initiative delivered crucial classroom furniture and scholastic materials to the Early Childhood Centre at St. Joseph Primary School, Kinyamira, located in the island district of Kalangala.

The project, identified through a comprehensive needs assessment by the Rotaract Club of Kalangala, addressed a critical shortage of learning resources. The assessment revealed several challenges facing the school, including inadequate classroom furniture. The donation directly tackles this issue, aiming to create a more conducive learning environment for the youngest learners.

The impact of the project is significant and multi-faceted. Over 200 pupils in the Early Childhood section will now benefit from clean and safe writing spaces, provided through the donation of 30 chairs and 5 classroom

tables. This intervention not only enhances the pupils' comfort and safety but also relieves a financial burden from parents and the school administration. Funds that would have been used to procure these items can now be redirected to other pressing needs within the school.

Furthermore, the project extended support to pupils in the primary seven (P.7) class, with the donation of essential scholastic materials, including pens, pencils, and mathematical sets, to over 20 students.

By focusing on the foundational Early Childhood Education level, the Greater Masaka Rotaract clubs have invested in the long-term educational journey of these children, providing them with a stronger and more equipped start to their academic lives.

Rtr. Benedict Mulema
Assistant District Excretive Secretary
Rotaract Club of Masaka



Friday Rotary Clubs Answer the Call to Support Maternal Health at Kisugu HC III



In response to the District Governor's flagship project focused on Maternal and Child Health (MCH), the Friday Rotary Clubs, Rotary Club of Mutundwe, Bwerenga, Lunguja, Nkumba, Lweza (in formation) and the Rotaract Club of Entebbe Airport joined forces to support Kisugu Health Centre III, a high-volume facility where over 200 mothers give birth every month.

Driven by the urgent need to improve conditions for expectant mothers and newborns, the clubs made a heartfelt donation of two delivery beds, a wheelchair, and a ward screen. These essential

items are not just equipment they are tools for dignity, comfort, and life-saving care. The additions will help reduce the strain on limited resources at the health centre and allow health workers to better serve mothers during delivery and postnatal care.

This collaborative initiative is a strong and practical response to the District Governor's call, reflecting Rotary's ongoing commitment to "Service Above Self". The Friday clubs came together with one vision to strengthen maternal healthcare and ensure safer births for women in underserved communities.

What made this project particularly powerful was the spirit of unity. Different clubs brought their strengths, resources, and networks to the table, showing how collaboration amplifies impact. It was more than a donation it was a declaration that Rotary cares, and that Rotarians are committed to walking the talk when it comes to protecting and empowering mothers and children.

The Rotary Club of Mutundwe, which coordinated the project, extends its sincere appreciation to all partner clubs for their dedication and support. This



united effort is proof of what can be accomplished when service-minded individuals come together for a shared cause.

