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Editorial Note

Friends, our November issue is here!

November holds a special place in the hearts of Rotarians as we celebrate The (TRF) Rotary Foundation Month—a time for reflection and giving. Greetings from the Siren Coffee book editorial team, and welcome to our inspiring November edition!

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's financial backbone, funding club projects and fostering sustainable, measurable, long-term economic improvements. It empowers entrepreneurs, community leaders, organizations, and networks to drive development in impoverished areas.

November has been remarkable! Highlights include the invigorating 21km fitness walk, the exhilarating home hospitality at MD Fabian's, and Kasattiro Buddy Group's impactful phase 2 kick-off of the Kitala Secondary School classroom project with a generous donation of 50 bags of cement. Kakindu Buddy Group's exciting

out-of-venue fellowship, the Peace Concert activation, recognition of the most outstanding Rotarians from the past quarter, and our inaugural club retreat. We also held our Annual Anns & Andys TRF Fundraiser which was a huge success.

Milestone moments also featured the WASH Global Grant project handover at Nyamuyanja Health Centre IV, the Plant Your Balance project in Rwamwanja, the RC Kazo In formation launch, and the Nakivale Refugee Camp Water project handover.

Don't miss our special coverage of the November celebrations and a spotlight on Kakindu Buddy Group, the Buddy Group of the Month!

Dive into this edition, filled with photo moments and capturing the exuberant aura of November at The Rotary Club of Bwebajja, Enjoy!

Editorial Team



THE TEAM







































Rtn. Nambooze Rehemah



A SOLID FOUNDATION

Stephanie A. Urchick RI President 2024-25

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

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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.





GRATITUDE TO ALL ROTARIANS IN OUR DISTRICT

Agnes Batengas *District Governor*

ear Family of Rotary, We are now well into the Rotary year and have had a good opportunity to impact our communities.

As we celebrated the achievements of our district with a review of our performance at 100 days it was humbling and a joy to see how much has already been achieved and I thank you Rotarians for your giving hearts and dedication, but I also encourage us all to update our records so that we can together truly appreciate and acknowledge your work and the true impact you are making in our communities. Many congratulations to you all on the great achievements in the many areas reviewed with a special mention on Membership growth, Foundation giving as well as Global Grant



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utilization. It takes a full team, working behind the scenes and combined efforts from all of you, our leaders and Rotarians to make this happen in all the different areas we have set ourselves to achieve and which are a structured approach to ensure that we achieve our ultimate goal which is impact in our communities. I look forward to our next review that will capture our performance at six months and I hope we can continue to encourage, motivate and inspire each other.

November is our Rotary Foundation month and it is already a buzz of activity. As we celebrate this month of Rotary Foundation giving, I want to express my deepest gratitude to you all for your continued generosity and commitment to making a difference in our communities, and as I have conducted my DG visits I continue to be deeply humbled seeing the change that you are bringing to our communities but it is also notable that the need is still so high and our service still desperately needed.

As we reflect on the positive impact we have made, let us also challenge ourselves to collectively do more. Every contribution however big or small is critical in addressing these pressing challenges.

Please let us continue to share our stories as this is the only way to ensure that our communities are aware of our work as it is through partnerships with our communities that we are able to do that much more. But it is also equally important that we individually understand the power of what we continue to do collectively as an inspiration to continue doing good and bringing sustainable and lasting change.

Together let us continue to expand our reach, increase our impact and continue to ensure that we leave the world a better place.

Thank you, to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and for being a big part of Rotary's legacy. I pray that we can as a district be an all giving district with all giving Rotarians and reach even greater heights in our journey of service.





NOVEMBER A MONTH OF ROTARY MAGIC

Andrew Ssennabulya *President RC Bwebajja 2024-25*

ear Friends,

As we reflect on the month of
November, I am filled with immense
gratitude for the significant contributions made by
every one of you to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
Your generosity and commitment to service have
been truly inspiring to me!

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire club on the successful Anns and Andys dinner held on 28th November 2024. Not only did we exhibit our usual classy side but also demonstrated our commitment to giving back to society through this elegant event. A special thank you to those members who contributed beyond the agreed

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payment and to the dedicated organizing committee for their tireless efforts.

Our club's impact extends far beyond our local community. The successful implementation of the Nyamuyanja WASH Project and the Rwamwanja Project, including tree planting and donation of desks, is a testament to our commitment to community service. Thank you to the special team of Rotarians and Rotaractors that made this western Uganda tour to handover the projects.

