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**WELCOME  
2021-2022**



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District 9214



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District 9214



**SERVE TO  
CHANGE LIVES**



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District 9214





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# 97<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONFERENCE **ARUSHA** 12 - 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## **EARLY BIRD** Before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021

Rotarians	\$190
Rotaractors	\$100

## **From 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022**

Rotarians	\$220
Rotaractors	\$100

## **From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Onwards**

Rotarians	\$250
Rotaractors	\$120

**Registration will be  
available on our  
district website  
very soon**





**Rotarian Diana Elinan**  
UBUNTU - Editor in Chief



**Rotarian Florence Malinga**  
UBUNTU Assistant Editor.

I am honored to serve as Assistant Editor (Uganda) for UBUNTU, our D9214 Newsletter. I look forward to working with the team by contributing to content through encouraging members to share success stories on Rotary monthly themes, projects and events in their clubs.

As an Education Specialist I bring a wealth of knowledge and skills that will enable me to effectively support the team in producing relevant, motivating and high-quality content for the UBUNTU Newsletter.

# EDITORS' NOTE

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Dear Family of Rotary and friends of Rotary,

Happy New Rotary year to all Rotarians, Rotaracts, Interacts and all friends of Rotary!

It is an exciting and humbling opportunity to be working side by side with my co-chair Rotarian Florence Malinga from Uganda to lead a dream team of great Rotary writers and editors into bringing our new district 9214 Newsletter “**UBUNTU**” to fruition.

We intend to work along with the public Image team, to ensure we inform our districts on the various Rotary projects and activities as well as the happenings of the world beyond Rotary.

I am as well super excited to be working with our visionary, passionate and well experienced District Governor Young Kimaro, to ensure that **UBUNTU** plays a role of:

**Inclusivity:** Bringing together Rotarians, Rotaracts, Interacts and Friends of Rotary.

**Connectivity:** Ensuring that our articles will bring together clubs and external partners who together will execute bigger and impactful projects for our communities.

**Informative:** The Ubuntu team intends to devote itself to purposely provide adequate and sufficient information

For a while now the entire world has been living the new normal, our lives have changed drastically. But out of every challenging situation something good is birthed; being able to reach out to each other virtually has brought an ease to communication which will allow the **UBUNTU** team to work together with our clubs’ communication leads; the PRs.

I am extending my applause and wishing our DG and all the new Rotary leaders of district 9214 a successful Rotay year ahead, Let us serve to change lives!

Yours in service!

*Diana Elinam*

Editor in Chief



# WRITERS' NOTES

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**PAG Guru Sykes**  
Lead Advisor & Editor  
Rc Mbezi Beach

In 2018, Rotary International Theme was "Be an Inspiration" and through the "Inspirational words" of the then DMC Young Kimaro I joined Rotary. In my year as Charter President of RC of DSM Mbezi Beach 2019-2020, the RI Theme was "Rotary Connects the World", and it became my vision, purpose to serve and give back with an impact to the community.

"Serve to change Lives" encompasses fully and through Ubuntu D9214 allow me in fulfilling the very purpose of Rotary, even more so, in these unprecedented times, as we plunge and must move forward, with a higher tenor of encouragement and vaulting energy.

2020-2021 as part of the Wave Editorial Team, another year of learning as "Rotary Opens Opportunities" to further my focus and envision the Clubs of D9214 sharing their story, together with Fellow Rotarians across the world, friends from within our communities and across the whole spectrum of humanity, bringing out the Ubuntu in us "I am because we are"

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**Rtn. Joseph Mutajjilulwa Phf+1**  
Rotary club of kyotera,  
Uganda

"I am honored to be part of the UBUNTU Newsletter Committee. It's my responsibility and duty to see that we produce an educative, informative and inspirational district newsletter. I will work with the committee by reading through articles submitted, correct spellings, punctuation, and grammatical errors. Through research; I pledge to use new knowledge in editing publications to make our Newsletter clear and interesting. I will also contribute my own articles. I will try my best to assist Club Public Relation Officers to constantly write good and impactful articles, document all successful service projects".

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**Rtn. Julia Seifert**  
Rc Mikocheni

"I am an applied researcher and data analyst with over 7 years of experience in the East African Market where I have worked in a variety of sectors such as finance, education, marketing, audience measurement and health. My true passion is in utilizing data and turning it into insight and information that will be able to facilitate positive social and economic change.

I truly believe with quality insights at hand and practical tricks and tips to apply them we can create meaningful change and lasting change for ourselves and the communities we serve.

With UBUNTU I hope to apply my research and analytics knowledge to share insights on both Rotary and Society topics that will support Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to apply data and insights in their personal, Rotary and professional lives."

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**Rtn. Catherine Rose Barretto**  
PP RC - Dar es Salaam  
North

I am interested in bringing to life the voices of our Rotary community, alongside my writing/editing skills, ideas, and a lens that is focused on diversity and inclusion. I am excited about bringing to the forefront the voices of youth leadership - Early Act, Interact and Rotaract.

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**PAG Charity Mwakio**  
Rc Mikocheni

"Our Rotary theme this year inspires us to serve in order to change lives. As Rotarians we serve through the work we do within our communities. The Rotary International President tells us that showcasing the work through storytelling is as important as doing the work itself. As part of the UBUNTU team I want to tell the amazing stories that Rotarians have and celebrate their numerous achievements.

I have been a Rotarian for over 10 years and have served in various capacities at club and district level. I am also a finance professional with a keen interest in writing. I will bring to UBUNTU my experience from Rotary as well as that from the corporate world. Serving on the team will also allow me to re-engage with Rotary after a quiet spell and do more writing, a passion of mine.

I look forward to working with the change-making UBUNTU team".

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**Rtn. Ruth Namutebi**  
RC Kisumu-Victoria View

Being part of UBUNTU D9214 Newsletter is a blessing because I love writing and enjoy sharing stories with readers. This will be an opportunity to let new Rotarians know what goes on around them and also learn more about Rotary. As the Patient Care Coordinator in a major hospital, I interact with many people on a daily basis and I have seen Rotarians do wonders in my work environment which is worth sharing.

I can not wait to share my stories with this wider Rotary audience.

# WRITERS' NOTES

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**Rtn. Joseph Ssuuna**  
RC Bwebajja

"It is an honor to be part of the UBUNTU D9214 Newsletter team in this Changemaker year 2021/2022. As we serve to change lives, I am looking forward to working together with the team to ensure that all members of the Rotary family who have stories and experiences to share are supported.

I am bringing on board service with passion. As RI President Shekhar Mehta encourages us to "Do More", I am going to continuously contact clubs and inspire members to share stories. To this effect, I will make sure members' contributions come in timely to enable us to prepare adequately and have the best write-ups.

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**Rtn. Waheeda Kasongo**  
Rc Dar es Salaam Sunset

"Poetry, novellas, novels, editions, articles, online work, I've always believed that there are two kinds of people in this world. The ones who have been blessed with the written word and those who are there to help them achieve it.

Being one of the writers and editors of UBUNTU would allow me to know much about this vast world that is Rotary. An organization that has been a part of my family's life for nearly 40 years. An organization that inspires, that shares, that teaches and most of all, that embodies the love of helping and giving back.

To be a part of this newsletter, that showcases Rotary in that way, was a very easy choice to make. I hope my years of teaching have taught me to envision what is beyond simple sentences and to bring clarity to what needs to be said"

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**Rtn. Katherine McGinn**  
RC Stonetown - Zanzibar

As a writer for Ubuntu I plan to showcase the amazing work that our Rotary Club of Zanzibar is doing and ensure better communication of the different projects that we're currently working on. Hopefully this will lead to more integration between our club and those on the mainland.

I bring my love of the written word to the Ubuntu team as well as my marketing knowledge, with the hopes of helping to develop a strong brand for our new district and our new magazine. My understanding of Social Media Marketing and basic design make me a versatile addition to our team at Ubuntu.

I am hoping that my work with young working professionals within Zanzibar for our Bar & Wine Academy will expose me to the trials and fears facing young Tanzanians and therefore bring me insight into what projects our Club, District and Magazine should be looking at. And perhaps my Zanzibar perspective will help to keep the magazine diverse and interesting.



**Rtn. Torriano Salamba**  
Rc Mbezi Beach

I am a member and Club Secretary for the last 3 years at Rotary Club of Dar Es Salaam Mbezi Beach. I am looking forward to lending my expertise, skills and knowledge to the UBUNTU newsletter.

In my work offline, I advise the government about the creative sector and also provide basic education to the musicians about their rights. I intend to bring to UBUNTU articles on how clubs can apply creativeness and Art to implement projects successfully.

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**Rtc. Suzan Temba**  
Rc Arusha City

"I plan to ensure that rotaractors are included in UBUNTU. I will remind them of how important it is to make noise about their projects. Communication is Key and this can be done effectively through our Rotary Newsletter. I believe Rotaractors' presence in Ubuntu will catalyze their intentions to form partnerships locally and internationally to come to fruition.

I will also work hard to bring Quality, meaningful, educative topics on rotary matters; work of rotaractors, making sure all their work is being acknowledged.

I will also use my experience and skills in helping Rotaractors discover their writing skills, especially the PRs that I will be working closely with."

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**Rtn. Ericque Okello**  
Director Youth Service  
RC Muyenga

"As a writer/editor my plan is to provide content worth reading. I plan to do this by contributing to the Newsletter content, ensuring that we have regular informative broadcasts of the UBUNTU magazine and making it educational for our readers.