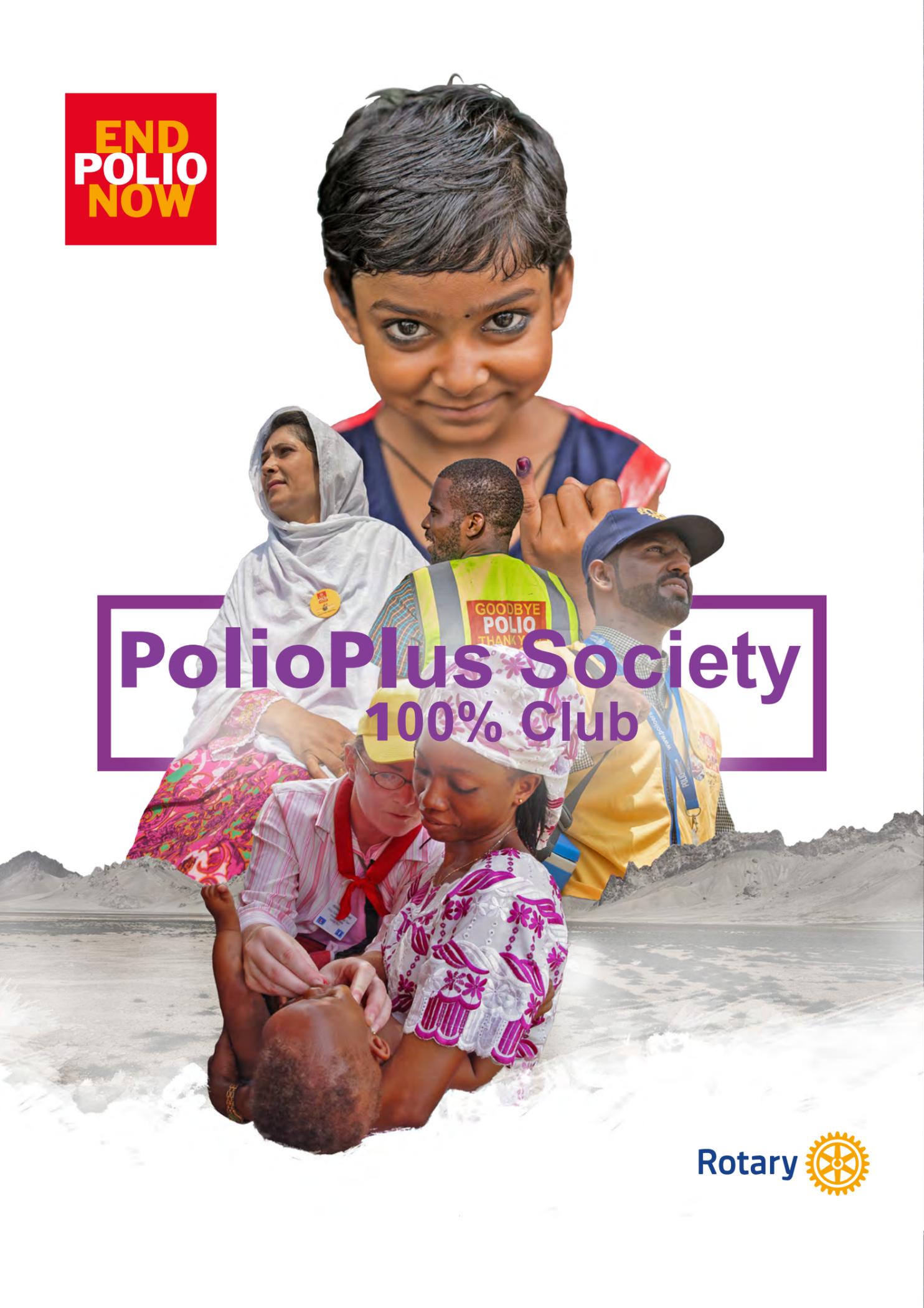
As we continue in the 2025/2026 Rotary year, let this be a reminder that impact begins with action. The Friday clubs have set a high standard demonstrating that when we unite for good, we truly change lives.

Together, we are not just supporting health we are building a healthier, safer future for generations to come.

Rtn. Susan Najjingo
President Rotary Club of Bwerenga

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Empowering Business Through Fellowship: RMB Uganda's Impact and Vision

Rotary Means Business Fellowship Uganda (RMB Uganda) is a dynamic network of Rotarians and Rotaractors passionate about business and entrepreneurship. Founded just two years ago, RMB Uganda has rapidly become a trusted platform for ethical business collaboration, mentorship, and opportunity.

Driving Member Impact

RMB Uganda offers its 200+ members tangible value through structured programs and platforms. Key among these is the Online Business Directory, which allows members to showcase their enterprises locally and internationally. This visibility is supported by routine business training in finance, marketing, and operations helping members sharpen their skills and apply them directly to their ventures.

A major highlight is the inter-member business deals worth hundreds of millions of Ugandan shillings showcasing the fellowship's ability to turn relationships into revenue. Global links with Rotary Means Business chapters in India, Kenya, Nigeria, the U.S., and more are also opening up export and international partnership opportunities.

Support That Transforms

Partner firms such as TLB Consulting Group provide technical advisory and mentorship to members, offering hands-on support for business diagnostics, strategy, and growth. The fellowship also hosts relaxed "Meet & Greet" socials, building bonds and trust beyond formal business settings.



Visibility and Reach

RMB Uganda's platforms, including its website and social media, give members increased visibility. Its flagship event, the RMB Mega Business Expo, debuted in 2025 with over 65 participating businesses and 11 corporate sponsors, attracting thousands of visitors. The second edition is set for 26–28 February 2026 at UMA Show Grounds and was launched on 21 October 2025 at Protea Hotel with support from Platinum sponsor Next Media Group and others like Roke Telkom and Jukas Construction.

