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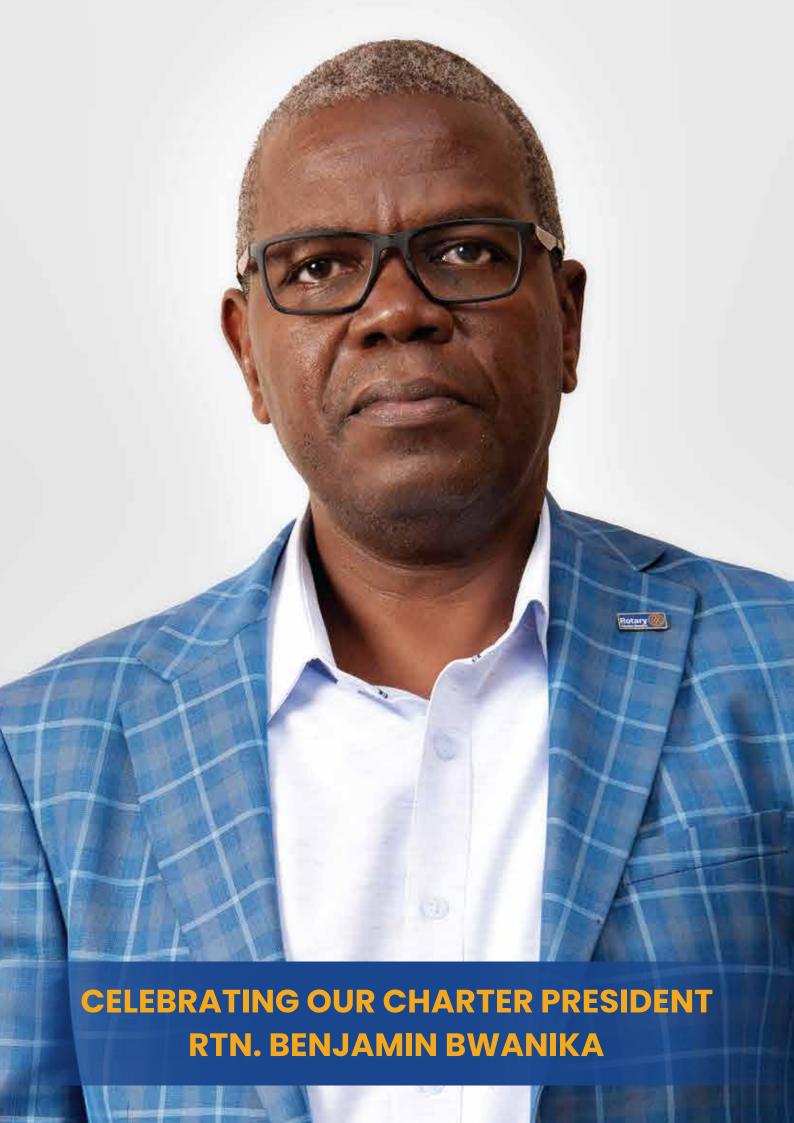


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RCG gears up for the Rotary Cancer Run 2023

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the Peninsula; our quarterly magazine of the Rotary Club of Garuga. It is with so much gratitude that I write my final message as Chief Editor. This

I must say it has been a great 3months and to think about it being the end of the Visionary Year; its gratitude all over. So much transpired in the past 3months as you will read on. It's all been exciting and worth it.

Special thanks to the Visionary President also Charter President of the Rotary Club of Garuga; Benjamin Bwanika for being a true leader, mentor and role model for all. Thank you Visionary team for making the year 2022/2023 a great and successful one.

Thank you to Buddy groups Bukaaya, Sinde and Katabi for the exciting content over the past 3 months. Thank you to my fellow Rotarians for the tremendous support during my year of service. It's been a pleasure serving others. I look forward to continuing to work with you as a fellow Rotarian.

