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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the enchanting world of Rotary, where magic takes on new forms! This year, our beloved Siren Magazine has undergone a delightful transformation into the Siren Coffeebook. If that's not magic, what is?

We have infused our coffeebook with several innovative features. Each issue will offer a 360-degree glimpse into the month's special moments, impactful projects, and a highlight of our Buddy Group of the Month. True to the coffeebook spirit, our pages will be adorned with vibrant pictures, inviting you to savor the magical journey of service with the Rotary Club of Bwebajja. July, dedicated to Maternal and Child Health Care, showcases our efforts to enhance the well-being of mothers and children. This issue highlights our collaborative work with Kitala Health Centre II and Syanjonja Health Centre III. Witness the magic we created through a massive medical camp, generous donations, and health education sessions for mothers.

As we embark on this magical journey, we are already witnessing the irresistible charm in our club experiences. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the July 2024 issue of the Siren Coffeebook!

Warm regards, The Editorial Team



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RI PRESIDENT'S JULY MESSAGE

Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary itself.

With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing



ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts — but only if we have your support.

The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing The Magic of Rotary.



HORIZON KIDS CENTRE



LET US BE THE CHANGE THAT WE WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD



Agnes Mungati Batengas District Governor RI District 9214

Greetings Rotarians and welcome to the new Rotary year, where we get the opportunity to share with the world and our communities the magic that Rotary can and does bring.

As we begin this New year comes the opportunity for us to reflect once again on why we are Rotarians, our commitment and what is expected of us as Rotarians.

The challenges in our communities are increasing as we know and there is never a time as now to address this as Rotarians.

The minute we step out of our doors there are a multitude of needs out there in our communities that need our attention, with possible meaningful and impactful projects awaiting and/or in the making. Our 7 areas of focus Maternal and Child health; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation; Community economic development; Peace and conflict resolution; Environment and Basic education and literacy give us bound less opportunities to serve our communities. If we use the targets that we have set for ourselves in our four priority areas of Increasing our Impact; Expanding our reach; Enhancing member engagement and increasing our ability to adapt, we shall make good inroads in making a difference in this world that we live in.

If we have never given to the Foundation or we would like to increase our giving, now is the time to do so and know that even that one dollar is so powerful. It is that polio vaccination dose for that child in Afghanistan; It is that lifesaving drinking water to a fellow human being somewhere in Kilimanjaro; It is the life of that new born baby you have saved somewhere in Kabale or Ecuador through a global grant, someone who will never be able to thank you but survived because of you and your kind giving. Your giving is powerful and please let us never tire of giving and supporting our Foundation. Let us do so with renewed fervour.



As Rotarians let us always remember that there is strength in numbers and only together can we go far. Again, if we have never invited anyone into Rotary it is about high time we do so. We should not allow this year to end without making a true e ort and I know each one of us knows someone. And even if we have already brought members into Rotary, we still have friends, family, colleagues and acquaintances who would love the opportunity to live a purpose filled life, an opportunity to serve the communities in which we live and make an impact, while also enjoying the many benefits that Rotary has to offer. We need the numbers as Rotarians to be more effective and reach the areas we have not been able to reach yet.

As we do this let us also ensure that we are maintaining healthy club environments and giving value to our Rotarians, we are responsible for each other to ensure retention of our new members but also not forgetting the older members.

The youth as we know are the future and we must make a concerted effort to grow, nurture, mentor, guide and support them in their Rotary journey and many other ways as the opportunities arise and to also help them understand their importance and their role in the community and as they grow professionally as leaders of the future and of the now too. We need our youth.

We shall be celebrating our Centennial District Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and are marking the achievements and memory of the years in our District by tree planting and I hope that these trees will stand for many years to come. Our sister Districts 9212 & 9213 shall also plant trees as we celebrate during this momentous landmark year.

Our first monthly theme Maternal and Child Health is upon us. Let us also use this Rotary platform throughout the district during this month towards this theme and let us please also use this opportunity and other opportunities that will arise during the course of the year to tell our stories of what we do in our communities and I look forward to seeing, reading and hearing about what we have been doing this month and throughout the year.

It is my hope and prayer that we shall throughout the year be intentional about inspiring each other and working together to do good, give of ourselves and of our resources and time.

Let us put our best foot forward in all we do and apply our best efforts and end the year knowing that we have done our best for humanity and that we did ourselves proud.

I wish you a productive, fruitful and enjoyable year and I do look forward to visiting your clubs, meeting you all, seeing and hearing about the wonderful work and impact you are having in our communities and also hearing about how your own lives are being transformed during this incredible journey of Rotary.

'Let us be the change that we want to see in the world.'





Andrew Ssennabulya President RC Bwebajja 2024-25

I extend a heartfelt welcome to the thirteen new members inducted on July 11, 2024. Your enthusiasm is a valuable addition to our club. We also express our sincere gratitude to our esteemed Honorary members for their continuous support and guidance."