RMB Uganda has also organized multiple Business Showcases and led the House of Friendship at the 2024/25

D9213 District Conference in Jinja, where it hosted 85 member businesses and demonstrated organizational excellence.

Strategic Growth & Future Plans

RMB Uganda is growing fast, with five regional clusters and strong digital engagement fostering unity and collaboration across the country. Looking ahead, key plans for 2025/26 include:

- Mega Business Expo 2026: A bigger and bolder edition with increased exhibitors, sponsors, and audience reach.
- Youth Business Innovation Challenge 2026: Launched in 2025, this initiative will support young entrepreneurs with

mentorship and potential seed funding.

- Strategic Partnerships: Ongoing partnerships with organizations like UMA, KACITA, and PSFU will expand market access. Member-to-member collaborations with firms like TLB Consulting and Goph Technologies enhance business support systems.

With a strong foundation and bold plans, RMB Uganda is not just building businesses, it's building a transformative business community for Uganda's Rotarian entrepreneurs.

Rtn. Margaret Naimanye
Assistant Governor
Rotary Club of Kigo

Ecobank Heart and Soul Rendezvous – Rhythm, Soul, and Service



On the evening of the All-White Affair a chic, white-themed gala in Kampala – Ecobank Uganda hosted the *Heart and Soul Rendezvous*, a celebration of music, style and social purpose. Business and civic leaders gathered in elegant attire to enjoy rhythm and soul, all in support of a vital cause: strengthening healthcare by boosting the **Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank**. In recent Rotary visits, international leaders have hailed the Mengo blood bank as “a shining example of Rotary’s vision”, noting that “blood donation addresses a perennial need, helping communities and saving lives”. This event built on that legacy by turning a night of entertainment into an opportunity to give back.

Rotary District 9214 Governor Christine Kyeyune Kawooya delivered an inspiring message, noting that as guests enjoyed the evening’s music and elegance, *their hearts beat for a greater purpose*: filling the blood bank and empowering community health. She emphasized that each donation would directly save lives, reinforcing Rotary’s core ethos of “service above self”. Governor Kawooya commended Ecobank Uganda for partnering in the event, aligning the bank’s support with Rotary’s “People of Action” campaign – which highlights Rotarians as “proactive change-makers committed to making a difference”. In her remarks, she reminded attendees that every contribution – whether a donation or an hour of volunteer time – strengthens the bonds of humanity, echoing the Rotary belief that each act of kindness has profound impact.

Ecobank Uganda’s partnership exemplifies corporate social responsibility in action. The evening raised approximately **UGX 30 million** for the Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank, funds that will go toward critical equipment and blood-collection drives. Rotary leaders note that such public-private collaborations allow members and sponsors to “make a difference in our communities” through shared resources. Ecobank’s sponsorship not only brought together Uganda’s finest for a



night of entertainment, but also demonstrated how business networks can join Rotary’s humanitarian efforts. In doing so, it embodied the Rotary principle that doing good – whether at a concert or in a clinic – represents what service is all about.

This gathering resonated deeply with Rotary’s unifying theme for the year. District 9214 has launched the tagline “*Together, One Act at a Time*”, a reminder that each person’s contribution – big or small – adds up to lasting change. By dancing together in harmony and raising resources for the blood bank, sponsors and Rotarians alike lived out this motto. In the spirit of *People of Action* and *Together One Act at A Time*, the Ecobank Heart and Soul Rendezvous affirmed that every drop of blood truly saves a life and every act of kindness strengthens our community

Rtn. Winne Namutaawe
Rotary Club of Muyenga Tankhill



Rotary District 9214: Facilitator Learning Weekend in Mbarara

Rotary's shift from "training" to "facilitation" continues to spread across District 9214, strongly endorsed by District Governor Christine Kawooya and championed in practice by the Country Learning Team, led by PP Elizabeth Kintu (RC Lubowa). On the weekend of 20th and 21st September 2025, 13 participants, 11 Rotarians and 2 Rotaractors, gathered at Riviera Hotel, Mbarara, for an inspiring two-day journey of class discussions, group work, and practical sessions.

