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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Shekhar Mehta
2021-22 RI President
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As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we Serve to Change Lives, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you ***grow more***, you will be able to ***do more***. Let us keep empowering girls through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to Serve to ***Change Lives***.

ROTARY CLUB OF KISUGU VICTORIA VIEW MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT HOTEL INTERNATIONAL MUYENGA AT 7PM

BUDDY GROUPS In CHARGE
MUZINGE - JUNE
EMPUNGU - JULY
SEKOKO -AUGUST

THE ROTARACT CLUB OF KABALAGALA MEETS AT CHEZ JOHNSON HOTEL - MUYENGA AT 4PM





Rotary Roses joining the Cancer Run

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



YOUNG KIMARO
2021-22 District Governor
D 9211 (Uganda & Tanzania)

UPDATING YOU ON THE HAPPENINGS IN THE DISTRICT

Membership: In this month's issue of Ubuntu, you will find many helpful tips on how you can make a difference to grow more to change more lives. As you launch your membership growth plans into action, do be mindful that positive club experiences, such as meetings, fellowships, engagement, teamwork, and connections that bring value to members are what ultimately keep the membership trend up.

In this note, I would like to keep you abreast of what is now happening in our District.

Rotary Business Network Directory: The business network in Uganda has been strong. With periodic in person meetings many business partnerships were formed among Rotarians. Business networking was more recent to Tanzania. Lively exchanges on its WhatsApp site inspired Rotary Business Network Directory to be compiled to bring much value by promoting Rotarian-owned businesses. It is scheduled to be launched in August,

Rotaract Internship Directory: Taking the cue from the Rotary Business Network Directory, Rotaracts are preparing a Rotaract Internship Directory to make it easier for them and Rotarians to find each other for internship. Rotaracts, don't miss this opportunity. Do fill in the form provided by DRR Noah and be sure to submit it by 17th of August.

Multi-club Projects: We will build up the District's strength on teamwork - within a club, across clubs, across national and district boundaries. We will learn by sharing ideas and be energized in service by encouraging and supporting each other.

Empower Girls project - RIP Shekar Mehta challenges all Rotary Districts to carry out "Empowering Girls" projects. Opening opportunities for girls' education and elevating them are indeed powerful means of transforming our societies. I strongly urge as many clubs as possible to step forward to participate in this joint effort.

Clubs which have had projects that empower girls in secondary schools which were impactful and easily duplicable, please share lessons from your experience so that clubs that are to start a project on empowering girls can benefit from them rather than reinvent the wheel. Do share your experiences with the Assistant Regional Ambassadors for Empowering Girls:

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CMP Aisha Sykes, RC Oyster Bay, aishasykes@yahoo.com, +255 754 307 455

Other projects: – Going virtual, which we could not run away from because of COVID, opened up new opportunities. We have become more computer and internet savvy. Wealth of materials on projects, available on My Rotary but tapped by only few, are now within reach of more Rotarians than before. Still the District will collect the nuts and bolts of projects which have been successful at home to supplement RI's materials with tips that are in tune with local conditions.

This work is about to start on environment, WASH, and computer projects. If you have useful tips on projects in areas other than Empowering girls, please contact the District Multi-club Project Coordinator in International Service Committee: Julie Kyokunda, RC Kajjansi, Juliet.rotary@gmail.com, +256 703 408 525

Mega Fellowships and More: On 7th of July, the Saba Saba Day in Tanzania, RC of Muyenga hosted a Mega kick off event for the newly born District 9214. At the fellowship, Muyenga's Change-Maker President Augustus Nuwagaba was installed and the club's Strategic Plan inaugurated. The event, graced by 6 Past District Governors from Uganda and Tanzania, drew attendance of 600+ Rotaracts and Rotarians. This amazing record was broken only three weeks thereafter. One hundred CMPs and total 1,112 Rotaracts and Rotarians attended the Club's fellowship once more, this time to hear Patrick Bitature speak on "Financial decision making that builds one's lifetime financial stability." "Almost like a DCA," observed DGE Peace. What surprise will come out of RC Muyenga next?