PRESIDENT ANDREW'S MESSAGE

Friends,

Warm congratulations as we embark on another fulfilling Magical Rotary year! Your dedication and commitment are evident in the remarkable achievements so far. I commend your efforts in successfully completing three impactful projects in July and for your active participation in the Rotary 5-A-Side tournament.

I extend a heartfelt welcome to the thirteen new members inducted on July 11, 2024. Your enthusiasm is a valuable addition to our club. We also express our sincere gratitude to our esteemed Honorary members for their continuous support and guidance.

Our sponsors have been instrumental in our endeavors, and we are deeply grateful for their unwavering belief in our mission. On behalf of the board, I pledge to uphold the sponsors' brands with the utmost professionalism and commitment.

As we move forward, let us continue to work as a united team, fostering innovation and service. Remember to support the Rotary Foundation and to care for one another. As your President, alongside the board are committed to providing exceptional leadership, transparency, and accountability in all our undertakings.

Here's to another successful Rotary year filled with meaningful accomplishments!





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BWEBAJJA CLUBS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ROTARY WITH 1,000 TREES!

In celebration of Rotary's 100th anniversary in Africa, the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja launched a commendable project called Seedlings for Sustainability on July 1st, 2024. This initiative aligns perfectly with District 9214's 2024/25 theme "Plant Your Balance" by aiming to plant over 1,000 trees throughout the community.

We partnered with 11 schools along Entebbe Road to foster collaboration between students. educators. and residents. The initiative kicked off at Bright Future Secondary School in Bwebajja and concluded at Boston High School in Mpala. School administrators. learners. Rotarians. and Rotaractors joined hands to celebrate their commitment to a greener future.



"Our goal is not just to plant trees but to plant seeds of awareness and responsibility towards the environment," stated Rtn. Andrew Ssenabulya, President of RC Bwebajja, at the launch ceremony.



Participating Schools include:

- 1. Boston High School Mpala
- 2. Elite High School Entebbe
- 3. Kisubi-Mapeera SS
- 4. Pop-Up Kindergarten Entebbe
- 5. St. Charles Lwanga P.Sch Kawuku
- 6. Horizon Kids Nkumba
- 7. Kisubi High School
- 8. Bright Future SS Bwebajja
- 9. Kisubi Girls PS
- 10. Kids of Africa
- 11. St. Theresa Girls Kisubi







A MAGICAL EVENING: INDUCTION OF 13 NEW CLUB MEMBERS

On Thursday, 11th July 2024, the air was filled with excitement and anticipation as we welcomed 13 new members into our Rotary Club. It was a truly magical evening, marked by the inspiring presence of our Guest of Honour, Past District Governor Steven Mwanje.

PDG Mwanje's words resonated deeply with everyone, as he encouraged and inspired the new inductees to embrace their roles with passion and dedication. His speech was a powerful reminder of the impact we can make through service and community engagement.

This induction marks a significant milestone for our club, as we continue to grow and strengthen our commitment to making a difference. Welcome to our new members:

1. Rtn John Kayinda

- 2. Rtn Apollo Newton Mwesigye
- 3. Rtn Robinah Nakitende
- 4. Rtn Joseph Makumbi
- 5. Rtn Caroline Mutanda
- 6. Rtn Dr. Juliet Ndibazza
- 7. Rtn Namutebi Hadijah
- 8. Rtn Rehema Nambooze
- 9. Rtn Ruth Katana
- 10. Rtn Gerald B. Wabwire
- 11. Rtn Ritah Nabandeke
- 12. Rtn Vianney JM Mugisha
- 13. Rtn Florence Nabagulanyi
- We look forward to serving with you!







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MAGICAL IMPACT DAY: A FUSION OF MATERNAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

On 18th July, 2024, Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja's Buddy Group Buzzi hosted an inspiring Impact Day, dubbed Buzzi Magical Impact Day, blending vital Maternal Health support with dynamic youth empowerment initiatives. The event, held at Kitala Health Center II and in Buzzi village, showcased a holistic approach to community development. The buddy group made meaningful contributions to Maternal and Child Health care by donating mama kits and baby clothing and fostering economic resilience through an engaging youth empowerment talk on entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

To further commitment to sustainability, participants also planted trees, emphasizing the

importance of environmental stewardship. The presence of the Deputy Mayor of Katabi Town Council underscored the local government's support for such crucial community efforts, while the attendance of District Rotaract Representative Joseph Batter Ssengooba highlighted the strong backing from Rotaract District 9214.

This Buzzi Magical Impact Day beautifully illustrates how powerful collaboration can be. It captures the enduring spirit of Rotary and Rotaract, showing how together, we can drive positive change, meet healthcare needs, and promote economic and environmental resilience.



