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EDITORIAL MESSAGE

By Anthony Tenywa and the Editorial Team

The Rotary Year of Action, themed “Unite for Good – One Act at a Time,” ushers in a renewed spirit of service and purpose for RC Akright City. It is with great pride and gratitude that we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year—a year ably led by our Magical President, Pearl Kahindi Habomugisha. Under her stewardship, we successfully completed the Ishekye School of the Disabled Project in Kabwohe, a transformative initiative that has brought dignity, hope, and opportunity to many lives. This achievement stands as a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together with passion and commitment.

As we step into this Action Year under the leadership of President Dereck Musooka, our collective focus shifts to another noble cause: Improving Maternal and Child Health at Kawanda HCIII. This initiative speaks directly to the heart of our mission—touching lives at their most vulnerable stages and ensuring that mothers and children in our communities have access to quality healthcare. We are confident that through the continued efforts of our members, partners, and friends, this year will not only build on past successes but also set new benchmarks for service above self.

This magazine marks a significant milestone as our second Installation Magazine. It stands as a reflection of our journey, our stories, and the unwavering spirit of RC Akright City. We wish to sincerely thank our editorial team for their hard work and commitment—organizing content, coordinating with advertisers, reviewing articles, and ensuring that this edition meets the highest standards. Your persistence and teamwork have made this possible.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our article contributors, whose time, effort, and creativity have brought life and depth to this publication. Every story, every shared experience enriches this magazine and strengthens the bond within our Rotary family. We also acknowledge and deeply thank our advertisers; without your support and partnership, this magazine would not have been possible. Your trust and belief in our mission have played an integral role in making this publication a reality.

To Magical President Pearl Kahindi Habomugisha and Action Year President Dereck Musooka, we express our gratitude for your unwavering leadership and encouragement. You have both set a shining example of what it means to serve with vision and humility. We, as a team, are inspired to carry forward this legacy—one act at a time.

Together, let us continue to unite for good, inspire hope, and create meaningful change in every community we serve.

Anthony Tenywa
Chief Editor, RC Akright City Installation Magazine



MESSAGE FROM THE RI PRESIDENT 2025/26

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message: Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met – there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust. This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead—not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you—this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

That last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve. This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To

grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big—but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision. Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio, and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now.

We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace—Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.

I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends... take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's Unite for Good—for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

With gratitude and affection,
Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International, 2025-26

***“There are two things
that matter most:
friendship and trust”***

THE JOY AND THRILLS OF WINDING UP THE MAGICAL YEAR SIGNATURE PROJECT AT ISHEKYE TO GIVE HOPE TO THE DISABLED CHILDREN.

From Dg Christine Kawooya Kyeyune



Dear My Rotary Family of District 9214,

I extend my sincere gratitude to my predecessor, DG Agnes Mungati Batengas and her remarkable team for their exceptional leadership throughout this Rotary year 2024/25. You have left a lasting impact on District 9214 and we will build on that foundation, harnessing the magic of Rotary to reach even greater heights together.

To my incoming Presidents and their Boards, congratulations and thank you for embracing the opportunity to lead your clubs into this next chapter, one that calls us to unite for good and as Alexander Graham Bell reminds us, "Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."

In preparation for our roles this year, we have benefited from comprehensive training, including the International Assembly, District Team and President-Elects Learning Seminars. These sessions have equipped all of us with the necessary skills to advance Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.

Representing all of you at the International Assembly was a proud moment for me. There, Rotary International President 2025/2026 Mário César Martins de Camargo highlighted the importance of Membership, Innovation, Partnership and the magic of Rotary. This magic unites us through our powerful vision: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."

I wholeheartedly embrace this call to action. Beginning July 1st, 2025, I am eager to collaborate with each of you to achieve meaningful results during our tenure. Membership remains a top priority, supporting the Rotary Foundation and the Youth alongside our other seven areas of focus. Personally, I will emphasize maternal and child health, as well as water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Work in trios to embody the spirit of "Unite for Good" by co-sponsoring Rotary/Rotaract/Interact clubs and implementing collaborative projects that foster greater synergy. It is therefore my humble plea that each club starts a new club utilising the various club formats endorsed by Rotary International.

Let us draw inspiration from the timeless words of Norman Vincent Peale: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars." Past RI President Shekhar Mehta's unwavering passion for growth should serve as our guiding light. Let each Rotarian commit to bringing at least one new member.

We all hold dreams. However, it is through action that we transform those dreams into reality. This is our moment to seize. The airplane, once merely an idea, became a reality through immense drive and passion. Similarly, Steve Jobs' vision for the Macintosh fundamentally changed the world. Let us embrace innovation and be the individuals who turn challenges into opportunities. I pledge to guide you through this journey.

I truly believe this is just the beginning of even greater things for our District. I wish you continued success in the upcoming Rotary year 2025/26. Each installation marks a new chapter—an opportunity to build on past successes, embrace fresh ideas, and reaffirm our commitment to Humanity. Remember the powerful words of Confucius: "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." Let us support one another, collaborate more, and bring out the best in our communities so that we can celebrate our milestones at the 101st District Conference and Assembly.

Together, One act at a time!
Christine Kyeyune Kawooya



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THE MAGICAL YEAR – A FAREWELL MESSAGE

By Immediate Past President (IPP) Rtn Pearl Kahindi Habomugisha

Fellow Rotarians, Friends, and Partners,

When I stood before you at the start of The Magical Year, I carried one dream: to make this year truly magical—not just in name, but in action, in spirit, and in impact. Today, as I look back, I am filled with gratitude, pride, and deep humility.

We made it magical because we did it together. You gave your moral and emotional support, your financial resources, your time, your ideas, your participation, and above all, your trust in my leadership. Every handshake, every shared laugh, every brainstorming session, every moment you chose to show up—helped build this legacy. To our Directorate, thank you for guiding our path, approving our projects, and ensuring accountability every step of the way.

A Growing Family

We welcomed new members into our fold—proof that our works inspire confidence and attract those who want to be part of something greater than themselves. Our family grew in numbers and in spirit.

Mission Green – A Promise to the Earth

With every tree we planted, we left behind a living testament to Rotary's promise of sustainability, a reminder that service also means caring for the planet.

The Heart of Our Service – Ishekye School for the Handicapped

If there was a project that defined the soul of this year, it was Ishekye. Together, we restored dignity and hope—building walkways for children who crawl, bringing clean water through a borehole, lighting the nights with solar power, providing mattresses, tricycles, and a safe, functional kitchen.

And then came The Walking Rotarian, Rtn Shyaka Mbanda, who stepped into history—300km from Kampala to Sheema, raising awareness and funds, earning recognition from Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, and lifting the name of our club higher than ever before. My gratitude goes to the service team led by Rtn Budget, and to my



father, Rtn Kahindi, for personally overseeing the works on behalf of our club.

Sustaining the Dream – Bukalabi Primary School

We proved that service is not a one-year affair. By completing a project from the Hope Creation Year and handing it over to Bukalabi Primary School, we showed the true meaning of continuity and sustainability.

