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Greetings from the
**CHIEF
EDITOR:**
Rtn. Agnes Natukunda



Dear Esteemed Readers,

As we embark on another vibrant quarter within the pages of our beloved Peninsula magazine of the Rotary Club of Garuga, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

Within these quarterly editions, we strive to summarize the essence of our club's endeavors, achievements, and the spirit of service that unites us all. As the Chief Editor, I am honored to curate stories that reflect the heart and soul of our Rotary family, celebrating our collective journey of impact and inspiration.

Throughout the months of January to March, we've witnessed remarkable moments of fellowship, learning, and community engagement. From insightful guest speakers to collaborative projects and heartfelt celebrations, each page of our magazine holds a testament to the dedication and passion of our members.

As we turn the pages of this quarter's edition, may you find yourself immersed in the stories of service, fellowship, and Rotary's enduring spirit. May you feel a sense of pride in the incredible work being done by members of this mighty club, and may you be inspired to continue making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your continued support and readership. Together, let us embrace the journey ahead with enthusiasm, unity, and a shared commitment to Rotary's noble mission.

Think like a Rotary Peace fellow

Gordon R. McNally

RI President 2023 - 2024



Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.'



There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote Positive Peace.

Here are a few examples of the creative ways peace fellow advance peace: Promoting sustainability Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards. That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America.

Ending racism Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through anti-racism efforts.

The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace. Managing disasters using data Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocols might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.

These stories — and hundreds like them — show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.

May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to Create Hope in the World through service, fundraising, and creative thinking.

Answering the Call:

Rotary's Mission of Hope and Service

Francisco Ssemwanga

District Governor 2023 - 2024

The month of March is designated to Water and Sanitation by Rotary International. Water is a necessity of life and there is still a lot of Inadequacy to access to Safe water in our Communities."



My Rotary Family! I salute you all in your respective capacities and I continue to thank you for your endless service to Humanity in this Rotary Year of Creating Hope in the World.

My highlights of the month of February have been basically two i.e. The Walk and Run Fundraiser for the St. Elizabeth Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit that was organized by the Rotary Club of Arusha Mount Meru. The Club was able to raise over TzSh. 60,000,000 in an effort to equip that Hospital unit on 11th February 2024.

The following day on Monday morning 12th February 2024 as I was heading to back to Uganda, President Roselyn and Rotarians of the RC Arusha Mount Meru physically took me to the Hospital where I found several babies but one mother had a baby born 25 days prematurely and her baby was in her chest for what the doctor explained to me that it was a "Kangaroo" method of generating heat to the baby because the equipment to do so had got faulty and it was one.

Tears almost rolled down my eyes but when the mum saw us in the Intensive Care Unit with the Doctor, a small smile appeared on her face and I saw a Ray of Hope in Her Eyes, she knew we were trying to find a solution to Her New Prematurely Born Baby, this made a Rotary Moment to me! In fact, on my flight back to Uganda I was thinking of that Mum and Baby, I silently prayed for them but I also prayed for the Rotary Club of Arusha Mount Meru.

My second Highlight of the month of February was the joint D9213 and 9214 all Thursday Clubs fellowship that was organized by the Rotary Club

of Bwebajja. It was a great Joy to see Our Rotary Leaders Including Past District Governors, Past and current Assistant Governors, District Officials, Presidents, Rotarians and Rotaractors from both Districts converge at Speke Resort Munyonyo on Thursday 29th February 2024. Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Odrek Rwabwogo was very sport on with his topic about Success in Life and linking it with leadership and Service which are some of the Rotary's Core Values.

Special thanks go to President Ann Ninyesiga and the Rotary Club of Bwebajja for putting up together this great fellowship. The month of March is designated to Water and Sanitation by Rotary International. Water is a necessity of life and there is still a lot of Inadequacy to access to Safe water in our Communities.

I therefore call upon all of you fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors to double our Effort in this Critical area of focus. I would also want to bring it to your attention that 15th March 2024, Our District 9214 will participate in the National D.E.A.R Day Activities. On this day,

we are all encouraged to "Drop Everything and Read" (D.E.A.R) Aware that Basic education and Literacy is Our District Flagship Project this Rotary Year, I call upon all Clubs to get on board and support this Cause by donating books to schools for reading purposes but also physically visit different schools and participate in the Reading with learners and promote this cause. I conclusively once again thank you for your Service to Humanity and continued Efforts of Creating Hope in the World.