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



HENRY KIRUMIRA
Change Maker President

My Dear Wonderful Change Maker Rotarians,

We have entered the second month of the Rotary year 2021-22, and the theme of the new Rotary year is ***"SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES***" and in these times, the theme has a bigger impact than we could imagine.
With this I welcome you to the month of membership development, the month of August that Rotary has designated for us to look into our membership to attract more members, Retain and engage our members. In this membership month, let's talk membership. Let's act membership and let us all support ourselves to build our membership. Membership is the beginning, the soul and the end of all Clubs.

I would like to express my deepest admiration for Rotary International, District, Country and Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View Rotarians that have led Rotary at large in these COVID times.

We are not only thankful to what Rotary already has achieved; I believe we can also be hopeful towards the future.

As Rotarians we should refuse to accept the blows of Covid-19 pandemic rather we should analyze and study the effect and take advantage of the situation.

I want to thank Immediate Past President Peter Wafula and his entire team for pulling off 2020-21 Rotary year, they have given us confidence that despite the current Covid-19 Pandemic, Rotarians are able to reach out to communities.

The Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View is no longer a young club BUT a growing one.

For the first half of the year, our efforts should be towards fulfilling all that we have promised to do for our various communities because that is why we exist as Rotarians. We exist to impact lives around us positively; we exist only to make a difference in the lives of the less-privileged around us.

Securing our goals for Service Projects, Youth Service, Membership and The Rotary Foundation will be fulfilled through the fulfillment of all pledges made and the goals we set on Rotary Club Central.

To the sponsors and supporters outside our fold, we thank you very much once again, for your support and pray for your replenishment in multiples.

To my Change Maker Rotarians, especially my Change Maker Presidents, I once again thank you for the show of Love, Goodwill and Support while wishing all of you more strength to fulfill as we are all showered in an outpouring of divine love from the most high.

May His Grace, Love and Mercy continue to abide with all of us and our loved ones.



WAFULA SILAS SHOKI
Change Maker President
Rotaract Club of Kabalagala

ROTARACTOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I greet you all in the name of our Almighty God.

Welcome you to this new Rotary year 2021/2022 with the year theme "Serve to change lives"

Let's work in unification, see ourselves as one, and put the interest and motive of service above self at the forefront our personal desires and interests aside Collective engagement is our responsibility to give accountability to ourselves as we continue to do good and kind acts in the line of fulfilling the noble course of "serving to change lives"

We are the great humanitarians and inspiring servants of Humanity, great change makers the world has been waiting for. We are the Rotarians and Rotaractors we have been waiting for.
Let's be part of the solution towards the challenges facing our family members, club members, communities and globe community respectively.

Let's all contribute positively to the growth and development of our communities, clubs, members and ourselves.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,
You are welcome to this August Edition of **The BUZZ**.

Despite all circumstances so much has been achieved over this difficult period, we thank members who have put in more effort to ensure that Rotary activities remain visible during these uncertain times.

I thank the PR team which has made it possible to make K-VV shine. Am also glad to be part of the District 9214 Newsletter – Ubuntu, it is exciting working with great Rotary writers and editors.

I also encourage members to provide content regarding the club activities to be shared on our media platforms to create awareness.

Let us serve to change lives!

Rtn Ruth Namutebi

KVV GETS ITS FIRST GLOBAL GRANT



Every maiden milestone is welcomed with hyper excitement. This was the same with the YOKA GG approval email of 23rd May 2021, a month after our Rotary Club 5th charter anniversary:

"Congratulations!" Your global grant application for funding to provide access to clean water (automated water taps), access to sanitation facilities (Toilets), WASH training, entrepreneurship and personal financial management training as well as provision of equipment and training and urban farming for food and as a business, submitted by the Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View, Kampala and the Rotary Club of Assens, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of US$ 78,500.00.