Health and Well-being for All

Our monthly immunisation drives, passionately led by Dr. Naphtali, gave life and protection to our youngest community members. We repaired the Kinyarwanda/Buzzi water well, delivered water purifiers to Kabulamuliro Primary School, and even improved our own club's surroundings with a vibrant garden led by Rtn Edith.

Power of Buddy Groups & Fellowship

Our buddy groups didn't just organise us—they energised us. They brought efficiency, creativity, and a renewed sense of togetherness. And of course, our year-end celebrations were a reminder that Rotary is also about joy, friendship, and unity.

A Year of Recognition

We ended on a triumphant note at the 100th Rotary District Conference in Dar es Salaam—bringing home two Governor's Special Awards:

1. For raising USD 10,000 for The Rotary Foundation
2. For outstanding promotion of Rotary's visibility through innovative events and engaging publicity materials.

These victories belong to all of us, but I must thank our PR and TRF teams for their exceptional work.

Honourary Members & Partnerships

Our honorary members—Rtn Alex Kamukama, PAG Muhumuza, PDG Peace Taremwa, and AG Annie Ninyesiga—were our compass and counsel. And to the clubs that stood with us—RC Kajjansi, RC Lubowa, RC Seguku, RC Bwebajja, the Entebbe Corridor clubs, and many more—thank you for your friendship and collaboration in blood donations, family health days, and joint service.

Looking Forward

I now pass the torch to President Derek Musooka, confident that the Action Year will build even higher on this strong foundation. I leave you a club with new ideas, better systems, stronger unity, and renewed energy.

To each Rotarian of Akright City—thank you for making my dream a reality. The year may have ended, but the magic we created will live on in the lives we touched, the projects we built, and the bonds we strengthened.

Here's to service above self—always magical.





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INSTALLATION SPEECH OF THE ACTION PRESIDENT DERECK MUSOOKA

**Rotary Club of Akright City | Rotary
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Good evening, Rotarians, friends, family, and distinguished guests.

I am deeply honored and humbled to stand before you today as the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Akright City for the Rotary year 2025–2026. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your presence here tonight, and to the outgoing President and Board for your exemplary service, resilience, and leadership that have guided this club to where we are today. To my fellow Rotarians, thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I accept it with humility, gratitude, and a steadfast commitment to serve. Rotary is more than a club, it is a calling. A call to service, a call to leadership, and a call to make the world a better place, one project, one life, one smile at a time.

As I reflect on my own journey, from a statistician and evaluator working in Uganda's health sector, to presenting at international forums in Washington, Seoul, and Oslo; I realize that the thread connecting all my efforts has always been service. Data may drive decisions, but it is compassion that drives change. That is why I find myself most fulfilled when data meets people, and systems meet hearts, just as Rotary has always done. This year, we align with Rotary International's call to "Unite for Good." And indeed it is, when one healthy mother delivers a healthy baby in attended to by a health worker, when one scholarship opens a door to a brighter future, when one act of kindness restores hope. For our club, RC Akright City, we will use what we know i.e. our skills, our experience, our data to inform our service action. But we will always lead with heart.

During this Rotary year, we will pursue 7 focus areas: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy; Community Economic Development; and Protecting Our Environment. But this vision is not mine alone, it is ours, it is a symphony of hearts, hands, and minds in harmony. To the incoming Board and committee chairs, thank you for standing with me. To every member, seasoned or new, your voice, your effort, and your presence matters. As I take on this mantle, I do so on the shoulders of those who came before me, past presidents, club founders, mentors, and every Rotarian who has laid bricks of service that built the Rotary Club of Akright City.

To my family especially my beautiful, caring, brilliant wife, thank you for your unwavering support. And to each of you here tonight, thank you for being part of this moment, this journey, this Rotary Action year. Together, let's make 2025/2026 a year of action, integrity, and inspiration.

May our Action continue to light our way.

Rtn Dereck Musooka PHF, Action President, RC Akright City, RY2025/2026

PROFILING THE ACTION PRESIDENT DERECK MUSOOKA

Statistician | Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist | Rotary Leader

With over 16 years of leadership in Uganda's health sector, Dereck Musooka has a wealth of expertise in monitoring and evaluation, data systems strengthening, and health policy management to his new role as President of the Rotary Club of Akright City.

Currently serving at the Ministry of Health as a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist under the Global Fund's Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health program, Dereck oversees grants totaling USD 728 million aimed at combating HIV, TB, Malaria, and COVID-19.

A respected thought leader, he has represented Uganda on global platforms including in Washington D.C., Oslo, and Seoul, advocating for data interoperability and digital health transformation.

His professional journey is marked by strategic impact, innovation, and system-level change. He led the development and execution of Uganda's first Digital Health and Health Information Strategy (2021–2025) and was instrumental in the national rollout of UgandaEMR3.0, an electronic medical records system now widely adopted in major health facilities. His work has improved data quality and fund accountability, and also advanced service delivery at the national level, including successful Police and UWA integrations.

In the Rotary space, Dereck has served in key leadership positions within RC Akright City—as Vice President, Executive Secretary, and now as Action President. His presidency is guided by the theme “Unite for Good – One Act at a Time,” with a flagship focus on Improving Maternal and Child Health at Kawanda HCIII.

Under his leadership, he plans to make a sustainable and measurable impact where it matters most – Health, and his vision is clear:

Mobilize Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends of RC Akright City to rally around one powerful cause—saving lives and improving health for the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Dereck holds a Bachelor's degree in Statistics and a Master's in Management alongside advanced certifications in M&E, Health Policy, and International Cooperation. As a Rotarian and a health systems expert, Dereck Musooka embodies the spirit of Rotary leadership: thoughtful, visionary, and deeply committed to action. With him at the helm, the Action Year promises to be one of purpose, unity, and transformative service.

The Action President, and his wife Evelyn are blessed with four children—Phil, Theo, Kai, and Izy—who will be a strong support to him as he brings added value to the Rotary family.

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Our Distinguished Guests, Rotarians and Rotaractors, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is my singular honour to warmly welcome and have you here as we celebrate the fourth installation of our President Rtn Derrick Musooka. You are All most Welcome.

As we witness the celebration of this occasion we continue to pledge our total commitment to service delivery to humanity through a number of interventions we have designed as a club but are generally acceptable by Rotary International. Hence this installation ceremony is the climax of the recognition of the efforts of the outgoing leadership of our club and the dignified ushering in of the new leadership to embrace the unbroken record of service. On this juncture allow me to recognise the following groups of people and personalities.

I take this honour to thank our outgoing irresistible President with her cabinet and Club Board for their outstanding performance and efforts to lead and deliver all the milestones set during their year of service. This has thus enabled us to celebrate and install a Fourth President.

We salute our Mother Club Kajjansi Rotary Club for their continued nurturing us even as we turn into maturity. We applaud our Mother Child relationship. Thank All our fellow clubs especially the Entebbe road corridor clubs that we have shared our aspirations.

Thank our different partners in development that have facilitated our chain of service delivery in our previous and on going activities among

them the Ishekya Unit School for The Disabled Children in Kabwohe Sheema District and All our outreach programmes in immunisation programmes.