I also plan to bring on board design photography skills by putting together full refocused content, improved structure and more dynamic photo stories as this will be visually interesting to the readers while putting across the message as visual communication has been proven effective.

As a young economist with deep passion and knowledge in IT, I intend to make the newsletter more informative, inclusive and effective by analyzing its performance thoroughly to help identify the strengths and likely weaknesses using the A/B analysis tool to tell the open rate, click rate and the conversion rate of the UBUNTU newsletter by the recipients".



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# Shekhar Mehta

## President 2021-2022



My Dear Changemakers,

I wish each of you and your families a great Rotary New Year! Together, let us make it the best year of our lives, by making it a year to grow more and do more. Let this be a year of changemakers, and let us begin with our membership.

That is precisely why the Each One, Bring One initiative is so important. During this year, I urge you to dream of new ways in which Rotary can expand its reach into your community and therefore the world. If each member introduces one person to Rotary, our membership can increase to 1.3 million by July 2022. So, let's just do it!

Imagine the change we, as Rotary members, can make when there are so many more of us! More people to care for others, more people to Serve to Change Lives. Think of the impact we can have through grow more, do more. More members will enable us to embark on bigger and bolder service projects. And each of us can also continue to serve in our own personal ways, responding to needs in our communities.

The beauty of Rotary is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can

incorporate into all of our service initiatives is empowering girls. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better health care, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every Rotary project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future.

These are challenging times, and I compliment each of your efforts in grappling with COVID-19. No challenge is too big for Rotarians. The bigger the challenge, the more passionate the Rotarian. Look at what we can do when we take on a colossal challenge such as eradicating polio. Look at the millions of lives we improve by strengthening access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Look at what we do every year to promote peace in places where it seems unimaginable. Our basic education and literacy programs have nation-building impact.

This year, let us challenge ourselves to do more such projects and programs that have national reach and impact. This year, let us Serve to Change Lives.

## IPDG NALONGO ROSETTI NABBUMBA



# Thank you IPDG Nalongo Rosetti Nabbumba



**By PP Goretti Masadde  
RC Kisugu Victoria View**

On 29th June 2021 The Morning Crew, a group of morning loving Rotarians hosted a momentous fellowship to say Asanteni (thank you) to Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Nalongo Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga na Karibuni (welcome) to District Governors (DGs) Young of D9214 and John of D9213. The fellowship opened by District Governor Elect (DGE) Mike Kennedy Ssebalu and moderated by Past Assistant Governor (Maama Bubbles) Jane Kabugo, attracted a whopping over 250 Rotarians. The conversation that ensued justified the interest, love and appreciation showed to our leaders! In this article, we take the opportunity to say a very big thank you to IPDG Nalongo Rosetti!

Despite a very abnormal year challenged by COVID 19, Nalongo and her dream team did exceedingly well! During the period, the district brought on board over five hundred (500) new Rotarians, thirteen (13) and Sixteen (16) good quality Rotary and Rotaract Clubs respectively out of a target of ten (10) each. The District also received Five Million Eight Hundred Thousand US Dollars (5.8M) in Global Grants against a target of Four Million (4M).

In addition to the illustrious quantitative achievements, the District hosted a very successful Zone 22 Institute that saw leaders from all member districts come to Uganda, learn from each other and enjoy the camaraderie of District 9211. Then there was the innovative glamorous, majestic and celebrating women "Bubble" District Conference and Assembly themed "The end of an Era and Beginning of New Dawn". At this event D9211 celebrated the year's achievements as well as the birth of the two new districts D9213 & D9214 from which PDG Rosetti got her name of Nalongo (mother of twins)

Rotary is great at providing opportunities for innovations. During the year, Governor Rosetti introduced the FAN (Fitness and Nutrition) campaign that saw most of us take to exercise and good nutrition. Normally Rotarians look after other people and forget about themselves. This campaign inspired Rotarians to focus on their health and wellness so they can be in good health to serve humanity well. As a result, clubs and Rotarians happily and passionately embraced the campaign and many good testimonies have been told. Then there was the Rotary Roses, a new fellowship that evolved out of an Award program introduced for growing women in Rotary. Both these initiatives have since become international, improved the image of our district, changed the lives of Rotarians and the communities we serve, and attracted new Rotarians.

Finally yet importantly, we say a very big thank you to PDG Rosetti for the support given to our new DGs Young & John as they prepared to lead in this Serve to Change Lives year 2021/2022. Both Young and John shared about her constant checking in to ensure they were very ready. Governor Rosetti also had key advice in the few remaining hours to the end of the Rotary Year. She implored clubs to ensure they update their achievements in the Rotary International system (Rotary Club Central), transfer any foundation contributions collected, and finally pay all outstanding dues to ensure the two baby districts start with clubs in good standing.

Such is the leadership of our dear PDG Rosetti! She praised her team that she said was of the highest quality possible! We praise her for the excellent achievements against all odds. We look forward to having her as the Zone 28 Assistant TRF Coordinator. She will also be the District 9213 Trainer!

Thank you Nalongo Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga! You came, you served, you conquered!

## DG YOUNG KIMARO



## District Governor Young Kimaro

Dear Rotarians,

It is with a joyous heart and excitement that I greet you as we start on our journey together in this newly born district.

**Club Presidents, you are ready.** Your officers are ready, your Board members know their responsibilities. They have formed teams to lighten the workload and harness the collective genius. This month they put what they have prepared for into practice as you oversee that all parts of your support machinery are in order and functioning. Heavy duty indeed. But fun and fellowship will be there. You work hard and play hard. That gets your club spirit soaring.

**Assistant Governors, you are ready.** You

know all your clubs and their Presidents. You are primed to listen to understand your clubs' uniqueness and challenges, to support and encourage them. You already have a good amount of helpful tips to share in your bag of "tricks."

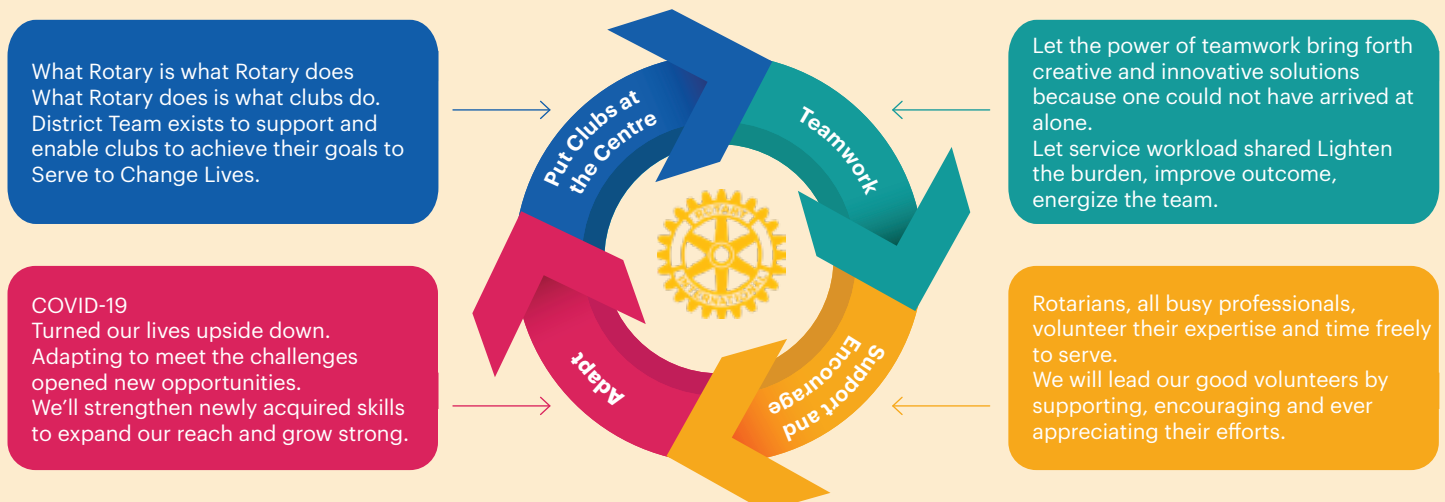
**District officers, you are ready.** Cadet volunteers are incorporated into your work programme and you and your teams are ready to walk with me, hand-in-hand, to support our AGs and clubs.

So our journey starts here as the District's strategic goals beckon to us.

