

# Member Handbook

A Practical  
Pocket Guide  
for Every  
Member



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# My Engagement Checklist

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Buddy Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Friend of the Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Personal Engagement Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Garuga 2026–2027 Club Passport. This handbook is a simple guide to help every member stay informed, engaged, and connected throughout the Rotary year. It highlights our leadership, goals, projects, key dates, service opportunities, and expectations as we work together under the call: Each One Engage for Impact. Carry it, use it, and let it remind you that every member has a role in creating lasting impact.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the Rotary Year 2026–2027, a year of renewed energy, deeper fellowship, and purposeful service. As the Rotary Club of Garuga, we step into this year under the call: Each One Engage for Impact. This means that every member matters, every idea counts, and every act of service can create lasting change.

Our club has a strong spirit of friendship, leadership, and action. This year, we shall focus on strengthening our club, growing our membership, supporting our buddy groups, delivering meaningful projects, and serving our community with excellence.

I encourage every member to use this Club Passport as a guide, a reminder, and



a commitment tool. Let us attend, participate, give, volunteer, invite others, and support one another.

Together, we shall build a stronger club and create impact that will be remembered.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Rtn. Nathanael Kasozi**  
President 2026–2027  
Rotary Club of Garuga

## BETTER IS BETTER THAN GOOD

Is our guiding standard for the Rotary year 2026–2027. It is a reminder that progress is not measured by activity alone but by the quality, consistency, and integrity of what we deliver. Good work is expected. Better work is intentional. It asks us to refine our systems, improve our decision making, and strengthen the way we plan, implement, and sustain our service.

This mindset encourages us to review every project, partnership, and process with fresh eyes. It pushes us to elevate the member experience, improve how we communicate, and ensure that our efforts create real value for the community. Better means learning from

past results, adopting smarter approaches, and holding ourselves to a higher level of accountability.

As a club of reference, we embrace this motto as a personal and collective challenge. Each member has a part to play. Every improvement, no matter how small, contributes to a stronger, more resilient Rotary Club of Garuga. When we choose better over good, we build a culture of excellence that lasts beyond one Rotary year and shapes the future of our club.

“Better Is Better Than Good” is not just a theme. It is our commitment to growth, service, and leadership in everything we do.

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

| Role              | Name                      |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| President         | Rtn. Nathanael Kasozi     |
| Vice President    | Rtn. Benjamin Bwanika     |
| Exec. Secretary   | Rtn. Andrew Kabakubya     |
| Club Admin/ CEO   | Rtn. Agetie Aikirize      |
| Finance           | Rtn. Proscovia Najjuma    |
| Public Image      | Rtn. Joseph B. Ssengooba  |
| Foundation        | Rtn. Kirabo Diana         |
| Membership        | Rtn. Ronald Mutebi Kizito |
| Service Projects  | Rtn. Jimmy Toko           |
| New Generations   | Rtn. Julius Kaweesi       |
| Family/Engagement | Rtn. Ronald Mutebi Kizito |

## MEET OUR ASSISTANT GOVERNOR



**R**tn. Paul Kigonya serves as the Assistant Governor for Lake Victoria Zone 12 and is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze. He brings to the role a strong commitment to club support, member engagement, and practical Rotary service. As Assistant Governor, he works closely with club leaders to strengthen planning, improve participation, support district goals, and encourage clubs to create lasting community impact. Rtn. Paul is also associated with district service leadership, including the Rotary Blood Bank Program, reflecting his passion for service that saves lives and strengthens communities.