Thank Our President Elect Rtn Derrick Musooka for giving us the opportunity to chair and organise this function. Without any reservations I thank the indefatigable installation team that has organised this function for your sacrifice and work well done.

Thank all our Sponsors for generously supporting this installation function and our incoming signature project in Maternal and Child Health Improvement Project in Kawanda Nansana Municipality.

Lastly I thank all of you here for accepting our invitation to grace this occasion. Viva Our Rotary

PHF+3 Charles Kanyesigye
Chair Installation ceremony committee.

ROTARY CLUB OF AKRIGHT CITY TO SUPPORT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AT KAWANDA HEALTH CENTRE III

The Rotary Club of Akright City has partnered with Kawanda Health Centre III in Nansana Municipality, Wakiso District, to support a much-needed project aimed at improving maternal and child health services. Kawanda Health Centre III, which is situated within the Kawanda Research Station, serves a population of approximately 30,000 people, including residents of Nabweru Division. Despite being a vital lifeline for this large community, the facility continues to face serious challenges in delivering quality maternal and child health care.

Currently, the health centre is constrained by frequent stock-outs of essential supplies such as gloves, inadequate triage and waiting space, and a lack of proper inpatient ward infrastructure and furniture. These issues have continued to negatively impact the quality of services provided to expectant mothers and young children, who form a significant part of the patient population.

To address these challenges, the Rotary Club of Akright City will support the implementation of two critical interventions: the construction of a spacious waiting area for mothers and children, and a placenta disposal pit to enhance hygiene and medical waste management. These activities are aimed at creating a safe, clean, and dignified environment for mothers delivering at the facility and ensuring comfort for children and mothers during antenatal and postnatal visits.

The total project budget stands at UGX 76,893,000. The Rotary Club's involvement will be instrumental in mobilizing the resources and expertise required to bring this project to life. In addition to this intervention, the club will continue to implement its existing projects, including the ongoing construction of a kitchen at Ishekye Primary School in Sheema District, until the works are completed.

This partnership aligns with Rotary's focus on maternal and child health as one of its key areas of service. By supporting this initiative, the Rotary Club of Akright City reaffirms its commitment to transforming lives and strengthening community health systems. Once complete, the improved infrastructure at Kawanda Health Centre III will significantly enhance service delivery for thousands of mothers and children, ensuring that every woman receives care in a dignified and hygienic environment.

By Dr Charles Kanyesigye
Project services Director-2025-2026



IMPROVING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AT KAWANDA HCIII

Improving Maternal and Child Health at Kawanda HCIII
by Dereck Musooka



FACILITY OVERVIEW AND SERVICE AREA

Location & Coverage

Located in Nabweru division, serving 30,164 people and nearby areas.

Includes Kawanda and Nakyesanja wards with five cells.

Facility Structure

Three blocks: service delivery, records, and MCH building.

MCH includes family planning, immunization, labor suite, ANC, and ICT.



Staff and Support Partners



Staffing

16 government staff and 15 IDI-supported ART workers.



Implementing Partners

IDI, IDRS, and Living Goods support HIV, TB, immunization, and community services.



Community Engagement

Works with VHTs and leaders for health promotion and disease prevention.

Key Services Offered

Maternal & Child Health

Antenatal, postnatal, deliveries, immunization, and family planning.

Outpatient & Inpatient

General outpatient services and limited inpatient admissions.

Specialized Services

ART, TB care, and community training in basic computer skills.



Performance Highlights



Service	Quarterly Target	Achievement	Percent
OPD Attendance	1772	4354	245%
TB Presumptive cases	28	26	93%%
Immunization (Measles)	1089	734	67.4%
ART Enrollment	25	25	100%

#	MCH Performance Highlights			
	Element	Target	Achievement	Percent
1	Deliveries:	345	345	100%
2	Postnatal:			
	6 days:	48	3	6.3%
	6 weeks:	150	204	136%
3	Antenatal:			
	First Visit:	720	366	50.8%
	4th Visit:	465	280	60.2%
	IPT3:	459	442	96.2%



Current Challenges

- Frequent stockouts of drugs and commodities.
- Limited waiting and triage space delays urgent care.
- Small inpatient ward restricts admissions.
- Inadequate furniture for growing patient numbers.



Planned Infrastructure Improvements



Placenta Pit

Safe disposal of placenta to improve hygiene and environment.



Waiting Area

Comfortable space for mothers and children to wait safely.



Community and Leadership Support



Political and Technical Support

Municipal leaders and technical teams back facility needs.



Land Donation

NARL donated land for staff quarters construction.



Continuous Guidance

HUMC committee supports effective health service delivery.

Action plan for Improved quality of integrated service delivery approach thru Maternal and Child Health at a Kawanda HCIII

No.	Item	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Fund (UGX) source Budget :70M
1	Action Plan presentation to stakeholders	X												-
2	Needs assessment and site selection	X	X											-
3	Design and approval of construction plans		X	X										-
4	Procurement of materials and contractor			X	X									RC Akright City/ Local Funds
5	Construction of placenta pit				X	X	X							RC Akright City
6	Construction of waiting shelter area and fixed seats					X	X	X	X	X				RC Akright City
7	Sensitization of community on new facilities									X	X			-
8	Monitoring and evaluation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
9	Report and dissemination											X	X	-

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SEVENTY AND STILL RELEVANT: THE POWER OF THE OLDER ROTARIAN

An article by Septuagenarian Rtn Lindsay Kinkuhaire PHF

Recently, I had the joy of celebrating my 70th birthday in the company of my wonderful Rotarian colleagues—an event that was gracefully blessed by the presence of our ever charming Immediate Past President, Pearl (yes, the power of the three Ps: Pearl, Past, President!). I must say, their presence filled me with energy, motivation, and an overwhelming sense of belonging. Moments like these remind me why being part of the Rotary family is such an honour.

A week later, my family surprised me with a short boat trip, just 20 minutes, yet it felt like a mini-expedition—taking me to a beautiful spot on the shores of the mighty Lake Victoria. Did you know that only two lakes in the entire world are crossed by the Equator, and both are right here in Uganda? Yes, our very own Lake Victoria (Lake Nalubaale) and Lake Edward (Lake Rwitanzigye or Rweru). And if that isn't enough to make you beam with pride, Lake Victoria is also the second-largest freshwater lake in the world.

“Why does this matter?” you may wonder. Well, I've discovered that as I grow older, I've developed a deeper appreciation for the simple, yet profound things: family, friendships, and the beauty of my homeland.

Over lunch that day, my younger family members shared touching stories about the moments when I had, without realizing, made a lasting impression on them. I was amazed. I could barely remember half of the events they spoke of! But it dawned on

me that my everyday interactions, no matter how small, had quietly impacted them. In a way, I was simply doing what my elders had once done for me, passing down their lessons, values, and wisdom.

