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Editorial Note

Our October issue is here!

RC Bwebajja celebrated Economic and Community Development Month with a vibrant array of activities, and we're thrilled to share them with our dedicated Siren CoffeeBook readers. Thank you for your continued support and inspiring feedback.

In this issue, you'll find a sneak peek into the six impactful community projects we delivered. We kicked off the month with a Multi-School, Multi-Club Career Fair, bringing together students, educators, and professionals to explore future pathways. This was followed by the Kyampagi Basic Education Impact Project—an initiative in partnership with RC Kvotera, focused on long-term community development and education enhancement. We also held a major blood donation drive along Entebbe Road in collaboration with 14 Rotary Clubs, bringing the community together in a powerful spirit of service. Our Girl Child Empowerment project provided leadership training and counseling to young girls, fostering growth and confidence. Partnering with our baby club, RC Bwerenga, we presented a Tricycle Village Ambulance (TVA) to Mateete Health Centre III in Sembabule District, boosting local healthcare. Finally, in honor of World Polio Day on October 24th, we capped off the month with a joint End-Polio initiative.

Don't miss the exciting highlights from District Governor Agnes's glamorous visit to our club and much more.

Enjoy this picture-filled issue, capturing the vibrant spirit of October at RC Bwebajja!

Warmly,

The Editorial Team

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IT TAKES A TEAM

Stephanie A. Urchick RI President 2024-25



It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year."

ith World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I had the honor of attending a Strike Out Polio event in July at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team. The Rotary Club of Delmont- Salem hosted the event, which raised \$1.3 million for PolioPlus.

Later in the summer, I joined members of our Rotary family in supporting the Más Millas Menos Polio (More Miles Less Polio) bike ride. Felipe Meza Chávez and his team rode all the way from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, to raise money and awareness. The ride took 12 days,

and Felipe and his team collected more than \$100,000 to support the fight against polio. It was a joy to greet them as they arrived in Evanston.

And I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics.

This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after



the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year.

The Rotary world was heartbroken to learn about the tragic passing in August of Aidan O'Leary, Director for polio eradication at the World Health Organization.

I knew Aidan and worked with him directly. He was a tireless advocate in the fight against polio and a kind, genuine man. We will remember him both for his advocacy and his warmth. But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio.

As people of action, we don't have the luxury

of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. The best way to honor Aidan's memory is by teaming up and reaching our goal to End Polio Now. We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all. There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above. I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together we end polio.



HORIZON KIDS CENTRE







THAT BEACON OF HOPE

Agnes Mungati Batengas *District Governor RI District* 9214



I have seen the power of Rotary at work as I have visited your clubs; a village being adopted and seeing the transformational change in the humblest of places."

e have come to the end of the first quarter of our Magic of Rotary themed year. It has been an absolute privilege visiting you in your clubs and seeing first hand your dedication, commitment and great work you are doing as we continue our commitment of making a positive impact in our communities and in ourselves. From successful projects to meaningful partnerships and the friendships forever built, truly reflect our core values of service above self.

Let us now look ahead with renewed energy and enthusiasm as there is lots more for us to achieve together. Here's to many more days of hard work and service and in this month of October. Our theme this month, which focuses on economic and community development has great potential of impacting all our other areas of focus.

Our goal is to empower individuals and families to improve their economic circumstances to achieve sustainable change.

I have seen the power of Rotary at work as I have visited your clubs and I have for instance seen a village being adopted and seeing the transformational change in the humblest of places. There are many stories like this and I look forward to seeing a lot more from you wonderful Rotarians.

The District Conference is just around the corner and I look forward to meeting you all again to celebrate our achievements. Together let's continue being that beacon of hope.





PRESIDENT ANDREW'S MESSAGE

Andrew Ssennabulya *President RC Bwebajja 2024-25*



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s we conclude the first quarter of the Rotary year, I am filled with immense pride for the achievements we have made as the Rotary Club of Bwebajja. We have truly embodied the spirit of Rotary, dedicating time and energy to serve our community.

Kyampagi Project (Phase 3), the Entebbe Road Blood Donation Drive, the Girl Child Empowerment programs, and the Maternal and Child Health project at Mateete Health Centre III are just a few examples of the impactful initiatives we have successfully undertaken during this month.

I extend my sincere thanks to all members for their warm welcome to our esteemed District Governor (D9214), Agnes Mungati Batengas during her official visit to our club on 17th October 2024. Her words of encouragement inspire us to reach even greater heights.

To our ten (10) new members who were inducted during the Governors visit, I congratulate you upon successfully completing the mentorship sessions. I look forward to working with you towards achieving an enjoyable Rotary journey.

Lastly, as we start the new quarter, I encourage all members to actively participate in our training sessions we launched in October. Let us also double our efforts towards donating to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Its through such donations that we shall increase our impact in the world.

Together, we shall continue to make a difference in our communities, and make Rotary Magical!!







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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

AGNES VISITS RC BWEBAJJA

Rotary Club of Bwebajja hosted a successful official visit by District Governor Agnes Mungati Batengas on 17th October, 2024. The event was attended by numerous Rotary leaders and members.

