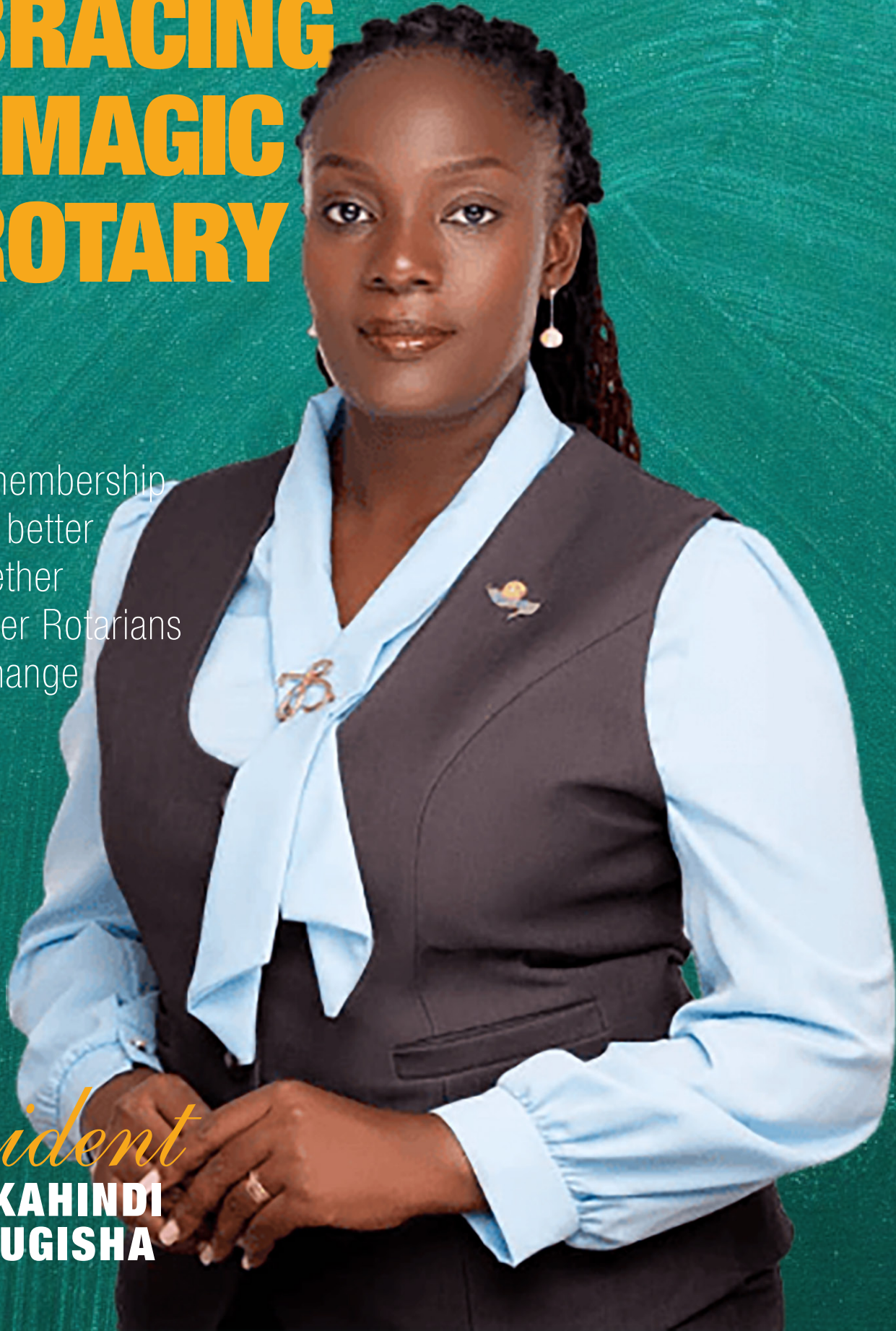




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President
**PEARL KAHINDI
HABOMUGISHA**

THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE COST

OF A ONE 20LTR JERRYCAN OF WATER,
AND OTHER BASIC GOODS



Public Tap UGX 25

Domestic UGX 100



Mineral water bottle UGX 1000

40 Jerrycans of water



Mineral water bottle UGX 1000

10 Jerrycans of water



1Kg of beef at UGX 15,000

600 Jerrycans of water



1Kg of beef at UGX 15,000

150 Jerrycans of water



Bottle of beer at UGX 5,000

200 Jerrycans of water



Bottle of beer at UGX 5,000

50 Jerrycans of water



Bunch of matooke at UGX 30,000

1200 Jerrycans of water



Bunch of matooke at UGX 30,000

300 Jerrycans of water



Rolex at UGX 2,000

80 Jerrycans of water



Rolex at UGX 2,000

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Editorial

Dear Esteemed Readers,

As the Magical Year unfolds its wonders, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this special edition of the Magical Rotary Magazine, a beacon of our collective endeavors and shared aspirations. This magazine is not merely a collection of articles; it is a testament to the spirit of camaraderie, service, and dedication that defines the Rotary Club of Akright.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors who have enriched this magazine with their insightful articles. Your wisdom, experiences, and stories have created a tapestry of knowledge and inspiration that will undoubtedly resonate with our readers.

I also wish to express sincere appreciation to those who facilitated this magazine through advertisements. Your support not only brings visibility to your ventures but also fortifies the financial backbone of this publication, allowing us to continue sharing valuable content with our community.

To our readers, thank you for purchasing this magazine. Your gesture is more than just an act of reading; it is a contribution to a noble cause. The proceeds from this magazine will significantly aid the Sheema Signature Project, an initiative dedicated to helping underprivileged and handicapped children. Your support empowers us to make a tangible difference in the lives of these young souls, providing them with opportunities and hope for a brighter future.

The creation of this magazine has been a collaborative effort, a labor of love, and a demonstration of the strength and unity within our Rotary Club.

Every article, advertisement, and purchased copy is a thread in the rich fabric of our shared mission to serve and uplift.

As you turn these pages, may you find inspiration, joy, and a deeper connection to the noble cause we all champion. Together, we can achieve wonders, and together, we can light up the path for those in need.

**Anthony Tenywa,
Editorial Team,
Magical Rotary Magazine
Rotary Club of Akright City**

empathy. service. change.

Create hope in the world

It's customary for a Rotary President in the final month in office to recap the past year on this page, and I am proud of all we have achieved together. But I want to focus on our future, and that, begins with polio.

We have reached an astonishing three billion children with the polio vaccine, and averted an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis. But it's not enough. We must continue supporting the End Polio Now campaign to reach zero cases and keep our promise to the world's children.

Polio is not our only global commitment. In fact, Rotary has been working toward global peace even longer. Spreading Positive Peace through service projects and Rotary Peace Centers around the world is more important than ever.

We must also continue to build peace from within, and that

begins with supporting mental health and wellness among fellow Rotary members and the communities we serve. Rotary has an opportunity to help build a global mental health system that, currently, does not exist, and I urge all members to consider joining the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives to keep up the momentum we began this year.

It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your president. You have given Heather and me memories we will cherish forever. I look forward to our continued friendship and our collective commitment to Create Hope in the World.



2023-2024 RI President R. Gordon R. McNally

Remain committed to our cause

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, family and friends of Rotary.

Looking back to when we started the journey of "Creating Hope in the World," I can only say, congratulations, you made it. It is gratifying to end this Rotary year with remarkable projects that define the real essence of Service Above Self.

I am currently in Singapore, where the Rotary International Convention is taking place, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the conveners for their participation. It is events like these that lay strong pillars to enable Rotary make the world a better place for all.

As we approach the end of the 2023/2024 Rotary Year, I want to emphasize the importance of finishing strong. In District 9214, we have made significant strides in youth engagement, and I encourage all Clubs to continue supporting our young Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors.

We still have a few days to go, and I urge you all to remain committed to our causes and projects. Clubs should prioritize training for new Club officers, both at the Club level and through our designated District training. This will ensure a smooth transition and equip our leaders with the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver a service oriented Irresistible year.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations

to all the new Presidents who have been installed so far, and I wish those who are yet to be installed successful and joyful ceremonies. To our outgoing District team and Presidents, I urge you to support the new teams and ensure a seamless transition as we plan for the new year.

To the 2023/2024 District officials and Club Presidents, thank you for not only being exceptional but also for exceeding our expectations this year.

On a personal note, I want to thank my wife, Mrs. Angela Ssemwanga, and our entire family for walking with me throughout my Rotary journey. Your love and encouragement have meant the world to me.

To the esteemed members of the Premium Club of Akright City, our heartfelt gratitude for kindling hope, your landmark initiative in Bukalabi, where you are bolstering school infrastructure, stands as a shining example of your commitment to Rotary values. As we embark on this enchanting new Magical year, let us remain dedicated to building a brighter, better world together.

Thank you all, and let us continue to serve with passion and dedication to Create more hope in the World through the Magic of Rotary.

Francisco Ssemwanga
District Governor D9214 2023/24





Message from Minister Nankabirwa

Dear Esteemed Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Akright City

I am delighted to address you on this special occasion of the installation of your new President. Congratulations to Rotarian Pearl Habomugisha on her well-deserved appointment as the President of the Rotary Club of Akright City. Her exemplary dedication, leadership, and commitment to service truly embody the core values of Rotary. I am confident that under her guidance, the club will continue to prosper and make significant contributions to community service and development.

The Government of Uganda is fully committed to providing a conducive and safe environment for organizations like Rotary to thrive. We appreciate the important role that Rotary clubs play in promoting community development, and we stand ready to support your endeavors. Together, we can bring about meaningful and sustainable change in our communities.

I am particularly impressed by your Magical Year Signature Project in Sheema District, which aims to provide clean water and solar lighting to disadvantaged handicapped students. This initiative not only aligns with

our national goals of enhancing access to clean water and renewable energy but also demonstrates inclusivity and support for the most vulnerable members of society.

As stated in 1John 3:17-18, let us not only profess love through words but also demonstrate it through actions and truth. I wholeheartedly endorse this commendable project, as access to clean water and dependable solar lighting will greatly enhance the lives and educational opportunities of these students, enabling them to reach their full potential.