While Rotary thrives in Kampala, the movement has long struggled to gain the same momentum upcountry. Last month, ten members of the Uganda Country Learning Team graduated as the District's first cohort of facilitators in Kampala. The Mbarara session built on that milestone, extending facilitation further upcountry and empowering more Rotarians to guide dialogue and learning within their clubs. By equipping Rotarians across western Uganda with these skills, the District is laying the groundwork for stronger dialogue, concentrated knowledge-sharing, and ultimately a broader Rotary base beyond the capital.

Participants came from Mbarara, Kabale, Kasese, Kihhi, Ibanda, Kabwohe, Bushenyi, and Ntungamo, bringing a palpable energy. From lively discussions

to late-night homework (yes, in the middle of Mbarara's famously loud weekend!), the group showed that punctuality, discipline, and fun can coexist. Their presentations spanned Rotary ethics, peace-building, fellowships, DEI, SDGs, and ethical leadership, each reflecting Rotary's diversity and relevance.

As the learning facilitator, Coach Andrew Muguluma thanked District 9214 leadership and Rotarians for embracing facilitation as a modern approach to learning:

"Unlike the traditional method of one-way teaching, facilitation places the Rotarian at the center of the learning process—engaging them to reflect, share, and co-create solutions relevant to their clubs and communities. This interactive approach not only deepens understanding but also strengthens commitment to action. As I often say, 'Facilitated learning will transform Rotary by moving us from passive listeners to active change agents, better equipped to deliver meaningful service to our communities.'

Special appreciation goes to **District Governor Christine Kawooya** for her commitment to advancing Rotary learning. To **Country Chair Apollo Ampumwize**, whose support through the Country Office has been the backbone of this training

initiative. **Action President VPOp Abel**, for organising the logistics. Finally, **PAG Simon Peter Lubega** and **AG Douglas Ntanda**, both members of the first cohort, for their contributions during the sessions.

The weekend culminated with each participant receiving a certificate from Coach Andrew, Country Chair Apollo, and Learning Team Leader Elizabeth. More than just recognition, these certificates symbolized their entry into a new role. The graduates now join the Country Learning Committee to help build a Rotary culture where information is not just presented but discussed, explored, and owned by all.

This Mbarara milestone is more than a regional event, it is a statement of intent. District 9214 is steadily equipping facilitators who will carry this culture, ensuring Rotary learning becomes interactive, inclusive, and sustainable. For the 13 new facilitators, the journey has only just begun. But if Mbarara's energy is anything to go by, the future of facilitation in Rotary is loud, lively, and impossible to ignore.

Rtn. Elizabeth Kintu
Country Learning team Leader,
Uganda
Rotary Club of Lubowa





Reggae Ragga Night: A Celebration of 100 Days of Impact and Rotary Unity

The 100 Days of Impact Celebration – Reggae Ragga Night hosted by the Rotary Club of Garuga at Kisubi Brothers Gardens was a vibrant and memorable evening that brought together the Rotary and Rotaract family from across Districts 9213 and 9214. Blending music, fellowship, and purpose, the event perfectly captured the Rotary spirit of *Service Above Self* and the power of unity in action.

Held both physically and virtually, the celebration attracted an impressive turnout of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends of Rotary from Uganda, Tanzania, and beyond. It was a night of rhythm and reflection marking the achievements of the first 100 days of the Rotary year while setting the tone for even greater collaboration in the months ahead.

A key highlight of the evening

was the presentation of the *State of the District Reports* from both Rotary and Rotaract leadership. These insightful presentations showcased the milestones achieved across the two nations from impactful community projects and membership growth to strengthened partnerships and visibility under the “Together, One Act at a Time” campaign.

Another major moment was the recognition of outstanding clubs and leaders through *Awards of Excellence*. These honors celebrated dedication, innovation, and consistency in advancing Rotary’s mission. The night also witnessed the exciting *relaunch of the 101st District Conference and Assembly (DCA 101)*, to be hosted at Speke Resort Munyonyo in April 2026 a moment that sparked renewed enthusiasm and anticipation across both districts.