The DG congratulated RC Bwebajja on being named Club of the Year 2023/24 and commended the club's active service projects and fundraising initiatives. She encouraged the club to expand corporate partnerships, prioritize member retention, and maximize the use of The Rotary Foundation.

District Governor Batengas also emphasized the importance of covering all Rotary areas of focus, supporting new club development, and fostering strong collaborations. She encouraged the club to participate in the District Conference Assembly and to re-evaluate membership engagement metrics.

The event also marked the induction of 9 new Rotarians into the club. Special votes of thanks were delivered by MD Daniel Ssettuba and MD Newton Apollo Mwesigye.



















DISCOVER YOUR PATH

SCHOOLS CAREER FAIR: IGNITING FUTURES

The Rotary Club of Bwebajja, Rotaract Bwebajja, and District 9214 Interact Clubs hosted an impactful Schools Career Fair at Kisubi High School on 28th September, attracting over 500 enthusiastic students from various institutions, including Elite High School and St. Mary's College Kisubi. The event featured inspiring keynote speeches from Rtn Mukasa Mbidde and Rtn Namutebi Hadija, who shared their personal journeys, motivating students to explore diverse career paths.

Industry experts from sectors such as aviation, banking, engineering, and healthcare engaged in interactive sessions, providing valuable insights into their fields. The exhibition area showcased stalls from various industries, with the aviation stall particularly captivating attendees through immersive learning aids.

The day culminated in a compelling speech by Mrs. Irene Bateba, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Energy and



Mineral Development, who emphasized the importance of skill development. Students actively participated in Q&A sessions and networking opportunities, empowering them to discover their potential.

This enriching event was made possible by generous sponsors and volunteers, fostering a brighter future for Uganda's youth.









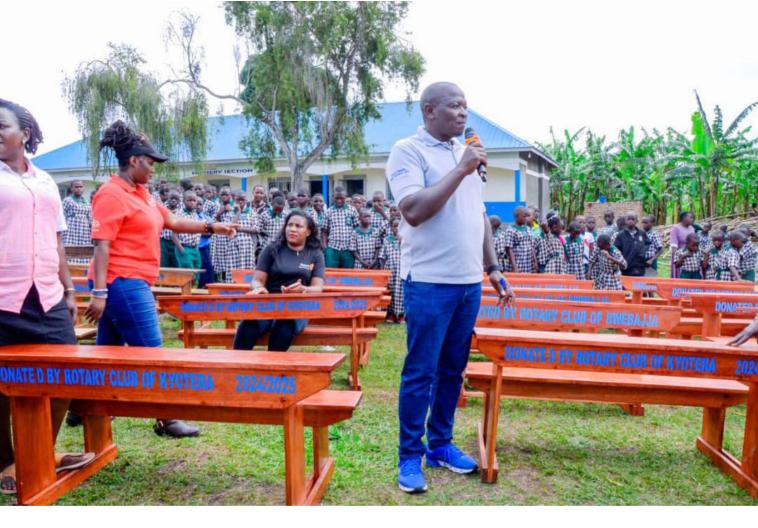












KYAMPAGI PROJECT PHASE 3









Club members from RC & RAC Bwebajja, RC Kyotera, RC Nateete Kampala, and RC Konge Lukuli gathered at Kyampagi Primary School in Kyotera District for the Kyampagi Project Phase 3 on Saturday 12th October. The initiative included donating desks and scholastic materials, planting trees, and handing over a newly constructed Nursery Section Classroom block.

MD Daniel Settuba, representing President Andrew Ssennabulya, highlighted the school's previous lack of a nursery section, which negatively impacted pupil performance. He stated, "When we recognized the need, we convened as a club and decid-

ed to start construction of the classroom block."

The president of RC Kyotera expressed gratitude for the collaboration with RC Bwebajja. The school headmaster called for additional support due to increasing pupil numbers and limited space.

Joyce Nakalembe, President of RC Konge Lukuli, also attended and emphasized her club's commitment to collaborating with other stakeholders for the school's development. She concluded by awarding two pupils with school fees for the upcoming academic year.





















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UNITE FOR A LIFE-SAVING INDEPENDENCE DAY PROJECT

This Independence Day, October 9, the Rotary Club of Bwebajja, along with fellow Rotary Clubs from the Entebbe Road Corridor, embarked on one of the year's largest and most impactful joint projects. Across four strategic locations along Entebbe road, the teams worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the importance of knowing one's blood group, the lifesaving benefits of blood donation, and to collect blood from willing donors. The initiative was made possible through a partnership with Mengo Hospital's Rotary Blood Bank, resulting in an impressive collection of 429 pints of blood.

The clubs organized into four groups, each stationed at a dedicated location to maximize outreach:

Group 1: Kitebi Primary School, - Rotary Clubs of Namasuba, Mutundwe, Nalumunye, and Lubowa.

Group 2: Kajjansi Trading Centre, - Rotary Clubs of Kajjansi, Akright City, and Seguku.

Group 3: Kawuku Trading Centre, - Rotary Clubs of Bwebajja, Kigo, Bwerenga, and Bwebajja MidCity In Formation.