Jackie Nankabirwa K Director Public Relations RY 2022/2023

ROTARY CLUB OF GARUGA

Club No. 223360 | Chartered on 3rd December 2021 We meet every Friday, 7:30pm at Wilna Motel, Garuga



MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

NOT GOODBYE, BUT GOOD WORK

Speaking to you through the pages of Rotary magazine this past year has brought me so much joy. I have especially enjoyed sharing the incredible stories of the wonderful people Nick and I have met on the Imagine Impact Tour.

From Patzún in the mountainous western highlands of Guatemala to a small village outside of Lusaka, Zambia, we have been greeted by countless people who imagine and work toward a better world. We were inspired by teachers who imagine a better education for girls and boys facing gender-based violence, by Rotaractors in a refugee settlement who created a flour mill to provide for their families in a critical food shortage, and by brave polio workers who push tirelessly to reach every last child.

All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.

Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we've shared and for your efforts to Imagine Rotary. And now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we Create Hope in the World. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you.

JENNIFER JONES
President Rotary International



MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We have actively fostered partnerships and collaborations with local organizations, government entities, world bodies and other community stakeholders. By leveraging these alliances, we have been able to maximize our impact and extend our reach even further.

Reflecting on a Year of Visionary Service:

BUILDING BRIDGES, TRANSFORMING LIVES

As I reflect upon the past 12 months, it fills me with immense gratitude and pride to have had the privilege of serving as your District Governor. June 2023 marks the culmination of my term, and I stand before you today with a heart full of appreciation and a deep sense of accomplishment.

Together, we embarked on a remarkable journey, united by our shared commitment to Rotary's noble ideals and the pursuit of positive change. Throughout the year, we witnessed the transformative power of Rotary in action, touching the lives of countless individuals in Uganda and Tanzania. It is through our collective efforts and unwavering dedication that we have made a lasting impact on our communities.

One of the distinguishing characteristics of Visionary Rotarians has been our unwavering on community engagement. focus recognized the importance of breaking away from traditional meeting venues and instead chose to conduct official club visits through club projects in the community. This strategic approach allowed members of the community to witness firsthand the impact Rotary makes in their lives and to some of our Rotarians and Rotaractors, a reflection on what our resources can deliver. By immersing ourselves in the communities we serve, we have not only raised awareness about Rotary but also fostered connections and trust community members.

Our dedication to community-based projects has created a ripple effect of positive change. impactful initiatives such Through healthcare camps, educational programs, and infrastructure development, Rotary's presence has become synonymous with progress and compassion. The community members who have directly benefited from these projects now understand the true essence of Rotary and the genuine care we have for their well-being. Moreover, our vision has extended beyond individual projects. We have actively fostered partnerships and collaborations with local government entities, organizations, bodies and other community stakeholders. By leveraging these alliances, we have been able to maximize our impact and extend our reach even further. Our relentless pursuit community engagement has solidified Rotary as a trusted and reliable partner.

The choice of our youth to utilise the financial independence provided by Pride Microfinance and scholarships by UTAMU University will remain in their hands. Another core pillar of our district's focus has been the flagship project, maternal and child health.

We recognize that the well-being of mothers and children is of paramount importance, and we have worked tirelessly to ensure their access to quality healthcare services. Guided by this belief, we have implemented numerous initiatives aimed at improving maternal and child health outcomes. From the capacity building of health personnel to the provision of essential healthcare equipment and supplies, we have endeavored to protect the health and well-being of mothers and their children. The smiles on the faces of mothers holding their healthy babies are a testament to the impact we have made in this crucial area.

Our commitment to service extends beyond maternal and child health into the remaining six areas of focus where we have also made strides. have offered significant We scholarships, built schools and equipped them, we have provided a million liters of water through water schemes, refurbished spring wells, installed rainwater harvesting tanks and boreholes, constructed toilets and latrines, we have planted more trees, and began the management of waste as a source of income, supported communities to prevent diseases and fought poverty as well as keeping our eye and brain on building peace. We have laid the foundation for a brighter future for the children of our communities.