Beyond the formal program, *Reggae Ragga Night* lived up to its name with electrifying live entertainment, great food, and a relaxed ambiance that encouraged bonding, laughter, and genuine connections. Rotarians and Rotaractors danced, networked, and celebrated service in true Caribbean-inspired style, proving once again that Rotary’s strength lies in its fellowship.

As the night came to a close, one message echoed loud and clear that Rotary’s impact is amplified when generations, clubs, and districts come together. The 100 Days of Impact Celebration was not just an event; it was a testament to Rotary unity, shared purpose, and the joyful power of doing good together.

Rtn. Kasozi Nathanael
President Elect
Rotary Club of Garuga



Join Forces for World Polio Day Celebration – 24th October 2025



On 24th October 2025, Rotary Districts 9213 and 9214 came together for a powerful joint celebration of World Polio Day, reaffirming their united commitment to ending polio worldwide. The event was marked by impactful service, advocacy, and recognition, bringing together Rotarians, Rotaractors, partners, and the public in a day of action and awareness.

The day began with a high-impact medical camp at Nsambya Hospital on Ggaba Road, where Rotarians and Rotaractors actively participated in polio immunization efforts. Over 390 children were immunized,

underscoring Rotary's critical role in ensuring that no child is left behind in the fight against polio. The camp was graced by District Governor Christine Kyeyune of District 9214, whose presence highlighted the importance of collaboration in achieving Rotary's global mission.

Following the camp, participants embarked on a symbolic march to Speke Resort Munyonyo, carrying banners, chanting messages of hope, and engaging the public on the urgency of polio eradication. The march served as a vibrant show of solidarity and a reminder that the battle against polio is not over until every child is safe.

The formal celebration continued at the Speke Resort Munyonyo Convention Centre. The program featured inspiring testimonies, including that of a polio survivor and a Ministry of Health official, who emphasized the importance of sustained immunization and grassroots community efforts. The event also recognized exceptional contributions to the Polio Fund.

Clubs honored for their outstanding support included the Rotaract Clubs of Victoria University, Kampala Munyonyo, Kigo Seven Lakes Golf, and Bwerenga. In addition, members of the PolioPlus Society who contributed over \$100 were



celebrated for their unwavering dedication.

District Governor Geoffrey Martin Kitakule of District 9213 addressed the gathering, praising the spirit of unity and reaffirming Rotary's commitment to a polio-free world.

This joint celebration was more than a single event

it was a powerful statement of Rotary's resolve and a testament to what can be achieved when districts come together with purpose and passion.

Rtr. Ashimwe Daphine
 Rotaract District Polio Officer
 Rotaract Club of Kigo Seven Lakes Golf

Rotaractors Unite Across East Africa to Plant 1,000 Trees at Mount Elgon

From October 24th to 26th, 2025, the *Rotaract Earth Initiative (REI) Kenya Edition* brought together 142 Rotaractors from Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania in a powerful cross-border mission themed "Sowing Seeds of Change." This landmark initiative united Rotary Districts 9212, 9213, and 9214, showcasing regional cooperation, environmental responsibility, and youth leadership in action.

With major support from DFCU Bank Uganda and Uganda Wildlife Authority as the official transport partner, the event was a shining example of service above self. Ninety-four Rotaractors from Uganda travelled to Kitale to join forty-eight Kenyan counterparts, combining forces for a weekend of impactful activities.

The initiative kicked off with a vibrant environmental awareness march through Kitale town. Dressed in green and white "Sowing Seeds of Change" shirts, delegates led by the three District Rotaract Representatives rallied the public around the urgency of climate action and environmental care.

At Andersen Medical Centre, Rotaractors ran a free medical camp benefiting hundreds of local residents in Chepchoina Ward. Services included

HIV testing, cancer screening, and essential health consultations. In addition, young girls from Kitale Primary School were trained on menstrual hygiene and taught to make eco-friendly reusable sanitary towels, empowering them with both knowledge and practical tools.

The highlight of the weekend came on the slopes of Mount Elgon, where 1,000 trees were planted in the Suam Forest Reserve. Even as heavy rains fell, Rotaractors from all three countries worked shoulder-to-shoulder, planting trees as a symbol of hope, resilience, and shared purpose.

The event concluded with cultural exchanges, shared meals, and moments of reflection building lasting friendships and reinforcing the unity of Rotaract across East Africa.