As a club, we also continued to witness selfless love and support from our honorary members. In a special way, my sincere thanks go to PDG Urs Herzog, PDG Peace Taremwa, MD Rosemary Bareebe,

and MD Fabian Kasi for their outstanding contributions in November.

We are also grateful to our valued partners, including Horizon Kids and Centenary Bank, for their unwavering support in our journey towards achieving our TRF targets. Your collaboration has been instrumental in making a significant difference to those that need our support.

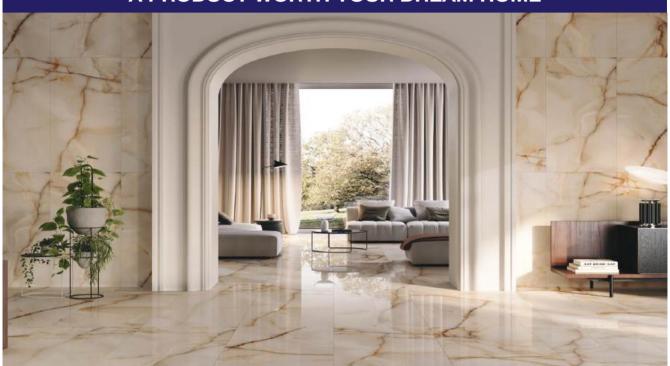
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I wish you all an enjoyable read of our November achievements, and the very best of the festive season ahead. The Rotary Magic continues.....Teri kuzikiza!





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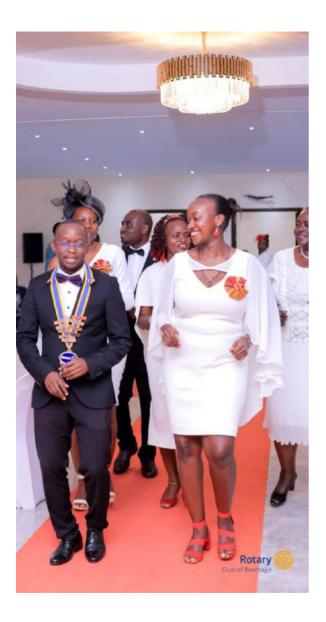


ANNS & ANDYS TRF FUNDRAISER 2024









On 28th November, the highly anticipated Anns & Andys TRF Dinner lit up Emperor Heights, Kisubi, in a dazzling display of elegance and flair. Gentlemen exuded sophistication in sleek black suits, while ladies stole the show in regal white ensembles adorned with fascinators of all shapes, colours, and sizes. The atmosphere was vibrant, brimming with excitement and anticipation.

The evening kicked off in style with the organizing committee and President Andrew warmly welcoming the Chief Guest, MD Rosemary Bareebe, whose inspiring presence set the tone for the night. Kakindu Buddy Group then brought the vibe, officially ushering in the president with chants and energy that charged the hall.

The momentum soared as the six Buddy Groups took center stage, proudly presenting their TRF contributions.

- **Kakindu Buddy Group** led with a lively presentation of **\$3,226**, waving a customised flag and igniting cheers.
- Namulanda Buddy Group followed, dancing their way to the podium to unveil \$1,245, earning roaring applause.
- Kawuku Buddy Group brought vibrant energy, swaying to the beat as they revealed **\$1,600** to smiles and rhythmic claps.
- Buzzi Buddy Group commanded attention,



presenting an impressive **\$3,810** amidst cheers and pride-filled yiriri-yiriri chants.

- Kasattiro Buddy Group confidently stepped forward, waving their flag as they handed over \$3,130, drawing thunderous acclamation.
- Finally, **Jjanyi Buddy Group** electrified the audience with dynamic dances as they presented a generous **\$2,200**, ending the segment in style.

The Buddy Groups' contributions showcased their unity, shared purpose, and unwavering commitment, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.

In his address, President Andrew expressed heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and excitedly announced that the club was now just \$4,000 shy of its annual target.

The chief guest, a true philanthropist with a heart of gold, captivated us with her inspiring life journey—a testament to boundless empathy and compassion. She shared stories of her remarkable acts of kindness, from adoptions that changed lives to impactful community outreaches that touched countless hearts.

By the end of this beautiful evening, 16,345,000 had been collected from the Fundraiser, 6 million of which came from corporate partners.

