The email went on to explain what we needed to do to receive the grant payment and to provide important information about grant reports, and the conditions we needed to meet for the grant to be closed when the time comes.

o receive the grant payment we were requested to confirm our cash contribution within six months either by sending it to the Foundation detailing the individual Rotarian contributors thus ensuring they get their PHF recognition or depositing the money directly to the global grant bank account.

To this end we are grateful to Past President Peter who dully remitted the cash to the Foundation at the earliest and to the Rotarians that made it possible through your individual contributions.

As regards reporting, a grant report will be due within one year of payment and subsequent reports due every 12 months thereafter. A final report must be submitted within two months of the grant's completion. We are to keep a ledger of all project expenses that correlate with bank activity, because the ledger and copies of the project bank statements must be submitted with each report. To complete our report, we are to use a specific form in the Grant Center, the email further guided.

The host project committee includes Rotarians Phoebe Kisibo, Robert Kavuma, Jenifer Kahwa, George Ahimbisibwe, Rita Balaka and Doris Mitti Kimuli. All Rotarians will have a component to execute to get a feel of the project as well as delight in the direct impact we shall have on our friends of the YOKA community.

The international Committee includes Rotarians Ole Hyldegaard Hansen Assens, Lene Kastrup Poulsen and Thorvald Mathiesen

The Primary Contacts are Rtns. Goretti Masadde RC KVV and Anette Carling Løwert of RC Assens.

Currently we are working with the suppliers to develop and share work plans which we shall share with the club. This will ensure that we hit the road running once the money hits the account.
We are excited about this development and shall be telling the story of our progress on the beautiful pages of this magazine. Thank God for the opportunity to change lives through the Rotary foundation! Viva la Rotary!

Grant title :
YOKA ZONE NAMUWONGO SLUM WASH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Grant Number:
GG2124549

Type of Project:
Humanitarian Project meant to address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

International Partner
RC Assens, D1461

Areas of Focus

1. Water, sanitation, and hygiene
2. Community economic development

Project Activities

1. Briquette making facility and training
2. Paver Making machine and training
3. Smart agriculture, Home Gardens and training
4. Urban Garden Expansion Greenhouse and Seedlings for Demo farm
5. Financial Literacy Training
6. Toilets Construction of two toilet blocks
7. Drainage Construction
8. Installation of seven (07) Water ATMs
9. WASH behaviour Change and Water User Committee Training
10. Monitoring and Evaluation
11. Signage and Publicity

Goals for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

1. Facilitating universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water;
2. Facilitating universal and equitable access to improved sanitation and waste management services in order to achieve open defecation-free communities
3. Improving community hygiene knowledge, behaviors, and practices that help prevent the spread of disease
4. Strengthening the capacity of governments, institutions, and communities to develop, finance, manage, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation services;

Goals for Community Economic Development

1. Developing opportunities for productive work and improving access to sustainable livelihoods
2. Empowering marginalized communities by providing access to economic opportunities and services
3. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, social businesses, and locally supported business innovators
4. Addressing gender or class disparities that prevent populations from obtaining productive work and accessing markets and financial services
5. Increasing access to renewable energy and energy-efficiency measures to create more sustainable and economically resilient communities;
6. Empowering communities to develop environmental and natural resource conservation skills for economic gain

Impact Measurement for WASH

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Number of people with access to improved sources of drinking water	Grant records and reports	Every six months	100-499
Number of people with access to improved sanitation facilities	Surveys/questionnaires	Every year	100-499
Other	Direct observation	Every six months	1-19
Other	Direct observation	Every six months	100-499
Number of individuals trained	Grant records and reports	Every three months	100-499

Appreciation

We are grateful to PDG Emanuel Katongole for inviting Trustee Per and PDG Annette, who toured the project and committed to find a partner

PDG Anette for getting her club to partner with RCKVV

The RCKVV club members and leadership for meeting our financial obligation.

The British School of Kampala (BSK) in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View donated to Kisugu Health Centre IV.