So when these “youngsters” asked me to share some words of wisdom (and yes, they fondly call me Cousin Auntie), I finally had something meaningful to say! And just like that, I realized that Afterall, I am still very much relevant. Staying Relevant in Rotary

As we rolled into a new Rotary year and formed new Buddy Group Committees, I initially thought, “Maybe I don't have much to offer here.” But then I remembered that birthday epiphany. So, I jumped in and cheerfully offered to be Treasurer (apologies to Rotarian Margaret, I might have “accidentally” swiped the position from under your nose!). At the same time, I gracefully declined nominations for roles that might not suit my... seasoned age bracket. I wasn't about to channel Radha Daga or Colonel Harland Sanders this time around!

Rotarian Marc Freedman once posed a brilliant question: What do connections across generations offer that same-age groups cannot? He referenced a Harvard study showing that older people who connect with younger people are three times happier than those who don't. Sharing life lessons creates a two-way street of learning, benefit, and joy.

Wisdom Has No Expiry Date
When PAG Sam Mwanje (a.k.a. Jajja Muzungu) recently graced our Rotary Club as guest

speaker, the session was electric. Members were as attentive as schoolchildren during the first exciting lesson of term one. The questions flowed endlessly, and the energy in the room was simply contagious.

Clearly, the value of older Rotarians lies in their mentorship, guidance, and the stories of impact they bring from years of service and experience. Whether it's leading service projects, offering advice, or collaborating on decisions, their perspective is priceless.

At the Premier Club of Akright City, we hope to continue encouraging our senior members to stay active and involved. Their unique

contributions, wisdom, and presence make Rotary richer and more vibrant. After all, true fellowship thrives when every generation is celebrated and empowered.

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ROTARIANS IN MOTION: SWEATING FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Rotary is all about service, fellowship, and leaving our communities a little brighter (and possibly with fewer potholes) than we found them. But here's a thought, what if we could strengthen our Rotary bonds and our biceps at the same time? Enter Rotarians in Motion—a spirited idea that blends physical activity with service, creating a triple win: fellowship, fitness, and community impact. Think of it as “doing good while breaking a sweat.” Because, let's face it, squats are much easier to tolerate when you're doing them for a cause!

Why Exercise? Because Sitting is the New Smoking

Exercise doesn't just give you toned muscles—it's practically a magic potion for your body and mind. From boosting your mood and memory to making sleep as sweet as a Sunday afternoon nap, the benefits are endless. It lowers stress, kicks anxiety to the curb, and improves problem-solving skills (so maybe you'll finally figure out that Sudoku puzzle).

As one wise person once said, “Exercise is my happy place.” And honestly, if a few jumping jacks can make us happier Rotarians, why not give it a shot?

Fellowship on the Move

There's something special about sweating together—it's an instant bonding experience. Whether it's a sunrise walk or a group Zumba session that tests everyone's rhythm (or lack thereof), exercise events offer a fun, relaxed way for Rotarians to connect while moving toward a shared goal. Plus, these events bring the wider community into the Rotary fold, building unity and a sense of shared purpose.

Service with Sneakers

Exercise isn't just good for us, it's good for our projects too! Fitness events can double as fundraisers or awareness campaigns. Remember the Magical Steps Initiative of 2024 by Rotary Club of Akright City? That wasn't just a walk; it was a global movement that raised awareness and support for children with disabilities at Ishekye. Proof that even small steps can create ripples of change (and possibly a few sore calves).

Health, Wellness, and a Dash of Glow

Rotarians who exercise regularly don't just feel better—they're more productive, more energetic, and more likely to radiate that unmistakable “Rotary glow” (it's either health or post-workout sweat, but it works). This personal growth aligns perfectly with Rotary's values of self-improvement and leadership.

Fun Ideas for Rotarians in Motion

Group Fitness Hangouts: From yoga to dance sessions, bring the gang together to sweat and smile.

- **Friendly Fitness Challenges:**

Compete for bragging rights while improving health—who can do the most steps in a week?

- **Charity Walks/Runs:** Turn every stride into support for a Rotary cause. By mixing fitness with service, we not only build healthier bodies but also stronger communities. So, why not lace up those sneakers, grab a friend, and turn your next Rotary meeting into a mini workout session?

Because when Rotarians get moving, the world doesn't just change—it grooves.

Olive Kigenyi

Rotary Club of Akright City (RCA)



LAUGHTER, LOVE, AND LIFELONG BONDS THE RCAKRIGHT CITY FAMILY OF ROTARY STORY

Article by Juliet Nambajja Rotary Club of Akright City



Why Family of Rotary? – The Beating Heart of Rotary Club of Akright City

In the vibrant rhythm of Rotary Club of Akright City, there beats a warm and spirited heart – the Family of Rotary (FoR). More than just a committee, FoR is a radiant thread that weaves love, laughter, and lasting bonds into the fabric of our club.

Its mission is deeply rooted in the very first Object of Rotary:

“To encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.”

And oh, what a beautiful opportunity it is!

With boundless joy and a deep sense of purpose, the Family of Rotary reminds us that Rotary is not just about meetings and projects – it’s about people. It’s about caring for each other, lifting one another up, and walking hand-in-hand through life’s brightest celebrations and toughest moments.

A Circle of Care and Connection

The Family of Rotary lives out its purpose through meaningful acts of love and kindness that keep our Rotary family close, connected, and comforted. With heartfelt intention, this committee has become the heartbeat of our member retention efforts – nurturing the soul of the club by making every member feel seen, valued, and embraced.

From celebrating birthdays to welcoming Rota babies, from visiting the sick to grieving with those who have lost, FoR ensures no Rotarian or their loved ones ever feel alone.





Visiting Our Own – Through All Life's Seasons

We stand as pillars of support during both sunshine and storms – whether it be a loss of employment, illness, or the passing of a loved one.



Visiting Rota Babies

Our growing family – welcoming the tiniest Rotarians!

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Visiting the Bereaved

We mourn together, and hold space for healing.

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Facilitating Buddy Love & Lasting Friendships

The magic doesn't stop with care visits. Through buddy groups, we encourage:

- Thoughtful gift exchanges
- Regular check-ins
- Emotional support and surprises

Gift Exchange Between Buddies

Laughter, surprise, and pure Rotary joy!

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We invite spouses, children, and even parents of Rotarians to take part in our projects, deepening the bonds of service across generations. And in the spirit of legacy, we keep alive the memory of our departed members, staying connected to their families, ensuring they remain part of us always.

A Tapestry of Joy and Service

The Family of Rotary is where hearts meet – in kindness, in celebration, and in shared humanity. It is a gentle reminder that Rotary is not just something we do – it is something we live. It is in every smile we share, every hand we hold, every life we touch.

So when you ask, “Why Family of Rotary?”, the answer is simple:

Because together, we are stronger, kinder, and more joyful.

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FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE: LIFE IN ROTARY CLUB OF AKRIGHT CITY

Article by Smart on the fun side of RCAkright city

When people hear about Rotary, they often think of service projects, community outreach, and humanitarian work. While all that is true, there's another side to Rotary that makes it even more special—the fun and fellowship that bring us together.

At Rotary Club of Akright City, we believe that meaningful service thrives best in an environment filled with joy, laughter, and strong bonds of friendship.