**Yes, we can**  
**'Cause we walk together**  
**Hand-in-hand**

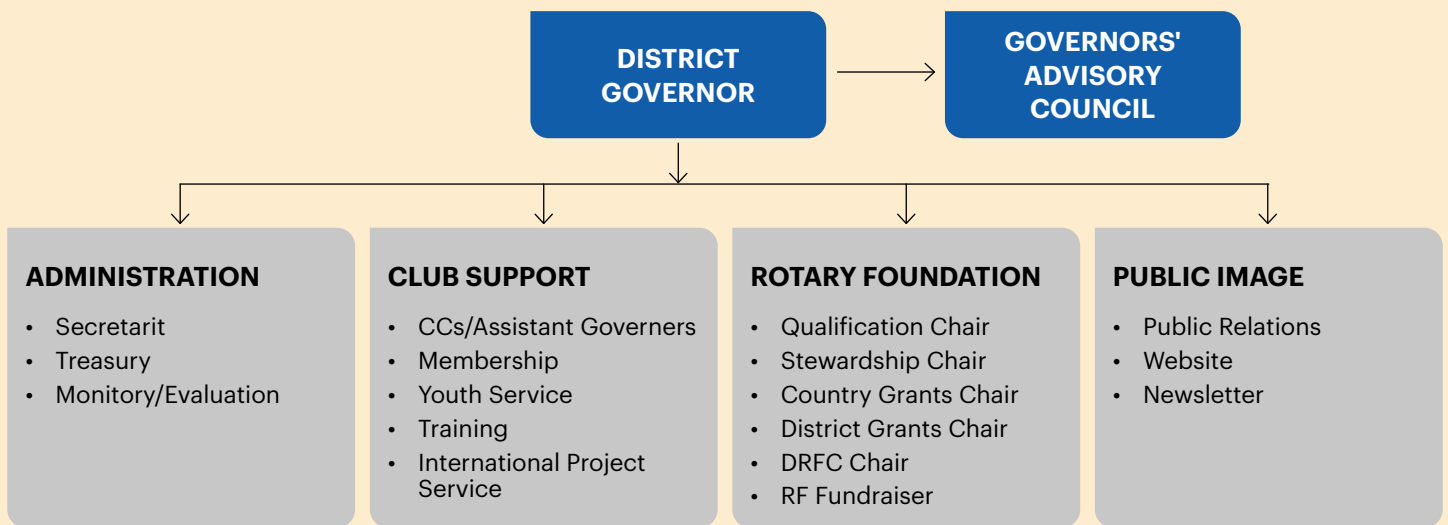
From August, Rotaract leaders will be joining the District Team. Let's receive them with open arms. We will discuss this more at our first meeting of the D9214 District Team meeting.

## DG Young's Vision





# The District Team



Administration, Club Support, Rotary Foundation and Public Image groups form the four pillars of our District Team, each consisting of committees listed.

The District Team is here to work with you and support you.

You will find the list of District officers (Rotaractors and Rotarians) and their contacts on our District website.

When in need, please don't hesitate to reach out to us because **Ubuntu: We are because you are.**



## Rotaract-Rotary Hand-in-Hand At the Club Level

### FOR ROTARACTORS

- Your ideas add value; don't shy away from voicing them
- Bring your energy and dynamism
- Bring to the table your capacity to be creative in problem solving
- Be sure that a promise made is a promise kept
- Respect time; be punctual always

### FOR ROTARIANS

- Engage Rotaractors in projects from the start
  - Design projects with them
  - Encourage them to suggest solutions to problems
  - Listen to youth's suggestions and consider carefully
- ...remember Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King were all in their 20s when they started to trailblaze**

### What Each Brings To The Table

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enthusiasm and dynamism</li> <li>• Creative and innovative solutions to problems</li> <li>• Energy and ability to get things done fast</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expertise and experience</li> <li>• Insights, foresights</li> <li>• Time proven wisdom</li> </ul> |
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### What Each Stands To Gain

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands on training on project design and implementation</li> <li>• Learn from insights and foresights of the elders</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project workload is substantially reduced</li> <li>• Burn out of overload on a few is avoided</li> <li>• Problem solving becomes easier</li> </ul> |
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### ROTARACT-ROTARY HARMONIZED

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotaract-Rotary will discuss and agree on all aspects of how the committees should operate</li> <li>• Agreement on both sides assures that the signals sent out from both sides are harmonized, hence avoiding confusion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This shared stance should foster togetherness and oneness of Rotaract-Rotary in District 9214</li> <li>• In overseeing the District administration, Rotaract-Rotary will continue to take oversight responsibilities respectively.</li> </ul> |
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PEACE TAREMWA  
**District Governor Elect  
2021-2022**



## Managing the Transition from D9211 to D9214

During the District Conference and Assembly hosted in Mombasa, the then District Governor Geeta Manek delivered two babies namely Rotary District 9211 and 9212. She has since assumed the prestigious name 'Nalongo' (Mother of two)!

Since that time District 9211 has made strong strides and achieved positions of fame like being the best giving District in Africa; securing its position among the fastest growing districts in the world and of course producing the Rotary International President Elect in the name of Sam F Otori (RIP). Despite the tragedy that befell us, we are consoled that we managed to produce a rotarian worth the respect of the global leadership acclaim.

A few years ago, the district leadership realized that we were continuing to perform so well and were convinced that District 9211 would produce two districts. Special appreciation is extended to PDGs Emmanuel, Bob, Ken, Shamilla, Xavier, Jayesh and their teams for spearheading this growth. A team that was selected to handle the details came up with recommendations and action points to have the two districts. Another Nalongo in the names of PDG Rosette Nabbumba has produced two districts in the names D9213 and D9214.

Several meetings have been held to look at what 9214 would be in the next five years. A strategic plan has been developed in line with the Rotary International strategic guidelines. The new leadership has discussed these issues at length. Several clubs have given

their feedback and this is what we shall look at in the next five years, with a possibility of creating another 'Nalongo' or hopefully a 'Salongo.' this time around.

The District leadership is in place with a District Governor (DG Young), a District Governor Elect (DGE Peace) and a District Governor Nominee (DGN Francisco). The 2021/22 teams have been fully constituted. The three Governors and their teams continue to hold joint meetings to ensure an exotic preparation and continuity.

We plan to grow by a minimum of 250 quality Rotarians per year for a start and achieve a retention of 75% at the beginning. The more the hands in service, the better the service delivery. We shall focus on achieving 43% Lady Rotarians as well as attracting the young Rotarians aged 40 years and below; notwithstanding the need for tested ideas of the senior citizens. The search for corporate partnerships will continue to grow. There must be a deliberate effort in all clubs to improve the diversity of their memberships. \*Each one bring one\* shall be our focus.

Rotary is known for solving problems of the world. This has been done with support of more than 4 billion US dollars since 1917. This money has always come from us and has been invested wisely. The returns have seen us spend an average of 100 million US dollars in the recent past around the world.

The idea of a ZERO giving club is expected to be out of date. Each one of us will strive

to **DO GOOD IN THE WORLD** by contributing something towards our initial target of 150,000 U.S dollars. The initial target of utilizing 1.3 million U.S dollars will continue to grow over the years. The cost of living going higher especially during this pandemic should indicate to us that the cost of loving needs to increase as well.

Our youth, the Rotaractors, have now been elevated to being partners. This partnership will be expected to match what is being done in Rotary. Planning and working with the youth will help the Rotarians grow a good breed of successors. The Rotaractors' transiting into Rotary will be as a result of what they see us Rotarians doing. Our youth will be requested to support their younger siblings, the Interactors. The energies so far displayed by Rotaractors can only be harnessed in this e-world.

We do not have a choice about adaptability. In the past, it could have been easier to be a BBC (technologically noncompliant) and you continue to live. Today's world requires us to be e-literate. It requires us to know that online meetings can take us where we may not physically go soon. These meetings will help us bridge the gap in communities. The District International service team will continue to look for partners for us. Our public relations will have a big bearing on how we tap into this reality. We shall keep our brand standards and utilize all available media.

The days of small projects should be considered gone. We need to consider impactful projects. We need to look at joint activities with our sister clubs and baby clubs. We need to share the successes some clubs have achieved to train others. The leadership has provided Grant support and formulation officers and cadets. The choice to use or lose them is entirely ours. Our target of utilizing USD 1.5m every year can only be achieved when we qualify for Global Grants; when our stewardship is unquestionable and when we don't take ages to submit reports. Periodic visits by the stewardship teams to ongoing global grants projects will be encouraged. We don't need postmortem observations in implementation.

Training of Rotarians shall be key to improve on knowledge. The position of a Monitoring and Evaluation officer at all clubs shall be encouraged.

The imaginary line between Districts 9213 and 9214 shall be bridged with the continued good relationships, visits and support to one another. We shall be ears on the ground to bench mark good practices from other districts and also loud those great ideas from those who are willing to bring them on table to further the growth of our district 9214.

Let us all commit to serve to change lives.

## Changing Leadership



**PRESIDENT RONALD NYOMBI**

Kampala International University, Rotaract Club

As we wind up the Rotary year 2020/2021, our focus as rotaractors should be directed towards the incoming one themed "Serve to change lives".

So as to achieve the District goals and as well as club goals, we are looking to put emphasis on the following;

- i. Building on the achievements reached upon by the club this year, ignite the relationship with our alumnus so as to inspire members.
- ii. A very strong bond with our mother club should be the bedrock of our success for they are our source of inspiration, moral and financial support.

The club being institutional based, emphasis shall be on Professional Leadership Development training to unleash our members' potential which rhymes with the 1st goal of Rotaract.

For the ultimate goal of serving humanity, a number of service projects are within the pipeline and we can't wait to change lives through them.



# Preparing for Transition and New Leadership

*An Interview with Julie Kyokunda DESE*

By Julia Seifert

**We have already come a long way in the establishment of D9214; nonetheless a lot still needs to be done. What are the upcoming next steps that our new district D9214 needs to take for it to emerge as a strong district?**

Looking at the history of the clubs that constitute D9214 we will need to focus on training and mentorship. We need to make sure that our Presidents are not Presidents for prestige or recognition, but they really truly understand the meaning of Rotary and service.

In the past we have done training and members tend to attend because they are mandated, but what we lack is the translation of these training into action. Hence, I suggest in this year we need to reevaluate ourselves, engage every member and be proactive in long-term mentorship and guidance.