## The Impact Buddy Groups

| Buddy Group | Committee / Responsibility Led  |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Mawugulu    | Youth Service Committee         |
| Katabi      | Membership and Family of Rotary |
| Bukaya      | Community Service Projects      |
| Nalugala    | The Rotary Foundation           |
| Sinde       | Club Administration             |
| Bugabo      | Public Image                    |

## Rotary Areas of Focus

| Buddy Group | Rotary Area of Focus Overseen         |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mawugulu    | Maternal and Child Health             |
| Katabi      | Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution |
| Bukaya      | Environmental Protection              |
| Nalugala    | Disease Prevention and Treatment      |
| Sinde       | Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene        |
| Bugabo      | Community Economic Development        |

## OUR SIGNATURE PROJECT

### Kitala Secondary School Library Project

The Rotary Club of Garuga's signature project for the 2026–2027 Rotary year remains the development of a library at Kitala Secondary School. This project reflects the club's commitment to supporting education, literacy, and access to learning resources for young people in our community.

The construction of the library is already underway, with the building structure and walls currently in progress. The club's key target is to complete the roofing and prepare the library for use before December 2026.

Once completed, the library will provide students with a dedicated space for reading, research, revision, and personal study. It will also create an environment that encourages a stronger reading culture, improves academic performance, and supports the long-term educational growth of the school.

Through this project, the Rotary Club of Garuga seeks to create lasting impact by investing in education and giving students the tools, they need to learn, dream, and succeed.

# Kitala Secondary School Library Project



Before



Current

## Key Club Events

The Rotary Club of Garuga has planned a vibrant year of fellowship, service, celebration, and club engagement. Members are encouraged to mark these key dates and actively participate in the major club activities for the 2026–2027 Rotary year.

| Project Area      | Details                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature Project | Kitala Secondary School Library                                                         |
| Main Focus        | Basic Education and Literacy                                                            |
| Current Status    | Building structure and walls under construction                                         |
| Key Target        | Complete roofing and prepare the library for use                                        |
| Completion Goal   | Before December 2026                                                                    |
| Expected Impact   | Improved access to reading space, learning materials, and academic support for students |

| Date              | Event                              | Details                                                                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 July 2026       | Launch of the Rotary Year          | Official club launch of the 2026–2027 Rotary year and presentation of the year's priorities.     |
| 18 September 2026 | DG's Official Visit to the Club    | Official visit of the District Governor to the Rotary Club of Garuga.                            |
| 9–11 October 2026 | Fellowship voyage - Diani, Kenya   | Club fellowship experience planned for the Independence weekend in Diani, Kenya.                 |
| 3 December 2026   | Club Charter Night                 | A special evening to celebrate the club's charter, journey, growth, and impact.                  |
| 19 December 2026  | BUS Fellowship and Christmas Party | End-of-year fellowship and Christmas celebration for members, families, and friends of the club. |

## 2026–2027 Workplan Summary

| Month          | Theme                               | Buddy Group                                  | Key Events / Activities                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 2026      | Maternal and Child Health           | Sinde / Finance & Administration Buddy Group | Beginning of the Rotary Year; Blood Donation at Kitale SSS; Launch of the Year; Classification Defence; MCH Project and Rotaract Takeover; AG's Official Visit           |
| August 2026    | Membership and New Club Development | Katabi / Membership Committee Buddy Group    | Membership engagement with PDG Mike Sebalu; Rotary Online Tools session; Launch of the Cancer Run; Cancer Run activation, aerobics, and home hospitality; Cancer Run     |
| September 2026 | Basic Education and Literacy        | Bukaaya / Service Projects Buddy Group       | DEAR Day and curriculum discussion; Club Chillout; DG's Official Visit and project visit to Kitale SS; Club Assembly and Literacy Project; SACCO Meeting; Zone Institute |
| October 2026   | Economic and Community Development  | Mawugulu / Youth Generation Buddy Group      | Zone Institute; AI tools as economic drivers; Fellowship on the blue waters in Diani/Mombasa; Youth and women skilling; Joint Friday Clubs meeting; World Polio Day      |
| November 2026  | Rotary Foundation                   | Nalugala / TRF Committee Buddy Group         | Rotary Foundation fellowship with PDG Peace Taremwa; Project visit and evaluation; Classification Defence; TRF Walk preparation; Home Hospitality; TRF Walk              |