Fellowship Beyond Meetings

Our weekly meetings are not just about planning projects or discussing service initiatives. They are a time to catch up with friends, share a hearty laugh, and celebrate milestones together. Birthdays, anniversaries, and professional achievements are always recognized, often with songs, cake, and spontaneous dancing!

Home Hospitality Nights & Family Days

The club organizes regular social nights where members unwind after a busy week. Whether it's a barbecue evening under the stars, a themed dinner, or a karaoke night, these gatherings remind us that Rotary is a family.

We also hold Family Fun Days—where spouses, children, and friends join in celebrating weddings, graduations, and game competitions that spark playful rivalries and unforgettable memories.

Team-Building Through Service as Buddy Groups

Even our service projects are filled with fun moments. Planting trees, painting classrooms, or delivering donations often ends with shared meals, music, and storytelling. Laughter echoes as Rotarians work side by side, knowing that their effort is making a real difference.

Why Fun Matters in Rotary

At Rotary Club of Akright City, we've discovered a simple truth: when we enjoy what we do together, we do it better. The fellowship fuels our passion, strengthens our teamwork, and attracts new members who want to be part of something lively and meaningful.

Rotary isn't just about service. It's about friendship. It's about joy. It's about creating memories while changing lives.

At Akright City, we live by that every day—and that's what makes our club truly special.



MEMBERSHIP: THE ART OF RECRUITMENT FOR ROTARY

By Rtn Allan Kiwumulo

Rotary International stands as a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers united by a shared commitment to serve humanity and promote peace. As a membership-driven organization, Rotary thrives not only on the strength of its mission but also on the strength of its people. That is why recruitment and retention remain at the heart of Rotary's continued growth and impact.

Understanding the strategic importance of sustaining and expanding membership, Rotary International established a dedicated membership directorate. This arm of the organization is responsible for ensuring that new members are not only welcomed but also aligned with Rotary's values and empowered to lead. Recruitment is no longer about filling numbers, it's about finding passionate, service-minded individuals ready to make a difference. So how do we attract and retain quality members? Here are key principles that guide the art of Rotary membership recruitment:

1. Understand Rotary's Purpose

Effective recruitment begins with a clear understanding of who we are. Rotary's core values - Service Above Self, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership - are not just words, but the very essence of what it means to be a Rotarian. Every potential member should resonate with Rotary's vision and be inspired by its mission to serve.

2. Identify the Right People

Quality at the gate matters. When identifying potential members, we must look for:

Professionals and respected community leaders; Individuals actively involved in service and volunteerism; and People from diverse cultural, professional, and generational backgrounds. These individuals bring not only skills and networks but also fresh perspectives that enrich our clubs and communities.

3. Adopt a Relationship-Based Approach

Recruitment is most successful when it's personal. Strong relationships are the foundation of meaningful engagement. Consider: Extending personal invitations to prospects; Encouraging current members to act as ambassadors; and Having conversations centered around shared values and community impact. People are far more likely to join when they feel genuinely seen and valued.

4. Tell Rotary's Story

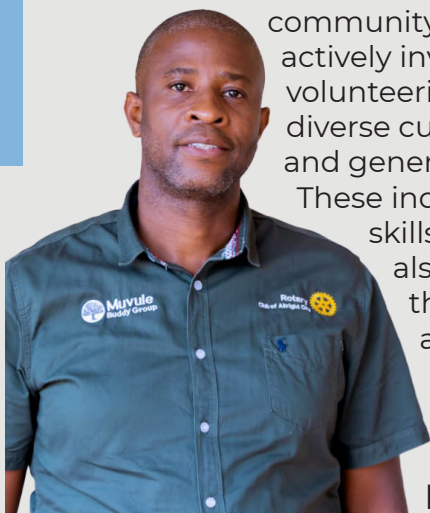
What sets Rotary apart is its global reach and local impact. Sharing powerful stories of transformation, both at home and abroad, helps prospective members understand the difference they can make. Highlight opportunities for: Personal and professional growth; Networking with like-minded individuals; Leadership development and service projects. Stories move people. Let Rotary's story inspire action.

5. Create an Inclusive, Welcoming Culture

While people join Rotary for the cause, they stay because of the community. Clubs should cultivate a culture that is: Inclusive and diverse; Respectful and engaging; Hospitable and appreciative. Members must feel that their time, input, and presence are genuinely valued. A welcoming atmosphere encourages long-term commitment.

6. See Retention as Part of Recruitment

The real success of recruitment lies in retention. A well-engaged and empowered member is not only more likely to stay, but also to become your next recruiter. Retention is not a separate process, it's the continuation of recruitment through meaningful involvement, recognition, and connection. Membership is thus the lifeblood of Rotary. By focusing on values-aligned recruitment and intentional retention, we ensure the sustainability and vitality of our clubs. Let us commit to recruiting with purpose, engaging with heart, and serving with passion. Together, we can build a stronger, more impactful Rotary for generations to come.



THE IMPACT OF BUDDY GROUPS AT RC AKRIGHT CITY: A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

By Emmanuellé Agaba – Chairperson, Musizi Buddy Group

Rotary International has long stood for service, fellowship, and community engagement. At the Rotary Club of Akright City, we continually seek innovative approaches to strengthen member involvement and deepen our impact. One such initiative is the introduction of Buddy Groups—an increasingly transformative structure within our club that fosters unity, participation, and leadership development.

How buddy groups are defined at RCAkright City

At inception, Buddy Groups were defined as small, purposefully formed clusters of members brought together based on shared interests, skills, and aspirations. Designed to build stronger interpersonal bonds, they would enhance collaboration, encourage learning, and increase participation. In our service-driven community, these groups continue to function as both social circles and operational units that strengthen the fabric of our club.

RCAkright City currently has four Buddy Groups, each named after a tree—symbolic of growth, strength, and rootedness:

- Musizi Buddy Group
- Muvule Buddy Group
- Mahogany Buddy Group
- Mugavu Buddy Group

Note: Muyembe buddy group, is one person group that was co-opted for the President as her role required her to remain neutral, and in the spirit of belonging, she created it.

Creating Belonging and Driving Impact

The influence of these groups has been both profound and practical. They foster a deep sense of belonging by ensuring every member is seen, heard, and valued. In large organizations, it's easy for individuals to feel disconnected. Buddy Groups bridge

that gap by creating smaller spaces for authentic engagement, nurturing inclusive participation, and reinforcing the club's communal ethos.

This year, each Buddy Group undertook a mini-project aligned with Rotary's mission, further amplifying the club's visibility and community impact:

- **Musizi Buddy Group** donated water filters to Kabulamuliro Primary School, addressing the urgent need for safe drinking water.

- **Muvule Buddy Group** restored a local water source in Kinyarwanda, constructing a canal to make clean water more accessible.

- **Mugavu Buddy Group** rehabilitated and beautified an island within Akright City, enhancing the environment for residents and visitors.

These initiatives not only strengthened the club's relationship with the community but also energized internal collaboration and member commitment.