We can no longer allow for clubs to be run by chance, ignore emails and fail to understand the importance of TRF giving.

**Change is never easy; management for a smooth transition is needed. How do you foresee the change management process taking place?**

The strength of Rotary is its strong systems. We already have our processes and procedures in place, they will guide and lead us. More so we have strong and passionate leaders that understand why they are where they are and how to guide and lead us.

To ensure we manage this change effectively we shall focus on channeling the district's strategy to the club and individual member level. It is paramount that we identify model clubs so that they can play an active role in supporting clubs that lack behind or fail to understand the true spirit of Rotary.

**How can every Rotarian play an active role to make sure D9214 has a successful maiden year?**

Let me challenge every club to have each Rotarian pledge in this first month of our Rotary year how much they will contribute



DESE JULIE KYOKUNDA

to TRF this year. I want to ask each of our Rotarians in D9214 to pledge 50USD to TRF and sign a pledge form that the club can then share with us, here, in the Ubuntu magazine.

Beyond TRF giving I also urge Presidents and club leadership to reward members that increase club membership actively.

**We will see a shift in leadership, as it is the case in the beginning of every new rotary year. What shall we expect from DG Young, considering she will be the first DG of D9214?**

In DG Young I see a mother, a motivating governor, I see a person who always believes that each Rotarian in D9214 always gives his or her best at any time.

She believes in us, and her words and compassionate nature will make us, and our clubs strive.

I encourage her to really seek direct dialogue with every president and encourage them to commit, so that we can achieve our common goal.

**In 2021/2022 more than ever, we are "serving to change lives" – how do we strike the balance between successfully managing change amongst ourselves as we are still positively impacting our communities?**

Every challenge provides an opportunity, not only our district is transforming even our lives are thrown around by circumstances beyond our control. Here in Uganda we are currently under lockdown again – our lives are constantly changing.

Changes do not have to be big or costly, let us look around, in our communities and make a difference there. Buy a meal for someone who lost their job due to this crisis, create opportunities for people who are less fortunate than you are. Small changes will make a big difference, the importance is we do something.

PDG HARISH BHATT  
**Past District Governor**



## The Journey of D9211 and the Birth of D9214

By PDG Harish Bhatt

In the Rotary Year 2011-12, in the then District 9200 (which consisted of Rotary Clubs in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda), it was proposed that the district needs to be re-organised as it had grown too large both in terms of number of clubs and number of members. In the Rotary world, reorganizing a district by splitting into 2 new districts is always welcome as a definite sign of growth. There is also reorganization involving combining districts when numbers fall.

It was clear from the earliest discussions that Kenya and Uganda would be in separate districts due to the number of clubs & members in each country, while Eritrea, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Tanzania would have the option of joining either Kenya or Uganda in the formation of the new districts.

The Tanzanian leadership deliberated on the matter and recommended joining Uganda which was duly approved by all clubs in Tanzania. The basic reasons were a greater identification in Tanzania with Uganda and the very good cooperation between Tanzanian and Ugandan Rotary leadership.

The new District 9211 thus came into being made up of clubs and members from Tanzania and Uganda.

In 2012-13 – the reorganization task gathered pace under the then DG of D9211 Geeta Manek. PDG Emmanuel Katongole moved to the role of District Governor Elect and I was District Governor Nominee. The first District strategy planning meeting was held in Tanga and first DTTS of D9211 was conducted in Zanzibar. D9211 was formally born on 1st July 2013 with 115 clubs & 2,939 members and has grown from strength to strength. It was therefore inevitable that the same conversations that developed in 2012 would come up again in 2019-20, that the district was becoming too big and required re-organization.

Today D9211 has grown to 190 clubs and 5,550 members, becoming the 11th largest Rotary district out of the 528 districts in the world.

Bulk of the spectacular growth has taken place in Uganda which started with 76 clubs & 2,261 members on 1st July 2013 and has 142 clubs & 4,772 members today, a 111% growth in membership. The greatest growth has come from Kampala and its suburbs while the other areas have seen modest growth. Rotary in Uganda is perceived as the organization to be part of by professionals, businesspeople and most important by many in public service. Further, participation by key members of the government, the parliament of Uganda and the national leadership has added very significant value. A lot of the recognition and appreciation from the national leadership

has originated from the outstanding projects like the Blood Bank, Cancer Hospital and many others made possible by the popular Cancer Run that was fashioned on the Rotary Dar Marathon in Tanzania. Many women have joined, ensuring good gender balance and have also brought in a fresh perspective with many in Rotary leadership positions. Also encouraging is that the membership increasingly consists of young established professionals from the private and public sectors. Credit must be given to the Rotary leadership in Uganda for their strategic actions and commitment to Rotary. Overall, the future looks bright for Rotary in Uganda.

Growth in Tanzania has been very slow starting with 39 clubs & 678 members on 1st July 2013 to 48 clubs and 778 members today. The bulk of the growth is in Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Arusha. The total would have been higher had it not been for the loss of over 15 clubs over the years largely because of mismatched expectations from the formation stage leading to a drop in membership and eventual closure. This was a critical lesson that led to change in approach to formation of new clubs. The Rotary Dar Marathon and its outstanding projects like the Cancer Hospital, Entrepreneurship Centre, Water for Schools etc., for the first time raised the profile of Rotary leading to increased recognition, participation and corporate support. Official recognition for the same however was underwhelming. Membership in Tanzania is largely composed of private sector professionals and businesspeople, with participation from the public sector and national leadership remaining a challenge. One of the most promising trends though is that club closures have stopped, and some clubs are making very positive efforts to grow and set up new clubs.

Over the past few years, almost all growth both in Tanzania and Uganda has come from extension efforts (formation of new clubs), with very little growth from existing clubs. This implies that greater effort is necessary

in all clubs to focus on the value proposition of Rotary (Community Service, Fellowship, Personal Development and Networking), to enhance member engagement with the objective of retention and attracting new members.

The split of D9211 was initially a concern and more specifically regarding the position of Tanzania. Uganda, on its own, is capable of splitting into 2 districts (minimum requirement is 1,100 members) but Rotary in Tanzania could not form its own district. The discussions and the final decision with the excellent cooperation of Rotary leadership in Uganda made it possible to split the district into D9213 being a wholly Uganda district and D9214 a district made up of Tanzania and part of Uganda.

D9214 will start with 99 Rotary clubs with 2,358 members and 56 Rotaract Clubs with 927 members. Going forth all reports of clubs and members will be a combination of Rotary and Rotaract as they now have the same status. While Uganda is likely to see sustained growth, a greater focus is now required on Tanzania both in terms of club extension and club growth. This will require customising the Rotary value proposition to be attractive to potential & existing members and using the flexibility recently provided by RI in membership types and club types to develop alternative models to traditional clubs that will appeal to a larger section of society.

One thing that Tanzania can be proud of is that while in D9211 and with a much smaller membership, the community service projects carried out by Tanzanian clubs attracted almost 50% of the overall funding and the projects carried out were cited as some of the best. We are good at serving the community, so let us now encourage more people to join so that we can significantly increase our ability to “Serve To Change Lives”, the RI theme that D9214 will start its journey with.



## → SERVING TO CHANGE LIVES: ROTARIANS' PERSPECTIVE



**By Julia Seifert & Charity Mwakio**

Let's unite and serve to change lives – Let's live and breathe Ubuntu

Change comes in all forms and shapes, at times it hurts, at times

it brings joy, at times uncertainty. At times it brings the long-awaited room to breathe and settle. One thing however is for certain, change is constant.

What defines the kind of community members and leaders we are is our resilience, adaptiveness, responsiveness and more so foresight to manage change effectively and emerge stronger from the process of change.

As Rotarians it is our calling to ensure this change in people's lives provides the necessary beacon of hope, trigger for positive impact or lasting change. To quote our Rotary Founder, Paul Harris, "Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time." Following the words of our founder we should remind ourselves that change is not always in the big and splashy things we see but can occur little by little, through small but deliberate choices one makes in their life and by thoughtful interventions that ease another's burdens. As Rotarians, let us embrace that change does not always require deep pockets or a large reach. Small changes may as well lead to great impact.

What we should however challenge ourselves is to ensure that every shilling we spend, every minute we engage in community projects, and laughter during swallowships will at the end of the day contribute to a lasting positive change in our communities.

Sustainability should be the leading agenda right from the start of our project planning and implementation. That said, sustainability should not only consider economic sustainability but should go beyond, considering environmental sustainability as well as societal sustainability.

As we set out to implement a project let us deeply reflect on these three pillars of

sustainability and ensure our projects do not only do more Good but also less Harm as the Sustainable Development Goals guide us.

In 2020/2021 we are requested more than ever to ensure to serve to change lives. Let this guide our clubs' agenda throughout the year and let's measure ourselves by it. Why not ask yourself at the beginning of each meeting – what change have you made during this last week, as individual Rotarians but also as a club.

Build your narrative, share your story of change, inspire others. Let's embrace learning from one another and building on and around each other's successes.

Almost equally important, let us also embrace failure and share it's story. Creating lasting change at scale is not a one Rotarians show that can be completed in a rotary year's time. We need to appreciate that we have failed in the past, probably failing somewhere now and will do so in future. Let's share stories of failure and how we rose from and above them in consequence.

Let's unite and serve to change lives – let ubuntu lead the maiden year of D9214.

