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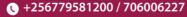
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BUDDY GROUP OF THE MONTH KAWUKU



Dear Friends.

Thank you for the overwhelming enthusiasm for our July Siren Coffeebook. We're thrilled to present the August edition, infused with more of the Rotary magic we all cherish.

In this special Membership and New Club Development Month issue, we're excited to unveil some of our newest members, including our esteemed Honorary members, who bring a wealth of experience and passion to our club. You'll also find an exclusive feature on the Rotaract Pathfinders Project, an innovative initiative that's paving the way for Rotaractors.

Don't miss our spotlight on the Cancer Run Activation Fellowship at Emperor Heights, where members united for a cause close to our hearts. We also delve into empowering projects like "Empowering Girls to Lead" at two schools and "Empowering Youth" at the NTV Youth Skillsfest. Pepe Minambo's session on "Finding Your Voice", the Rotary Cancer Run on 25th August, and so much more.

We hope each page encourages you to be part of our continued growth.

Enjoy the read!

Warm regards,

The Editorial Team

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RI PRESIDENT'S AUGUST MESSAGE





I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites The Magic of Rotary.

Stephanie A. Urchick RI President 2024-25

If we are to truly change the world with The Magic of Rotary, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search,

and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members



took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned."

Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

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As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.



HORIZON KIDS CENTRE





DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S AUGUST MESSAGE





This Membership month, I want us to remember that a large and active membership is critical to the success of everything we do. Starting with our service projects, to fundraising activities, and giving to the Foundation. With a bigger membership, we have more hands-on deck for everything as well as opportunities for more connections from a wider base. "

Agnes Mungati BatengasDistrict Governor RI District 9214

Dear Rotarians We have already completed our first month of this Rotary year and I hope you are now settled into your respective roles and activities geared towards fulfilling our targets and making lasting change across the across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Also ensuring we truly bring our theme 'the Magic of Rotary' to life, and why not, as this is what we do and what we are about.

As I began my role as District Governor this past month, I have been humbled to see your hearts of service in everything that you are doing. I have visited some amazing projects and was awestruck and truly humbled by your works! The year has kicked off very well and we have also successfully launched our centennial project of 'Planting our Balance' in both Uganda and Tanzania. I have been planting trees at club visits and I will soon be done with my personal tree balance then I will also plant



my club's balance. Thank you, Rotarians.

Visiting you in your clubs as well as project visits has reminded me again and again what truly exceptional people Rotarians are. I have experienced magical moments again and again!

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No one will however know what we do if

we don't tell our stories for people to know the good we are doing and come to join us. So let us please tell our stories.

We must be intentional about growing quality membership in our communities, corporates, friends and family. We should try to form new clubs whilst also ensuring retention as well as increasing members in our clubs and avoiding the proverbial leaking bucket scenario.

Let us give this effort our all and this will help set the tone and drive membership in our District this year.

Wishing you a great month and looking forward to seeing encouraging membership stories.





PRESIDENT ANDREW'S MESSAGE

Fellow Rotarians.

The second month of the Magic Rotary Year has been a whirl-wind of success, marked by remarkable achievements across all aspects of our club's activities. We have not only strengthened our existing bonds but have also cultivated new connections that will undoubtedly enrich our Rotary journey.

During this month, we have dedicated ourselves to mentoring new members and actively participating in the Membership Summit organized by our partners - RC Nalumunye. Our collective efforts have resulted into the steady growth of RC Bwebajja MidCity In formation and the clubs that we mother. The addition of three (3) exceptional Honorary Members to our family was another key highlight of this month.

Beyond membership, we have made significant strides in com-



Andrew Ssennabulya President RC Bwebajja 2024-25

munity service. We have witnessed the launch of our inaugural Girl Child Empowerment Initiatives, empowering students in Kisubi Mapeera S. S and Elite High School. Our Youth Directorate also played a pivotal role in supporting a skills training program for 20 young individuals from Buzzi, as part

of the Youth Skills Fest.

In the realm of health and wellness, our club has truly shone. We have demonstrated exceptional performance in the Cancer Run, securing the 10th highest sales in D 9214 with over 274 kits sold. Moreover, our leadership in organizing the Rotary Cancer Run -Entebbe Road, spearheaded by PP Daniel Ssettuba, has created visibility of our Club. Together with the District Cancer Run Team, we have raised awareness about cancer and generated funds to support this crucial cause.

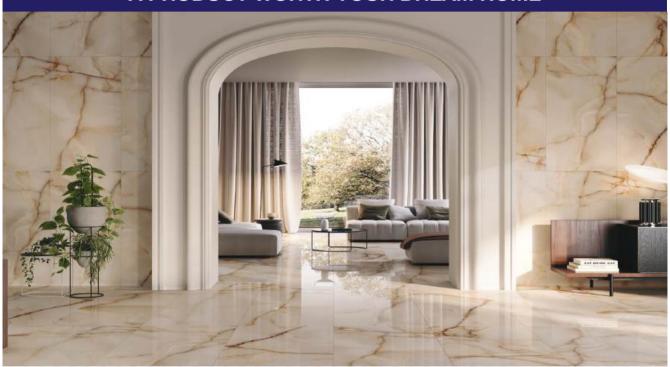
I conclude by inviting you to delve into the highlights of this extraordinary month in the latest edition of The Siren. Discover the inspiring stories of our achievements and the positive impact we have made on our communities.