Let us continue our collaborative efforts, combining our strengths and resources to create a brighter and more just future for everyone. Congratulations once again to President Pearl Habomugisha and all the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Akright for your selfless dedication to serving others.

Thank you, and may our collective efforts inspire positive change in our communities.

For God and My Country.

*Hon. Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu,
Minister of Energy and Mineral Development*



Embracing the magic of Rotary

Dear fellow Rotarians,
As I stand on the edge of this new journey as your Assistant Governor, I am filled with immense excitement and gratitude.

The Rotary Club of Akright City holds a special place in my heart, and I am honored to serve alongside each and every one of you in the upcoming year.

Our theme for this year, “The Magic of Rotary,” couldn’t be more appropriate. Looking at Rotary’s ability to create lasting change in our communities, reminds me of the power that lies within our collective efforts. Like magicians, we have the ability to create positive change, to turn dreams into reality, and to bring hope to those in need.

Each one of us plays a unique role in this magical journey. Whether it’s through our service projects, membership growth and extension, or international collaborations, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the world. And it’s this spirit of service and commitment to making the world a better place, that truly sets Rotary apart.

But the magic of Rotary isn’t just about the impact we make externally; it’s also about the bonds, friendships, and networks we form within our own club and beyond. Our meetings, fellowships, projects, and social gatherings are more than just opportunities to serve - they’re chances to

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connect, to learn, and to grow together as individuals and as an organisation.

As we embark on this new Rotary year, let us embrace the magic that surrounds us. Let us continue to inspire, to innovate, and to lead by example. And most importantly, let us never forget the incredible privilege we have to be Rotarians - to be part of an organization that truly changes lives, both near and far.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Assistant Governor, and I look forward to the adventures that lie ahead. Together, let’s make this year one filled with fun, lots of impactful projects, enhanced collaboration.

*Yours in service,
Rtn. Annie Ninyesiga
Assistant Governor 2024-25*



Protect the **Rotary** brand

I am grateful to District Governor Francisco Ssemwanga for appointing me as an Assistant Governor (AG) for Rotary Club of Akright City for Rotary Year 2023/24. I have enjoyed working and learning from RC Akright City. My tour of duty has been characterised by sharing our knowledge and experience which has greatly added value to us as Rotarians.

Lately, I have been studying the concept of a Brand name in driving organisations, including Rotary Clubs. I have clearly elucidated across various fora the necessity for organizations and business enterprises to carve out distinctive niches as a means of cultivating clientele loyalty. This is important because of intense competition among organisations. In liberalized economies, where the entry and exit of enterprises is unhindered, the cultivation of a resilient and robust brand name becomes paramount to weathering challenging and disruptive circumstances. It is against this background that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Rotary International for its remarkable achievement in upholding the Rotary Brand on a global scale. Charity Navigator, an organization renowned for evaluating brand strength, has persistently ranked Rotary International as a 4- Star (Best Brand Strength) organisation.

What is a Brand name? It is a distinctive name applied by a manufacturer or an organisation to a particular product or service. Brand names are also embodied in a company or organisation's Logo. A logo is a symbol usually composed of words, images or colours. The primary function of a brand logo is to convey a specific message, rooted in a value proposition. For example, Rotary as a Global organisation established in 1905, has a Brand Logo composed of a wheel with a few lines, which in essence illustrate "civilization and movement". Any item that bears the Rotary logo signifies one element;

"service to humanity anchored on "serving above self" as a Principal Motto.

This motto epitomizes Rotary's commitment to global volunteerism, a cause fervently embraced by all Rotarians.

It should be noted that "Service" is a natural law. As Pope Francis has counselled; "trees do not eat their own fruit, the sun does not shine for itself nor can rivers drink their own water, and flowers do not give out that fragrance for themselves but for us to enjoy".

Therefore, engaging in service for the welfare of humanity is NOT AN OPTION. It is the essence of purposeful living.

It is, therefore, instructive that the Rotary Club of Akright City anchors the Rotary Brand name in our day-to-day lives as Rotarians. Why? It makes it very easy for the latter to identify with the Business of Rotary.

I would like to congratulate the Hope Creator President (HCP) Paul Mukasa, the 2023/24 Board and the entire RC Akright City membership for the significant achievements namely;

1. Construction of Two- Classroom block for Bukalabi Primary School in Nakaseke District.
2. RC of Akright City has contributed US\$ 10,532 to the Rotary Foundation.
3. Net increase in membership of 15, from 37 to 52 members.

This is a strong foundation up on which the Irresistible President (IP) Pearl Kahindi Habomugisha will build and strengthen the club.

The message is unequivocal: Rotarians, let us unite in safeguarding THE ROTARY BRAND!
VIVA VIVA Rotary Club of Akright City.

Rtn Augustus Nuwagaba (Assistant Governor RC Akright City 2023/24, D9214)

My Vision for the club

As Rtn Pearl Kahindi Habomugisha prepares to take the helm of the Rotary Club of Akright City, her journey in Rotary and her ambitious plans for the coming year paint a vivid picture of dedication and transformative change. Themed "A Year of Magic," her presidency is set to bring hope for a better future to the children of Ishekye who are living with disabilities, through a signature project that promises to improve their lives by providing solar energy lighting for a safe learning and living environment and constructing a borehole to ensure accessible and safe water, among other things.

A Journey of Passion and Commitment

Pearl's journey in Rotary began with a simple desire to belong to an organized entity through which she could consistently extend a helping hand to the needy. From when she was a young girl, she had a desire to help the underprivileged and participated in numerous charity activities through social groups, often times individually. She believes that any act of kindness, no matter how small, leaves a lifetime positive impact.

The Rotary Leadership

"I had made a deliberate effort to play a passive role in the rotary club because I had an extremely busy schedule, but leadership seems to follow me wherever I go. I was not to be spared by my club leaders," Pearl states. Her rotary leadership journey has been a unique one and over a very short period of time, she has embraced various roles, with each experience enriching her understanding of service and leadership. Her commitment to Rotary's ideals has been unwavering, driven by a deep-seated belief in the power of collective action to bring about positive change. When Pearl learned she would be stepping into the role of President, she felt a mix of emotions; anxiety because she felt

unready. Her term of office wasn't until another year and there was so much to prepare, with limited time. She was also humbled that the club could trust her with such an important role. The responsibility of leading the club is enormous, but so was the opportunity to guide the club towards new horizons. "I remember feeling a surge of gratitude and a sense of purpose," Pearl recalls.

The Ishekye Project: A Beacon of Hope
Pearl's signature project is centered on the Ishekye Unit for disabled children. The project is particularly meaningful to Pearl because she has a personal attachment to institutions that take care of children with disability. This initiative aims to provide reliable, accessible and safe water supply and install solar systems.

"Access to clean water and proper lighting are basic necessities that every child should have," Pearl explains. "For the children living with disability at Ishekye, these improvements mean more than convenience; they mean safety, dignity and better opportunities for learning."

Addressing Key Challenges and Defining Success

Pearl recognizes that the challenges ahead are formidable. The logistics of installing water systems and solar panels in a

rural setting require careful planning and coordination. In order to ensure sustainable maintenance of these facilities, the club will partner with nearby clubs that can carry out frequent visits.

Success, for Pearl, will be measured not only by the completion of these installations but by the tangible improvements they will lead to in the children's daily lives. "Success will be children no longer having to trek long distances for water and being able to study and play in a well-lit environment," she says. "It will be seeing their smiles and knowing we've made a lasting difference."

Engaging and Inspiring Club Members

Pearl's leadership style is inclusive and collaborative. She believes that every member of the Rotary Club of Akright City has a unique contribution to make. Her plans for engaging club members revolve around active participation, open communication and celebrating each small victory along the way.

"I want our members to feel the magic of Rotary in everything we do," Pearl states. "By involving them in every step of our projects, listening to their ideas, and acknowledging their efforts, we create a vibrant and motivated team."

Collaboration and Partnerships

Recognizing the power of partnerships, Pearl is keen on fostering collaborations with other Rotary clubs and corporate companies. These collaborations will not only bring additional resources and expertise to the club's projects but will also strengthen the bonds within the Rotary community.

"Working together with other clubs will amplify our impact," Pearl notes. "I'm excited about the possibilities these partnerships will bring and the collective magic we shall create."

A Vision for the future

As she steps into her new role, Pearl's vision is clear: to lead with empathy, to inspire with action, and to bring about meaningful change. Her expectations from the club members are straightforward: dedication, creativity, and a shared commitment to the Rotary ideals. With a heart full of hope and plans grounded in practical action, Pearl is poised to make her presidency a year of magic for the Rotary Club of Akright City and the children of Ishekye Unit for the disabled.

"I believe in the magic of service," Pearl concludes. "When we come together with a common purpose, we can achieve extraordinary things. Let's make this year unforgettable, not just for us, but for those whose lives we shall touch."

With Pearl's inspiring leadership and the club's collective efforts, the Rotary Club of Akright City is set for a transformative year, one that will light up the lives of many and create ripples of positive change for years to come.

Welcome to a Year of Magic

Fellow Rotarians, distinguished guests, and dear friends and family, As I stand before you today, I am filled with immense gratitude and a deep sense of purpose. My journey in Rotary has been a testament to the incredible power of collective action and the profound impact we can have when we come together with a shared mission. Today, as I prepare to take the helm of the Rotary Club of Akright City, I am honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to lead us into "A Year of Magic."

My passion for service began at a young age, driven by a simple desire to help those in need. Whether it was through organized charity activities or personal acts of kindness, I always believed that every small gesture could leave a lifetime positive impact. This belief has only strengthened since I joined Rotary, where I found a community dedicated to making a difference.

My journey within Rotary has been unique and swift, with each role enriching my understanding of service and leadership. Despite my initial reluctance due to an already busy schedule, leadership found me, and I embraced it wholeheartedly. When I learned I would be stepping into the role of President, I felt a mix of anxiety and humility. The responsibility is enormous, but so is the opportunity to lead our club towards new horizons.

