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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Shekhar Mehta
2021-22 RI President
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We have overcome so many challenges these past two years and changed numerous lives. It brings me great joy that we have worked so hard this year to grow Rotary through the Each One, Bring One initiative. The result has been excellent growth in membership. Let us keep up the momentum. I am happy that you have put a spotlight on all we do by organizing projects around the world in our Rotary Days of Service. The future looks brighter than ever for Rotary and our 1.4 million members.

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 constituted a pandemic, and two years later it is important that we continue to draw on our expertise in our disease prevention and treatment area of focus to help people worldwide cope with the continuing challenges. The pandemic continues to defy all expectations, but we cannot be frozen in fear. Our work is too important. It is also important that we make time for each other, and I urge you to register for the upcoming 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. It is a great way for all of us to safely celebrate Rotary service.

We can continue to build hope and spread peace in the world by using our resources to help the most vulnerable and keeping our faith in the future. The pandemic has had an especially devastating impact on girls worldwide. On the first anniversary of the pandemic, Henrietta Fore, the executive director of UNICEF, said that "immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families." This need, unfortunately, remains just as strong a year later. The ripples of the pandemic have affected girls in unique ways — stunting their educational attainment, weakening their job prospects, and contributing to other terrible results such as child marriages and increased human trafficking.

Data from UNICEF reveals why our action is so essential. In the 2010s, important progress was made toward eliminating the practice of child marriage, and UNICEF estimates that 25 million such marriages were averted worldwide. Unfortunately, the pandemic reversed those positive trends, and as a result an additional 10 million girls are vulnerable to becoming child brides by the end of this decade.

This is why our focus on Empowering Girls is such vital work, and I am delighted that at this year's virtual International Assembly, President-elect Jennifer Jones committed to continuing this initiative for another year. In my travels, I have witnessed many wonderful examples of club projects that back our Empowering Girls goals. But all Rotary members know that real change requires big efforts sustained over many years. This is the power of our global grants and actions taken within our areas of focus.

I encourage clubs to think of innovative ways to empower girls when designing their grant projects. Every step we take to improve education, health care, and economic opportunities for girls makes an important difference in helping them achieve their full potential. With opportunity we create hope, and with hope we address the root causes of conflict around the world, setting the stage for sustainable peace.

None of us know how long the COVID-19 virus will linger — and as an organization that has worked tirelessly for decades to eradicate polio, we understand better than most the difficult work that lies ahead for the world. That is why we need to remain focused on the future and on what is possible — not feeling nostalgic for the way our lives were, but looking hopefully to a future that uses this opportunity to ***Serve to Change Lives***. I look forward to continuing this good work with you.

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

BUDDY GROUP In CHARGE EMPUNGU - MARCH

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



March is the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

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CRISIS BRINGS OPPORTUNITY, What We'll Keep

I have looked at aspects of life during the pandemic, we have been in hard times, maybe harder than most of the people or maybe not as hard as some, as societies reopens, how can we use what we've learned to make our lives better? How do we improve upon what we used to accept as "normal"? Many Rotary clubs have reported that their clubs were mainly meeting online during the pandemic, while some were meeting in person, and some clubs had stopped meeting altogether.

"When I hear that we're 'going back,' I gently say, 'No, we're doing what's next,' "I know people are really Zoom fatigued. But it's not Zoom that's bad. It's all the time people have been spending on it that wears you out.", "Videoconferencing is here to stay," not only for organizations like Rotary but for workplaces as well.

Rotary clubs should continue to take advantage of videoconferencing — not just to offer flexibility to current members but also to engage new ones. "It's part of that bigger inclusion message,"

"It's time to ask: Who's missing from this club and why? Maybe virtual makes sense for them. This is the ideal time to focus on giving people more ways to join."



HENRY KIRUMIRA
Change Maker President

The expanded accessibility provided by virtual meetings is a perk for members who, in the tradition of attending make-up meetings while away from home, simply want to visit different clubs, as well as for members who might not be able to attend in-person meetings because of health concerns or time conflicts.

"Hybrid meetings may require a lot of planning, but it's worth it because you have to reach people where they are," "In difficult times, we can find joy in something we love — which is Rotary."