It is always such a joy to give freely without expecting anything in return. This is a virtue that we strongly pursue at British School of Kampala, Muyenga through the annual BSK Community Run. We were thrilled to hand over the proceeds from the BSK Community Run 2020 to the beneficiary, Kisugu Health Centre IV in the presence of our student representatives plus our partners Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View and Women International Maternity Aid-WIMA.

A round of applause to everyone that made the run possible and continue to share our passion of "Safe Child Birth for All"

By Gloria Otto
School Administrator











Kisugu-Green in Formation

When we left Shangri-la Hotel in Muyenga our home since charter we temporarily relocated to Green Lounge on Zimwe Road. Due to the lock-down, few members visited as most of the activities were conducted on-line.

However, after the Club Assembly in May, members voted to re-locate to Hotel International which is on Tankhill road, easily accessible with a good number of Rotary Clubs and ample parking space. The fact that some members had already connected with Green Lounge they decided to form a new club hence leading to "Kisugu-Green in Formation."

This club in formation is hosted by Kisugu-Victoria View. Fellowships started in May with a few members who have now increased the number to 16 new members including Penina Kabenge, Stephen Makanga, May and many others.
We want to make it happen by encouraging environmental values and patterning with environmental companies to promote clean environment. We will also focus on planting trees and promoting safe ways of cooking.

Our Fellowship is on every Friday 6 -7pm.



Rtn Phoebe Kisibo



Covid-19, A Blessing in Disguise, Albeit Very Painful



In a war, some battles maybe temporarily lost and cause severe losses and retreats.
Such battles can be used by a wise revolutionary as an opportunity for self-assessment, regrouping and tactical reconfiguration.

Covid-19 is one such battle. As a blessing in disguise, Africa can use this inflection point in the global economy to reset its socio-economic strategy, to ensure that Africa emerges as a resilient and prosperous force.

Had it not been for the disruptions induced by Covid-19, the better organized and well resourced ' Belt and Road Funds", Sovereign Wealth Funds, Digital Finance Titans like Face Book and Alibaba, would already have over run the disjointed and fragile economies of Sub Saharan Africa.

For a successful campaign, one needs to periodically re-assess. A re-assessment of past actions, strengths and short comings.
At the same time, one needs a dynamic assessment of the opportunities and challenges.
Doing so, one determines the new persons, resources, knowledge and other assets required.

If Africa does not use this Covid-19 induced disruption of the global economy to regroup, re-assess and re-energize, then post Covid-19, Africa, regretfully, may be economically overrun with disastrous consequences.

Major Gertrude N. N. Njuba

My story about COVID-19

When we had just heard about Covid-19, we did not care much because it all seemed like some dream far away but soon I started hearing stories of people suffering and dying. I was scared, I imagined how life would be if the virus reached Uganda.
My biggest worry was the cure for us in Uganda since it was unlikely that we would have the vaccines in time.
In no time, the disease was nearer to us, we heard of cases in the neighboring countries like Kenya and Rwanda which are nearer to us. To make the matters worse, we have relatives in Rwanda and Kenya. Now this was neither a dream nor a bad joke and we could not settle down as we got terribly scared.



When the nationwide lock down was announced by the President on the 18th March 2020 to contain the spread of the virus, I knew it was bad news. Most activities were put on the stand still except essential health workers. Days passed and there was no change, people were dying from the virus, schools and places of worship were closed.
Every day I prayed to hope that one day the sun will rise and schools will be opened, young girls of the age of 13 to 16 are getting pregnant and others are married off by their parents who lost their jobs or lost their business because of Covid -19. As a result many parents are failing to provide for their families. Amidst all sorrows I never gave up on my faith in God. I continued praying to God for intervention in our lives and prayed to God to protect our country Uganda and to open the schools so that I may go back and teach the children.
With much respect and pleasure I thank the Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View for the love and care they have showed me. The On-line Zoom fellowships have also enabled me to visit other Rotary Clubs and get to know more about them.



On 3rd August 2021 we hosted Rotarian Anne Nkutu who shared with us an interesting topic, Leadership and Member Engagement: Lessons from a Gorilla Trek.