Our signature project this year is the Ishekye Unit for disabled children, a cause close to my heart. We aim to provide solar energy lighting and construct a borehole, ensuring these children have a safe learning and living environment with accessible, clean water. These basic necessities will transform their lives, offering safety, dignity, and better opportunities for learning. Success for us will not just be the completion of these installations, but the smiles on these children's faces, knowing we've made a lasting difference.

The challenges ahead are significant, but I believe in the power of our collective effort. We plan to partner with nearby Rotary clubs for sustainable maintenance and regular visits. Together, we will ensure that our contributions continue to benefit the children of Ishekye long after the installations are complete.

My leadership style is inclusive and collaborative. Every member of our club has a unique contribution to make, and I am committed to fostering active participation, open communication, and celebrating every small victory along the way. I want all of us to feel the magic of Rotary in everything we do, to be inspired by our collective achievements, and motivated by the difference we make together. Recognizing the strength of partnerships, I am eager to collaborate with other Rotary clubs and corporate companies. These collaborations will bring additional resources, expertise, and a united spirit, amplifying our impact and strengthening our community bonds.

As we embark on this journey together, my vision is clear: to lead with empathy, inspire with action, and bring about meaningful change. I ask for your dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment to our Rotary ideals. With hearts full of hope and plans grounded in practical action, we are poised to make this year truly magical for our club and especially for the children of the Ishekye Unit.

I believe in the magic of service. When we come together with a common purpose, we can achieve extraordinary things. Let us make this year unforgettable, not just for us, but for those whose lives we will touch.

Thank you for your support, your partnership, and your commitment to advancing humanity. Together, let's light up lives and create ripples of positive change that will be felt for years to come.

Rtn Pearl Kahindi Habomugisha
President, Rotary Club of Akright City



Project Team

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4. Green Mission – Teddy Galiwango & Edith Kabesiime
5. Rotaract Daniel Wasswa
6. Ms. Milly Bossa Nsubuga (Headteacher Bukalabi)
7. Bukalabi Parents, Teachers, and Community Leaders
8. The Government of Uganda (Prime Minister's Office)
9. Nakaseke District Local Administration
10. Akright Rotarians and Rotaractors and All People of Goodwill

Transforming communities through

The story of the Rotary Club of Akright's Hope Creator Year

By Mr. William Walaga - Project Implementation Team

The Rotary Club of Akright's Hope Creator Year has been one of transformation. The District Governor for district 9214 - Governor Ssemwanga chose to focus on the vital pillars of Education and Literacy to be the theme for the year within our communities.

Beyond education, combining environmental sustainability efforts with health advocacy reflects a holistic approach to community service by the Rotary Club of Akright to address both ecological and health concerns as a way of enhancing overall quality of life.

(1) Reviving Hope at Bukalabi Primary School

Under the visionary leadership of Hope Creator President Paul Nsubuga, our signature project focused on revitalizing Bukalabi Primary School in Nakaseke District. Established in 1913 by the Church of Uganda and the local community, this school, now government-aided and under the Universal Primary Education (UPE) programme, has a long history. The Uganda Liberation War of 1981-86 left the school in ruins, with all classroom buildings either destroyed or

Addressing Mental Health

Mental health emerged as a priority area during our Hope Creator Year. Recognizing its growing importance, we launched the "Walking Rotarian" initiative to raise awareness about mental health and well-being. Our Walking Rotarian, Shyaka Mbanda, has made strides in reaching a wider audience, educating the public on mental health issues and promoting a culture of support and understanding. He has traversed the countryside walking thousands of kilometres with the aim of impacting society through these awareness initiatives.

in a state of disrepair. The two-classroom block that survived the war was eventually condemned and demolished due to safety concerns.

Our project aimed to restore Bukalabi Primary School to its former glory, ensuring a bright future for the children of Nakaseke District.

The Rotary Club of Akright City identified the construction of two classrooms at Bukalabi Day Primary School as our signature project for the

year 2023/24. This initiative, aimed at enhancing basic education and literacy, has been a testament to our commitment to creating sustainable impact through infrastructure development and community health initiatives. The Hope Creator Year has been a period of profound impact and community upliftment. Through our focused efforts on education and health, the Rotary Club of Akright has not only improved infrastructure and access to essential services, but also fostered hope and opportunity within our communities. Building Foundations for the Future at Bukalabi P/S

The cornerstone of our efforts was the construction of a two-classroom block at Bukalabi Primary School. This initiative was not merely about building structures; it was about laying the foundation for future generations to thrive. Recognizing the importance of a conducive learning environment, we embarked on this project with a clear vision: to provide a safe, modern, and well-equipped space where students can focus on their education without the hindrance of inadequate facilities.

To quote President Paul Nsubuga: "The signature project was to provide a conducive learning environment by

Impacts

i). School enrolment has risen from 315 students in 2023 to 411 learners.
ii). The planting of 310 fruit trees has improved the school grounds, with each tree being cared for by a student.
iii). The school achieved the highest number of first grades in its history, with seven students attaining this distinction.

iv). The borehole has been repaired at a cost of UGX 4,080,000, ensuring a constant flow of fresh, clean potable water.
v). There is growing appreciation within the community for the impactful work of Rotary.



education, health

constructing a two-classroom block in Nakaseke District, a UPE primary school, and renovating a borehole to provide clean water for the school and community." This vision came to life through the tireless efforts of our members and the generous support of our partners.

Noticeable Impacts

Enhancing Access to Clean Water

In tandem with the construction of the classroom block, we addressed another critical need: access to clean water. The renovation of an existing borehole at the school was a pivotal part of our project. This borehole now serves not only the students but also the surrounding community, ensuring that clean water is available for drinking, cooking, and sanitation. The significance of this cannot be overstated, as access to clean water is fundamental to health and well-being.

Community Engagement and Environmental Stewardship

The project's inauguration was a memorable occasion, graced by the presence of 9214 District Governor Francisco Ssemwanga and Country Chair Ismail Mukasa. During the event, our members and dignitaries planted trees around the school premises, symbolizing our commitment to environmental sustainability and the nurturing of a healthier planet for future

generations.

Beyond Bukalabi, the green activities and environmental initiatives spearheaded by Rtn. Teddy Nabakooza Galiwango and the Rotary Club of Akright where the club has so far planted about 3,500 trees around the estate is a significant contribution to environmental sustainability. Active involvement in environmental sustainability reflects the club's dedication to community service and ecological conservation. Participating in the national tree planting campaign with the Ministry of Water and Environment is also commendable. This effort aligns well with Rotary global environmental goals, of combating climate change, and promoting ecological balance. The continued advocacy for environmental sustainability throughout the "magic year" is inspiring and showcases a strong commitment to preserving and enhancing the natural environment. Additionally, counselling sessions were conducted for the Primary Seven leavers, providing them with guidance and support as they transitioned to the next phase of their education.

Broadening Our Impact: Health Initiatives

The Rotary Club of Akright extended its impact through various health-related

initiatives.

- Monthly immunization sessions at Sissa and Wamala have been a critical component of our health outreach, ensuring that vulnerable populations receive essential vaccines. Thanks to Rtn. Naftali Muhumuza whose effort deserves recognition in this magazine. These sessions serve local communities on the periphery of Akright City, which are instrumental in providing labour to the residents of the Akright community.

- The participation in the cancer run to raise funds is another commendable effort by the Rotary Club of Akright. Engaging in activities to support cancer research and treatment represents a critical intervention in the ongoing battle against this devastating disease. Here are some key points highlighting this initiative:

- Our collaboration with Entebbe Road Corridor Clubs led to the organization of a medical camp at Mildmay in Seguku. This event was a significant success, offering medical consultation, treatment, and services to those in need.

- Additionally, our members participated in a blood donation drive, contributing to the global effort to save lives.

Acknowledgements

As we approach the culmination of the Hope Creator Year, the two-classroom block at Bukalabi Primary School is nearing completion, with roofing works underway. This milestone would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the Rotary Club of Akright members and our partners. Special thanks go to the project lead, Rtn Budget, whose leadership, ideas, resources, and oversight were instrumental in bringing this vision to fruition.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda, through the Prime Minister's Office, provided 150 pieces of iron sheets for the roofing of the two-classroom block.

- Nakaseke District Local Government has contributed five million shillings towards the construction of the two-classroom block with a promise to provide furniture once the building is completed.

- Individual Rotarians with attachment to the area are providing both financial and in-kind support to the school, such as scholastic materials.

Message from Hope Creator President

Greetings fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, Friends of RC. Akright City, the Rotary fraternity 9213 & 9214. It is that time of the year when Rotary Clubs the world over proudly embrace voluntary passing-on of leadership from Rotary International (RI) down to the club level. So before you, is the 2nd president of RC Akright City. It gives me great pride and honor to communicate to you through this installation magazine, as we conclude what has been a vibrant year of Creating Hope. Indeed, we have created Hope in the world.

The theme for the rotary year 2023-2024 was to create hope in the world and as District 9214, the focus was on basic education and literacy. Education is so pivotal that it touches all the seven focus areas of rotary which include health, economic development, water and sanitation, and peace, to mention but a few. Our signature project was to provide a conducive learning environment by constructing a two-classroom block in a UPE primary school in Nakaseke District. We also renovated a borehole to provide clean water for the school and community. Our impact was increased around our community by supporting immunisation at Sissa and Wamala on a monthly basis. The Rotary Club of Akright is an all-giving club and has contributed more than \$10,000 to the foundation.

We have grown our membership from 37 to 52 and more are being mentored to get inducted before the end of this year. Cheers to the members who have sponsored new members in the Club and have invited guests throughout the year. Let us continue to mentor the New Rotarians and help them discover their skills and worthiness through engagement. We will use our membership to extend services to the communities we serve by impacting on more lives. We need more helping hands on the job.

In partnership with Entebbe Road Corridor Clubs, we jointly organized a medical camp at Mildmay at Seguku and donated blood to the blood bank. We supported the DCA preparations through the rotaractors on the corridor.