Fostering Accountability and Leadership

Another key benefit of Buddy Groups is increased accountability. Within smaller teams, members are more likely to stay motivated and support each other in fulfilling shared goals. Whether executing service projects, organizing events, or raising funds, the buddy system cultivates a spirit of shared responsibility and innovation. Moreover, Buddy Groups are a fertile ground for leadership development. Through the delegation and rotation of roles, members are exposed to practical leadership experiences—preparing them for future roles within the broader club structure. This hands-on involvement builds confidence, sharpens organizational skills, and ensures a robust pipeline of emerging leaders.





Driving Growth and Visibility

Beyond internal development, Buddy Groups play a vital role in attracting and retaining new members. Their welcoming structure and close-knit nature offer an ideal entry point for prospective Rotarians. Friends and family invited to participate in Buddy Group activities often find the camaraderie and purpose compelling, making it easier to integrate and contribute meaningfully to club life.

Looking Ahead: Strengthening the Model

To further harness the potential of Buddy Groups, RC Akright City can institutionalize regular cross-group check-ins, learning exchanges, and shared celebrations. Creating forums where groups can showcase their achievements, share challenges, and learn from one another will deepen cohesion across the club. Setting clear targets and recognizing milestones will foster a sense of progress and pride.

Conclusion

Buddy Groups are proving to be more than just a structural innovation—they are a catalyst for growth, inclusion, and sustainability. They strengthen relationships, inspire accountability, nurture future leaders, and open doors for new members. By continuing to invest in and refine this model, the Rotary Club of Akright City is poised to thrive as a vibrant, service-driven community united by shared purpose and collective action.



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MY EXPERIENCE WITH DCA DAR: A JOURNEY OF LAUGHTER, LEARNING, AND LASTING IMPACT

By Violet Nyirahabwe

DCA Dar es Salaam 2025 was no ordinary Rotary gathering—it was a vibrant swirl of cultures, colors, conversations, and connections. And for RC Akright City, it was more than just a trip—it was a bold step into visibility, bonding, and renewed Rotary energy.

The Build-Up: Early Birds and Last-Minute Nomads

District Conferences (DCAs) are often prepared for months in advance. Yet as diverse as we are in Rotary, our planning styles vary. Some Akrightians paid their early bird fees with military precision, booked their flights in January, and locked down accommodation long before the sun had set on 2024. Then there were the last-minute thrill-seekers—our club's lovable adventurers who made their arrangements on a wing and a prayer. (We'll come back to those travel tales later!)

Touchdown in Dar: A Slow Welcome and a Warm Breeze

Our flight was smooth, spirits high, and laughter abundant. As we landed in Dar es Salaam, the warmth of the Indian Ocean hit us—gently reminding us that we were no longer in Kampala. But then came the first cultural lesson: immigration here moves at its own pace. Unlike the brisk walk-throughs of Entebbe or Nairobi, Dar's immigration officials were in no rush. We spent a good number of minutes—if not hours—patiently queuing, chatting, and slowly switching to DCA mode.

But once we arrived at our hotel, check-in was a breeze. That evening, in true RC Akright City fashion, we did a recon mission—scouting the venue to avoid morning confusion. With a private car at our disposal, moving around was easy and enjoyable. The conference setup, still underway when we arrived, seemed ambitious. We honestly doubted they'd pull it off in time. Yet by morning, it had transformed—lights on, banners up, and the welcome buzz of Rotary energy everywhere

A Conference to Remember: Food, Fashion, and Fellowship

Let me say this clearly: DCA is an experience every Rotarian should have at least once. It's where you meet people you might never cross



paths with, get exposed to new ideas, and embrace Rotary on a truly international scale. From dazzling dress codes for themed nights to the explosion of cultures, DCA Dar was an absolute feast—for the eyes, heart, and stomach!

We dressed up, danced, networked, and dined like royalty. And let's not even talk about the food—there was plenty! Though, with such large gatherings, a few stomachs did protest (we won't name names!).

Our very own Jennifer Musisi graced the stage and, as expected, blew everyone away. She painted such a beautiful vision of urban transformation, we half expected Kampala to appear on a tourist billboard the next morning!

Language Laughter and Swahili Struggles

If there's one thing you must pack for Dar, it's a bit of Kiswahili. Fortunately, RC Akright City came prepared—with members who knew enough to survive, and one superstar who made us look like locals. Then there was that one friend who spoke her own version of Swahili, keeping us in stitches all week. The joy, the inside jokes, the shared confusion—it brought us closer in the most unexpected ways.

How the DCA Transformed RC Akright City

Beyond the fun and fanfare, DCA Dar had a deep impact on our club. It strengthened friendships, inspired new project ideas, and reignited our Rotary purpose. For newer members, it was their first taste of the global Rotary family—many returned home not just as members, but as Rotarians in spirit. We used this DCA as a platform to showcase RC Akright City's presence, participate actively in sessions, and bond as Buddy Groups. Each Buddy Group travelled together, shared accommodation or itineraries, and returned home with stronger ties. The stories, mishaps, and shared memories became social glue—the kind that builds retention, loyalty, and future leadership.

Of Missed Flights and Roundabout Journeys

As promised, let's take a moment to talk about the "great migration" to Dar—because what's a Rotary conference without a few legendary travel stories?

Now, some airlines clearly didn't get the memo that Rotarians were coming in full force.

They were overwhelmed, underprepared, and—let's be honest—a little too creative with their scheduling. The result? A handful of our dear colleagues spent more time in transit than it takes to fly to Europe... or the USA... with layovers that might qualify as extended vacations in themselves.

And oh, the stories! Some were downright tragic (missed connections, misplaced luggage), while others were pure comedy gold. One group was having such a blast in Dar,

they forgot to catch their return flight—and ended up donating to the aviation industry by purchasing brand new tickets. Unplanned, unnecessary, and entirely preventable. But the true MVPs? The brave souls who—wait for it—travelled to Dar via Addis Ababa. Yes, you read that right. We're still trying to understand the logic, but hey, they made it!

Moral of the story?

If you want to avoid an accidental tour of Africa or paying double for your flight, plan early. Buy your ticket, confirm your seat, and please—don't rely on vibes and last-minute miracles. DCA is not a surprise party.

Zanzibar: The Sweet Afterglow

After four days of Rotary magic, some of us extended our trip with a detour to Zanzibar. Three nights on pristine white beaches, turquoise waters, and Swahili seafood was the perfect way to decompress. Picture it: barefoot walks on powdery sand, ocean breezes, and endless laughter. It was more than a getaway—it was a reset.

Looking Ahead: 101st DCA in the Pearl of Africa

Now it's our turn! The 101st DCA will be held right here in our beautiful backyard—Munyonyo, Uganda, from 23rd to 26th April 2026.

Let's rally behind DG Christine Kawoya as she hands over the mantle to our very own DGE Ddamulira. Akrightians, you don't want to miss that moment.

Early bird tickets are already on sale:

- Rotarians: \$200
- Rotaractors: \$100

Let's show the district what RC Akright City is made of—hospitality, vibrance, and unforgettable energy.

As I wind up, for me DCA Dar was not just a conference—it was a celebration of Rotary and a catalyst for club growth. We returned with deeper bonds, bigger dreams, and a shared commitment to keep the Akright spirit alive. If you haven't been to a DCA yet, start planning. You'll come back changed. See you in Munyonyo!