Throughout this journey, I have been inspired by the incredible leadership qualities displayed by each and every one of you, starting with our Visionary Presidents and District leaders. Together, we have fostered a spirit of collaboration and unity, ensuring that no challenge is insurmountable.

Whether it was serving as a bridge within our families or coordinating activities within our clubs and organizations, we have exemplified the true essence of Rotarianism.

I am also immensely grateful for the unwavering support of my spouse Anne Taremwa, our two lovely boys Emmanuel and Elroy, my mother from whom I copy generosity, and indeed my wider family. Their love and encouragement have been a source of strength throughout this incredibly beautiful journey. It is their unwavering belief in me that has allowed me to lead with conviction and purpose. To my friends who have prayed and provided material support, God will pay you several fold on my behalf.

As I conclude my term as District Governor, I implore you to carry forward the torch of service and continue making a difference in the lives of others. Let us remain committed to the Four-Way Test, always striving to do what is true, fair, and beneficial as we build goodwill and better friendship. Let us continue to extend a helping hand to the needy and ensure that our communities thrive.

As I finally pass the torch to our incoming District Governor Francisco, I have no doubt that our district's future is in capable hands. Let us support them to create hope and make Rotary better than each of us found it. Let us remain committed to taking Rotary to the communities that need us the most. By ensuring that our actions align with our values, we can make an enduring impact and create a legacy of service and compassion. Let's laugh louder and more often, win the affection of children and the respect of our superiors.

Thank you my Rotary Kajjansi family for nominating me, thank you our Visionary leaders for your able hands and brains shared in all clubs and to the entire membership of 9214 and beyond, thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as an enviable District Governor. It has been an incredible journey, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such extraordinary individuals. Together, let us continue to ignite the spirit of Rotary and transform lives.

Yours in love, Peace Taremwa District Governor 2022/2023



MESSAGE FROM THE VISIONARY PRESIDENT

CP. BENJAMIN BWANIKA

At the Rotary Club of Garuga, the last quarter of the Visionary year was a bountiful harvest.

Our Charter President chartered another Charter President. The Rotaract Club of Garuga was born. Nine (09) new members were converted from the sixteen (16) prospects. A conversion rate of about 56%. We are looking at raising this conversion rate to 80% this coming year. We are exercising the principle of "Quality at the gate".

At the 97th DCA, RCG was represented by one member. This trend changed at the 98th DCA. We had nine (09) members from the mighty Rotary Club of Garuga in Mbarara. We are very hopeful that his number will continue growing for the subsequent District Conferences.

We are also targeting to send at least three (03) members to the RI convention in Singapore.

The last quarter saw us register a growth in TRF giving. We have an additional ten (10) Paul Harris Fellows:

- 1. Agetie Aikirize
- 2. Diana Nuwatuheire

- 3. Edward Kinda
- 4. Jackie Nankabirwa Kabugo
- 5. Violet Namayanja Nyenje
- 6. Daniel Kwesiga
- 7. Aidah Namanya
- 8. Teddy Nakawooya
- 9. Joel Lugaya
- 10. Allan Obalim

One of the ten donors, Rtn Teddy Nakawooya, is a new member of our Club. I take this opportunity to thank her for having a Rotarian heart.

During the DCA, the Club installed and handed over eight (08) solar lamps to the management of the Kitagata Hot Springs.

At the beginning of June, we partnered with the Rotary Club of Bwebajja and started constructing a three level, six classroom A level block at Kitala Senior Secondary school. This is our transition project into the Hope Creation year.

To my Visionary team, we have run our race. Thank you is an understatement. The achievements will speak for themselves.

I take this opportunity to wish Hope Creator President, Rtn Julius Muzira, a very successful term in office.

Viva RCG.