I congratulate the Club for chartering the Rotaract Club of Akright City. Let us keep the guidance and collaboration with them as partners in service and support them to achieve goals of rotaract. We should work closely with our Rotaractors and support them in their projects too.

We were privileged to host our District Governor Francisco Ssemwanga and Country Chair Ismail Mukasa at Bukalabi Primary School and a home hospitality at Kalagala in Nakaseke District.

We planted trees around the school and provided counselling to the Primary Seven leavers.

With support with our AG Nuwagaba Augustus, the Club has grown in numbers, held informative weekly meetings impacted communities around our estate, and put structures in place to support the first Magic lady President Pearl Habomugisha.

Congratulations to you President Pearl Habomugisha, the first irresistible lady president of RC. Akright City in the rotary year 2024-2025.

I have left a very healthy and financially secure Club with fully engaged members performing service above self. I wish you an enjoyable presidency.

I remember like it was yesterday, the day when I received the Rotary chain from the Charter President Rtn. Joshua Ainebyona. It is important to note that a Rotary year can be so long or can be too short. I remember one of the facilitators describing the rotary journey using the type of car called a Vitz and a Land Cruiser He said that you all reach the destination anyway, but depending on the driving skills of the driver. I therefore wish Rtn. Pearl Habomugisha and her Board, good leadership skills to even surpass what we have achieved in the year of creating Hope.

*Rtn. Paul Magera Nsubuga, PHF
HC President 2023/24
Rotary Club of Akright City*



Message from Chair, Installation Committee

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Rotarians, It is my singular honour to welcome you all to this important occasion as we celebrate the third installation of our irresistible President for the magic year of service.

You are most welcome.

On this occasion, we as the Premier Rotary Club of Akright City are exceedingly happy and excited as we celebrate the milestones of our achievements in a short span of three years and as we install our third leader, who above all, is a female President. Cheers to all members!

Your choice was a wise one.

Today marks a trajectory of service that will be informed by total commitment, dedication, and dynamism to justify our year of magic. On my behalf as chair of the installation team and on behalf of the Club, we commit our

pledge and support to run and serve our year 2024/2025 to accomplish our project commitments.

Allow me, therefore, to pass on our words of gratitude to the following distinguished individuals and institutions:

- I wish to thank our mother Club, the Rotary Club of Kajjansi, in general, and in particular CMP Alex Kamukama, Rtn Flavia, and incoming President Rtn Amos Aine for nurturing us into a premier and vibrant Club.

- I thank all other sister Rotary Clubs that have worked with us to support our installation activities.

- I thank all our sponsors, in all your capacities, for wholeheartedly supporting our

installation and subsequent project activities.

- Lastly, but not least, I thank our outgoing President, his team, and the board for supporting our transition as we welcome and install our third President.

Finally, irresistible President, you are welcomed with open arms and support as a measure of love and for success during your year of service.

To Our Chief Guest, we salute you for accepting our invitation to officiate this function. God bless you abundantly in all your endeavors.

I wish you all a merry celebration on this auspicious occasion of the installation of Rtn President Pearl.



Rtn Charles Kanyesigye
Chair, Installation Committee

An outsider's insight into Rotary Club of Akright City

As a supporter, admirer, and honorary member of the Rotary Club of Akright City (RCAC), I find the club an intriguing mix of tradition, vibrant social engagement, and committed community service. The distinctive wheel-shaped emblem of Rotary is prominently displayed on billboards, websites, branded wear, and lapel pins, signalling a commitment to making a difference. It's no wonder past District Governor Peace Taremwa named you a Premier Club. One of the most striking aspects of the club is the diversity of its membership. What truly stands out is the eclectic blend of members, all coming from different walks of life. It's like a live-action social experiment where the old and young, men and women, boys and girls, professionals, executives, farmers, and the common folk converge under one roof with the mantra: "Service above self." This motto, while simple, encapsulates the essence of Rotary. Whether it's providing clean water and sanitation, supporting education initiatives, growing local economies, eradicating disease, protecting the environment, promoting youth activities, supporting child and maternal health, or promoting peace and world understanding, the club's reach is

truly global.

Another notable feature is the club's emphasis on networking and regular fellowships. Your regular meetings, both formal and social, provide a platform for members to connect, share ideas, and collaborate on projects. As an outsider, it's fascinating to observe how these interactions foster a sense of community and mutual support. It is not just about the work you do; it is about the strong relationships you build along the way. From the outside, I see the club as a well-oiled machine, driven by dedicated individuals who are passionate about service. I have seen you at work in the community: your immunization projects, water and sanitation initiatives, health camps, building school blocks, and providing supplies to those in need, especially during the COVID pandemic when you were barely nine months old—to mention but a few. You go about your voluntary work with friendly faces, eager to help and share information. Your enthusiasm is both admirable and contagious, fueled by a genuine desire to make this world a better place. However, even this bastion of benevolence isn't without its trials. And like any other Club, the Rotary Club of

Akright also faces its own challenges.

For example, the fellowship on Sundays encroaches on family time. Economic hardships weigh down certain members. Attendance, whether at meetings or projects, sometimes leaves much to be desired. A few seem to buckle under the pressure of leadership roles. And let's not forget the task of juggling volunteer duties with personal and professional lives. Despite these hurdles, the club's resilience and commitment of the members are evident in their ongoing efforts and successes.

In conclusion, from an outsider's perspective, RCAC embodies the spirit of service, community well-being, and development. The club brings together people from diverse backgrounds, united by a shared commitment to making the world a better place. On a larger scale, your contributions to global health, peace, and education are commendable, making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals. Your actions, driven by compassion and a sense of duty, are a testament to the power of collective action and the enduring impact of service above self.

By Rtn. Herbert Muhumuza (MD. PAG)

Climate change: Our

As we usher in a new chapter for the Rotary Club of Akright with the installation of our new and dynamic President, Pearl Habomugisha, it is imperative to reflect on the pressing issue of our time—climate change. This article aims to provide a deeper understanding of climate change, its far-reaching impacts, and the opportunities that arise from tackling this challenge effectively. Climate change should not evoke a sense of despair but rather, inspire us to work hard to outlive its horrific effects.

Understanding climate change

Climate change refers to the significant alteration of weather patterns over extended periods, influenced by a combination of geographical and local factors. While local conditions shape regional climates, the impact of greenhouse gases (GHGs) alters the climate on a global scale.

The greenhouse gas effect, caused by gases like carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane (CH₄) in the Earth's atmosphere, traps the sun's heat, warming the climate similarly to how glass functions in a greenhouse. This effect is crucial for maintaining the climate we know; without it, the Earth's average temperature would be a frigid -19°C, rendering it a frozen, lifeless water mass.

However, human activities over the past 200 years have intensified the greenhouse effect by increasing GHG concentrations, particularly CO₂ and methane. CO₂ levels have risen by 36% in the last two centuries, leading to higher global temperatures and climate changes. This intensification is why climate change is now recognized internationally as a grave threat.

The consequences of ecological genocide

As the world grapples with the repercussions of climate change, poorer nations demand compensation from developed countries responsible for a significant portion of global warming. Locally, regionally, and globally, we witness the swift decimation of our planet due to extreme climate changes resulting from human actions.

This phenomenon, where we are all contributors, knowingly or unknowingly, profoundly impacts our lives and posterity. Our misuse and destruction of Earth's resources, beginning with the Industrial Revolution and continuing with recent decades of greed, have debased many productive sectors in Uganda. This irresponsible exploitation has increased the country's temperatures, leading to climate variability.

Over the last decade, we have encountered new phenomena like El Niño, floods, wildfires, tsunamis, and the emergence of new lakes. These catastrophic events impact biodiversity and pose significant threats to humanity. Though these effects are already visible, addressing ongoing anthropogenic actions can avert future crises.

Human activities contributing to climate change

In Uganda, several studies have shown that specific human activities significantly impact climate change and global warming. Over the last 15 years, massive deforestation for building materials, firewood, and other selfish reasons has destroyed forests and woodlands that act as windbreakers.

Poverty has driven many rural populations to reclaim wetlands and swamps for farming, affecting the local climate. In regions like central, eastern, and southwestern Uganda, swamps have been reclaimed for rice, Irish potato, and flower farming.

In the greater cattle corridor, areas like Nakasongola and Rakai have seen wooded vegetation cut down for charcoal burning.

The booming housing industry demands significant timber, leading to extensive deforestation through commercial logging and illegal timber exploitation.

The construction industry's destruction of hilltops and water catchment areas has caused floods, like those in Bwaise, Kampala, and landslides in Kabale, which claimed over 20 lives in 2009.

Unsustainable agricultural practices, such as bush burning and farming on steep slopes, have also contributed to



planet, our future

environmental degradation. The use of chemicals in flower farming has caused siltation in lakes and rivers, leading to their drying up, as seen with River Rwizi in Mbarara. Without proper laws and regulations, these activities have long-term, adverse effects on nature and climate, potentially causing crises that could surpass terrorism in severity.

Evidence of climate change in Uganda

There is overwhelming evidence that climate change is already affecting Uganda. In 2007, the country experienced the heaviest rains in 35 years, causing major flooding, particularly in Northern Uganda, destroying crops, spreading diseases, and affecting thousands of people. In the Rwenzori region, icecaps and glaciers have receded by 40% since 1955, threatening water supply from rivers like Nyamwamba and Mobuku.

Severe drought in the Karamoja region between 1991 and 2000 caused food insecurity and loss of livelihoods, fuelling regional conflicts. Southwestern Uganda has experienced the fastest rate of warming, with temperatures increasing by 0.3°C per decade and more frequent, severe droughts. The 2009 drought resulted in significant livestock and crop losses.

Around Kampala, more intense rains have overwhelmed drainage systems, increasing the risk of floods, diseases, and disrupting businesses and communities. Lake Victoria's water levels have dropped to their lowest in 60 years. The changing rainy seasons over the last two decades have affected agriculture, increased poverty, and posed grave risks.