Special thanks to REI Chairperson PHF John Ivan Oyuki, DFCU Bank, and Uganda Wildlife Authority for their invaluable support. REI Kenya Edition 2025 was not just a project it was a movement. Together, Rotaractors proved that when service and solidarity meet, they can plant seeds of real, lasting change.

Rtr. Isa Kato
Assistant District Rotaract Representative
Rotaract Club of Kigo Seven Lakes Golf



Rotary Club of Bwerenga Hosts 2024–2025 District Membership Celebration

On Friday, 3rd October 2025, the Rotary Club of Bwerenga, in collaboration with fellow Entebbe Road Friday club, RC Garuga, RC Nkumba, and RC Mutundwe successfully hosted the district 9214 Membership Celebration for the Rotary year 2024–2025. The event took place at The Voice Mall Hotel and brought together Rotarians from across the district to celebrate a year of remarkable growth and achievement.

A major highlight of the evening was the recognition of District 9214 for attaining the highest membership growth both in the zone and globally a significant milestone that reflects the district's commitment to expanding Rotary's impact through strategic member engagement and recruitment.

The celebration was presided over by Past District Governor Ken Mugisha, who commended the leadership and teamwork that drove such outstanding results. In a special awards segment, the District Membership Team of the Year 2024–2025 was honored for their exceptional dedication and innovative strategies that contributed to the district's record-breaking performance.

Guests enjoyed a lively evening filled with fellowship, celebration, and entertainment. The atmosphere was elevated by live band performances, creating the perfect backdrop for Rotarians to connect, reflect, and celebrate the power of growth through service.

The event not only marked a significant milestone for District 9214 but also reinforced the message that strong, growing clubs are the foundation of Rotary's long-term success. It was a moment to appreciate how unity, collaboration, and consistent effort can turn ambitious goals into global recognition.

Congratulations to all the clubs and leaders who made this achievement possible District 9214 continues to shine as a beacon of Rotary excellence.

Rtn. Robert Nsereko
Assistant Governor
Rotary Club of Bwerenga





Africa Peace Concert 2025: Uniting for Sustainable Peace Through Music and Purpose

The 5th Edition of the Africa Peace Concert lit up Speke Resort Munyonyo on Friday, October 31, 2025, bringing together Rotarians, Rotaractors, peacebuilders, and music lovers under one powerful theme: *“Uniting for Sustainable Peace.”*

More than just a concert, the event was a vibrant blend of rhythm, culture, and a shared commitment to a peaceful future. The night pulsed with energy as jazz maestro Isaiah Katumwa delivered a soul-stirring performance, drawing the crowd into a collective celebration of unity and hope. But beyond the music, the evening served a deeper purpose raising a remarkable \$113,400 for The Rotary Foundation. These funds

will support the endowment of the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University, a key hub for training Africa’s next generation of peace leaders.

As conflict and instability continue to affect parts of the continent and the world, this concert served as a timely reminder that peace is not passive. It’s a mission that demands action, collaboration, and continued investment. The Africa Peace Concert is more than a tradition, it’s a growing movement.

This year’s event showed just how powerful that movement has become. Rotarians and Rotaractors stood side by side, dancing, connecting, and affirming their role in promoting peace through service. The