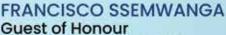




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JULIUS ERIAB MUZIRA

2nd President Rotary Club of Garuga



Guest of Honour District Governor, D9214



Rtns: 100k Rtrs: 50k

CLINTON ONYANGO

Charter President Rotaract Club of Garuga

Dress code: Smart

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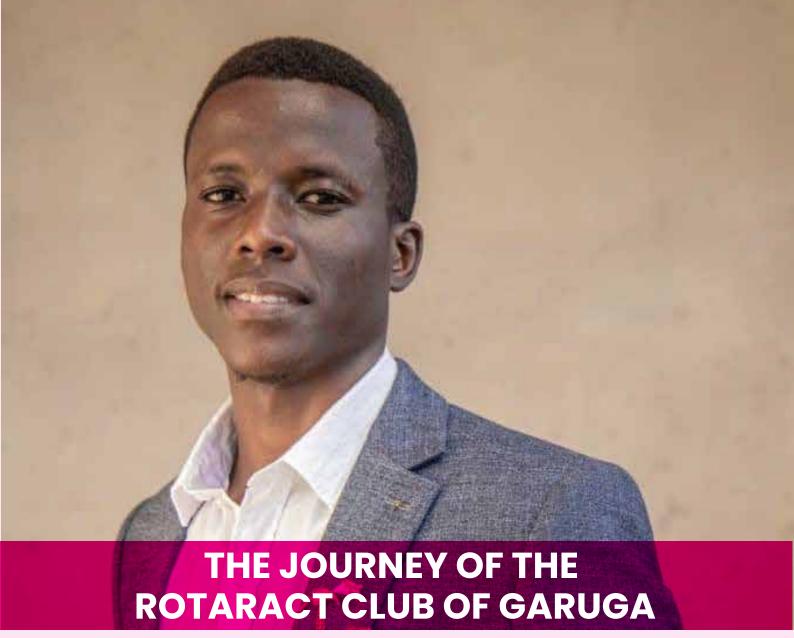












THE RACERS

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND CREATING LASTING CHANGE

1. Introduction

The Rotary Club of Garuga embarked on a transformative journey among the youths desiring to inspire young persons into service. In the November of 2022, initially launching their rotaract club as a rotaract club in formation, the Rotary Club of Garuga particularly under the stewardship of Rotarian Diana and CP Benjamin Bwanika, dedicated themselves to a search of a group of vibrant members who are committed to serving humanity and creating a positive impact in the community and the world at large.

2. Formation Phase

With the guidance and support of the Rotary Club of Garuga, the Rotaract Club of Garuga con need its journey in November 2022. Led by Rotarian Diana and CP Benjamin Bwanika, the club focused on recruiting individuals who shared a common vision of service and were enthusiastic about making a difference. Through rigorous outreach efforts and a commitment to community engagement, the club successfully attracted 16 dynamic members, each bringing their unique skills and talents to the table.

3. Chartering Milestone

On the 24th of May 2023, the Rotaract Club of Garuga achieved a significant milestone as it was officially chartered. The chartering ceremony marked a defining moment for the club, signifying its transition from a club in formation to a fully recognized entity within the global Rotaract community. Under the inspiring

leadership of Charter President Onyango William J Clinton, the club was ready to amplify its impact and leave a lasting legacy in their community and beyond.

4. Service Projects and Initiatives

Driven by a deep-rooted commitment to service, the Rotaract Club of Garuga undertook a range of impactful projects and initiatives, addressing critical community needs. With a focus on education, health and sanitation, environmental conservation, and social welfare, the club aimed to create sustainable change. Notable projects and initiatives included:

- 4.1. Education Enhancement Program: The club together with it's sponsoring Rotary club the Rotary Club of Garuga organized mentorship programs, providing support and guidance to children in local schools i.e, Kitala Secondary School, empowering them with the tools for academic success.
- 4.2. Health Camps and Medical Outreach: Recognizing the importance of accessible healthcare, the club participated in a health camp in organized by the Rotary Club of Akright city plus medical professionals. These initiatives provided free check-ups, screenings, and basic treatments to people in Ssembabule, improving their overall well-being.
- 4.3. Environmental Conservation Campaigns: With a focus on environmental sustainability, the club initiated a sanitation awareness campaign plus a community clean up project in the small town of Ssinde(Garuga), tree-planting drives are in the plans of the club and their dream is plant trees alongside the newly constructed Garuga road. By promoting a cleaner and greener environment, the club aimed to inspire positive change and preserve natural resources.
- 4.4. Youth Empowerment Workshops: Understanding the importance of empowering the next generation, the club is working tirelessly to conduct workshops focused on leadership development, career guidance, and personal growth. By equipping young individuals with valuable skills and knowledge, the club aims to unlock their full potential.
- 5. Committed to Serving Humanity At the core of the Rotaract Club of Garuga's journey is an unwavering commitment to

serving humanity. Empathy, compassion, and a sense of responsibility guide the club's actions, ensuring that every initiative and project undertaken aligns with their overarching mission. Through their collective efforts, the club aims to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities, locally and globally.

6. Collaborations and Partnerships

The Rotaract Club of Garuga recognized the power of collaboration and actively sought partnerships with local organizations, government agencies, and other Rotary entities. By leveraging these collaborations, the club expanded its reach, shared resources, and implemented more comprehensive sustainable initiatives. These partnerships enabled the club to make a greater impact and foster lasting change within their community.

7. Public Awareness and Fundraising

To support their service projects and initiatives, the Rotaract Club of Garuga is planning on various fundraising activities and public awareness campaigns. By effectively communicating their mission and the impact of their work, the club is optimistic about successfully garnering support from the community, local businesses, and the whole Rotary fraternity.

8. Member Empowerment and Leadership Development

The Rotaract Club of Garuga places great emphasis on member empowerment and leadership development. Recognizing that the success of their journey relies on the individual growth and potential of each member, the club provides opportunities for personal and professional development. Through training, mentorship, and exposure to diverse experiences, the club equips its members with the skills, knowledge, and confidence necessary to drive positive change.

9. A Vision for the Future

As the Rotaract Club of Garuga continues its journey, it looks to the future with optimism and determination. The club remains steadfast in its commitment to serving humanity and creating a lasting impact. By embracing innovation, embracing emerging challenges, and remaining true to their values, the club strives to be a beacon of hope, inspiring others.



This certifies that the Rotaract Club of

Garuga, Uganda

having been duly organized and having agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound by the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International, which agreement is evidenced by the acceptance of this certificate, is now a duly admitted member of

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of such membership.

In witness whereof the signatures of its officers, being duly authorized, are subscribed hereto this twenty-fourth day of May 2023

Admission to membership in Rotary International recommended by



District Governor



APRIL REPORT

BUKAAYA BUDDY GROUP

Bukaaya Buddy group is one of the five buddy groups that form up the Rotary Club of Garuga, Undoubtedly, Bukaaya is the most powerful of the 5 buddy groups and this makes it special in so many ways. Many have been wondering how Bukaaya has managed to stand out and it is no secret.

Members here belong to buddy groups of other Rotary Clubs and the same is reciprocated for them. This makes work much easier.

Bukaaya was responsible for the month of April which was also the Environment month.

On April 7th, we planted the Rotary tree of remembrance; The RCG Tree

at our home; Wilna Motel. This tree will represent the Club as it grows.

On April 14th, We had a closed club assembly facilitated by Rtn. Jimmy Toko. Here, we were reminded of the Club's strategic objectives and the President also gave us a recap of the journey of RCG, the goals and targets. April 21st doubled as Eid Day, a public Holiday. Therefore, there was no fellowship.