Opportunities amid challenges

Despite these daunting challenges, there are numerous reasons for cautious optimism. Addressing climate change effectively presents opportunities for developing renewable energy. Uganda has ideal conditions for renewable energy generation, and many communities lack access to electricity. A global response to climate change could support the installation of renewable energy systems, reducing the environmental impact of activities

like charcoal and firewood use.

Carbon trading presents another opportunity with wide-ranging benefits. With Uganda's low carbon emissions, a global tax or carbon rationing system could enable the country to sell carbon credits to higher-emission countries. This trade could provide substantial income for Uganda, supporting the development of renewable energy and other low-carbon initiatives, such as reforestation.

Fuel-efficient stoves offer environmental and health benefits by reducing smoke and preventing respiratory diseases and burn injuries. These stoves also conserve the environment by reducing the need for firewood.

The signs of climate change are evident, and warnings from respected scientific organizations highlight the potential for catastrophic impacts. However, the situation is not hopeless. The causes of climate change are well understood, and many technologies and strategies to address the problem already exist. Globally, we possess the technology and knowledge to combat climate change. The greater challenge lies in achieving international cooperation and commitment to mitigate climate change and global warming. By working together, we can address this pressing issue and secure a better future for our planet.

A call to action

Climate change is a stark reality with visible signs and dire warnings from scientific communities. However, the situation is not hopeless. The causes of climate change are well understood, and we possess the technologies and strategies needed to address the problem.

The greater challenge lies in achieving global cooperation and commitment to mitigating climate change. As we embark on this new Rotary year under President Pearl Habomugisha's leadership, let us all commit to playing our part in this global effort. By taking action now, we can mitigate the impacts of climate change and secure a sustainable future for our planet.

*By Dr. Charles Kanyesigye
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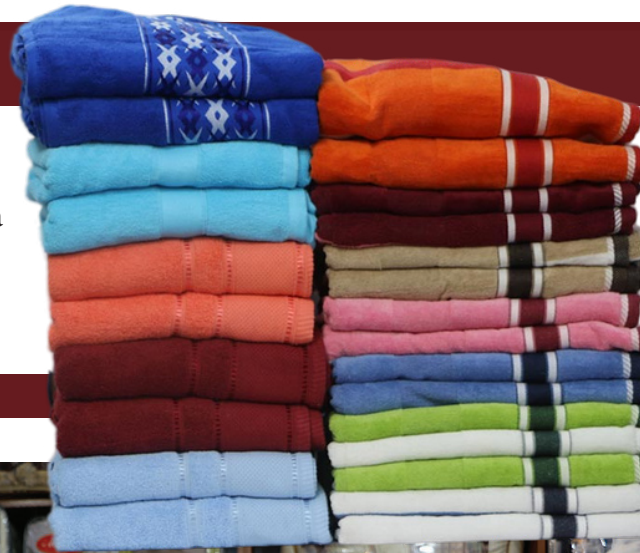
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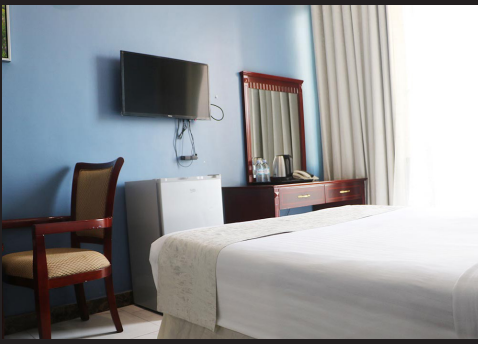
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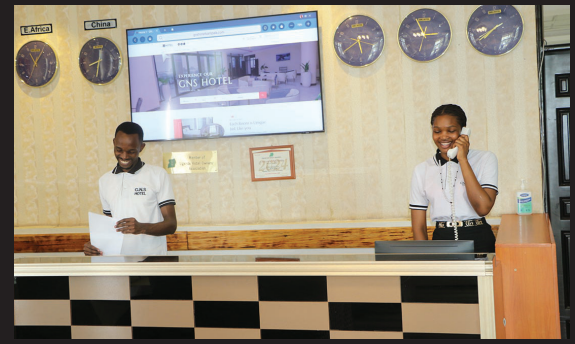
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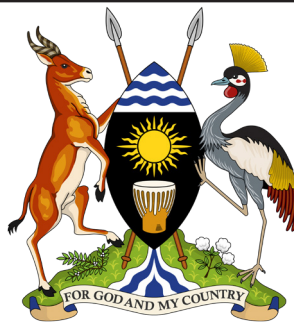
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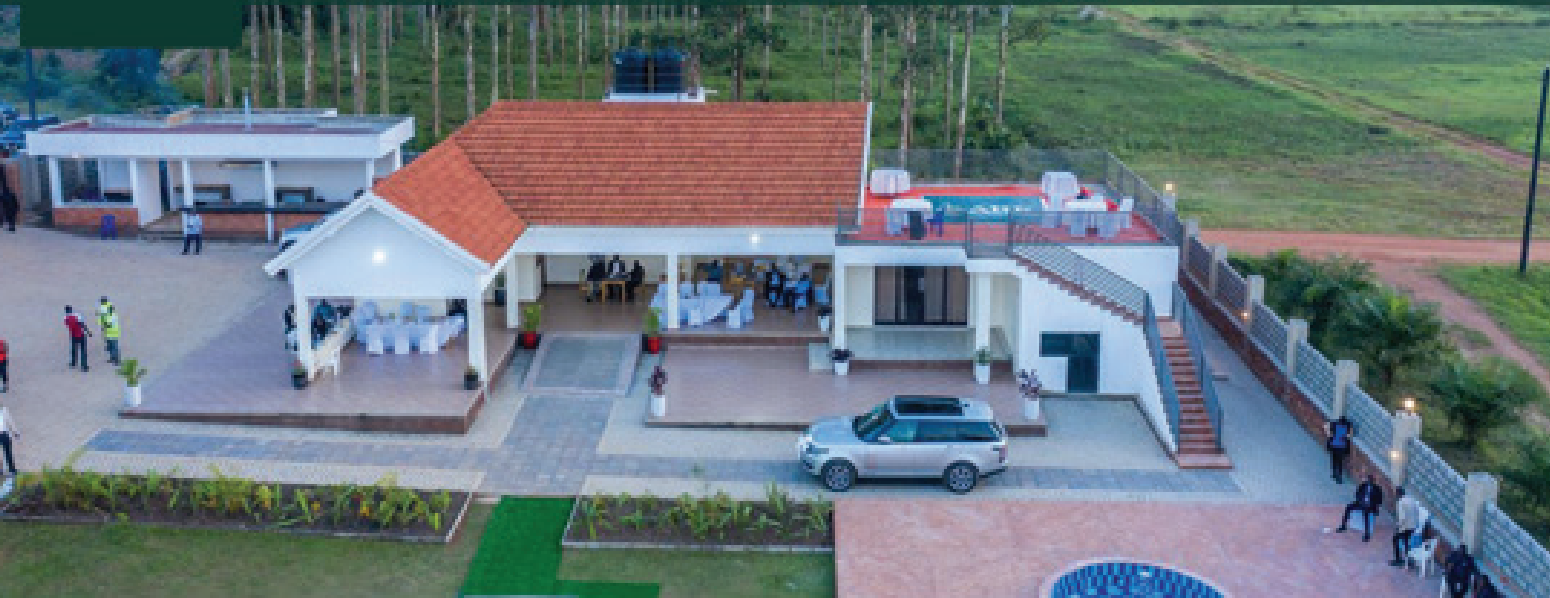
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As we shape our lives today, an organization like Rotaract serves as a vessel for purposeful expression. Competing against disparities, we learn from our actions, commit to growth, and continually improve. Just like seasons changing, growth is a continuous process. There will be victories and challenges that

will test your resolve but Rotaract equips you with the tools to learn from each experience and with each hurdle overcome, you'll discover a new strength within yourself.

Perhaps, for many, joining a club is driven by the yearning to be part of something bigger than oneself, seeking a purpose, a cause to champion. Within this community, love finds its truest expression through service. Reflecting on the privilege of dedicating every day to tackling challenges, big or small, facing our communities, we must dare to innovate and prioritize impact over numbers.

As Stephen Covey said, "Renewal is the principle...that empowers us to move on an upward spiral of growth and change, of continuous improvement." May you all be spiralling upwards on your Rotaract journey because every act of service, big or small, is a ripple of positive change, a future actively shaped by our dedication.

*By Mutungi Emmanuel
Charter President
Rotaract Club of Akright City*



Embracing Rotary

A personal journey of service and growth

As I reflect on my journey into the world of Rotary, I am reminded of the unexpected twists and turns that led me to where I am today. It all began with a simple invitation from PDG Peace Taremwa, a man whose vision and dedication to service would ultimately change the course of my life.

It was during a church fundraising event at St. Mark Sekiwunga Church of Uganda where PDG Taremwa served as the chairman and I, his humble assistant. Despite my initial reservations and doubts about my suitability for joining Rotary, PDG Taremwa saw something in me that I hadn't recognized myself. He urged me to explore Rotary, not with the expectation of joining, but simply to witness the impact of its work firsthand.

Reluctantly, I attended a Rotary meeting at the Palm Valley Golf Club. Surrounded by familiar faces and inspired by the passionate discourse on Rotary's humanitarian endeavors, I found myself unexpectedly drawn to the organization's ethos of service above self. Before I knew it, I had accepted the invitation to join and thus began my journey as a Rotarian.

Stepping into my role as Treasurer of the newly-formed Rotary Club of Akright City was both daunting and exhilarating. While accounting had never been my forte, I embraced the challenge with determination, buoyed by the support and guidance of my fellow Rotarians, including PDG Peace Taremwa, CMP Alex Kamukama, and Rtn. Amos Aine.

Together, we navigated the complexities of Rotary

operations, learning the language of acronyms and protocols along the way. Despite the inevitable setbacks, such as the disruptive arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, our club remained steadfast in its commitment to service. Through innovative solutions like online meetings and community outreach initiatives, we adapted to the changing landscape and continued to make a difference in the lives of those around us. From mobilizing food aid for vulnerable communities to organizing COVID-19 vaccination drives, our club's impact reverberated far beyond the confines of Akright City. I witnessed firsthand the transformative power of collective action, as individuals came together to address pressing societal challenges with compassion and resilience.