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The Hope creator year planner had monthly themes and activities tagged towards creating hope in everything we did.

YEAR 1: In the **HCY** we ignited hope in the community through Education and this was marked by the-then District Governor's tagline –“Education is an Equalizer”. This meant that education would give people from all backgrounds to succeed and levels up regardless of their socio-economic status, race and gender. With that in mind, we implemented a signature project in Bukalabi Primary school , where we constructed a two classroom Block. Collectively, throughout the year we implemented various projects to promote basic education and literacy in the community. Through these initiatives the club demonstrated its commitment to creating hope and positive change, aligning with Rotary international's mission to serve others and promote world understanding.

YEAR 2: The irresistible magical **YEAR** was truly enchanting: We crafted unforgettable experiences, fostering connections and friendships every step of the way. The focus was for us to transform an entire community and successfully our **TISI** signature project at **ISHEKYE COMMUNITY SCHOOL** gave a total magical transformation. The community was too vulnerable at the start but now that's history . Our clubs magic was palpable, leaving a lasting impact in that community.

The two-year journey with wonderful volunteers of **THE PREMIER CLUB** of Akright City , saw us to creating **WAVES OF CHANGE**.

Together , we have enjoyed many Club meetings and fellowships every Sunday at Golf Course. Many members have hosted Home hospitalities, we have cried together ,we have enjoyed bud- dyship and grown our membership. In addition we have mentored the Youth and given them a platform to excel , On a monthly we have improved the environment through our Mission green activities and also immunized children . Above all, we enjoyed trainings and mentorship talks from Great Speakers from in and out of rotary.

Finally from **HOPE** to **MAGIC** and now to **ACTION**

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RC AKRIGHT ACTION YEAR PLAN

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5th July 2025	Mission Green -Activation at Nsamizzi Institute		
6th July 2025	Panel Discussion - Outgoing Directors		Admin
12th July 2025	Club Officers Training	Club Trainer -IPP Pearl	Admin
13th July 2024	Prayer & Dedication Fellowship		
		Pastor Dr. Joseph Kaaya	ADMIN
20th July 2024	Home Hospitality & Installation Fundraising Fellowship	Rtn Col(Rtd) John Kagwisa	BG Chair -Muvule
22nd July 2024	1st Board Meeting	Action President -Derek	Secretary
26th July 2025	Immunisation -Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation Officer /BG Chair
27th July 2025	Club Assembly		AP/Secretary
AUGUST	MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT		MAHOGANY
3rd Aug 2025	Fellowship -Membership Growth & Retention	Rtn.Allan K	Admin/BG Chair
9th Aug 2025	Cancer Run -RC Akright Activation & Mobilization	PDG Steven Mwanje	Admin/Cancer Run Officer
10th Aug 2025	Gratitude & Recognitions Fellowship		IPP Pearl
16th Aug 2025	4th Presidential Installation Ceremony & DG Visit	Dr. Diana Atwiine -PS MOH	Chair -Installation Committee
24th August	Ground Breaking - Signature Project -Kawanda HC III	To be identified?	Service Project Director
30th Aug 2025	Immunisation - Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation officer/ BG Chair
31st Aug 2025	Cancer Run -Kololo Ceremonial Grounds		Admin/Cancer Run Officer/BG Chair
SEPTEMBER	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY		MUSIZI
4th Sept 2025	Board Meeting	AP-Derek	Secretary
06th Sept 2025	Mission Green		BG Chair/ Mission Green Officer
7th Sept 2025	Club Assembly	All Club Members	AP/Secretary
14th Sept 2025	Club Meeting -Basic Education & Literacy(Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Admin/ BG Chair
21st Sept 2025	Club Fellowship -Home Hospitality/Social Events		Admin/ BG Chair
27th Sept 2025	Immunisation - Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation officer/ BG Chair
28th Sept 2025	Club Meeting- Presidential Sunday	AP-Derek	Admin
Q2 : OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER			
OCTOBER	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		MUGAVU
2nd Oct 2025	Board Meeting - Committee Sessions -Q1 Review	AP-Derek	Secretary
4th Sept 2025	Mission Green		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
5th Oct 2025	Joint Blood donation by Entebbe Rd corridor clubs		BG Chair and Director projects
12th Oct 2025	Club Meeting -The Rotary Foundation(TRF)	Director TRF	Admin/BG Chair
19th Oct 2025	Club Meeting - Community Econ Devt (Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Admin/BG Chair
25th Oct 2025	Immunisation - Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation officer/ BG Chair
26th Oct 2025	Club Meeting - Gratitude Sunday(Q1)		M&E Officer/Admin

NOVEMBER	ROTARY FOUNDATION		MUVULE
01st Nov 2025	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
2nd Nov 2025	Club Meeting -Global Grants (Guest Speaker)		Admin/BG Chair
9th Nov 2025	TRF Fundraiser - PHFs Pinning	To be identified?	TRF Director/ Admin
13th Nov 2025	Board Meeting	AP-Derek	Secretary
16th Nov 2025	Club Retreat -Induction of New Members	To be identified?	Admin/Membership Director
23rd Nov 2025	Club Meeting - Presidential Sunday	AP-Derek	Admin/BG Chair
29th Nov 2025	Immunisation -Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation Officer/BG Chair
30th Nov 2025	1st 100 Days -Signature Project Visit	To be identified?	Director Projects/Admin
DECEMBER	DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	MAHOGANY	MAHOGANY
6th Dec 2025	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
7th Dec 2025	Club Meeting -Disease Prevention (Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Admin/BG Chair
14th Dec 2025	Club Meeting - Giving in the Community		Admin/BG Chair
21st Dec 2025	Home Hospitality - End of Year Party & Gift Exchange		FOR/BG Chair
28th Dec 2025	Christmas Break		
	Q3 -JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026		
JANUARY	VOCATIONAL SERVICE	MUSIZI	MUSIZI
3rd Jan 2026	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
4th Jan 2026	Club Meeting - Vocational Service(Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Admin/BG Chair
8th Jan 2026	Board Meeting - H1 Review	AP-Derek	Secretary
11th Jan 2026	Club Meeting -Gratitude Sunday (Q2)		M&E Officer/Admin
18th Jan 2026	Club Meeting -Presidential Sunday	AP-Derek	Admin/BG Chair
25th Jan 2026	Youth Take over Fellowship(Panel Discussion of Rotaractors a	President Stephane	Rotaractors/BG Chair
31st Jan 2026	Immunisation - Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation Officer/BG Chair
FEBRUARY	PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION	MUGAVU	MUGAVU
1st Feb 2026	Club Meeting -Conflict Resolution (Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Admin/BG Chair
7th Feb 2026	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
8th Feb 2026	Club Meeting -Panel Discussion	To be identified?	Admin/BG Chair
15th Feb 2026	Home Hospitality		BG chair
22nd Feb 2026	Club Meeting / Club Assembly	AP-Derek	Admin/BG Chair
28th Feb 2026	Immunisation -Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation officer/BG Chair
MARCH	WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE		MUVULE
1st March 2026	Club Meeting - Water & Sanitation(Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Admin/BG Chair
7th March 2026	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
8th March 2026	Club Meeting - Presidential Sunday	AP-Derek	Admin/BG Chair
12th March 2026	Joint Board Meeting-2026/27	AP-Derek	Secretary
15th March 2026	Signature Project Commissioning	To be identified?	Director Projects/Admin
22nd March 2026	Club Meeting -Dedicated to New Club Board	PE Ann	Admin/BG Chair
28th March 2026	Immunisation -Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation officer/BG Chair
29th March 2026	Club Meeting -End of Q3 Open Discussion	M&E Officer	Admin
	Q4 : APRIL / MAY / JUNE		
APRIL	ENVIRONMENT		MAHOGANY
4th April 2026	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
5th April 2026	Club Assembly -Goals for 2026/27	President	PE/Admin
11th April 2026	Charter Night- Hosted by AP	To be identified?	AP/Admin
19th April 2026	Club Meeting -DCA Preps	DCA Officer	FOR/BG Chair
23rd -26th April 2026	101st DCA -Speke Resort Munyonyo	Munyonyo	All Club Members