### In Depth perspectives on this year's Rotary theme

Rotary always has a guiding theme each year and on this year's theme "Serving to change lives" UBUNTU writers and Rotarians Julia Seifert, Charity Mwakio along with Rotaract Faith Elisaria and DIS' outgoing president Interact Anna-Marie Bronkhorst share their In Depth perspective on what it means by serving to change lives.



**SERVE TO  
CHANGE LIVES**



→ Serving to change lives: A Rotaract perspective

**By Faith Elisaria**

Faith Elisaria, Rotaract Club of Dar City

"We are not here for very long so it's my duty to impact you the best way I know how. Let us live beyond measures as we are setting out to impact the world."

Caring for and serving others is the best way to live and embrace change and welcome a life full of opportunities. Your success is waiting for you to break up with your fears. I am longing to see the great power of Tanzanian youth to unlock their innovative and creative brains that provide a great opportunity to prosperity.

"We need to ask ourselves, Why Can't I? Instead of saying why I can't. Time waits for no one so take the limits off your life and believe you are powerful, as truly you are."

One tip I would like to share with my fellow youth is to take a chance and be shift makers that serve to change lives. Take a chance to lead, inspire and bring smiles to people around you. With our strong Rotary ethics comes the stellar ability as well as confidence and with confidence comes the habit of obliterating fear. With these qualities, I encourage my fellow Roteractors, you will be able to take risks and commit yourself to actions that are necessary to achieve change.



→ Serving to change lives: An interact perspective

**By Anna-Marie Bronkhorst**

Change the act of replacing(something) with something else, especially something of the same kind that is newer or better; substitute one thing for (another). Change still challenges people to date, I have realized that change comes in different ways, but it always starts with one person- it begins with YOU.

Change does not occur overnight, takes time, takes dedication, but the one thing I have learned throughout my presidency as the Dar es Salaam Independent School Interact club President is that change can be positive or negative. I have loved serving my community throughout the past several years, realizing that change begins with a person willing to do and bring good by crossing obstacles.

As Malala Yousafzai said, "When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful." This quote reminds me that change begins with one willingness to stand, to serve others, and bring changes as people's actions and voices are vital in changing other people's lives.

Serving to bring change comes with many challenges; throughout my presidency, I have learned that not everything goes as planned, things change in between, and these changes can cause difficulties. However, through encouraging advice from my peers, interact, family, and friends, I know that you cannot control change, but try if YOU decide.

Not everyone is born fortunate that's where WE step in. Choosing to serve is the first step; providing change by causing an impact is the second step this includes punching through formidable obstacles to Serving to Change Lives. People tend to look at the finished product but never take time to look at the process; the process is where you see how encouraged, devoted, and hard working the person is to bring the outcome.

I have and currently continue to bring change throughout my community by working on projects with my fellow interacts but with Tumaini la Maisha too by bringing change to children battling cancer.

I look forward to seeing many more people impact other people's lives by starting small by 1. choosing to serve and 2. acting on change. It's an honor working and serving to change lives.

**How well do you know our DG?**





# Introducing DG Young Kimaro

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**By Diana Elinam**

For the first edition of our UBUNTU newsletter, Rotarian Hamza Kasongo, also a member of the public image committee of the district 9214 held a virtual interview with DG Young Kimaro. In this interview DG Young takes us through her personal life journey as well as her Rotary journey. In addition, the DG speaks of her District Position goals.

## DG Young's personal life

**Rtn. Hamza:** You are far from your birthplace Seoul, Korea. Kindly tell us how you arrived at your home Mwika?

**DG Young:** I ended up in Mwika after meeting a very special person when I was a student at a graduate school in America which I was attending with Fulbright scholarship and he with Rockefeller.

**Rtn. Hamza:** How did you meet this special person?

**DG Young:** I was a political science student who passionately disliked politics. The only reason I studied it was because of my father whose dream was that I follow his footsteps into politics.

The only way I could keep myself from half interest in my graduate studies was African politics. In the 1960s, many African countries were becoming independent. Many leaders like Kwame Nkrumah, Jomo Kenyatta, Seku Toure and Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, captivated my young mind with their speeches and writings.

When I was looking for Mwalimu Nyerere's "Education for Self Sufficiency," a friend got me in touch with a Tanzanian student on campus. I called him and behold, he had it.

**Rtn. Hamza:** You have mentioned several leaders of yesteryears that intrigued you. How come you invested so much on the late Mwalimu Nyerere?

**DG Young:** It was his African socialism. His dream of a society without rigid social strata and everyone being equal, at least as I understood it then, was very appealing to me, as a young rebel who objected to rigid social strata and sense of entitlement that comes with it. Those were the times when ideology democracy, communism, socialism, imperialism – were hot topics that added to political tensions around the world.

**Rtn. Hamza:** I am curious to know when and where you met to receive your book from the Tanzanian student?

**DG Young:** It was at the State University of New York, in Binghamton, N.Y., in U.S.A. He brought the book to me. After a week, he demanded it back. When we ran into each other in the library, to my surprise he was quite charming and asked me out.

**Rtn. Hamza:** This is quite exciting, so afterwards you went on and got married. Kindly share the name of your husband?

**DG Young:** Kimaro. Sadikiel Kimaro.

**Rtn. Hamza:** Please tell us a bit about your marriage. How was it received by your families and friends?

**DG Young:** It came as a shock to both families. In those days, Koreans kept very much to themselves. Marrying outsiders, even if they are Chinese or Japanese whose looks and culture are very similar, was still frowned upon. A few years above, a friend of my brothers who married a Japanese woman and was disowned by his family.

My family almost succeeded in separating us. But I had a second thought. I have only one life to live. Should I not take charge and decide what was right for me? So, I went against their wishes. Over the years they got to know and love him, perhaps too much because now, if Kimaro and I have an argument, they all gang up on his side.

**Rtn. Hamza:** After you completed school, what was next for you two as newlyweds?

**DG Young:** Kimaro was away from his home, Mwika, for 10 years and he didn't waste even a day after his PhD dissertation was defended. But before leaving the U.S., he did have interviews with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

After teaching economics at the University of Dar es Salaam for few months, he became disillusioned. Then the country was so steeped in socialism, he felt that economics he had studied in the U.S. had little relevance there.

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to us, the IMF was trying to reach him with a job offer. By luck a neighbor, who happened to be working in that telex office, saw the last and final attempt by the IMF to reach Kimaro. He rushed the telex to us in person. We packed up and returned to the U.S., despite my emotional protests.

**Rtn. Hamza:** When you arrived in Tanzania, what was your first impression of it?

**DG Young:** I Korea in 1971 was one of the poorest



countries in the world. Its per capita income was lower than Tanzania then. I was enchanted by the houses I saw in Moshi and the beautiful Livingstone hotel we stayed overnight. The following morning, Mount Kilimanjaro revealed itself in all its snowy glory, towering over Moshi. That took my breath away. It was love at first sight.

**Rtn. Hamza:** Upon arriving at Moshi and Mwika, how was your transition?

**DG Young:** When we arrived in Moshi, no one was at the airport to meet us. We had been delayed by a week in the U.S., and had no means of contacting them. His family, after having waited for us day after day at the airport, had just given up and returned to Mwika.

The road trip up the muddy slopes of the mountain in a cranky old sedan taxi was quite an adventure. When we finally arrived at Kimaro's home, a loud cry rang through the farm alerting all of our arrival.

Kimaro's mother was the first to reach the car. She took our little infant into her arms and began to sing and dance with the baby cradled in her arms. That so touching. My father-in-law, when he was offered the baby, shook his head and put hands behind his back. After we had settled in, he came, having washed off sweat and soil from farming and dressed in clean clothes. He stretched out for the baby. That said it all.

## DG Young on her Rotary Journey

**Rtn. Hamza:** How and when did you join Rotary?

**DG Young:** I was encouraged by two people: the then DG Stephen Mwanje and Kimaro.

When DG Mwanje came for his visit to Moshi club, he stayed with us. At that time, I had joined a Lion's club in Moshi, following my father's footsteps, and was its incoming president.

DG Mwanje challenged Kimaro to start a Rotary club in Mwika. He wished I would be the club's charter president, but no. I disagreed. It should be a person from Mwika. Indeed, Kimaro recruited into Rotary a prominent medical doctor, Professor John Shao, a son of Mwika, who was heading the regional hospital, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, in Moshi. He rightly became RC Mwika's Charter President. As for DG Mwanje, he kept his promise and came to charter our club.

**Rtn. Hamza:** How come you left the position to become the president and start the club from scratch?

**DG Young:** Our main wish, when we returned to Tanzania, was to give back. At that time, we were living in Moshi, as Mwika had no internet

connection then. Lions club kept me occupied in service in communities around Moshi and beyond. When the opportunity came to do service in Mwika through a new Rotary club there, it was an opportunity I could not miss.

**Rtn. Hamza:** What projects that were executed well by you and your club and are still memorable to you?

**DG Young:** Three stand out.

Foot bridge projects, for one. The slopes of Kilimanjaro are full of streams. Villagers depend on tree trunks laid across the streams with, at times, wooden planks placed over them. But with high humidity and frequent rains they rot through in no time or get carried away in flash floods. Each year, several people were known lost their lives by falling from the bridge.