God bless you all.



Unlocking the Magic of Reading:

The Essence of Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) Day

By HCP. Muzira Julius – Club President

In a world filled with distractions and demands on our time, the simple act of reading often takes a backseat. However, the importance of fostering a love for reading cannot be overstated. Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) Day is a powerful initiative that celebrates the joy of reading and encourages individuals of all ages to embrace the transformative power of books. Let's delve into the essence of D.E.A.R Day and explore why dedicating time to reading is essential for personal growth, learning, and wellbeing.

Promoting Literacy and Lifelong Learning:

At the heart of D.E.A.R Day lies a commitment to promoting literacy and lifelong learning. By setting aside dedicated time for reading, individuals are encouraged to engage with literature, expand their knowledge, and cultivate critical thinking skills. Whether it's diving into a beloved novel, exploring non-fiction topics, or discovering new ideas through poetry, reading opens doors to endless possibilities for intellectual growth and self-discovery.

Fostering a Culture of Reading:

D.E.A.R Day serves as a catalyst for fostering a culture of reading within communities, schools, and workplaces. By collectively embracing the practice of dropping everything to read, we create an environment where books are valued, and reading becomes a cherished part of daily life. This culture of reading extends beyond D.E.A.R Day itself, encouraging individuals to incorporate reading into their routines and prioritize it as a leisure activity.

Igniting Imagination and Creativity:

Reading sparks the imagination and fuels creativity in ways that few other activities can match. Whether immersing oneself in fantastical worlds, exploring historical events, or pondering philosophical ideas, books transport readers to new realms of possibility. D.E.A.R Day provides an opportunity for individuals to

escape the mundane realities of life and embark on journeys of imagination and discovery through the pages of a book.

Nurturing Emotional Wellbeing:

Beyond its cognitive benefits, reading also plays a profound role in nurturing emotional wellbeing. Books offer solace during challenging times, provide comfort and companionship, and inspire hope and resilience. D.E.A.R Day encourages individuals to carve out moments of tranquility and reflection, allowing them to recharge their spirits and find solace in the pages of a beloved book.

Building Connections and Empathy:

Reading fosters empathy by allowing readers to step into the shoes of characters from diverse backgrounds and experiences. By exploring different perspectives and understanding the complexities of human emotions, readers develop empathy and compassion for others. D.E.A.R Day promotes empathy-building through shared reading experiences, fostering connections among individuals and fostering a sense of unity within communities.

In Conclusion, Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) Day is more than just a day dedicated to reading—it's a celebration of the transformative power of books and the profound impact they have on our lives. By embracing this Day, we reaffirm our commitment to promoting literacy, fostering a culture of reading, igniting imagination and creativity, nurturing emotional wellbeing, and building connections within our communities. Let us embrace the magic of reading, not just on D.E.A.R Day, but every day, as we embark on journeys of discovery, enlightenment, and personal growth through the pages of a book.

BUGABO BUDDY GROUP

JANUARY 2024
A MONTH OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE

By; Rtn. Joel Lugaya – Buddy Group Chair

As we stepped into the New Year, January 2024 unfurled a tapestry of vibrant activities and engagements for the members of the Rotary Club of Garuga, infused with the spirit of Vocational Service. Let's embark on a journey through the notable events that underscored our commitment to service, fellowship, and community empowerment.

January 5th, 2024: Fellowship with Rtn. Joel Lugaya

Launching the month with fervor, the Rotary Club of Garuga hosted a captivating fellowship session featuring our own, Rtn. Joel Lugaya as our esteemed guest speaker. Against the backdrop of the month's theme, "Vocational Service," Rtn. Joel delved into the essence of the engineering vocation, highlighting its transformative potential in addressing societal challenges. It was a compelling discourse that resonated deeply with members, underscoring the integral role of vocational expertise in driving positive change.

January 12th, 2024: Fellowship with Rtn. Daniel Kwesigwa

Continuing our exploration of vocational pathways, the Rotary Club of Garuga welcomed Rtn. Daniel Kwesigwa as a distinguished guest speaker for another illuminating fellowship session. Against the backdrop of the month's theme, Daniel shed light on the crucial role of vocational support in driving sustainable projects and initiatives. His insights sparked meaningful conversations, inspiring members to leverage their professional expertise for the betterment of society.