MAY	YOUTH SERVICE		MUSIZI
2nd May 2026	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
3rd May 2026	Club Meeting- Youth Service(Guest Speaker)	To be identified?	Youth Director/Admin
10th May 2026	Fellowship and State of the Club Address	AP-Derek	M&E Officer/Admin
17th May 2026	Home Hospitality	BG Chair	Admin/BG Chair
21st May 2026	Joint Board Meeting -Installation Preps	AP-Derek	Secretary
24th May 2026	Club Meeting - Sharing experiences 2025/26	ALL	
29th May 2026	Immunisation -Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation Officer/BG Chair
30th May 2026	Gratitude & Recognitions Fellowship	AP-Derek	M&E Officer/Admin
JUNE	ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH		MUGAVU
6th June 2026	Mission Green Activity		Mission Green Officer/BG Chair
7th June 2026	Club Meeting - 2026/27 Signature Project Fundraising	To be identified?	Director Projects/Admin
14th June 2026	Club Meeting -Installation Preps		Admin/BG Chair
20th June 2026	PE Installation Night	To be identified?	Action Year Board
27th June 2026	Immunisation -Wamala/Ssisa/Ziiru		Immunisation Officer/BG Chair
28th June 2026	Hand over/ Gratitude & Recognition Fellowship	To be identified?	AP/Admin
12th June 2026	END OF ACTION YEAR	ALL ROTARIANS	ALL ROTARIANS

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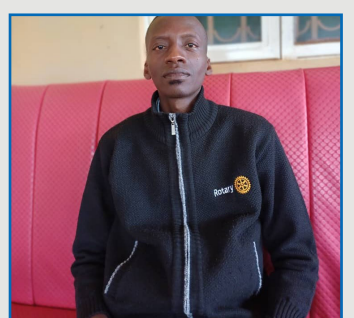
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WALKING MY WAY INTO ABOVE SELF

By Mbanda Shyaka, The Walking Rotarian

When PDG Peace Taremwa first spoke to me about joining Rotary, he said something that stuck: “In Rotary, you can give your money, your time, your networks, or your talents.” Until then, I’d always thought Rotary was for the wealthy—those with excess to spare. But Peace’s words opened up something deeper in me. They made me realize that transformation doesn’t need a bank account—it just needs a decision. When I joined Rotary in July 2022, I was already on a personal journey of profound change. A few years earlier, I was walking a very different path—overweight, drinking half a litre of gin daily, smoking weed, lashing out at my family, carrying the invisible weight of childhood trauma, and spiraling in frustration at my lack of success.

Then came the lockdown. With the world on pause, I found space to reflect. Through online mentors like Sadhguru and my now dear friend and guide, Elitom El-Amin—a Breatharian teacher from the U.S.—I began piecing together a new life, brick by conscious brick. Meditation, qigong, affirmations, intermittent fasting, home workouts—and yes, long walks. These daily practices became my therapy. My recovery. My rebirth.

When Elitom said, “Change yourself and you change the world,” it was no longer a concept—it was a calling.

So I entered Rotary with not just a new body, but a new spirit. And I wanted to use both in the service of others.

Step by Step, Cause by Cause

In September 2023, I laced up my shoes and embarked on my first long trek—150 km from Masaka City to Akright City, Bwebajja. The cause? Mental health awareness, in line with a passionate call from then-Rotary International President Gordon McInally to make mental wellness a Rotary priority.

I walked for our mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers who suffer in silence. And I discovered that each step wasn’t just healing for others—it



was healing for me too.

Encouraged by the overwhelming response, I took on an even bigger challenge in November 2024. Dubbed The Magic Steps Fundraising Walk, I trekked 310 km from Akright City to Kabwohe in Western Uganda to raise funds for Ishekya School for the Handicapped.

Our goal? UGX 50 million to remodel the school’s walkways to international standards. The dream was noble—but the journey, at times, brutal. Rain. Sun. Blisters. Fatigue. But when I was flagged off by PDG Ken Mugisha amidst media buzz and cheers, I knew this was bigger than me. By the time I arrived in Kabwohe, we had surpassed our target—raising over UGX 70 million. The letters, the hugs, the donations from all over the world—it was proof that service walks straight into people’s hearts.

The Global Stage Beckons

Just a month later, in December 2024, I embarked on yet another mission: a 300+ km journey from Nakivaale Refugee Camp in Isingiro to Makerere University. The message? Peace and health for all. It was a bold act of solidarity during a season when most people were home with their families. I walked through Christmas. I walked through New Year’s. On January 1st, 2025, I was somewhere between Nyendo

and Masaka—tired but fuelled by purpose. What made this trek even more memorable was the arrival of my mentor, Elitom El-Amin, who flew in from Nairobi to walk with me from Lukaya to Kampala. That gesture lifted my spirit beyond measure. When we finally reached the outskirts of Kampala, clubs along the Masaka Road, led by RC Nsangi, welcomed me with open arms—and a luxury hotel stay to rest my weary bones! And then, January 10th came. The Makerere Peace Walk. A sea of Rotarians. A flurry of cameras. The Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick herself was present. I, the Walking Rotarian, was seated in the VVIP tent. People queued for selfies. My name was on every tongue.

As I sat there, overwhelmed with joy, I recalled 2 Chronicles 9:23: “All the kings of the earth sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart.” That verse echoed in my soul. The journey of self-transformation had come full circle.

What's Next?

Well, we're only just getting started. This year, I plan to walk again—this time to raise funds for the transformation of Kawanda Health Centre III, our club's

signature project. More walks are on the calendar. More lives to touch. More steps to take.

So the next time you see a lone figure on the road, sweating in the Ugandan sun, perhaps heading nowhere fast but everywhere in purpose—remember this: You don't have to be rich to give. You just have to start where you are, with what you have.

For me, that was a pair of walking shoes and a heart full of hope.

Keep your eyes on the screen. The Walking Rotarian is just warming up