During the long rains, when rains last for 3-4 months, children may miss school, villagers cannot take their produce to the market, health centers, though they are visible from across the stream, cannot be reached, etc. RC Mwika decided to change that with concrete bridges.

At the first opening of the bridge, it was as usual. Rotary Club President cut the ribbon. Then we came up with ideas to enhance villagers' sense ownership of the footbridge. At the second opening, the club President invited the village head to cut the ribbon with her. At the third opening, we adopted an MOU and had it read out and signed by the village chair, quoting the moving very words spoken by a village priest at the second opening. "This bridge was built by the villagers of Lole with help from Rotary Clubs of Chico and Mwika. The bridge ours and we will keep it in good shape for our children and our children's children." From the fourth opening on, a plaque which are placed by the bridge head inscribed that the bridge was "built by the villagers", with support from Rotary Clubs and Mwika residents. We have so far built eight concrete bridges.

We have so far completed seven computer projects. For that, schools had to meet several pre-conditions: (1) a separate room is set aside for a computer lab, (2) the door and windows of the room are grilled for security, (3) furnished appropriately for computers, (4) the room has electricity connection, (5) computer lab fee charges have been approved by the school board, (6) provision has been made for the fees to be set aside to cover computer lab operation and maintenance costs. We realized later that (7) a staff is assigned fulltime to manage the computer lab should be added.

The third was a school mentoring project to improve school management. Five poorest performing primary schools in the area among 24

were twinned with five best performing ones.

We held retreats in poor performing schools. Students, parents, teachers, and management were grouped separately into focus groups to make everyone feels free to express their views. Two representatives each of students, parents, teachers and management from their high performing twin schools participated to share their experiences.

In the morning, these four groups met in different rooms, discussing what they thought were reasons for poor school performance and came up with recommendations for actions the school should take to address these problems. In the afternoon, all groups assembled and shared their findings and recommendations for actions.

This was repeated in three rounds, six months apart. The exercise unearthed many disturbing happenings in schools. To our surprises, students pleaded their teachers to give them homework. They complained of some teachers coming to school drunk. Some would be away from the classroom for hours, or send them on errands to the market or send them to their farms to do work. These misdeeds being brought out into the open did bring about change for the better..

## DG Young on District 9214

**Rtn. Hamza:** For those who are not familiar with Rotary, what is all this district splitting about?

**DG Young:** Rotary is thriving in Africa; Rotary is growing unlike the First World where Rotary has become aged and shrinking.

Since Rotary came to Uganda and Tanzania, we have undergone redistricting, many at times, even within my short Rotary memory, I recall we had been District 9200, then 9211 and now 9214. Each time it was caused by growth in membership. This time also. Membership in District 9211 had grown to 5,000+ members and more than 180 Rotary clubs, too large for one district to handle. So again, we are splitting into two districts.

Uganda could have become two independent districts on its own, but their Rotary heart led them to keep one part of it to remain with Tanzania till we grow into our own district. Before long, we hope Tanzania too will grow into its own district and grow further to have more than one district. Yes, we should grow more to change more lives.

**Rtn. Hamza:** When you take your role as the DG, what is your vision?

**DG Young:** My vision for D9214 is to call for teamwork at all levels and youth focus. But before we go into that I would like re-emphasize that "Rotary is What Rotary Does." We recognize that "the" actors who shape our District and Rotary are

our clubs are at the center of what our District is. We, District officers, are here solely to support, encourage and enable clubs to do more to save lives.

Teamwork at all levels – within clubs, across clubs, across district committees, and across districts – where sharing, collaboration, brainstorming together will enable us to arrive at better solutions and achieve more than we could ever do on our own.

Youth focus. The district takes collaboration with the Rotaracts beyond Rotary International's recommendation that every district have Rotaract presence in District committees, and clubs Boards.

All Rotaract District Leaders are incorporated into the District Team to deliberate and make decisions together with Rotarians so that we are all on the same page and the signals given to Rotarians and Rotaracts are consistent.

We will continue to promote Rotaract

Rotary joint projects, and enable them to gain hands-on experience in projects from conceptualization and planning, to implementation and management.

We encourage youthful club leadership to re-energize clubs and make them vibrant and innovative, combining them with experience and insights of senior Rotarians to support and guide them.

**Rtn. Hamza:** As we come to the end of this interview, what words do you have for fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary?

**DG Young:** For fellow Rotarians, let's do more to get the good work of Rotary known to the general public. Let's reach out to the leadership in our communities, to those leaders who are known for their integrity and commitment to the good of the community. Let's join hands with them so that together we can achieve more.

Let's do more to get the good work of Rotary known to our members, to make them feel good, to become energized and inspired to stay engaged.

To those who are not sure whether they want to commit themselves to become a Rotarian, I would like say "You don't know what they are missing."

What we Rotarians give of our expertise, time and money to serve is so small compared to what service to humanity gives us in return. There is a strong sense of meaning to our lives and inner peace. Then we have the luxury of being surrounded by the caring company of Rotary family, and humbling encounters with so many admirable Rotarians who live by their values. What more can we ask for?



# The Future Depends on What you Do Today!

**By Diana Elinam & Catherinerose Barretto**

It is very impactful watching Rotarians getting involved in innovative activities that are catalyzing the change and development of our community. Together with Rotarian and UBUNTU writer Catherinerose Barretto who was the TEDxOysterbay Lead Curator, we bring to you an insight of the TEDxOysterbay event that took place in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and brought the Dar Es Salaam community as well as many Rotarians.

Mahatma Gandhi said "The future depends on what you do today", let's take a step back and think what are we doing today to grow the leadership we need in our Rotary community? Does this mean setting up an elaborate project, or could it be something as simple as providing a learning and networking opportunity? The Rotary Club of Bahari Dar es Salaam saw TEDxOysterbay 2021 as an opportunity to inspire and motivate future leaders in their personal and professional journeys.

The current economic climate and the Covid 19 pandemic drew the TEDxOysterbay team to focus on immediate needs closest to home. The team took a step back and looked at the big picture: Why should we, as a society, continue to invest in our sustainable wellbeing and development? How can we work across borders, barriers and political boundaries to make positive change? And what returns can we expect on our investments? Featuring talks by some of Tanzania's most inspired thinkers and doers, TEDxOysterbay looked at what changes have taken place around us, what we can learn, and what more needs to be done to ensure the health and well-being of future generations. This year's TEDxOysterbay speakers included storytellers, musicians, a psychologist, a creative entrepreneur, a molecular biologist, a techpreneur, a chef and a 10 year old poet.

Through their sponsorship of 10 Rotaractors to attend TEDxOysterbay 2021, RC Bahari recognised that the TEDx experience would provide a vibrant and engaging space for Rotaractors who are on their own leadership and professional journeys, and give them the opportunity to engage with diverse people and knowledge. This was an event held in the city, easily accessible by various modes of transport, where Rotarians would also be present - providing an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between Rotarians and Rotaractors. Rotaractors also had the opportunity to see Rotarian, Next Generation Director and molecular biologist Brian Tarimo on the TEDxOysterbay 2021 stage. What better way to model the leadership we need, by showing that it is indeed possible?

Rotarian Brian Tarimo is a research scientist at Ifakara Health Institute (IHI). Brian is trained in molecular biology and bioinformatics and his research focuses on mosquitoes that transmit diseases such as Malaria and Dengue. Brian leverages his knowledge and skills to understand why certain mosquitoes are better than others at transmitting these diseases by looking at the complex interaction between mosquitoes and the parasite they carry. Through his research, Brian hopes to gather novel insights that will lead into the identification of potential new strategies such as drugs or vaccines for the control of vector borne diseases.

The Rotaractors who attended TEDxOysterbay said it was an eye opening experience, where they were able to connect and engage with a very diverse group of people, some whom they might otherwise not encounter in their day-to-day life. They enjoyed engaging with and learning from Rotarians, and were inspired by the TEDx speakers and their ideas. Some were even motivated to join the TEDx community, and apply to speak at the next TEDx!





## A profile on IPP Anna-Marie Bronkhorst: An Exemplary Interact heading to University

My name is Anna-Marie Bronkhorst. I am a 19-year-old graduate from Dar es Salaam Independent School (DIS). In 2020, I was elected as the Rotary Interact club president of Dar es Salaam Independent School (DIS), becoming the longest-running President from 2020 to 2021. I will pursue a bachelor's degree in Built Environment in the Netherlands at the Breda University of Applied Science this August.

I have always dreamt of being a Marine Biologist; something about the water just drew me more towards it, leading to becoming a competitive swimmer and an athlete. But as days, hours, minutes, and seconds passed by, I wanted to become more, causing me to redirect my educational path. As a child, I have always wanted to open a refugee camp in Tanzania for children and open my organization and branches across Tanzania, other parts of Africa, and the Netherlands. My Imagination leads me to think that nothing is impossible and there are no limitations in life. Currently, I am still holding on to those little girl's dreams and creating new ones. I currently work at Tumanini La Maisha (TLM) at Muhimbili National Hospital and operate and organize a project at Mtakuja Beach Secondary School, Kunduchi, with Haven of Peace Academy (Hopac) and my Rotary Interact club team.

The project with Mtakuja Beach Secondary School involves aiding the educational

system by donating 50 books to each form (1 to 4) in every subject at the school's request. The project has not been easy as it is a big project, and as a small Interact club, it has not been easy to get as many donations from both DIS and Hopac to reach our target. However, we have not let this become our downfall but an opportunity for us to learn and come back stronger.