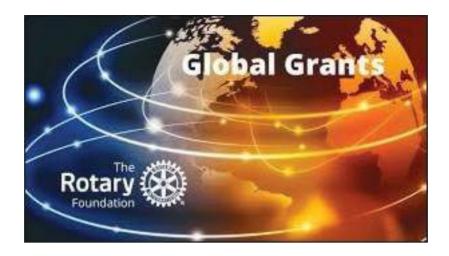




TRF AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ITEM	CATEGORY	WINNER
1.	TRF Director	Rtn. Catherine K. Mwesigwa
2.	Highest TRF giver so far	MD Newton Apollo Mwesigye
3.	Highest TRF giver among new Rotarians	Rtn. Rehema Nambooze
6.	Best giving buddy group	Buzzi
7.	Rotarians who have given above \$1,000 (One thousand US Dollars)	MD Apollo Newton Mwesigye MD Daniel Ssetuba MD Miriam Nangonzi MP Andrew Ssennabulya Rtn. Steven Kiyingi
8.	Consistent Polio givers	MD Annie Ninyesiga Rtn. Julie Nasimolo
9.	All giving Buddy Group	Buzzi





NITTY GRITTIES OF ROTARY GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Past Assistant Governor George "Bush" Ochieng served as our guest speaker on 14th November, 2024. He provided invaluable insights into the intricacies of Rotary Global Grant applications. His presentation clarified the complexities associated with these applications, highlighting the essential elements required for successful submissions.

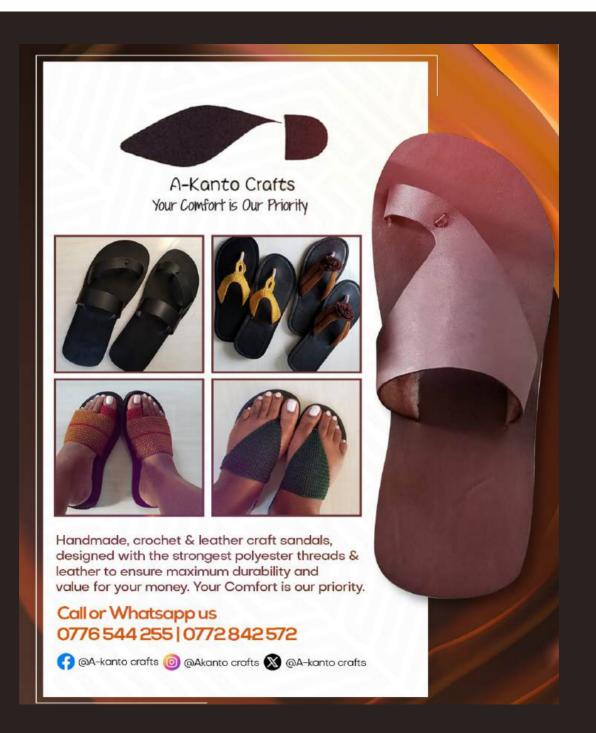
PAG Bush highlighted that a successful Global Grant application must align with The Rotary Foundation's mission of "doing good in the world" and involve active Rotarians. He stressed the importance of early preparation, allowing ample time for evaluation and approval processes. Collaboration with other clubs and consulting the District Grants team were underscored as essen-

tial steps to enhance the application's effectiveness.

Key components discussed included the necessity of a clear concept note, a thorough community needs assessment, and a detailed budget and financing plan. He also pointed out that projects should be measurable and sustainable, responding directly to community needs while respecting local cultures and traditions.

Overall, PAG Bush's session not only equipped us with the necessary tools for successful grant applications but also strengthened our commitment to working together as a Rotary community. We left the meeting motivated to take action and make a positive impact through our projects.







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MD FABIAN'S HOME HOSPITALITY & WALK

It's a gentle drizzle on a Saturday morning, November 2nd. The clock strikes 6 AM, and the vibrant spirit of Rotary defies the weather. A group of determined members assembles, their bright workout gear mirroring their upbeat moods. Amid stretches and warm-ups, the excitement is palpable—a day of connection and camaraderie lies ahead.

Hosted by Rtn Dr. Fabian Kasi, an honorary member of RC Bwebajja, his picturesque Lubowa residence becomes a haven of warmth and togetherness. After a refreshing morning run and walk, the farthest 21km, through the scenic hills, laughter fills the air over a hearty breakfast. Conversations flow, stories unfold,

and friendships deepen as the morning melts away.