| Month         | Theme                            | Buddy Group                                  | Key Events / Activities                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 2026 | Disease Prevention and Treatment | Bugabo / Public Image Buddy Group            | World AIDS Day; Charter Night and commissioning of the Kitale project; Club Assembly; SACCO AGM; End-of-year party, gift exchange, and project visit                                                            |
| January 2027  | Vocational Service               | Sinde / Finance & Administration Buddy Group | Vocational Service Award; Vocational Tour; Classification Defence; Liberation Day; Fun Fellowship and Home Hospitality; Project visit and evaluation                                                            |
| February 2027 | Peace and Conflict Resolution    | Katabi / Membership Committee Buddy Group    | Community policing and legal aid clinic; Classification Defence; Love-themed fellowship; Project visit and evaluation; Fun Fellowship and Home Hospitality                                                      |
| March 2027    | Water and Sanitation             | Bukaaya / Service Projects Buddy Group       | Board unveiling; Project on sustainable water systems; Club Assembly; Project visit and evaluation; SACCO Meeting                                                                                               |
| April 2027    | Environment                      | Nalugala / TRF Committee Buddy Group         | Environment as Rotary's 7th Area of Focus session with PDG Kenneth Mugisha; Club Chillout; Classification Defence; One-on-One with the President-Elect; 102nd DCA in Jinja; Installation preparation fellowship |

| Month     | Theme              | Buddy Group                             | Key Events / Activities                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 2027  | Youth Service      | Mawugulu / Youth Generation Buddy Group | 6th Presidential Installation; Out-of-venue fellowship; Rotaract Takeover; Club Chillout; Fun Fellowship and Home Hospitality                                                              |
| June 2027 | Rotary Fellowships | Bugabo / Public Image Buddy Group       | Martyrs' Day; Rotary Fellowships Panel; Heroes' Day; Classification Defence; Board Meeting and Board Handover; Board Directors' Handover Fellowship; End-of-Year Communique and Last Dance |

## Our Impact Year Goals

| Rotary Action Plan             | Club Goals                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Increase Our Impact            | 7 service projects; 50 members in service; USD 15,000 Annual Fund; USD 5,000 PolioPlus; 1 benefactor; 2 major gifts; 4 Rotary Action Group participations.                 |
| Expand Our Reach               | 10 new members; 10 member sponsors; 1 Interact club; 12 website/social media updates; 12 media stories; active online presence.                                            |
| Enhance Participant Engagement | 4 social activities; 10 leadership development participants; 12 district training participants; 20 DCA attendees; 3 Rotary Fellowship participations; 6 RYLA participants. |
| Increase Our Ability to Adapt  | Strategic plan in place; review and update club bylaws.                                                                                                                    |

## Ways to Engage for Impact

Every member has a role to play in making this Rotary year successful. The call is simple: Each One Engage for Impact. Members are encouraged to participate actively through service, fellowship, giving, leadership, and storytelling.

| Way to Engage                   | How Members Can Participate                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Serve on a Committee            | Take part in club committees such as Membership, Projects, TRF, Public Image, Club Administration, or Youth Service. |
| Support the Signature Project   | Contribute time, resources, networks, and ideas toward completing the Kitale Secondary School Library.               |
| Attend Club Fellowships         | Be present at weekly meetings, club assemblies, social fellowships, and special events.                              |
| Participate in Service Projects | Join hands-on community service activities, impact days, medical camps, school projects, and outreach programs.      |
| Give to The Rotary Foundation   | Support the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and other Rotary giving opportunities.                                           |
| Invite and Mentor New Members   | Bring potential members to fellowships and help them understand Rotary's value and culture.                          |
| Tell the Rotary Story           | Share club activities, photos, impact stories, and achievements through social media and personal networks.          |
| Attend District Events          | Participate in trainings, conferences, official visits, and district fellowships.                                    |
| Lead Where You Are              | Take initiative, volunteer for assignments, support your Buddy Group, and help the club deliver lasting impact.      |

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