Our traditional club models got us through our first 115 years, "But we are not going to be relevant a decade from now if we only depend on our breakfast, lunch, and dinner clubs. We need to honor our past but retool for the future.

Let us take advantage of the hybrid meeting model to make new connections, or strengthen the ones you have, with Rotary clubs and members around the world. Use the "Find a Club" tool at **myrotary.org/club-search**, which allows you to filter for clubs that meet in person, online, or both.

In conclusion, this was my first chairing of the physical fellowship during my presidency for the Rotary year 2021-22, I was so excited to physically see you all after a long time, and looking forward to seeing the rest who have not yet visited Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View physically.

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EDITOR'S NOTE



Greetings to you All,

As we get close to the end of the month, we can now look back at the activities that K-VV has been involved in. We have displayed some pictures portraying the projects that were covered for you to appreciate the work that has been done over the period.

We appreciate the President and the Service Project Teams which have been instrumental in all this and look forward to yet another month.

Best regards,

Rtn Ruth Namutebi
Public Image Director



RYLA22 MBARARA EDITION

By: CMP Shoki Rct Kabalagala



RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Award. It's a Rotary program however, it's the Rotaractors who are the Beneficiaries of the program and it started with virtual sessions from 4th November 2021 and on 18th February 2022, young adults traveled to Mbarara for a physical session.

Young adults spent the whole weekend from 18th to 20th February 2022 learning, bonding, building networks and understanding the culture of Rotaract. The virtual sessions were much focused on building a strong positive healthy mindset, Business mindset, professional and leadership Development, the topics included: Personal Growth under here youths were trained in; Making Financial Wellness your Reality, Building Self In A Diverse Environment, Battling Depression, Anxiety and Mental Health Stigma and Art of Effective Communication Among others.

The physical RYLA in Mbarara, was more focused on Entrepreneurship, Team building, Skilling, personal and professional ethics as well as understanding the Rotary and Rotaract Fraternity. The participants involved in many activities and sessions physically in Mbarara normally: Story Telling and visual graphic interpretation, Rabbit Rearing, Leather Shoe Making, Rotary Quiz, Balloon games, Tag of war, and many other team building activities.

RYLA stands as number one mentorship program for new comers in Rotaract, a business classe for young passionate business individuals, personal and professional development program, young adults get a chance to get more knowledge, experiences and new Development in both their personal and professional lives, get new approaches to Leadership, goal setting and positive mental health, young adults get to connect, network, and expend their visions as they meet new people with diversity in professionalism. People with different approaches on both leadership and business, it was worth a trip for juniors in the fraternity to join the call and explore the knowledge, it brought all Rotaractors from different regions, clubs, meeting together for the course of learning and expanding their reach, there was a lot of fun, food, and family love, over 100 people met for the first time in their lives, connected and became a family, they exchanged ideas, views, and visions. Rotaract Club of Kabalagala was represented by seven participants, won almost every game and session, the participants from our club made sure our club is wherever, in every game, every session, we had the outstanding physical attendance in Mbarara, RYLA being the best mentorship program, all participants from our club stood out as the outstanding seven club members of the month, with more engagement in both Rotary and Rotaract activities, I take this opportunity to thank all Rotary clubs and members who sponsored these young adults to participate in RYLA22 Mbarara Edition, I thank our ever loving and caring mother club, the Rotary Club of Kisugu-Victoria View for sponsoring our five participants and our uncle club the Rotary Club of Kansanga for sponsoring two members from our club and more four club guests soon inducted into the club, I also thank all my members of the Rotaract Club of Kabalagala for making our Happiest Club shine in Mbarara and organizing a RYLA meet and greet all RYLA participants. Am very proud of you as your president.