January 19th, 2024: Home Hospitality at Rtn. Obalim's Residence

Midway through the month with warmth and camaraderie, members gathered for a delightful home hospitality event at Rtn. Obalim's residence in Garuga. Amidst laughter and shared stories, bonds were strengthened, and friendships deepened, embodying the spirit of Rotary fellowship. It was an evening marked by gratitude and a renewed commitment to Vocational Service, as members reflected on their unique contributions to the community.

January 27th, 2024: Board Meeting

Wrapping up the month, our dedicated directors gathered for a pivotal board meeting, aligning our collective vision with the principles that drive our club. Amidst spirited discussions, plans were hatched, and strategies formulated to harness the diverse talents within our club for maximum community impact. It was a testament to our unwavering commitment to leveraging vocational skills for the greater good.

As we bid farewell to January 2024, the echoes of Vocational Service resound throughout our endeavors, guiding us on a path of purpose and impact. In the spirit of Rotary, let us continue to harness our vocational talents, forge meaningful connections, and uplift communities in the true spirit of service above self.



MAWUGULU BUDDY GROUP

FEBRUARY 2024

A MONTH OF PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

By; Rtn. Kirabo Diana Tumuheirwe – Buddy Group Chair

As the sun set on January, the Rotary Club of Garuga eagerly embraced the dawn of February, a month of peace building and conflict resolution, brimming with enriching experiences, heartfelt camaraderie, and poignant moments that left an indelible mark on our collective journey. Let's take a captivating stroll through the milestones that defined this dynamic month:

February 2nd: Journeying Through the Past, Embracing the Future

We commenced our voyage with a momentous fellowship, a nostalgic recap of our club's remarkable journey thus far, and a visionary glimpse into the future. Guiding us through this reflective journey was none other than our esteemed Charter President, Benjamin Bwanika. With wisdom gleaned from experience of service, CP. Benjamin regaled us with tales of triumphs, challenges, and the unwavering vision to be a club of reference. It was a stirring reminder of our commitment to excellence and quality at every turn.

February 9th: Bridging Boundaries, Igniting Inspiration

In a spirit of unity and collaboration, we joined hands with fellow Rotary Clubs Bwerenga, Mutundwe, Kampala Muyenga Breeze, and Nkumba for a monumental joint fellowship. Led by distinguished panelists DGN Christine Kyeyune K and IPDG Peace Taremwa, we embarked on a thought-provoking exploration of "What next after a successful TVA project." Amidst lively discussions and shared insights, our core values as Rotarians were reaffirmed, igniting a spark of enthusiasm for future projects. The atmosphere was electrifying, with camaraderie blossoming amidst the exchange of roses in anticipation of Valentine's Day.

February 16th: A Pause for Reflection

As the nation observed a public holiday, we took a moment to pause, reflect, and recharge, honoring the significance of the day with quiet contemplation.

February 23rd: Embracing Harmony, Cultivating Peace

We culminated the month with a resplendent home hospitality event hosted at the residence of Dr. Tom, radiating warmth and goodwill. Dr. Tom captivated hearts and minds with his poignant discourse on conflict resolution and peace-building, leaving a lasting impression in just 20 minutes. The evening was graced by the presence of seven Visionary Presidents and IPDG Peace Taremwa, underscoring the unity and solidarity that define our Rotary family. In the intimate setting of home hospitality, bonds were strengthened, and friendships blossomed, infusing our endeavors with renewed vigor and purpose.

Amidst the whirlwind of fellowship and service, February also bore witness to significant milestones and moments of remembrance:

1. We celebrated the academic achievements of Rtn. Wilson Twijukire's children, sharing in the joy of their graduation.
2. With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to the father of our dear Rtn. Mark Atuhamiize, honoring his memory with solemn reverence.
3. Welcoming Rtn. Robert Mpagi Ddamulira into our fold as a new member and Paul Harris Fellow, we embraced the spirit of camaraderie and mentorship that defines our club.

As we bid adieu to February, we carry forward the lessons learned, the bonds forged, and the memories cherished, united in our commitment to Rotary's enduring values of service, fellowship, and above all, making a meaningful difference in the world.