As our club grew in both size and stature, achieving official charter status in April 2022, I marveled at the collective achievements of our members. From spearheading immunization campaigns to conducting medical camps in under-served regions, each project represented a testament to Rotary's enduring legacy of service.

Looking ahead, I am filled with gratitude for the friendships forged and the lives touched through my Rotary journey. As I embark on another term as Treasurer, I am reminded of the profound impact that each member contributes to our collective success. To anyone contemplating joining Rotary, I offer a simple yet heartfelt invitation: embrace the opportunity to do good in this world, for in service to others, we find our truest purpose.

To my fellow Rotarians at RC Akright City and beyond, I extend my deepest appreciation for your unwavering dedication and camaraderie. Together, let us continue to uphold the values of Rotary and strive to make a meaningful difference in the world. After all, as we often say in Rotary, "Service Above Self" is not just a motto but a way of life.

By Rtn Violet Nyirahabwe

A Stellar Birth of the Premium Rotary Club of Akright City

The arrival of a newborn often fills mothers with excitement and joy, while fathers, though thrilled, often grapple with the practical concerns of hospital bills and the looming expenses of raising a child. Our journey, however, was quite different. We brought into existence a "baby" that didn't just stand on its own but swiftly walked, ran, and entered the race with remarkable vigor. By the time of its baptism—its charter day—our newborn club boasted over 18 members as Paul Harris Fellows. This extraordinary beginning belonged to none other than "The Rotary Club of Akright City."

The inception of this premium club began over an evening chat with Governor Peace Taremwa, where our then President Alex Kamukama proposed to me, then Membership Director Aine Amos, to start a new club in Akright city. Our response was an enthusiastic "Yes, we can do it!" To fuel our brainstorming, we swapped tea for some stronger libations, igniting our minds to think faster. Naming our unborn baby was straightforward, thanks to the brilliant minds of PDG Peace and PP Alex: thus, the Rotary Club of Akright City was conceived.

To create a premium Rotary club, one must begin with strength, which necessitates thorough preparation. We convened at the drawing board, crafting a strategy and assigning responsibilities. Governor Peace was to secure our inaugural guest of honor, PDG Emmanuel Katongole. PP Alex was tasked with arranging the venue and mobilizing initial resources, while I took on the role of creating a WhatsApp group to gather prospective Rotarians in the city. Each member excelled in their assigned tasks. With a club name, an inaugural guest of honor, a fellowship venue at the Golf Course, and a WhatsApp forum for information sharing, we were ready to launch what would become one of the strongest clubs in the Entebbe Road corridor.

Our next step was to enlist partners in the form of guest speakers to convey Rotary information to our prospective members. We secured a stellar lineup, including PAG Mercy Kainobwiso, PAG Jane Kabugo, PAG Christine Kawoya, PAG Julie Kyokunda, PAG Tereza Baganja, PAG Muhumuza Herbert, and the two PAG Magalas, among others. This phase was seamless, with all guest speakers readily available and online, even amid the challenging days of COVID-19. The Rotary Club of Kajjansi, our mother club, officially appointed PAG Flavia Mujurizi to mentor our fledgling group. Every Sunday, we gathered to support and mobilize resources, propelling the club forward rapidly.

Like a skilled farmer nurturing high-yield crops, we soon saw the fruits of our labor in members such as Rtn Joshua Ainebyona and his dear Sylvia, Rotarians Nsubuga and his Ann, Violet Nyirahabwa, PE Pearl, Dr. Kanyesigye, future MD Budget, Rtn Walaga, and many others. These committed individuals began to take charge, allowing us, the founders, to step back gradually. With our members firmly in place, we set our sights on achieving charter status in record time. Soon enough, we celebrated the official charter of the premium Rotary Club of Akright City, and as they say, the rest is history. From the heartfelt perspective of a proud mother, the Rotary Club of Kajjansi celebrates the extraordinary birth of the Rotary Club of Akright City. Just as a lion begets a lion, we, too, have given rise to a stellar new club, embodying the spirit of "like father, like son."

PE Aine Amos - Mother Club Rotary Club of Kajjansi

Walking for Mental Health Awareness

My name is Mbanda Shyaka, and I am known as the walking Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Akright City. In response to the call by our Rotary International President, Gordon McNally, for all Rotarians around the world to use all available tools to ensure good mental health within their communities, I have taken up the mantle of walking for mental health awareness. Through these walks, I aim to generate funds for critical community projects. I invite everyone to support these initiatives and join us in promoting good mental health within our communities.

Personal Journey

My advocacy for mental health stems from my personal journey. I have battled excess body weight, anxiety, and substance abuse, including alcohol and marijuana. Through the transformative power of meditation, exercise, and fasting, I have overcome these challenges. This transformation ignited my passion for mental health advocacy, leading me to walk long distances within Uganda to raise awareness about mental health issues.

Notable Walks

- Masaka to Akright City, Bwebajja: This 150km walk allowed me to engage with Rotarians and Rotaractors along the Masaka-Kampala corridor. A highlight was my interaction with students from Uganda Martyrs University, Nkozi.
- Kisoro to Kabale: In February, I walked from Kisoro to Kabale, culminating in a mental health radio presentation on Hills FM 101.7 FM.
- Jinja to Busia and Back: In March, I undertook my most significant walk to date, covering approximately 370km over 11 walking days from Jinja to Busia and back to Akright City, Bwebajja.

Upcoming Initiatives

This year, I am embarking on new journeys to further our mental health advocacy and support community projects:

1. Sheema to Akright City: I will walk 300km to fundraise for our signature project in Sheema, which involves improving a school for disabled children. The project aims to uplift the livelihood of the students and help them navigate their school with ease by providing solar lighting and lessening the distances they have to move to fetch water.
2. Dar es Salaam for DCA: I plan to walk 1500km to Dar es Salaam to fundraise for the construction of a mental health unit at Kyamulibwa Health Centre IV in Lukaya district.



The Admin: The muscle of every club

My learnings as an admin of a premier Rotary club is that the Club admin role requires dedication, hard work, and a willingness to learn and adapt. Embracing the challenges and opportunities that come with the role, and above all, keeping positive vibes, are key to thriving in this position. The learnings might differ from one Club to another. In this case, the Rotary Club of Akright was a new club at the time I embarked on my administrator role.

There is a common saying that a Rotary club is as good as its Club Admin.

So, running a new Rotary club involves a mix of learning, adaptation, and persistent effort. Embracing the challenges, staying positive, and continuously engaging with members are essential factors to fostering a successful and vibrant club.

My journey as Admin

Taking on the role of a club admin was a new experience for me. Members saw me as the perfect fit, and I was determined not to disappoint them. I quickly put on my sneakers and started the journey. And what a journey it has been!!! From my work experience as an administrator in a busy workplace, I borrowed some relevant skills to help me navigate this role, bearing in mind that this time, I was to manage volunteers in a new, yet premier Club.

I invested time in understanding what Rotary was all about, the Club's expectations, and the members themselves. I engaged the President to understand his expectations and sought coaching from our Mother Club leaders. This period of learning from multiple mentors was invaluable and I must credit them for being so helpful to start me off.

I eventually turned to the official Rotary documentation on the roles of a club administrator. I im-

mersed myself in handbooks and documents and learnt that my role included but was not limited to:

- Official club greeter
- Events Organiser
- Managing communications
- Overseeing club operations

I vowed to execute these roles to the best of my ability in order to keep our Premier Club at the top. As a girl guide, I have always been mentored by this quote: LEAVE A PLACE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT.

The Learnings are themed around:

i. Volunteer Management: Rotary clubs are made up of volunteers who need careful handling as they are crucial to running the club. I always had to be mindful of my approach.

ii. Continuous Learning: Staying up-to-date with best practices, attending fellowships, being socially connected, and embracing continuous learning were essential.

iii. Consultation: Consulting with many people before making club decisions was critical. "Consult, consult, consult" became my mantra.

iv. Adaptability: Flexibility and openness to new ideas, processes, and challenges were necessary. Often, members would propose great ideas and expect them to be implemented, placing the responsibility on me to follow through. I carried out this role happily to avoid disappointment.

v. Member Engagement: Encouraging members to be part of the team was vital. I never gave up on anyone, even if they were initially unresponsive.

To my fellow Club admins: YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO LEAVE THE CLUB BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT.

It's also imperative that I use this article to share some of the challenges that come with the job of a Club Admin. These include:

i. The voluntary nature of mem-

bership means that membership and service in Rotary clubs are voluntary, so no one can be pushed around.

ii. Burnout due to the workload and many calendar activities which in many cases require the C/A's participation.

iii. In some cases, being an admin may mean that you are the custodian of finances. Many beautiful initiatives require funding, often beyond the club's budget. This sometimes means digging into personal funds or constantly appealing to members, which can be exhausting.

iv. As an admin, it's expected that you meet the expectations of the club members. However, meeting the high expectations of members and stakeholders can be daunting and a constant challenge.

v. While an admin does not lead the membership docket, they indirectly play a crucial role in building a loyal membership base for the club by attracting, retaining, and engaging members for the club's success. However, once inducted, some members tend to take a back seat.

vi. Admin take centre stage in building the Rotary club brand as establishing a new club's identity and reputation is not straightforward. It is a tedious process with high expectations from members.

vii. An admin is a change agent, and the challenge is that they are required to adapt to the changing trends of the club. The ability to keep up with trends and tastes requires continuous effort and adaptability.

viii. Balancing Responsibilities: Managing administrative tasks, event planning, and balancing work, family, and social life was a significant challenge.

Rtn. Ann Nsubuga – Rotary Club of Akright

The journey of the Rotary



The Rotary Club of Akright embarked on its journey in 2022 with the same aspirations and principles that have guided Rotary clubs worldwide for over a century. Initially chartered with 32 members, the club has seen remarkable growth over the past two years, expanding its membership to 52. As we look forward to the new Rotary year of 2024/2025, the goal is not only to increase these numbers further but also to enrich the experience for all members.