By afternoon, members return adorned in elegant all-white attire, the mood shifting to celebration. Heartfelt words from Rtn Dr. Kasi and Rtn Lillian Nalwoga, head of Buddy Group Kasattiro, emphasize gratitude—gratitude to members for showing up and to the host for graciously opening his home.

As the DJ's beats set the rhythm, the evening transforms into a dance of joy. Delicious meals, laughter, and cherished moments blend into a tapestry of unity. This isn't just an event; it's a celebration of family, love, and the bonds that make us Bwebaija.























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Nyamuyanja WASH Global Grant Handover

Under Global Grant No. GG2345418, the Rotary Clubs of Bwebajja, Allschwil Regio Basel, Mbarara Ranchers, and the Rotaract Club of Bwebajja joined forces to enhance healthcare services at Nyamuyanja Health Centre IV in Isingiro District, Uganda.

The clubs officially handed over a comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) project to the health centre on Friday, 29th November, with PDG Urs Herzog as the Guest of Honour. This vital initiative is aimed at improving the overall health and well-being of the local community by providing access to clean water, better sanitation

facilities, and promoting good hygiene practices.

This project, completed through the collaborative efforts of the three Rotary clubs, one Rotaract club, and Rotary International, addresses a critical need within the community. Before its implementation, the health centre struggled with significant hygiene and sanitation challenges, which contributed to the spread of preventable diseases.

The impact of this WASH project extends far beyond the walls of the health centre. By ensuring access to clean water and improved sanitation facilities, the project will: Reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases, improve maternal and child health outcomes and promote the overall well-being of the community.

















RWAMWANJA PHASE IV AND "PLANT YOUR BALANCE" IN OMUNGARI





This year, under the Rwamwanja Phase IV Project, Rotary Club of Bwebajja, Rotaract Club of Bwebajja, and the Rotaract Club of Kabarole visited Engari Mixed Primary School and Sya Primary School on Saturday, November 29, 2024, where we donated desks. This generous contribution aims to enhance the learning environment for the students.

The team also engaged with the girls, educating them on essential hygiene practices and providing reusable sanitary pads to support their menstrual health. This initiative was designed to promote menstrual health, reduce stigma, and empower girls to manage their periods with confidence.

Additionally, Rotarians and Rotaractors conducted oral hygiene classes, emphasizing the importance of proper dental care. This comprehensive effort demonstrates Rotary's unwavering commitment to creating positive and sustainable change within communities.

In line with this year's district flagship project, "Plant Your Balance," the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Bwebajja also embarked on a transformative community service project in Omungari, Kazo District. Led by Chief Planter PDG Urs Herzog, the team planted 8,000 eucalyptus trees and 100 fruit trees at Omungari Church of Uganda. This initiative promotes environmental sustainability and conservation, underscoring the power of collaboration and community engagement.











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NAKIVALE WASH PROJECT HANDOVER

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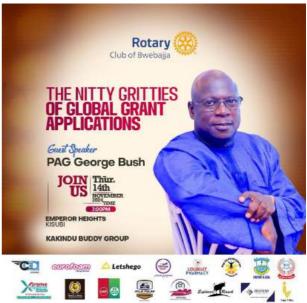


















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BUDDY GROUP OF THE MONTH KAKINDU





Rtn. Ritah Nabandeke



Rtn. Gastone Baguma



Rtn. Daniel Bateeze



Rtn. Pearl Arinaitwe



Rtn. Joseph Makumbi



PP Miriam Kyeyune



Rtn. Evelyn Bageya



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Rtn. Jonathan Muhairwe



Rtn. Peter Kabunga



Rtn. Gorrett Kironde



PAG George Bush



Rtn. Dr Solome Kiribakka



Rtn. Irumba Robert



Rtn. Ruth Apolot



Rtn. Denis Kizito



Rtn. Bro Innocent Ssempijja



Rtn. Dr. Derrick Kiirya



Rtr. Mukiibi Hannington

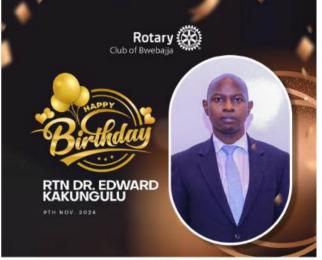


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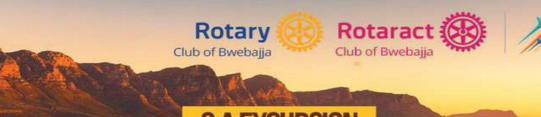














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