I have organized pledges for our project and received donations from former students who have completed their studies with the Tanzanian syllabus (NECTA). As Interacts, Students, Teenagers, and future leaders, we have faced and learned so much from this project as not everything went smoothly, but we have accepted and adapted to the situation by continuing to serve and change the educational system by donating 10 to 15 books in every form per subject.

It has not been easy for me as the President to accept this hard fall, I felt like I had lost everything, disappointed and utterly ashamed of the loss, but I had to think about the timeline and the limited funding that we have gained throughout this challenging time as many people have been affected by the pandemic since 2020 till currently and my team. As the President, I have not let this drag us behind, but I have allowed this to become a life lesson. I have learned that you should keep moving with your head up high no matter what as you punch through the harsh obstacles thrown through your path.

We are soon to finish this project and hand over the books to Mtakuja Beach Secondary School and accomplish our goal in combating one of the Sustainable development goals endorsed by the United Nations. I hope this won't be the last to hear from the DIS and Hopac Rotary Interact club as we are ready to make changes for more future leaders.



HANNIFER MUSOKE  
Immediate Past President  
2021-2022



## The Successful Journey of RC Muyenga

### Opening Opportunities Amidst the Pandemic

It's interesting how time flies! We are in June already, the last month of the Rotary opportunity year of service. As the president of Rotary Club of Muyenga, I am happy to note that we have registered great milestones albeit the Covid pandemic. Our ability to adapt our systems to the virtual world and the resilience to soldier on in uncertain times has been pivotal to the success achieved this far.

Continuous member engagement in various activities kept the club together. Our hybrid fellowship ensured a good balance of both physical interaction and online presence. The use of online and social media platforms ensured effective communication to our members, Rotary fraternity and the public at large.

Allow me share a few of our major highlights for the year: -

- Significant contribution to the Rotary Foundation worth \$86,976.
- Implementation of two major global grants projects worth \$225,328. The

Kamwewa Water and Sanitation project providing safe and clean water and improved sanitary facilities to 24 villages in three parishes within Nansana Municipality, Luweero District with a total estimated beneficiary count of 15,000 lives.



20,000Litres concrete water tank  
Provided to 10 schools  
30 Water purifiers for drinking water

Economic empowerment project dubbed "**Katalemwa Modern Wheelchair Manufacturing Project**" involving equipment purchase, workshop expansion

and manufacturing of 100 aluminium wheel chairs that meet international standards.



Katalemwa Workshop Renovation & Wheel Chair Manufacturing machine

## Disease Prevention And Control

In the area of disease prevention and control we saved a life by supporting a heart operation for a student worth Ugs: 15million and also Enhanced the safety of health workers by providing 700 face shields to Kiruddu National Referral hospital and St. Francis Hospital Nsambya.



*700 Face shields for the front line workers.*

We appreciate our partners in service RC Wobulenzi, RC Calgary, RC Vienna, RC Burlington, RC Muyenga Sunday Sunset and RC Muyenga Tankhill. Member participation in projects was commendable with over 400 hours invested in club projects.

We maintained close collaboration with our rotaract clubs by conducting joint projects and fellowships as well as supporting Rotaract youth leadership programs like RYLA and ROTA. Our membership growth has been minimal with a total headcount of 122 members. Attracting and nurturing new members was a challenge due to the limited physical interaction. On the upside we managed to start up a new club RC Butabika Royals making it a total of 13 RCM sponsored clubs today.

At the district and international level we were able to host the World Polio Day celebrations. Our Past District Governor's PDG Emmanuel Katongole and Kenneth Wycliff Mugisha were Co-Chairs for the Africa Zone 20 Institute successfully held at Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort in December 2020. PDG Emmanuel was also appointed as the RI President Special representative at the DCA in Accra as well as the Chair Peace Major Gifts Initiative for 2021-22. He was also appointed among the African Centennial Rotary Heroes. The District Chair Monitoring and Evaluation, Vice Country Chair and Two Assistant Governor's for D9214 have been appointed from Rotary Club of Muyenga.



These appointments reflect the quality of the Rotary Club of Muyenga membership profile.



All in all, we have more to celebrate and we believe that we have opened opportunities for our community and ourselves. Our ability to adapt to the requirements of the new normal, focus on member engagement, great collaboration with partners and utilization of synergies has enabled Rotary Club of Muyenga to remain afloat and achieve great milestones this year.

Special appreciation goes out to the board of directors, members of the club, District Governor Rossetti and the district team, for we could only achieve this much, with the support of each and every one of you!

Let's continue to serve and change lives with President Elect Augustus Nuwagaba and Governor Young Kimaro D9214.

# My Unique Experience at Skia Cafe



*Written by Rtn Ruth Namutebi  
RC Kisugu-Victoria View*

I recently went to Jinja and had breakfast at Sikia Cafe on Gabula Road. At the entrance two ladies seated at the counter with very warm smiles and smartly dressed in uniform ushered me in towards the inner lounge. As I stared at the beautifully decorated walls they presented to me the menu together with a pen and a notebook to write down what I wanted to be served.

I later realized that at this restaurant the mute and deaf run the business and therefore much of the communication is carried out by either sign language or by writing down in the notebook. What surprised me was when I requested for vegetable samosas, immediately the waitress wrote in the notebook that they were only left with beef samosas. These ladies are so gifted; they serve within the expected time, provide the cash balance as required and perform their duty diligently.

I also learnt that this unique business is owned by a couple who decided to empower their staff by using their unique skills. They uplifted the disadvantaged, refined their skills in order for them to be recognized. These entrepreneurs went against all odds to promote their business on such a foundation. It is now becoming a tourist attraction, foreigners and other travellers going through Jinja stop for ice cream, freshly brewed organic coffee, pizza and freshly grilled tilapia fish.

By the time one leaves the restaurant she will have learnt a sign or two to communicate with staff.









# Presidents' Quotes

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**IPP Nkalubo  
Dennis PHF**  
Club President  
2020/2021

## **IPP RC Kyotera**

The Rotary year 2020/2021 will remain in history as the year of Covid 19 pandemic. My year of service began on 3rd July 2020 with a virtual installation due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Though it has been a difficult time, I was overjoyed getting the opportunity of serving as the 17th Club President.

All began with a joint virtual installation with the Rotary Club of Kalisizo presided over by DGND Ssemwaga Francisco who inspired me to continue loving Rotary and serve humanity mostly the needy. DGND Ssemwaga energized and inspired me to serve my Club with all the zeal and determination. I am ending my year in the second wave of Covid 19 which is worse than the first one where Churches, learning institutions, businesses were closed and transport restricted, night curfew enforced!

It is my opportune time to thank the almighty God who has enabled us to go through the thick and thin effects of this covid19 pandemic, my Opportunity board and fellow Rotarians for the love, courage and support you accorded to me throughout my leadership. Your acceptance to lead you has helped me to learn many things in Rotary and equipped me with administration skills which are vital in my leadership as a Head teacher.

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**IPP Mary Anne  
Mugo**

## **IPP Rotary club of Oysterbay**

"As I handover the President's Chain to Incoming President Aisha look back at the year we had in the office with a lot of pride. Being crowned as the Rotary Club of The Year 2020/2021 has given the Club motivation to aim for higher heights as we continue to serve our communities. The Club lived up to its reputation and achieved more than many expected.

This was despite various external and internal Challenges. I wish to thank the Board and Club Members for believing in our dreams. We had a very good ride through resilience, passion, courage and commitment. I look forward to taking up new roles both at Club and District Level.

I am the Incoming Club TRF Director, Country TRF Fundraising Chair, Assistant Governor for 3 clubs, Rotary Roses Vice Country Chair and the 97th DCA Fundraising Chair. A full Rotary Year 2021/2022. As we usher in the new District 9214 I am excited by the opportunities that lie ahead of us as we start to grow our new District to higher heights through our own District Governor Young Kimaro"

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**IPP Francis Esau**

## **IPP Rotaract Club of Muyenga 2020/2021**

### **RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION IN HARD TIMES IN ROTARY**

2020/2021 year has been tremendously challenging, there have been remarkable stories of human resilience, and creativity in Rotary International fraternity across the globe particularly Rotaract Club of Muyenga which had human resilience to execute club projects like Million Smile, Blood Donation Drive and Sexual Reproductive and Tree fruits planting in Iganga district.

Most of us have grown up listening to the bedtime story of the rabbit and the tortoise. We recall that the tortoise was the hero. Besides being "slow and steady", it won the race because it practiced resilience, as well – especially, as he saw the rabbit moving at a much faster speed.

This fact proves to be true in real life, as well. Take a moment and look back at the stories of Isaac Newton and Thomas Edison. These were people who believed in the unseen reality and kept moving without being bogged down by the failure, adversities, and barriers as they moved. Each one of us may not be the next Newton or Edison but we have something innate in common with these legends. If we recognize, and leverage that power well, we can dig opportunities in adversities and still thrive.

# Presidents' Quotes

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**President  
Diamond Carvalho**

## ***President Rotary Club of Bahari***

"My whole life has been influenced by family and friends who have served to change lives, making this year's theme truly fitting for my term as President of Bahari.

So this year, I hope our new District can find more meaningful ways to engage young people in service – especially our Rotaractors and Interactors.

This year, I hope our District can build upon the success of pre-pandemic outreach programs and motivate members to find creative ways to revive existing programs and start new ones especially for the girl child.