The Importance of Membership

Membership is a cornerstone of Rotary leadership. It involves developing and executing a comprehensive plan to recruit new members and retain existing ones. The success of Rotary lies in its diverse membership base, united by a shared passion for making a difference in the world. This passion drives us to work together for humanity, creating a positive impact in our communities. People join Rotary for various reasons. Some seek leadership opportunities, while others aim to expand their professional networks. However, the common thread among all Rotarians is the desire to contribute positively to society. This shared passion is the bedrock of our club's strength and growth.

Creating a Positive Membership Experience

A key focus for the Rotary Club of Akright in the upcoming year is to enhance the membership



Club of Akright City

experience. This involves ensuring that all members feel involved, engaged, and find joy in their Rotary activities. To achieve this, we are committed to listening more and asking pertinent questions to understand what our members value and need.

Our approach includes helping members utilize their professional skills in service projects, thereby finding long-term value in their association with the Rotary Club. By doing so, we ensure that the relationship between members and the club is mutually beneficial and fulfilling.

Innovation and Engagement

Innovation is crucial for sustained growth and engagement. The Rotary Club of Akright is dedicated to constantly seeking new ideas for service projects, innovative ways to communicate our impact, and effective strategies for growth. Members are encouraged to share their ideas and experiences, fostering an environment where everyone can contribute to the club's success. Visiting other Rotary clubs,



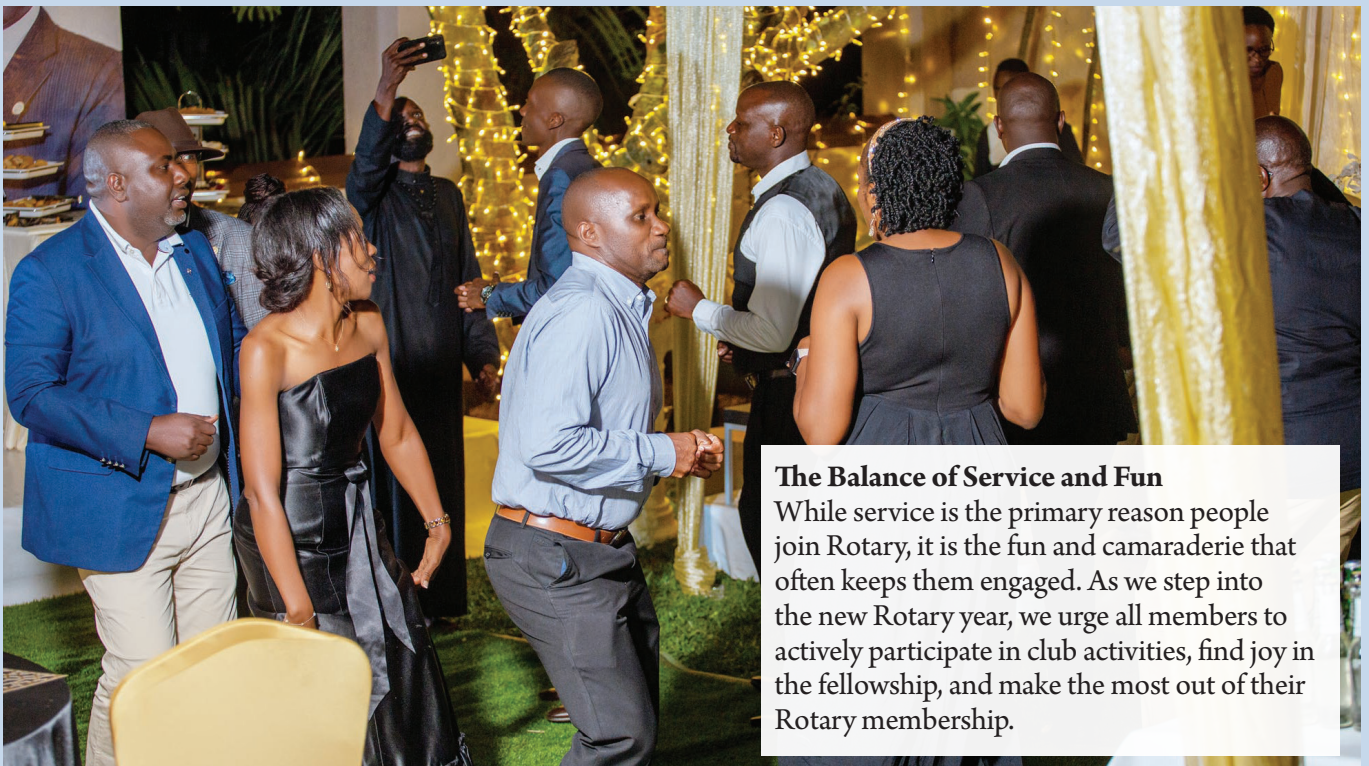
participating in their fellowship activities, and engaging in their service projects is another strategy we promote. This not only broadens our members' perspective but also brings fresh ideas and best practices back to our club, enriching our own activities and projects.

In conclusion, the journey of growing our membership is a collective responsibility. Each member of the Rotary Club of Akright plays a crucial role in this journey. By fostering a positive, engaging, and enjoyable environment, we not only retain our

current members but also attract new ones who share our passion for service and fun.

As we move forward, let us all make an extra effort to be involved, to enjoy the fellowship, and to continue making a difference in the world through our Rotary club. Together, we can achieve great things and ensure the continued growth and success of the Rotary Club of Akright.

Allan Kiwumulo,
Membership Director,
Rotary Club of Akright City



The Balance of Service and Fun

While service is the primary reason people join Rotary, it is the fun and camaraderie that often keeps them engaged. As we step into the new Rotary year, we urge all members to actively participate in club activities, find joy in the fellowship, and make the most out of their Rotary membership.

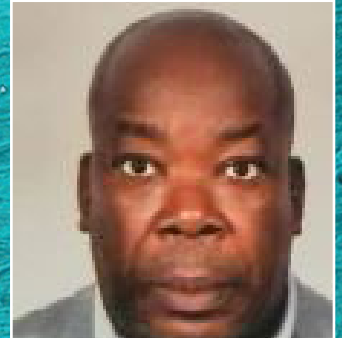
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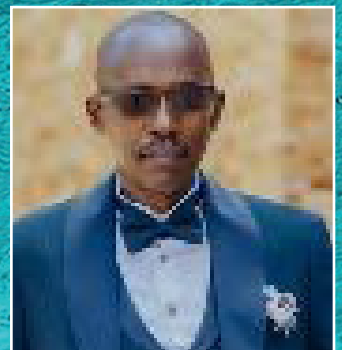
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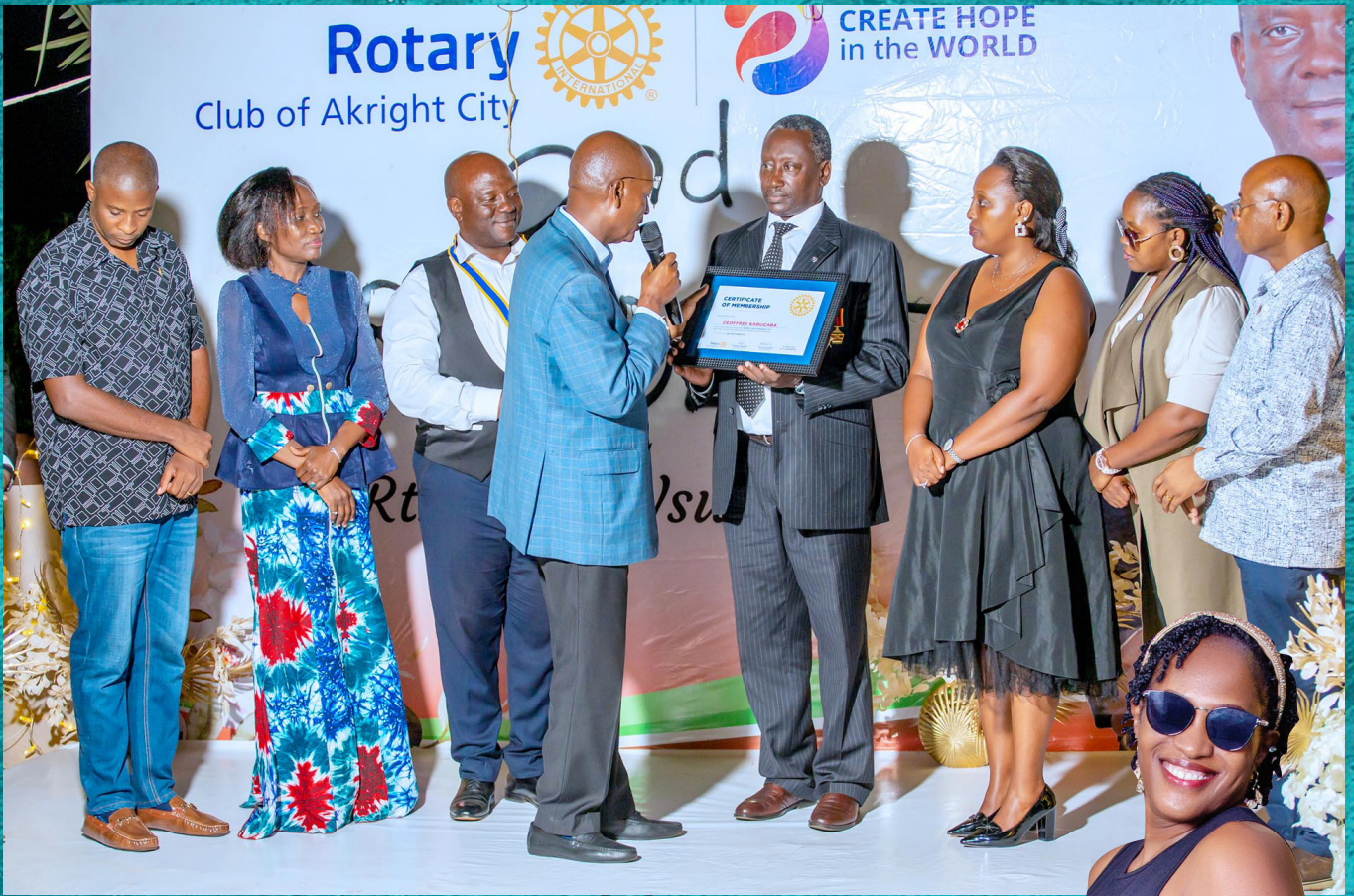
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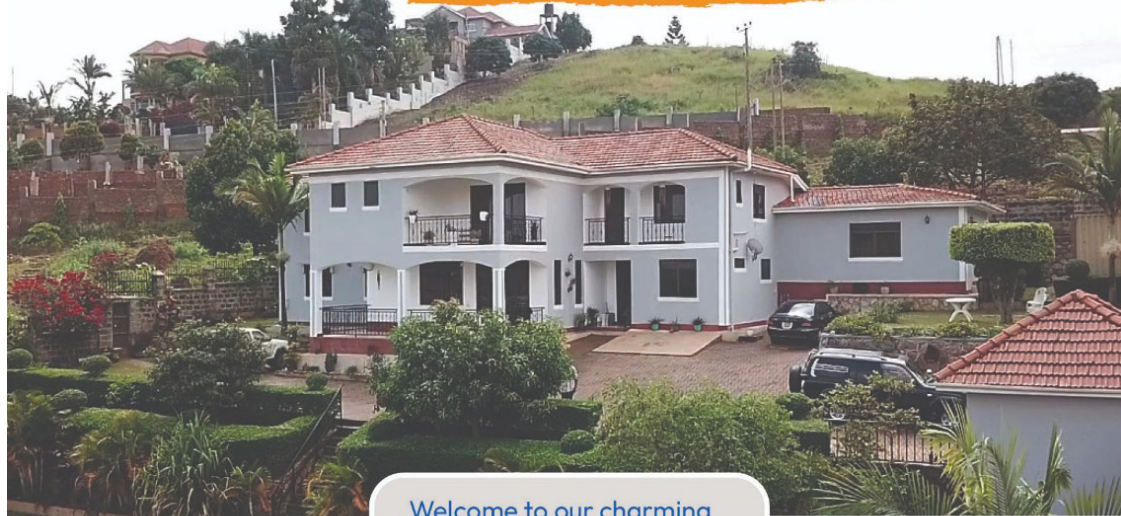