April 28th – There was no fellowship; we joined with the 98th District Conference that was held in Mbarara. 4 of the 9members who represented at the DCA were from Bukaaya Buddy group. Thank you team Bukaaya for the high spirits.

On April 7th, Bukaaya Buddy group spear headed the planting of the Rotary tree of remembrance; The RCG Tree at our home; Wilna Motel. This tree will represent the Club as it grows.

Enjoy the moments in pictures.



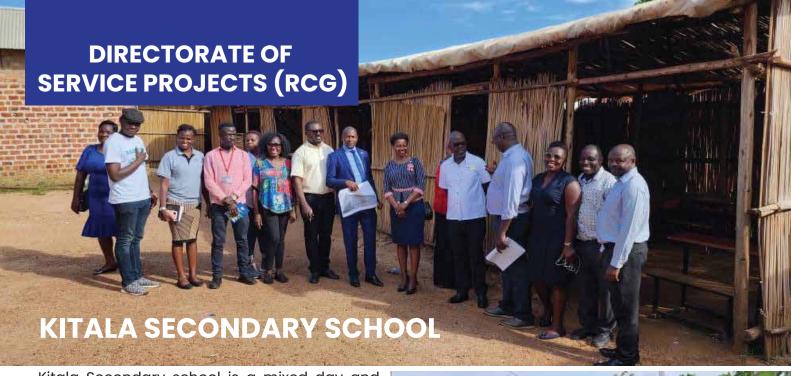












Kitala Secondary school is a mixed day and boarding school found in Katabi town council in a location called Kitala- Wakiso district.

This is a community school with slightly more than 1300 students, Government aided and some of the structures in the school are papyrus made. As a club we thought it necessary to give a hand to these students who majorly come from very humble backgrounds.

The board met with the school administration and together came up with a needs assessment report which helped identify a number of pressing needs. At the beginning of the Visionary year the club built an incinerator near the girl's dormitory which was meant to improve on their hygiene.

Towards the end of the Visionary year, another pressing need was tackled and that is a classroom block. The school was visited by the our Hope Creator Governor; Fransisco Semwanga who advised that we focus on the classroom block as a matter of urgency, we took on the guidance and also called upon the Rotary Club of Bwebajja to come and partner with us as we address this noble cause.

Therefore, D9214, RC Garuga and RC bwebajja have committed to adopt the school and are to c .ruct the classroom block.











KITAGATA HOT SPRINGS

The Rotary Club of Garuga through one of its members got a call to help improve on the livelihood of the Kitagata community through an intervention at the hot springs which are a very important place for the community. The hot springs attract so many people from around and even distant places who frequent it for mainly therapeutic reasons.

The visitors to the place stay around immersed in the warm water till late. The place is not well lit and that causes a security threat quite often, with many people losing their property to petty theft. After a quick needs assessment, a list of needs was shared with the club, and the club board decided to respond by lighting up the place with solar powered lights. This greatly improved the place and impacted positively on the lives of the people by increasing the hours they can spend in the water.

The club through the local administration handed over the lights and promised to work together to address the other needs that remain. In return the local actities promised to form a Rotary club which will be made by the Rotary Club of Garuga.

MAY REPORT

SINDE BUDDY GROUP

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels.

Rotary International's Structured Programs for Youth Service are: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Youth Exchange. The month of May is designated as "Youth Service Month" to focus on all Rotary activities that support the development of young people up to the age of 30.

As Rotary Club of Garuga, we were not left behind in anyway, we celebrated our youth with a "bang". The always Sinde buddy group yet again was given the challenge to celebrate our youth month. The month indeed was punctuated with exciting events geared towards shaping the future of our youth. RGC blended our weekly fellowship with our Retractors and children of our Rotarians.

The summary of the month was as follows;

Week one: Discon recap where the members who attended the Discon recounted the fascinating memories while in Mbarara, shared lessons learnt.