This was a great talk regarding the attributes of leadership, she mentioned the major qualities that a leader is bound to have. This was based on the personal experience from the trip she took with Senior Rotarians to the Gorilla Trek where she had it rough to complete this trip.

She listed a number of leadership lessons we ought to learn in whichever space that we occupy.

Points to note;

- As a leader, one needs to know his strength, his team and recognize their strength and weakness and be able to place the team members accordingly. That way you will know that your team is as strong as the weakest link.
- Risks and obstacles - as a leader you will require perseverance and grit to keep you going. You cannot knock obstacles down but have a way to go over them and round them.
- Never stand in the way of progress, encourage others to lead, you may not know everything so let the members help you. As a leader we should not be afraid to ask for help.
- The pressure we put on our leaders to deliver can be so much to the extent that some sacrifice their lives.
- Self-sabotage ourselves, some ladies think they cannot do certain things, as women leaders we do not think we are fit in the places we are in.
- You need to have goals and vision as a leader, be clear on what you are bringing to the table.
- It is important as a leader to surround yourself with people who will encourage you.
- Leaders breed leaders, make people feel like achievers, sometimes your team members know better than you.
- Emotional intelligence, as a leader it is important to know your strength and your limitations.
- After climbing a great hill one only finds that there many hills out there to climb.
- Leadership can be lonely you need people to surround you during tough times, a support system with people who will stand with you no matter what.
- As a leader you have to take care of people in your team and surround yourself with people who know better, they will guide you.

TALKING SOIL MONEY (Farm Agenda Plus)

In the early days of the first wave of Covid 19 Pandemic, a total lockdown was declared. For a good number of days, we sat in our homes while our places of work were locked. We had a lot of time to kill, since, except for our offices, we didn't have anything else to cling on.

One day, as we sat on the couch of our buddies' house sipping on a cold Coke, a spirit of ideas struck us, thrashing the devils that always hailed us as we kept on warming our slumbers!
"Wake up!" one of us said, "we can get land. We can do commercial farming."

That statement was exceptionally heartwarming that in just a few weeks, the 3 of us, Rtn. Denis, Rtn. Andrew and Rtn. David had made a work partnership which helped us secure 175 acres of arable land in Nabusanke- Buwama, our 45-minute drive dreamland!
Shortly after acquiring land, the real work commenced. We hired a tractor that cleared 42 acres at a cost of Shs. 150,000 per acre. After clearing the bushes, we did two separate ploughs because our land was still virgin. In all the 3 phases of land preparation we used a tractor because it can dig deep and at the same time mix grasses with soil which eventually rot to add humus.

After the first ploughing, we waited for 2 months before doing the second one.
(A tractor ploughing land at Farm Agenda Plus)
(Tomatoes ready for export)
We hired 8 permanent staff, two of whom are agricultural experts and work as our farm managers. We rented out space for them near the farm since this would make them more effective.

Two months later, the soil was ready for the application of manure (Kalimbwe) We first bought and applied 26 bags at Shs. 15,000 each.
When it came to seeds, we made sure that we bought high quality seeds. We specifically ordered for Ansal and Assilla from Nsanja Agrochemicals. Although each tin costs Shs. 820,000 its capacity is 10,000 seeds. So, It's a win-win.

From our first nursery bed, we realized that, in the process of transferring seedlings from the bed to the main garden, roots are damaged. This results into seedling dormancy or slow growth. Therefore, we introduced a new method on our farm called plotting. In this

method, we wrap soil in a small newspaper, then, we plant the seed there, hence roots of our seedlings are not affected at all during the transfer. Besides, a newspaper is not like a polythene which lasts in soil forever.

And to ensure continued presence in the market, we plant our tomatoes in Blocks (from Block A-F) While tomatoes in Block A are ready for harvest, tomatoes in Block B are flowering. And those in Block C-E are somewhere between 3 or 4 weeks into the garden. At the same time, seedlings in the nursery bed for Block F are ready to be transferred. This is done to ensure that if one block hits the market in days of surplus and less demand, another block will surely hit the same market in times of scarcity and high demand. This limits losses.