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DISTRICT PLANT YOUR BALANCE LAUNCH



The Rotary Club of Bwebajja made a significant impact on Friday, 19th July 2024, when its members, led by Mission Green Officer Rtn. Mpagi David, participated in the Rotary Centennial "Plant Your Balance" District Project Launch. This inspiring event, held at the Kiwamirembe Catholic Shrine in Kajjansi, brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and friends of Rotary to plant over 300 trees.

Distinguished attendees included DG Agnes Batengas, DRR Joseph Ssengooba, and guest of honour Alfred Okot Okidi, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water & Environment. This momentous occasion celebrated not only 100 years of Rotary's commitment to supporting communities in Africa but also underscored Rotary's dedication to environmental sustainability.

The tree planting symbolized a pledge to a greener future, aligning with Rotary's area of focus: supporting the environment. The Rotary Club of Bwebajja takes immense pride in being part of this significant event, contributing to a legacy of ecological stewardship and community service.







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ROTARY 5- A -SIDE: A COMPETITION LIKE NO OTHER



The 8th Edition of the Rotary 5-A-Side Football Tournament was held in spectacular fashion on the 20th of July, 2024, at the iconic MTN Philip Omondi Stadium in Lugogo. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd of around 2000 spectators and featured a staggering 93 teams. The participants included 21 corporate teams, 48 Rotary clubs, and 24 Rotaract clubs.

Our team, comprising both male and female Rotarians, delivered an outstanding performance on the pitch. Their determination and skill were evident in every match. However, it wasn't just the players who stole the show. Our vibrant cheering squad, the best and most energetic in the stadium, brought a festival-like atmosphere to the event. Armed with vuvuzelas, whistles, and flags, we kept the excitement levels soaring with our spirited chants and marches.

The tournament provided numerous benefits beyond the joy of the game. It significantly boosted our public image, promoted fitness and health, and fostered camaraderie, allowing us to forge many new friendships. The Rotary 5-A-Side Football Tournament was more than just a sporting event; it was a celebration of community, energy, and enthusiasm.







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NAMAYINGO IMPACT PROJECT – TAKING THE MAGIC OF ROTARY TO NAMAYINGO DISTRICT.

Sat 27th July, 2024 –The Namayingo Impact Project was a remarkable success, showcasing the power of community and service. The project featured a comprehensive medical camp that assessed and treated over 2,000 individuals, addressing various health issues and providing much-needed medical care. The camp's highlight was the joyous birth of Baby Hope, symbolizing the project's capacity to bring hope and new life.

In addition to the medical camp, the project made a significant infrastructural contribution by donating a fully functioning borehole to the Syanjonja Health Centre III. This borehole now serves the entire subcounty of over 5,000 residents, ensuring access to clean and safe water, which is fundamental for good health.

Environmental sustainability was also a key focus of the project. The planting and handover of over 2,000 seedlings to Syanyonja Church of Uganda not only enhances the local environment but also fosters a commitment to long-term ecological well-being. The event was graced by the presence of Past District Governor (PDG) Peace, who honored us as the Guest of Honor. Special thanks go to our Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD) Officer Dr. Derrick Kiirya, for his leadership and meticulous organization of the medical camp, and to Past Assistant Governor (PAG) Allan for dedicating his weekend to support the initiative. A heartfelt thank you to Rtn Frank our Projects Director, and all the Rotarians and Rotaractors who contributed to bringing the magic of Rotary to Namayingo District. We are also deeply grateful to Hon. Hope Mukisa for hosting us and supporting the borehole project.

We also extend our gratitude to Hajji Muto, the bus driver, for his resilience in overcoming challenges with the bus, ensuring everyone reached their destination safely.

The Namayingo Impact Project stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit and dedication of the Rotary community. By addressing healthcare, infrastructure, and environmental needs, the project has created a lasting positive impact on the lives of countless individuals in Namayingo.



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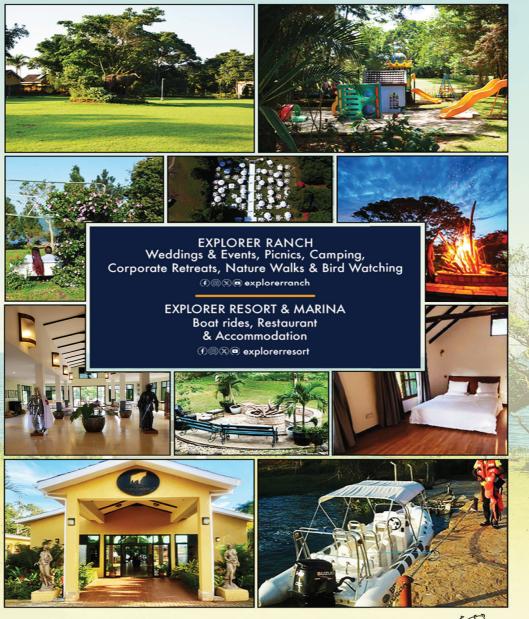












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