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PAG Ismail Mukasa District chair M&E



FROM A 4-MONTH PRACTICAL MENTORSHIP TO GRADUATION AND INDUCTION

Understanding both the theory and practice of being an effective Rotarian is essential for anyone before getting pinned. It takes love, dedication, and sacrifice from both mentees and mentors to achieve this.

In the mentorship class of the Rotary Club of Bwebajja, mentees gain hands-on experience in serving above self. Led by this year's headmaster, CP Gordians Ahaisibwe, mentorship covers the basics of Rotary, including its motto, objectives, vision, mission, norms, core values, and the qualities of an effective Rotarian.

Learning is directly connected to club fellowships and projects, enhancing both the mentees vocational skills and knowledge of Rotary. Home or work visits by club leaders and mentees fosters ongoing engagement, forming strong bonds with members and leaders. The classification defence allows members to showcase their contributions to the club's growth.

Participation in all club activities during the 4-month mentorship period is emphasized, including attending fellowships, engaging in projects, and collaborating with other clubs. These experiences and home hospitalities help to build personal connections, creating a unique energy that drives our club forward.





THE MAGICAL **ENTRANTS**



Rtn. Ruth Katana Proprietor JohnSam Bar & accommodation Kitende



Rtn. Ritah Nabandeke Banker with Centenary Bank



Rtn. Johnmary V. Mugisha Air traffic controller with UCAA, professional photographer & a director at MJMV Studios Kitende



Rtn. Dr. Juliet Ndibaza Medical Doctor & a faculty Dean at Nkozi University



Rtn. Robinah Nakitende Medical Practitioner with BF Suma Uganda



Rtn. Dr. Hadijah Namutebi



Rtn. Apollo Newton Mwesigye Assistant Inspector General of Police Lawyer & Coporate Secretary to Board National Medical Stores Consultant With Femus Feeds



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Rtn. Joseph Makumbi Agricultural Economist and a Banker



THE ROTARACT PATHFINDERS PROJECT

kicks off with enthusiasm and vision

The launch of the inaugural cohort of the Rotaract Pathfinders project on August 8th, 2024, marks a significant milestone in our commitment to nurturing future leaders and change-makers. In partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Muyenga Tankhill , Kigo Seven Lakes Golf and Rotaract District 9214, this initiative attracted 173 enthusiastic participants eager to join the program.

After a rigorous selection process, 70 talented Rotaractors have been chosen for the first cohort. They will embark on a transformative journey focused on mentorship in three key areas: Leadership Development, Economic Empowerment, and Professional Growth. This program is designed to equip these young leaders with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to make a lasting impact in their communities and beyond. We are thrilled to support and guide these Rotaractors as they pave the way for a brighter, more empowered future.

























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EMPOWERING GIRLSTO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

The situation of girls in Uganda is multifaceted, with various challenges affecting their well-being and opportunities. The lack of information on several issues impacts their interpretation of the world, confidence, mental health and wellbeing.

It is against this background, that the Girl Child Empowerment docket of the Rotary club of Bwebajja led by Rtn Lillian Nalwoga conducted mentorship sessions for selected girls and boys of Kisubi Mapeera Secondary School and Elite High School on 16th and 23rd August 2024, respectively.

The students were equipped with information on; mental health, Peer pressure, transformational leadership, tips to overcome examination anxiety among others to enable them make informed decisions towards their lives. While girls' empowerment is essential in achieving gender equality, it was equally an important strategy sharing this vital information with the boys who also face some of these challenges. The awareness created is instrumental in helping the young people achieve their aspirations.

























EMPOWERING YOUTH:

EXPLORING AND ELEVATING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

The 2024 Youth Skills Fest, held at Motiv Kampala on August 16th and 17th, 2024, brought together 700+ young minds eager to learn and grow. Under the theme "Explore and Elevate," this impactful initiative, organized in partnership with NTV and Rotaract District, saw Buddy Group Buzzi of the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Bwebajja sponsor 20 youth to participate in the event. The festival provided hands-on training in baking, woodworking, fabric, and artificial intelligence, coupled with two masterclasses

designed to enhance their skills further.

This project goes beyond just skill acquisition; it fosters creativity, self-reliance, and resilience among the participants. By equipping these young individuals with practical knowledge and the confidence to explore various career paths, the Youth Skills Fest is laying the foundation for a brighter future. The ripple effect of this initiative will be felt in communities as these empowered youth become agents of change, driving economic growth and innovation.



















FINDING YOUR VOICE

AND INSPIRING OTHERS TO FIND THEIRS



RC Bwebajja had the privilege of hosting renowned motivational speaker and author Rtn Pepe Minambo on Thursday, 22nd August 2024, to discuss the topic "Finding Your Voice and Inspiring Others to Find Theirs."