We had anticipated that by the time our first batch of harvest would hit the market, we would sell each box at Shs. 350,000. Unfortunately, our first harvest was not fulfilling! We failed to register the returns we projected. We sold each box at Shs. 150,000 Not even half of what we had in mind, but it was a good lesson to learn from. We used to spend loads of money on things we didn't need to spend on. For example, we spent over Shs. 7,000,000 (seven million) on buying grass alone! But after we had learned our tough lessons, we bought a second-hand grass cutting machine ata small cost of Shs. 600,000. Today, mulching the tomatoes almost cost us nothing because we use our own machine to cut the grass we already have on our farm.





To lessen labour, we bought a water pumping system. Our workers don't have to stress much about how to get the gardens irrigated.

Lastly, for any business you can always expect disaster. And with tomato farming, there quite a number of tomato pastes and diseases that can bring doom any day. For instance, the Phytophthora root-rot, Early or Late Blight and many others. However, with right consultations, we easily overcome the possibility of such diseases on our farm.

Our consistency and commitment have seen us grow very fast. Today, we boost of the ready markets we have, and, at a price rate that is very good for us. We have even diversified our farm activities to growing other crops like Beans, Irish potatoes and green pepper.

Farming is extremely promising to an extent that in the just concluded lockdown, instead of having fun-time with friends on our home balconies, we resorted to camping on our farm for days and have fun as we make money from the soil.

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Jennifer Kaahwa's Sunny Moments as presented to KVV 27th July 2021



I thank God for the exceptional blessing in the years 2020/2021 and I want to believe that each one of us present here has a lot to thank God for. When I was preparing this brief presentation on my sunny moments, I consulted my family members. Together we reflected on our blessings in this period. We have had many sunny moments but tonight I choose to share with you four of them.

1. Blessings of Health:

About a month ago, my daughter and I had covid. We initially did not have typical Covid 19 symptoms. I was only awakened when I blacked out at the hospital verandah, where I had brought my daughter to be treated for supposedly a headache. Both of us tested positive to Covid 19. We give thanks to God that we both recovered. I thank God in a special way for giving my daughter and I another chance, and I believe it is for a reason to fulfill His purpose.

2. Bonding with family

In 2021, when Covid set in, followed by lock down, four of my family members were in different countries. We had feelings of anxiety and doubt of whether our family will reunite again. We started daily family whatsapp calls as a coping mechanism. During the calls, we share our day's highlights, personal concerns and breakthroughs. When we became innovative, we started playing games and quizzes on our whatsapp calls. These daily family calls and prayers have brought us close as a family and have strengthened us emotionally and spiritually.

3. The blessings of Networks

My joining Rotary in general and KVV Club in particular has been a huge blessing. I joined Rotary during the first lockdown when I was feeling Isolated, emotionally and intellectually drained. I have been working independently as a consultant since 2012 with relatively limited face to face interaction with colleagues and professional world. Joining KVV has given me a sense of belonging and a new family I can count on. An opportunity to learn, grow and serve. In 2021, I joined another platform called Girls for Girls, an international movement of women dedicated to mentoring young girls. Through mentoring the young girls, I am being mentored too (reverse mentoring). I have learned so much from them and other fellow mentors.

4. The blessing of my continued work and school for my children

As I mentioned, I am an Independent Management Consultant. Even though my volume and nature of work has been adversely affected during these two years, I still get an assignment here and there. I am thankful to God that my husband and I can still put food on the table. In this same period our son graduated from the law school and our daughter joined University.

My Experience As a Club Admin During the Pandemic



By Rtn Margaret Nsibirwa

The pandemic has taught us numerous ways of doing things differently. I am sharing my experiences as a club Administrator as we were compelled to move from physical meetings to online meetings. As a club admin among my many roles is to plan and organize weekly meetings and programs.