Group 4: Abayita Ababiri Community Market, -



Rotary Clubs of Garuga, Nkumba, Entebbe, and Entebbe Base.

The project showcased Rotary's spirit of collaboration, with the Irresistible Presidents and Rotarians leading from the front, inspiring both their members and the communities around them. The energy and dedication of each club created a powerful impact, illustrating the magic that happens when Rotarians unite for a greater cause.





















MENTORING SESSIONS

IN SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY THE GIRL CHILD EMPOWERMENT DOCKET







The Rotary Club of Bwebajja is making significant strides in empowering young girls through its Girl Child Empowerment initiative. This program focuses on mentoring sessions in schools, addressing critical issues such as peer pressure, mental health, and leadership skills. Since July 2024, the initiative has reached over 509 students across three schools: Kisubi Mapeera S.S., Elite High School, and Boston High School.

The sessions employ diverse methodologies, including group discussions and one-on-one counseling, to help students develop essential social skills and make informed life choices.

Importantly, the program emphasizes gender equality by involving boys in discussions about positive masculinity. Young leaders from universities facilitate some sessions, providing relatable guidance for students transitioning to higher education.

The initiative aims to create a supportive environment where both boys and girls can thrive, fostering a culture of empowerment and resilience among Uganda's youth. By combining mentorship with community engagement, the Rotary Club of Bwebajja is contributing to a more equitable future for young people in the area.



















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KASATTIRO BUDDY GROUP IMPACTS SSEMBABULE DISTRICT WITH A MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVE

On October 5th, members of Buddy Group Kasattiro, along with fellow Rotarians, journeyed to Mateete Health Centre III in Ssembabule District to support a meaningful community event organized by Rotarian Denis Ddumba. The event was dedicated to enhancing maternal and child health in the area, addressing critical needs for mothers and their young children.

The team's efforts were substantial: over 200 mama kits, which contain essential supplies

for safe childbirth, were distributed to local mothers, along with basic household hygiene products like soap to support family health and wellness.

Adding to the day's impactful contributions, our baby club, the Rotary Club of Bwerenga, handed over a Tricycle Village Ambulance donated by Rotarian Susan Najjingo.

Our own MD, Apollo Newton Mwesigye, was the chief guest at this impactful maternal and child health event.

















RC BWEBAJJA AND PARTNERS UNITE FOR WORLD POLIO DAY





Every year, Rotary Club Bwebajja joins the global Rotary family in observing World Polio Day. This year, the Rotary community in Uganda came together once again in the fight against polio. On Monday, October 28, 2024, Rotary Clubs of Bwebajja, Garuga, and Mutundwe, along with the Provisional Rotary Club of Bwebajja Mid-City, partnered with three Rotaract clubs—Garuga, Mutundwe, and Bwebajja—to carry out a joint End Polio project at Bunamwaya Health Centre II.

Led by each club's Irresistible President, Polio Officer, and Projects Director, members gathered early, braving the rain to meet at the health centre. Their mission: to promote Polio awareness, support healthcare workers, educate mothers on the importance of vaccinations, and

provide essential maternal and child health services to the community.

Members assisted health workers in educating mothers on the importance of following immunization schedules. They also lent a hand in the vaccination efforts, ensuring every child received the necessary protection against polio. Additionally, the team distributed childcare items to nursing and expectant mothers attending antenatal services.

The community's response was overwhelmingly positive. A total of 85 children were vaccinated, and 22 expectant mothers received antenatal services and supplies. This inspiring collaboration highlights the power of Rotary's commitment to creating healthier communities and a polio-free world.

















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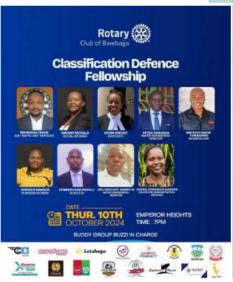
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Agnes Mungati Batengas District Governor 2024-25 Rotary International District 9214 agnes@rotarytz.org

22nd October 2024

Rotarian Judith Niyongereza Rotary Club of Bwebajja

RE: PROVISIONAL STATUS FOR ROTARY CLUB OF BWEBAJJA MID-CITY

I have received confirmation from the District Membership Team that the proposed Rotary Club of Bwebajja Mid-City has:

- i) Held weekly meetings for 5 consecutive months.
- ii) Elected Club Officers.
- iii) Carried out a project in its area of jurisdiction.
- iv) Drafted bylaws and ready for Provisional status.

Based on these, the club is hereby approved for Provisional Status and may henceforth use the name "Provisional Rotary Club of Bwebajja Mid-City". This will enable them to operate like a Rotary Club, to issue make up cards to visiting Rotarians, and to proceed with all the remaining steps required for the club to apply for Charter status.

Please provide guidance to the club as necessary in consultation and with the support of the Country and District Membership Teams so that they are ready for charter status within the next 2 to 3 months, at which point the Charter Application may be submitted.

I would like to thank you for your commitment towards the formation of this new Rotary Club, and look forward to a successful conclusion.

Yours in Rotary,

Agnes Mungati Batengas District Governor 2024-25 Rotary International District 9214

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