This year, to engage Bahari members and their families in serving to change lives, we are planning to have a Family Service Day and have started the 444+ Service Challenge.

This year, more than ever, it is going to take a village - all of us coming together and taking ownership as we get involved, at Bahari and in the District.

Diamond Carvalho, President Rotary Club of Bahari Dar es Salaam. 2021 -2022"

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**President Faith  
Elisaria**

## ***President Dar City Rotaract Club***

A leader should know when and how to take risks. During my leadership period I will consider ways in which I can make a difference and promote sustainability in running our project service and the club. I know it won't be easy but I will utilize the lessons that, "failure alone can provide an ultimate stronger return, better preparation and more determination than ever before".

**Tips to my fellow leaders:** As a leader you are fully capable of becoming the best. Take a moment right now to get clear about your ultimate goals and commit yourself to actions that are necessary to achieve. With a strong Rotary ethics comes ability, with stellar ability comes confidence and with confidence comes the habit of obliterating fear. With these qualities you will be able to take risks.

In conclusion, I would love to quote – Anthony J. D'Angelo who says, "Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

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**President  
Bernadette  
Kirsch**

## ***President Rotary Club of Stonetown***

"The Rotary Club of Stonetown aims to grow the Club and all its projects in a sustainable and organic way. Being a Permaculturist myself, guided by the ethics of Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share, I will strive on projects focused on regenerative and sustainable goals. Projects where it continues to help even after we are finished with funding. We will also focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for our club. In addition, we will program throughout the year activities for members that are fun, wholesome and vibrant and inclusive. Our presence in our community should be highlighted more than before".

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**President Irene  
Nakanwagi  
Luweesi**

## ***President Rotary Club of Nsangi***


Dear Rtns, Rtrs, Intrs and all valued friends,

"I have no fear for the future", as Winston Churchill once said. "Let us go forward into its mysteries, let us tear aside the veils which hide it from our eyes and let us move onward with confidence and courage to serve and change lives."

As the president of RC Nsangi, I do expect a lot from my members as we have plans and goals to achieve this year.

Our plans as a club in 2021 will be to prioritize our signature project, "The Camping Rotarians' Fellowship", which brings together members from different clubs to participate in a fundraising drive to save the lives of children. We shall also construct and equip a Maternity Health Center IV at Nsangi town council and give four water tanks to two schools as part of our Wash project to improve on sanitation.

## JUNE OBITUARIES


Rotary  Rotary Opens Opportunities

### CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL LIVED:

**Rtn PE George Opio**

**Date:**  
Sat. 19th  
June, 2021

**Time:**  
7pm - 9pm



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Rotary  Rotary Opens Opportunities  
Club of Nsangi

EULOGY FELLOWSHIP FOR PAST PRESIDENT  
SUSAN LUKWAGO SSENKUBUGE

**TODAY** SUNDAY  
13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021  
7:00 PM


(RIP)




Meeting ID: 348 103 1511  
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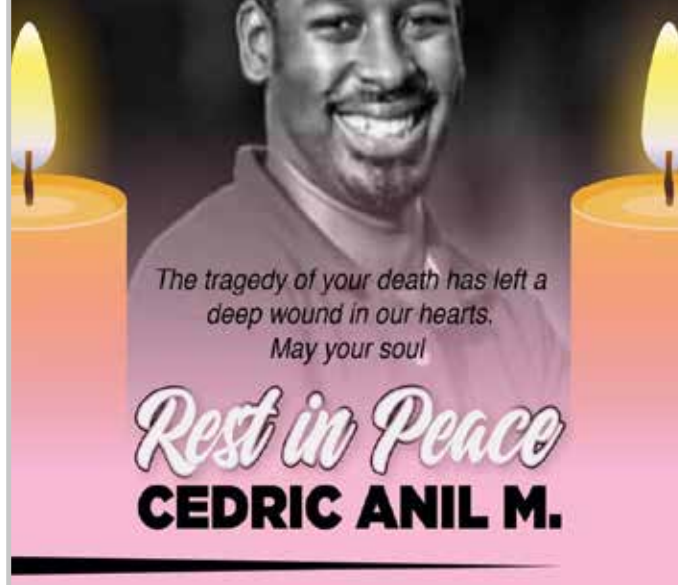
Rotary   
Muyenga Sunday Summit




*The tragedy of your death has left a deep wound in our hearts.  
May your soul*

### Rest in Peace

**CEDRIC ANIL M.**





Rotary  Rotary Opens Opportunities  
Club of Lubowa

### Rest In Peace

**DCND AGGREY KANKUNDA**

A great person, Rotarian and friend he was and his memory will forever stay with us.

Our condolences go to the family, the Rotary club of Kampala south and the entire Rotary Family in Uganda





## ROTARY CLUBS

### D9214 - ROTARY CLUBS IN TANZANIA

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Arusha                         | 17. Dar es Salaam - Mikocheni | 34. Morogoro North        |
| 2. Arusha Clock Tower             | 18. Dar es Salaam - North     | 35. Moshi                 |
| 3. Arusha Golden Sunrise          | 19. Dar es Salaam - Oysterbay | 36. Musoma                |
| 4. Arusha Mt. Meru                | 20. Dar es Salaam - Peninsula | 37. Malimu Nyerere Dodoma |
| 5. Arusha Westside                | 21. Dar es Salaam - Ukonga    | 38. Mwanga                |
| 6. Babati                         | 22. Geita - Provisional       | 39. Mwanza                |
| 7. Bahi-provisional               | 23. Hai                       | 40. Mwika                 |
| 8. Bukoba                         | 24. Igoma                     | 41. Ng'ambo               |
| 9. Bukoba-Uhuru                   | 25. Iringa                    | 42. Njiro                 |
| 10. Dar es Salaam                 | 26. Karagwe                   | 43. Pugu Road             |
| 11. Dar es Salaam - Mzizima       | 27. Karatu                    | 44. Rombo                 |
| 12. Dar es Salaam - Sunset        | 28. Kibo                      | 45. Same                  |
| 13. Dar es Salaam - Bahari        | 29. KLM                       | 46. Songea                |
| 14. Dar es Salaam - City          | 30. Machame                   | 47. Tanga                 |
| 15. Dar es Salaam - Masaki e-Club | 31. Mamba                     | 48. Tanga Centarl         |
| 16. Dar es Salaam - Mbezi Beach   | 32. Marangu                   | 49. Usa River             |
|                                   | 33. Morogoro Central          | 50. Zanzibar              |

### D9214 - ROTARY CLUBS IN UGANDA

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Bunga                   | 18. Kigo                     | 35. Mutundwe              |
| 2. Bushenyi                | 19. Kihhi                    | 36. Muyenga               |
| 3. Bwebajja                | 20. Kisugu-Victoria View     | 37. Muyenga Sunday Sunset |
| 4. Entebbe                 | 21. Kyengera                 | 38. Muyenga Tank Hill     |
| 5. Gaba                    | 22. Kyotera                  | 39. Nabbingo              |
| 6. Ibanda                  | 23. Lubowa                   | 40. Nalumunye             |
| 7. Kabale                  | 24. Lukaya                   | 41. Namasuba              |
| 8. Kabwohe                 | 25. Lwengo                   | 42. Nateete Kampla        |
| 9. Kajjansi                | 26. Lyantonde Metropolitan   | 43. Nkumba                |
| 10. Kalangala Ssese Island | 27. Mahinga Kisoro           | 44. Nsangi                |
| 11. Kalisizo               | 28. Makerere Kampala Rainbow | 45. Ntungamo              |
| 12. Kampala Munyonyo       | 29. Makindye West-Kampala    | 46. Rubaga                |
| 13. Kampala Muyenge Breeze | 30. Masaka                   | 47. Rubaga Lake View      |
| 14. Kampala Wendegeya      | 31. Mbarara                  | 48. Rukungiri Central     |
| 15. Kansanga               | 32. Mbarara City             | 49. Rwampara              |
| 16. Kasese                 | 33. Mbarara East             | 50. Seguku                |
| 17. Kasese Snow Peak       | 34. Mengo                    |                           |

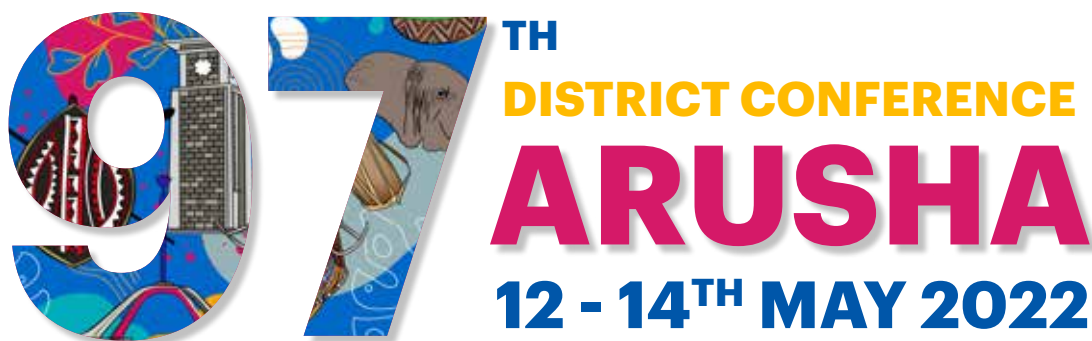




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