My first contact for this activity are the Buddy Group Leaders, to inform them of their roles and to ensure that all the Buddy groups are aware of their months for hosting and the theme of the month. Whereas we were using a mixture of online and physical meeting to arrange the weekly meetings, the preparations of online weekly meetings were not disturbed per se by changes caused by the pandemic; in fact it was easier to communicate with the BGL online. What it did add, was bonding among the Buddy groups as they worked together to plan for their fellows ships. In some cases some Buddy groups adopted online meetings or discussion to arrange for their months of hosting.

The challenging factor was tracking members' activities of the week, and contributions towards Rotary. I had to figure out the best method of doing this. Using excel sheet, I devised a tracker and worked closely with the Buddy Group Leaders to track weekly ambassadorial visits, and any other activity that their members might have been involved in. It might have not been 100% effective since some members were either too occupied to keep track of their activities while others failed to corporate, but it did attempt to maintain records of the members' activities.

The tracker however, was effective in guiding the President in the recognition of outstanding members (award ceremony) and to also advise the board and President on relevant qualification criteria of the club members for the position of Presidency.

Online has been most effective in the registering of members' attendance in fellowship. And this has been valuable in that I was able to share the list of the members' attendance on a weekly basis for purposes of motivating members.

My other role of promoting fellowship among club members has been very difficult since lock down in March 2020. Members were used to Kimeeza and drinks up once in a while. Some BGs were creative and organized monthly meetings i.e. Sekoko Buddy Group in the first lockdown. But we have been living separate lives for most part of the year.
The major challenge however, has been distributing of the magazines to fellow Rotarians and upto now I still have the magazines of March 2020.

Counting My Blessings in 2020



It was not an easy year
The world turned upside down
or so it appeared
Across the globe this thing
COVID19 struck
And life as we knew it seemed to
run amok

Lockdown came to us in March
Off home we took our lives and
began from scratch
Work, play, home and life
became one
In the confines of those rooms
our new lives begun

2 months at most we supposed
Would be the maximum we
would be indisposed
No cars, no boda bodas, no taxis
no traffic
How would people get through
this, it was extremely problematic
As life took on a new beat and
rhythm
I noticed many things that in the
past I had seldom
Like the beautiful pair of birds
that perched on top of the
avocado tree
Every day at about half past
three
So colorful and bright were they
Calmly conversing in sweet song
before departing on their way.

So many things to wonder and
joy to me
The gentle breeze that kissed
one's cheeks
As I took my evening walks up
and down the hills of Muyenga
People smiled, no longer
strangers
As families, friends, young and
old took time to commune with
the beauty of nature

The sunsets! The sunsets how
had I not noticed them before?
That majestic ball of red, yellow
and gold
Took my breath away; its
reflection shimmering on the lake
As day said farewell giving way to
night's secrets for us to partake
I watched in awe thankful for the
privilege

I been reminded that joy comes
in things that cost nothing
The blue sky, the laughter of
friends, the embrace of one's
family
Sometimes all that's needed is to
breathe and be mindful of the
true sources of our well being
Nature's gifts; they cost nothing
and yet so costly to lose
In our careless daily quests to
accumulate material wealth
above all else

I give thanks to the universe for
these numerous blessings
They fed my soul
With love, nourishment,
fulfilment and above all
With consciousness and
awareness
That from within will come one's
true happiness

And as I write this I am acutely
aware
That for most Ugandans
lockdown brought deep anguish
and despair
Not for them the luxury of
relaxing and working from home
But a daily struggle of
uncertainty in which the mere
basics are a daily unknown

As I give thanks my one wish
would be
That as Ugandans we all build a
nation
In which all can live in dignity,
prosperity and peace, without
exception
To ethnic, gender, religious, class
or political affiliation

By Sarah Mukasa

On 24th July 2021 Rotary Clubs in Muyenga launched the Boda Boda Project to professionalize them by skilling and training them in Financial Management. Members met with the area Local Council Committee.