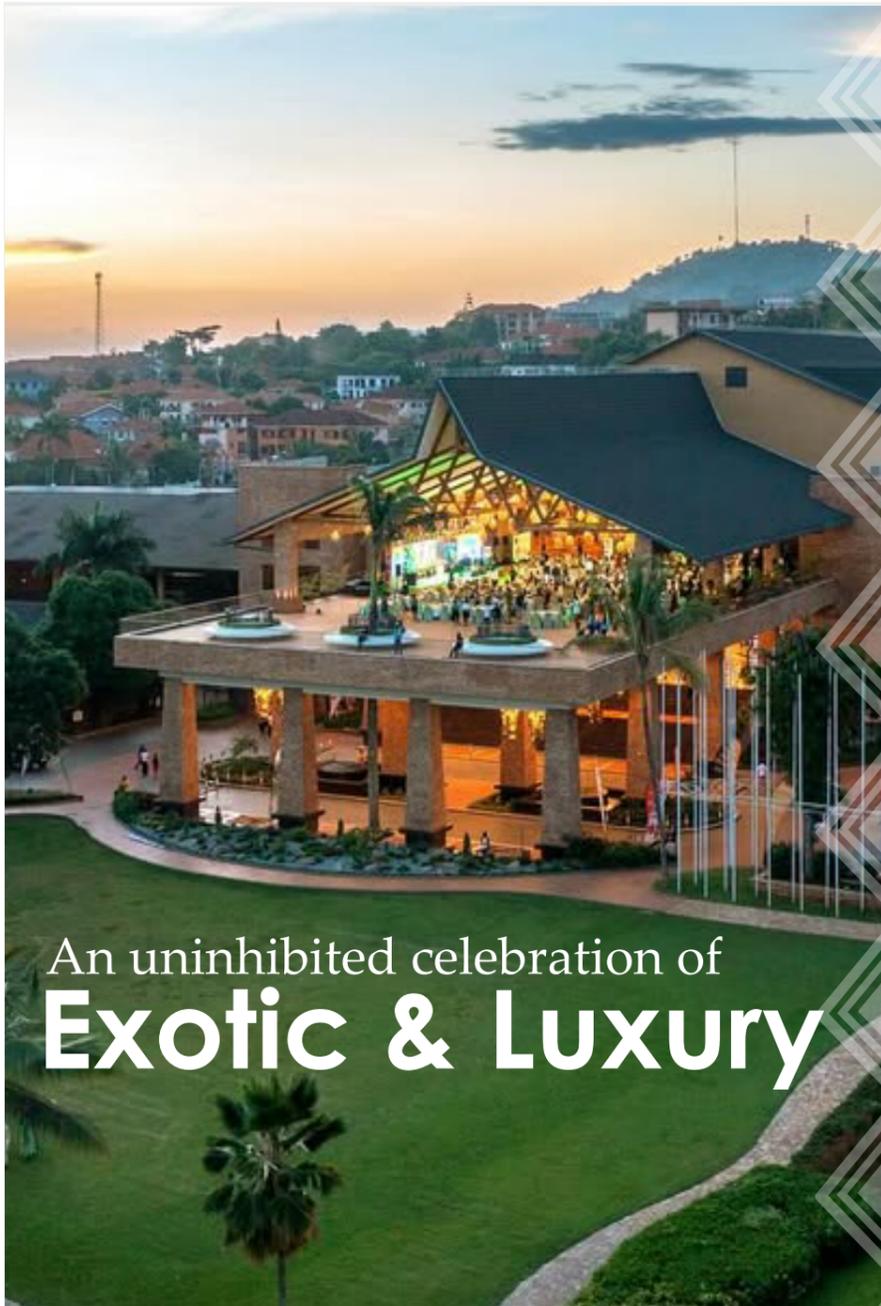
atmosphere was electric, but the message was clear: peace is the greatest harmony we can create together.

Now five editions strong, the Africa Peace Concert continues to inspire, mobilize, and raise the bar for what music with a mission can do. As the curtain fell on this unforgettable night, one thing echoed louder than the music: sustainable peace is possible when we unite with purpose.

And the journey doesn’t end here. Peace is a daily commitment and this concert proves that when Africa unites for it, the rhythm is unstoppable.