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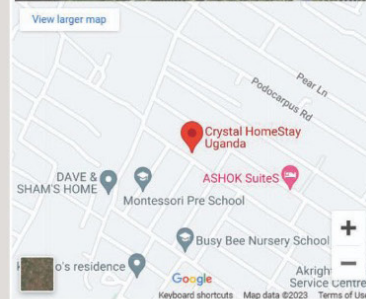
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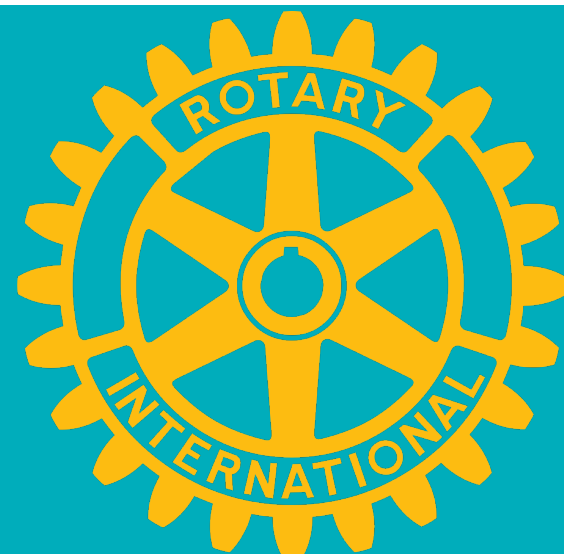
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Magic year project at Ishekye Unit Primary School

Pupil Demographics

Category	Boys	Girls	Total
Special Needs	78	70	148
Ordinary	12	11	23
Total	90	81	171

Magic year signature project at Ishekye Unit Primary School is an inclusive educational institution founded by the Church of Uganda. It caters to both pupils with special needs and ordinary pupils. The school is government-aided and currently has a total of 171 pupils.

Achievements

Significant progress has been made in increasing school enrolment, particularly among students with special needs, reflecting a positive trend in inclusive education. This success is bolstered by the provision of wheelchairs, funded by the Member of Parliament of Sheema Municipality, which has greatly improved mobility and access for pupils with physical disabilities. Additionally, the National Union of Disabled Persons in Uganda (NUDIPU) has conducted comprehensive training sessions for teachers and stakeholders, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to support inclusive education effectively.

Challenges

Despite these achievements, the school faces numerous challenges that hinder its ability to provide an optimal learning environment. The urgent need for additional dormitories to accommodate



the growing number of pupils, coupled with the lack of solar energy, affects the school's capacity to maintain a reliable power supply. Accessibility issues are prevalent, with inadequate walkways, insufficient toilet facilities for disabled pupils, and a shortage of bedding. Other critical needs include safe drinking water, more private teachers, and bursaries for disadvantaged pupils.

Additionally, there is a need for infrastructure improvements such as levelling the school compound, repairing classroom blocks, and providing playing materials and special seating for disabled pupils. Administrative challenges include the lack of a staff room, offices, and essential office equipment, as well as the need for a head teacher's house and improved

diet for disadvantaged pupils. Addressing the shortages in medical supplies and textbooks for blind pupils, along with providing a dedicated staff toilet, are also imperative for the school's overall functionality and effectiveness.

Rotary Club of Akright Interventions

To address some of these pressing challenges, the RC Akright City has pledged to support the school with interventions focused mainly on improving water supply and providing solar lighting. These initiatives are crucial in ensuring a sustainable and reliable water source for the students and staff, thereby tackling the significant concern of safe drinking water and general water supply shortages.

The provision of solar lighting will not only enhance the school's power reliability but also promote a sustainable energy solution, supporting evening studies and other activities that require lighting. These interventions by the Rotary Club of Akright City are expected to significantly improve the living and learning conditions at the school, contributing to a better educational environment and overall well-being for the pupils and staff.



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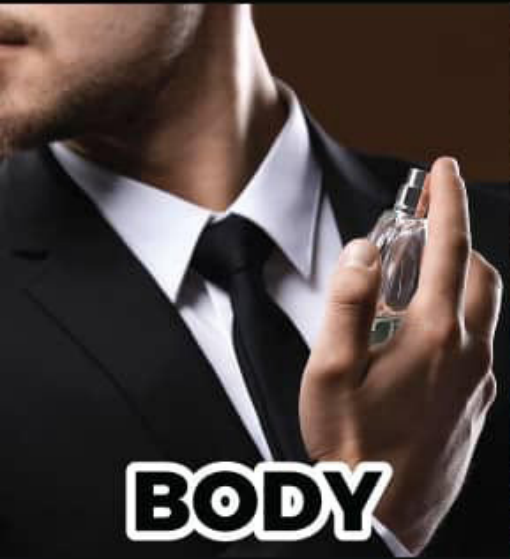
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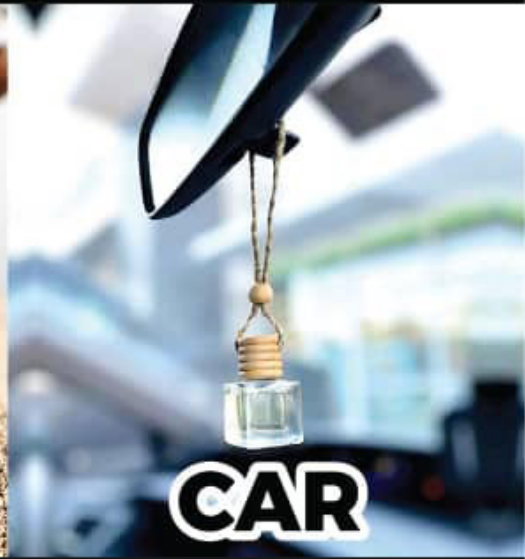
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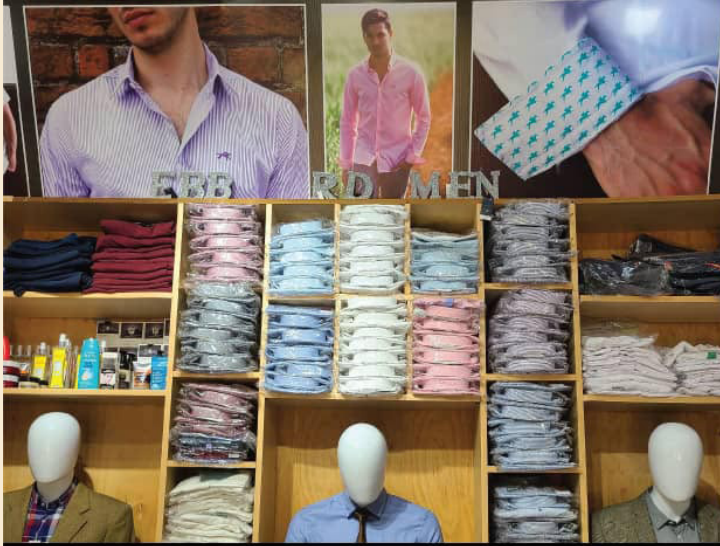
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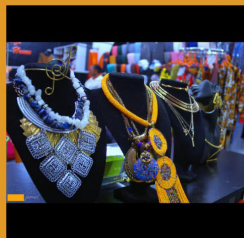
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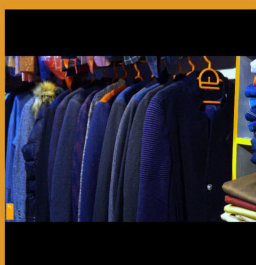



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U2546/004	MATOVU DAVIN	14	1
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U2546/710	NAMAZZI JOAN	DEL	19
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