Balloon Games



Receiving the prize of the winning team



Team Rct Kabalagala

FELLOWSHIP WITH AN ARTIST









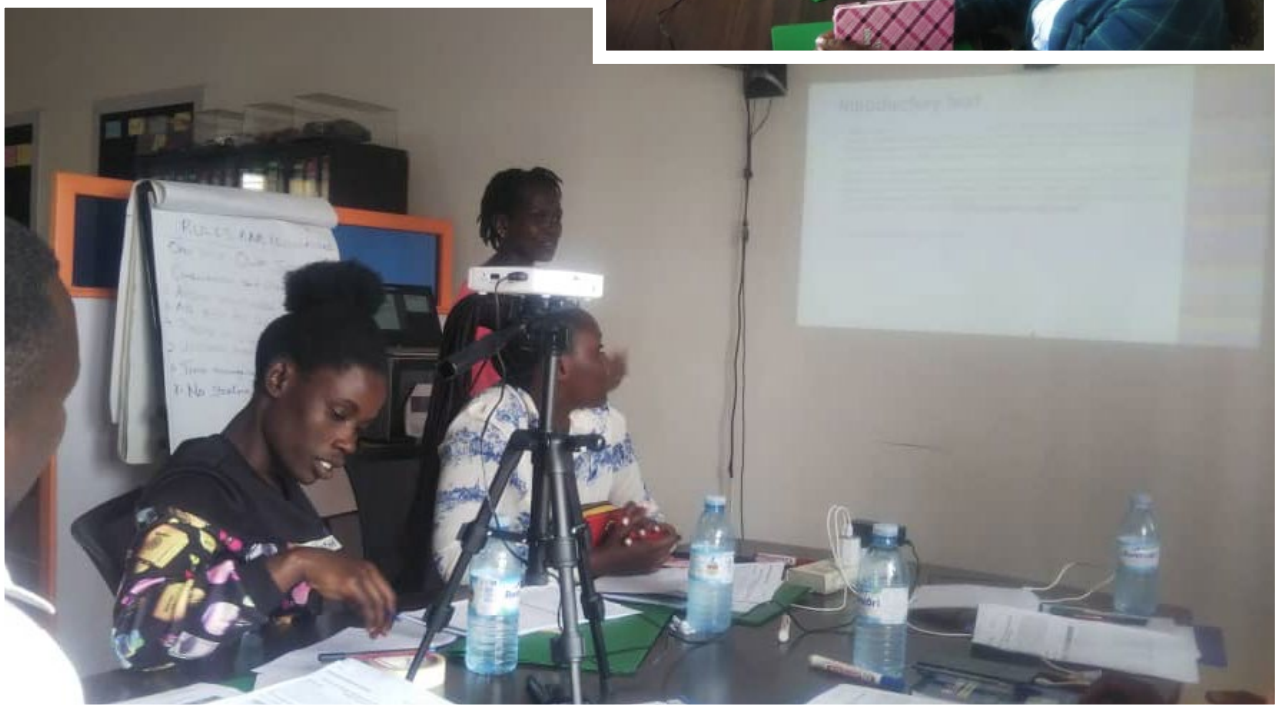


K-VV YOKA GG ACTIVITIES

Training of the Team to assess the Community of Yoka









Water ATM Machines





In Yoka Zone with NWSC team - Mapping Water Pipe routes and Confirming Care takers for Water ATM Machines for the Global Grant project











Rtn Goretti Masadde at the Global Grant Stakeholders meeting in Yoka Zone

K-VV PRESIDENTS



All K-VV Presidents in one picture from Charter President to 2025 at the President's Forum with PAG Deo Kyambadde

1. **Kenneth Barigye**
2. **Peter Wafula**
3. **Doris Mitti Kimuli**
4. **Margaret Nakato**
5. **Rita Balaka**
6. **Henry Kirumira**
7. **Roland Sebuwufu**
8. **Harriet Bampeera Obbo**
9. **Goretti Masadde**

Northern Mega Fellowship











Joint Fellowship with the Rotaract Club of Kabalagala







Rotaractors during the Joint Fellowship

PE and Club Secretary at PETS in Masaka City



PE Rita Balaka and Club Secretary Doris Mitti Kimuli



CP Harriet Obbo conducting the PETS Program

Kisugu – Victoria View
Flyers of the Month









Kisugu – Green in Formation
Flyers of the Month









Birthdays

Rosie Kajumba	17th March
Paul Kiwanuka	9th March
Nkem Chris Okpe	17th March
Christine Nandora	29th March
Annette Sebulime	23rd March

Anniversaries

Ann and Nkem Chris Okpe	17th March
Rita and David Balaka	3rd March