Benjamin Bwanika
Chair Africa Peace Concert 2025
Rotary Club of Garuga





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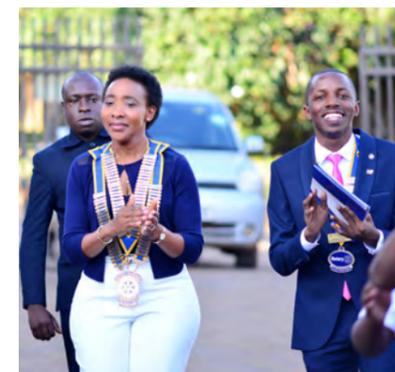
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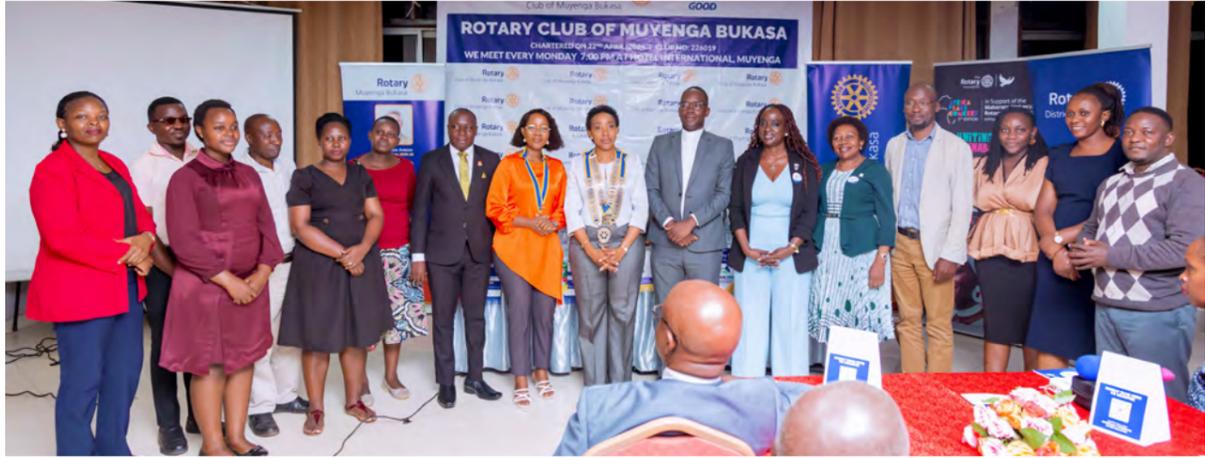
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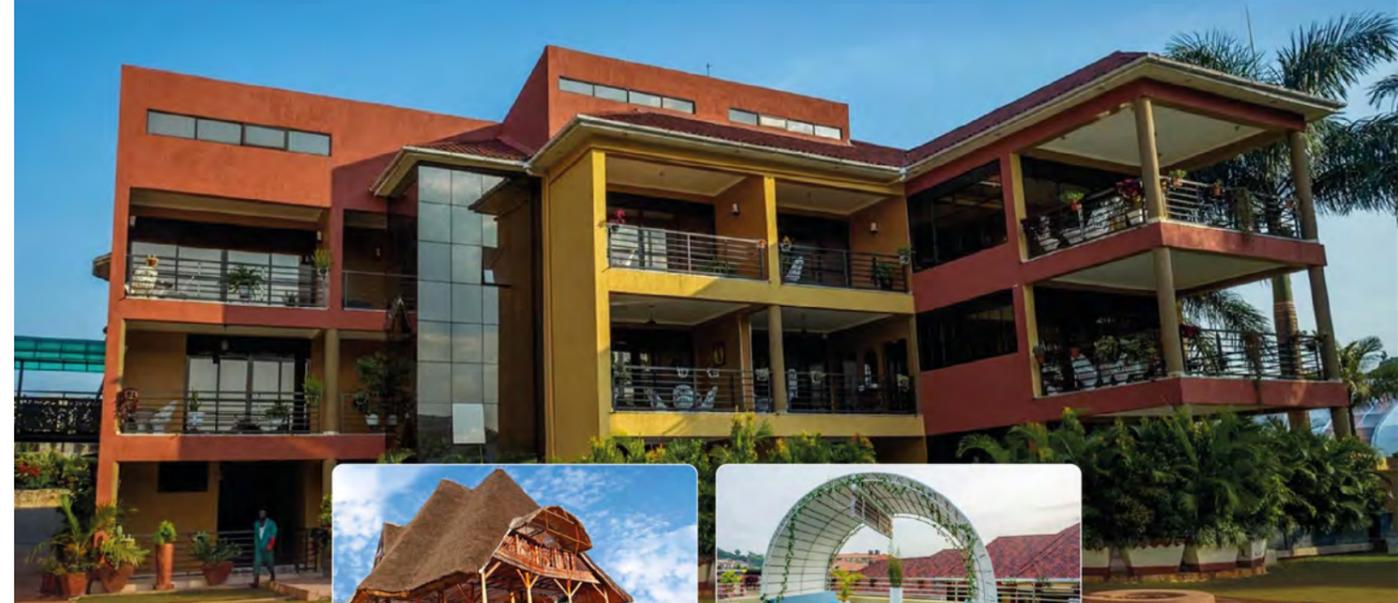
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