Rtn Minambo emphasized that finding one's voice is about discovering a way to speak up for oneself and standing one's ground. He explained that the most crucial aspect of life is finding your voice, which means living your truest life. He outlined three different ways in which life can be lived: perceived life, referring

to how others think you live or should live; desired life, the life one aspires to have; and actual life, the lifestyle we actually lead.

He also discussed the importance of self-expression in finding your voice, noting that it is impossible to help others find theirs if you haven't first found yours. To truly discover your voice, he highlighted the need to identify what you are deeply passionate about, what you can be the best at in the world, and what drives your economic engine.

Rtn Minambo noted that the greatest courage in this world is the courage to follow your heart. He urged everyone to recognize that once you find your voice, it becomes your responsibility to help others do the same. Having the courage and confidence to speak out is a crucial part of this journey.

He mentioned that Rotary provides an excellent platform for making your voice heard, citing Paul Harris as an example of someone who found his voice and whose influence spread worldwide. He argued that there is no price tag to finding your voice and that Rotary offers a powerful opportunity for individuals to be heard and make a difference.

He concluded by reminding us of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s words: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends," highlighting the importance of speaking up and using one's voice.



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ROTARY CANCER RUN 2024:

A month of events promoting Health and Cancer awareness

The objective of the Rotary Cancer Run 2024 edition was to complete a bunker for Nsambya Hospital's Cancer Ward and raise money to increase awareness and provide access to affordable and better medical care. RC Bwebajja actively supported this cause by organizing several events in August.

The first event was a Cancer Run Activation Fellowship on 8th August, 2024, at Emperor Heights,

Kisubi, in partnership with RC Bwerenga and the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja. Led by Coach Pato, participants all clad in their cancer-run vests, engaged in Zumba, aerobics, and stretching exercises to promote health and unity.

On 10th August 2024, RC Bwebajja, in partnership with the Entebbe Road Corridor Clubs, organized a free cancer screening event at Centenary Bank Kawuku, marking the official





launch of the Cancer Run for the entire Entebbe Road corridor. This initiative was designed to raise cancer awareness and inform the community about the 25th August 2024 Rotary Cancer Run.

The main Cancer Run event took place on 25th August, 2024, at the UMA Show Grounds in Lugogo, with a simultaneous event at the Mayor's Garden, Entebbe. The organization was spearheaded by the Entebbe Road Cancer Run Coordinator, PP Daniel Ssettuba (MD), and the event attracted many Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends of Rotary. The run featured 10km and 5km races, with medals awarded by the Chief Runner Mr. Fred

K. Bamwesigye, the Director General of the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority. Dr. Edward Kakungulu from the Uganda Cancer Institute Mulago who is also a prospective member of our club sensitised the over 300 participants about cancer.

To crown the event, RC Bwebajja hosted its members and friends to a hospitality and bonding event at 7 Balls Restaurant and Bar in Kitubulu - Entebbe. Hosted by Rtn Joyce Bakiire and with atleast 100 persons in attendance, the team wined and dined, fulfilling the clubs saying that "after serving humanity we have to remember that tetwajja mu Rotary kubonabona " loosely translated as "We don't volunteer to suffer."













A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER: D9214 100TH DCA LAUNCH



On the vibrant evening of 30th August, 2024, the Rotary Club of Bwebajja, alongside other Entebbe Road corridor clubs, hosted a spectacular launch for the 100th District Conference and Assembly (DCA) at the scenic Emperor Heights Hotel. The event was a masterclass in creativity, style, and seamless organization, leaving attendees with an unforgettable experience.

District Governor Agnes Mungati Batangas graced the event as the chief guest, joined by a distinguished roster of dignitaries, including PDG Emmanuel Katongole, PDG Mike Sebalu, IPDG Ssemwanga Francisco, DGE Christine Kyeyune Kawooya, DGN Daniel Ddamulira, DRR JB Ssengooba, DRRE Alebar Kanyoonzi and CC Andrew Kameraho.

The launch took attendees on a virtual journey from Uganda to the beautiful beaches of Dar es Salaam, with every detail meticulously crafted to capture the thrill of travel. From "airport" check-ins to a simulated in-flight experience and arrival at the "Dar airport," the evening culminated in a stunning fashion show that highlighted the DCA's theme nights, with models strutting in outfits that embodied the spirit of each night.

Embracing the beach floral dress code, guests transformed the venue into a sea of vibrant colors and smiles. With food and drinks flowing freely, the evening was a feast for the senses. Impeccable branding and the dynamic MC duo of Irresistible President Joseph Kabiito and Dr. Phionah Lynn Atuhebwe kept the energy high and the audience engaged throughout.

A special thanks to the organizing committee, led by PAG Peter Kagwa, for their dedication in crafting such a memorable event. Their creativity and attention to detail set the stage for what promises to be an extraordinary 100th DCA.





















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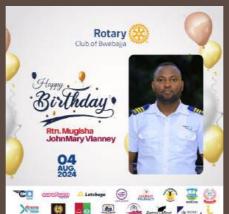


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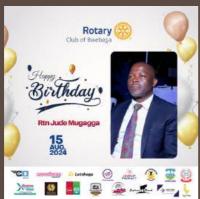


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