Week Two: Career guidance session where

all club members who have children from the age of 15 years rough their children for fellowship. This was the first of its kind to have Rotarians of RGC fellowship with their family members. The children were treated to mind blowing experiences by various professionals at RCG which inspired them to carefully choose career paths having listened to the practitioners. There were various testimonies from our future Rotarians on how this illuminated their career aspirations especially for those who already have started to shape their career paths.

Week Three: Discussion on contemporary challenges facing the Youth and its impact on families and the society. This was a very exciting yet pragmatic session with Rtn Winnie Mary N Fernandes. The session gave RGC members indicators of a child who is going through social challenges and possible substance abuse and ither forms of abuse and enlighten the club on how to deal with such incidences professionally without aggravating the already fragile situation.

Week Four: Menstrual Hygiene month which the club celebrated with students of Kitala s.s.s, where the Buddy group donated assorted menstrual hygiene kits to the school and later a discussion on embracing the blessing of womanhood. Sinde Together as one with Humility.



JUNE REPORT

KATABI BUDDY GROUP

The month was already defined as Rotary Fellowships month and who better than Katabi was due for the month. The month promised so much with anticipated 5 weeks same as Katabi had in January, but this wasn't a challenge at all.

Week 1 saw fellow Katabians define what Rotary Fellowships meant and was good value for time with members appreciating the various fellowships in rotary including and not limited to dance, drinking fellowships.

Week 2 saw Rotarians join colleagues of Rotary Club of Bwerenga for their 2nd installation and there was a lot of learning.

Week 3. Then came third week, where fellow Katabi member; Rtn. Vianney partook a powerful presentation of communication management in times of crisis, this was a sumptuous presentation and the case study used of the aviation industry was well within members interest, it was good learning for the members who actually agreed that Rtn. Vianney ranks in top 2 Public Relations Officers the country has so far,

Week 4: Fellow Katabian PAG Florence Mukiibi introduced our new AG James Kusemererwa. It was an awesome welcome to Garuga and CP Benjamin Bwanika took this opportunity of showing the AG his Rotarians, as the day progressed and unfolded, AG James had been recruited as a Katabian, in his message to members, he commended the good work done so far by such a young club and envisioned more success in his year challenging RC Garuga to win more awards within Rotary year for the District Governor.

Last fellowship came pretty fast with the gratitude and handover of our only CP, CMP, VP and IPP; Benjamin Bwanika. He with awed members his humility recognizing each member with a badge (Name tag) and awarding certificates to his board and outstanding performance. Then rotarians led by Katabi presented a gift thanking him too for the good service and concluding the 2 years of leadership on a high!!! There was a lot to dine in thereafter and members were treated to an end of era band entertainment!!!! As the saying has always been; KATABI- NOISE, it seized being so and several Rotarians were over heard saying KATABI - EKIKUBYE... see you again in November!!!! Long live RC Garuga.

Rtn. Kinda Edward Buddy Chairperson For and on Behalf of Katabi



We are delighted that
one of the students
sponsored by the Rotary Youth
Exchange program is our very own
Quine Elizabeth Mulindwa; daughter to
Rotarian Captain Frank Mulindwa; the
Director Membership for the Rotary Year
2023/2024.

Quin's host club is Wu Kung in New Taipei City' Taiwan. She will depart on August 19th for one year.

We wish you the very best Quin.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



INDUCTION TRAININGS

The incoming director Membership Rtn. Captain Frank Mulindwa brought the #NkubaMpya when he put into action induction training for all prospective members. This was majorly to equip all the prospective members with enough knowledge about Rotary before they can actually become members.

This strategy was always commended by the Charter President as a measure to have high member retention rates. We held a total 4 induction trainings and out of these, 9 members will be inducted come July 16th.



















RCG LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 99TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE







CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS APRIL - JUNE 2023



Rtn. Hajjat Aidah Namanya May 3rd



Rtn. Christine Kasozi
June 22nd



Rtn. Claire Najjemba 06 June 2023



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