BUKAAYA BUDDY GROUP

MARCH 2024

A MONTH OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Rising Together:

A Celebration of Women Empowerment

Imagine a vibrant Friday evening on the 8th of March 2024, where the air was filled with an aura of celebration and gratitude. The Rotary Club of Garuga, in collaboration with the mighty Bukaaya Buddy Group, orchestrated a Candlelit Dinner to honor and celebrate the women within their ranks. Held at the elegant Keba Xpress Hotel in Mpala, the event was a testament to the collective spirit of empowerment and appreciation.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, the venue came alive with the laughter and chatter of esteemed female members, both from the Rotary Club of Garuga and neighboring clubs within District 9214. The atmosphere buzzed with anticipation, each woman eagerly awaiting an evening filled with friendship and recognition.

The event was not merely a gathering; it was a heartfelt acknowledgment of the invaluable contributions made by these women in shaping their communities. Through their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts, they have uplifted countless lives and instilled hope in the hearts of many.

Throughout the evening, the room resonated with the melodious tunes of a live band, setting the perfect backdrop for heartfelt conversations and cherished memories. Glasses clinked in toast to the resilience and strength embodied by each woman present, as they reveled in the joy of shared accomplishments.

Amidst the jubilation, a poignant moment emerged when the women were presented with flowers, symbolizing the beauty and grace they brought into the world. Each bloom served as a reminder of their indomitable spirit and

unwavering commitment to service above self. In addition, Bukaaya buddy group chair's remarks were on point, he quoted prominent women like Maya Angelou

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women"

He encouraged women always to stand up and use Michelle Obama's words; "Am I good enough? Always say yes I am".

As the night progressed, plates were adorned with delectable cuisine, and glasses brimmed with the finest of beverages. Yet, beyond the culinary delights, it was the warmth of connection and the bond of sisterhood that truly nourished the soul.

The evening reached its crescendo with the ceremonial cutting of a cake, a symbolic gesture of unity and gratitude. In that moment, as the room erupted in applause, it became evident that the true essence of empowerment lies in the collective upliftment of one another.

As the event drew to a close, heartfelt expressions of gratitude filled the air, each woman acknowledging the profound impact they had on each other's lives. Through their unwavering support and shared vision, they had not only empowered themselves but had also paved the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

In the end, the Candlelit Dinner stood as a testament to the power of unity, resilience, and unwavering determination – qualities embodied by the remarkable women of the Rotary Club of Garuga and beyond.

By Rtn. Capt. Frank Mulindwa







CEO EXPERIENCE

Rtn. Nathanael Kasozi
Club Admin 2023 - 2024

In May 2022, I discovered that I was to become the next Club Administrator. Little did I know what lay ahead. Fast forward, I was instructed to complete the Club Administrator e-course on the RI learning platform, requiring 5 certificates. Mind you, this was before I even agreed to the task! As the outgoing DF, I was deeply involved in devising an installation plan and ensuring a smooth handover, having managed the office since the inception of the Club. I consulted with elders regarding the tasks ahead and was advised that there was no turning back. The following week, I accepted the task.

I attended the PETS training, even though my role wasn't entirely clear, but I realized that many clubs of our structure had administrators attending as CEOs. We raised a serious concern since ideally, PETS is for Presidents, Executive Secretaries, and Treasurers Elect. We seemed to be in the wrong place; nonetheless, the content was spot on.

The real work began in steering a good installation, and after being tasked to develop a club year planner and ensuring adherence to it, I relied on the buddy group structure for support. Consequently, buddy chairs supported the noble cause. I asked the board to participate by taking charge for two

months, which was unanimously approved. The ball was set rolling, and I quickly secured wins with a board training and a retreat. I learned more from the board training that being a CEO was the engine of the club. I took charge of club programs, ensuring home hospitalities, small impactful projects, and maintaining our district's signature project - Kitale SSS. We excelled, completing the first floor and executing four small impactful projects. I coordinated all the board meetings and club assemblies up to date. Of course, I couldn't have accomplished all this without the invisible hand of the Board, and I am immensely grateful for allowing me to take the lead in the club programs. I have truly been the CEO of our club, enjoying the role more than that of the Treasury.

My only dissatisfaction was that I set up structural committees guided by the Rotary structures, and they were not well embraced. I later learned that buddy groups were taking charge of the administration, much to my dissatisfaction. Nevertheless, it is what it is, and I expect the next CEO to pursue more!

Thanks to DPR in a special way for giving me the honor to share this experience! You have been a force to reckon with!