This was one of the funniest fellowships that the Club has ever attended. The members were so involved and took the fun onto the chat thereafter.

Ronnie Habasa was so much fun. This fellowship came at a time when we were all at our lowest having lost so many loved ones in the recent month. We were divided in our buddy groups and challenged to respond to all sorts of things.

We were tasked to nominate a member who was most likely to have a zoom meeting with no pants on. We voted the one most likely not to survive Kawunyemue and Kenneth Barigye took this one. We were given a list of things to gather in and around the house and the first one scored points for the Buddy Group.

So hilarious CP Harriet Obbo spotted a muyayu, Rtn Shamali was so fast in removing her bra, Rtn Andrew brought a tin of Nido as cereal and Rtn Shamali proved to be the most handy person with a collection of tools in her house.

Humming was not for many of the members. Rtn Doris proved she still had humming voices while others failed along the way.



On 27th July 2021 we had a wonderful fellowship where eight members narrated their sunny moments of last year. For over a year now life has been about Covid-19, our lives have been centered on misery surrounding loss of jobs, loved ones and many other catastrophes brought about by the pandemic.

This evening was special as Rotarians shared their sunny moments, even with difficulties there was happiness in some homes. We had a scientific wedding, graduation of our children, new born babies, elderly mothers working in hospitals and survived Covid-19 infections, success stories of Covid-19 patients who healed in record time, incredible business growth, birthday parties, children becoming teenagers, celebration of wedding anniversaries and so many good things happened.

Lesson learnt is that we should not say all was lost during the pandemic there was some light in the tunnel.

Such good topics shared on these On-line meetings brighten our days!






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PE Henry Kirumira (PHF)
JUNE
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THE REMNANT GENERATION

Immediate Past President (IPP) Peter Wafula and President Elect (PE) Carol Ocama paid a visit to "The Remnant Generation" Offices in Busega where they donated Mama kits.







Buddy Groups

EMPUNGU	
1.	Justine Gatana Mukiidi
2.	Nakato Nsibirwa
3.	Doris Kimuli
4.	Joel Kisawuzi Kalibbala
5.	Jackee Batanda
6.	Ruth Namutebi
7.	Petro Ssozi
8.	Atwoki Katahoire
9.	Shamali Imali
10.	Kenneth Barigye
11.	Rebecca Musasizi

SEKOKO	
1.	Allan Lwanga
2.	PDG Mwanje
3.	Bernard Tabaire
4.	Harriet Obbo
5.	Henry Kirumira
6.	Annette Ssebulime
7.	Joseph Mubiru
8.	Rita Balaka
9.	Nkem Okpe
10.	Irene Kana
11.	Sara Mukasa

NGAALI	
1.	Micheal Monnie
2.	George Ahimbisibwe
3.	Jennifer Kahawa
4.	Goretti Massade
5.	Rose Kajumba
6.	Phiona Mutesi
7.	Paul Kiwanuka
8.	Robert Kavuma
9.	James Njoroge
10.	David Lubowa
11.	Christine Nandora

MUZINGE	
1.	Roland Sebuwufu
2.	Ann Muguluma
3.	Florence Mbonigaba
4.	Dorothy Mwanje
5.	James Odong
6.	Carol Ocama
7.	Marie Namigadde Mpagi
8.	Peter Wafula
9.	Phoebe Kisibo
10.	Dennis Kiggundu
11.	Andrew Ssekadde

Birthdays

Peter Ssozi	29th June
Roland Sebuwufu	4th July
Florence Nyirahabimana Mbonigaba Hanabella	17th July
Kenneth Barigye	21st July
Jennifer Kahawa Katekaine	31st July
Dorothy Mwanje	8th August
Rebecca Musasizi	8th August
Andrew Ssekadde Ssengendo	10th August
Irene Kana	22nd August

Anniversaries

Harriet Bampeera	17th June
Kenneth Barigye	1st August
Harriet Bampeera Obbo	17th August
Dorothy Mwanje & Stephen Mwanje	25th August