Unleashing the Magic: Rotary's Call to Transform Lives and Communities

In the realm of service and community impact, Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick has cast a spellbinding vision for the 2024-25 year with the enchanting theme, "The Magic of Rotary." With this evocative theme, she beckons us, the members of Rotary, to delve into the depths of our collective potential and unleash the transformative power we hold within.

"The Magic of Rotary" is not merely a phrase; it's a call to action, a reminder of the extraordinary capacity we possess to effect profound change in the world. It urges us to recognize and amplify the inherent magic woven into the fabric of our organization – the magic of compassion, of unity, and of service.

As members of Rotary, we are entrusted with a sacred duty: to harness this magic and channel it towards endeavors that uplift humanity and save lives. It compels us to delve deeper, to seek out innovative solutions to age-old problems, and to inspire hope where there is despair.

But what does this theme mean for us as individuals, as members of this global network of service-minded individuals? It means embracing the belief that within each of us lies the power to make a difference – no matter how small or insignificant our actions may seem. It means stepping into our roles as catalysts for change, wielding the wand of kindness and generosity to illuminate the darkest corners of our world.

"The Magic of Rotary" encourages us to think beyond the confines of convention, to transcend the limitations of our comfort zones, and to dream audaciously. It invites us to explore new avenues of collaboration, to forge partnerships that amplify our impact and extend our reach.

But perhaps, most importantly, "The Magic of Rotary" reminds us of the profound interconnectedness of all things. It calls upon us to recognize the magic that exists in the bonds we share, the friendships we forge, and the communities we serve. For it is in these connections that the true alchemy of Rotary unfolds – transforming lives, revitalizing communities, and weaving a tapestry of hope and possibility.

As we embark on this enchanting journey, let us heed the call to embrace the magic within and unleash its limitless potential. Let us be the magicians of change, weaving spells of compassion, empathy, and service wherever we go. For in the magic of Rotary, we find not only the power to save lives but also the power to illuminate the world with the radiant light of hope.

The Rotary club of Garuga participates in the national

Drop Everything And Read
"D.E.A.R" day at

Bulega Primary School.



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2024 - 2025 Board



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A VISION FOR SERVICE:

One on one with our President Elect

Hajjati Aidah Namanya

Irresistible President – Rotary Club of Garuga



Peninsula: Congratulations on your election as President Elect of our Club! Could you share with us a bit about your journey with Rotary and what inspired you to take on this leadership role?

PE Aidah: Thank you! My Rotary journey began in 2021 when this club was launched. I was introduced to Rotary by Rtn. Rose Simbwa of RC Kampala Sunrise, and I'll forever be thankful to her for shaping the person I've become in society. My inspiration to take on this leadership role was a combination of personal growth, a desire to make a positive impact in my community, broaden my social network, and leave a lasting legacy.

Peninsula: As you prepare to assume the role of President, what are some of the key initiatives or projects you envision for our club during your tenure?

PE Aidah: Absolutely! Some key initiatives I envision for our club include exploring opportunities for international service projects, supporting and empowering the Rotaract Club of Garuga and the Interact Club of Kitale SS, planning fun fundraising events like music shows and sports events, encouraging more club outings to improve bonding, and supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Peninsula: Rotary International has designated areas of focus, such as promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. How do you plan to align our club's activities with these global priorities?

PE Aidah: We plan on setting and establishing club goals that specifically address them. We'll also monitor our impact by regularly assessing the club's activities to ensure they're effectively addressing these global priorities.

Peninsula: Community engagement is at the heart of Rotary's mission. How do you intend to strengthen our club's ties with the local community and increase our impact on the ground?

PE Aidah: Strengthening our club's ties with the local community involves identifying community needs through needs assessment activities so that we can implement projects tailored to the local context. We'll also partner with the community to implement these projects, conduct awareness campaigns, participate in local initiatives, establish relationships with key stakeholders, and communicate our impact effectively.

Peninsula: The Rotary motto, "Service above self." is indeed a challenge to many Rotarians. How do you plan to inspire members to embody this ethos in their service projects and daily lives?

PE Aidah: Leading by example will be key. I'll attend club activities, demonstrate my commitment to serve, remind members of the purpose and goals of Rotary's service projects, provide opportunities for involvement, recognize contributions and achievements, condole with club members who lose loved ones, facilitate reflection, and build partnerships.

Peninsula: Inclusivity and diversity are increasingly important in today's world. How do you plan to ensure that our club remains inclusive and representative of the community it serves?

PE Aidah: I'll encourage diversity in membership, foster an inclusive environment within the club, accommodate diverse needs and preferences, prioritize cultural and religious sensitivity, ensure equity in project planning, and solicit regular feedback from the community.

Peninsula: What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Rotary and our club in the coming year, and how do you plan to address them?

PE Aidah: Membership retention and quality recruitment are significant challenges. To address them, we'll implement targeted recruitment strategies to attract a diverse range of members. Fundraising and financial sustainability are also challenges, and we'll address them by initiating an investment project for the club, operationalizing the club SACCO, diversifying fundraising efforts, and identifying potential donors.

Peninsula: Thank you for accepting to take part in this interview. As we conclude, what message or words of encouragement would you like to share with our members and readers as we embark on this new chapter together under your leadership?

PE Aidah: Dear fellow Rotarians and friends, I'm filled with optimism and excitement for the journey ahead, God willing. Together, we have the opportunity to chart a course that will propel us to new heights of service and impact. Let's seize every opportunity to spread kindness, foster understanding, and build connections that endure. As we embark on this new chapter together, let's do so with courage, resilience, love, and commitment to Rotary's mission. Let's shine in the Magic year.



CHARTING THE COURSE:

The 2024 Incoming Leaders' Board Training

By Benjamin Bwanika – Club Trainer 2023–2024

As the sun rose on the crisp Saturday morning of January 27th, 2024, the air was buzzing with anticipation at the Rotary Club's Board Training Program. The venue was alive with the energy of dedicated Rotarians eager to enrich their leadership skills and strengthen their commitment to service. As Club Trainer, it was my privilege to kick off the day's events, setting the tone for an exciting journey ahead.

With a sense of pride and reverence, I delved into the rich history of our Rotary Club, tracing its humble beginnings to the impactful projects and partnerships it has fostered over the years. With each anecdote shared, the room resonated with nods of recognition and murmurs of appreciation, reaffirming our collective mission to make a difference in our communities and beyond. Transitioning to our mission and vision, we emphasized the importance of clarity and alignment in guiding our endeavors. Through heartfelt storytelling and thought-provoking discussions, we rekindled the passion that initially drew us to Rotary – a shared vision of a world transformed by compassion, integrity, and service above self.

As we delved into the essence of our club's culture, we recognized the unique bonds of fellowship and friendship that bind us together. Through laughter and reflection, we celebrated our diversity and unity, recognizing that it is our differences that make us stronger, more resilient, and more effective agents

of change. Next, Rtn. Charles Odaga took the stage, igniting a flame of inspiration as he shared insights on club vibrancy and member retention. With practical tips and heartfelt anecdotes, he reminded us that our club's vitality lies in the connections we forge and the sense of belonging we create for each member.

Then came the insightful guidance of District Executive Secretary Harriet Bampeera Obbo, who illuminated the intricacies of individual board roles with clarity and precision. With a newfound understanding of our responsibilities, we embraced our roles with renewed purpose, ready to serve our club and community with dedication and excellence.

Finally, PDG Ken Wycliff Mugisha brought the day to a crescendo with his expertise on fundraising techniques. With passion and conviction, he empowered us to think creatively, leverage our networks, and boldly pursue opportunities to fund our projects and initiatives.

As the day drew to a close, there was a palpable sense of empowerment and unity in the room. Each Rotarian left with a renewed sense of purpose, armed with the knowledge and inspiration to lead with integrity, compassion, and unwavering commitment. Together, we were ready to write the next chapter in our club's storied history, inspired by the shared belief that together, we can truly make a difference.



The Kitala S.S PROJECT PROGRESS

as of March 2024

The Classroom block has progressed on well, and the structural works for the first level were completed in December 2023.

These comprised of the ground floor, walling and the first suspended slab.

Finishing works have since commenced and the windows and door frames were all delivered, and are all fitted as can be seen in the attached pictures



Plaster

Plaster work has also commenced and is expected to go on for the next couple of weeks. A lot of effort is being put on this phase because the school administration plans to have the new S5 classes in this new building. Internal plastering is ongoing as can be seen in the attached pictures.



We are discussing with the school administration to see how the floors will be finished, but most likely the ceramic tile finish will be considered.

By Rtn. Daniel Kwesiga



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