

Rotary
Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze



EACH ONE,
ENGAGE FOR
IMPACT

14TH PRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION

Magazine



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GAVIN WANUME**

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Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze

Club Anthem

Stanza One:

Muyenga Breeze,
We rise to the call to care for humanity,
In love we work;
With great solidarity,
Better life a goal to achieve.
Education, health and sanitation,
A mission to improve community.
Using peace in friendship with everyone,
We bring life to those we serve

Stanza Two:

Muyenga Breeze,
We join the bigger family,
Rotary near, far and wide,
We stand in truth; forever in harmony,
Happily, resolved to serve.
Raising hope for young and old together,
Poverty will be for history,
Fair we think, say and all we do,
We bring life to those we serve.

Presidential Oath

I Joshua Gavin Wanume, do solemnly
pledge that I will faithfully execute the
office of the President of the Rotary Club of
Kampala Muyenga Breeze and that I will, do
the best of my ability, to support the District
Governor and Rotary International, and
uphold the constitutions and bylaws of this
club, support the ideals of Rotary and serve
with dedication, integrity and commitment.



Check out our Locations

- Europet Maya Main
- Europet Maya Annex
- Europet Kawempe
- Europet Mukono
- Europet Nakawuka
- Europet Mbarara



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Editorial Message & Team

Welcome to this special edition. As the wheels of Rotary turn and we usher in a new leadership term, it is the perfect moment to reflect not just on where we have been, but on the evolving architecture of Service Above Self within Breeze.

If you have spent any time among the family of the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze, you know that our identity is built on a distinct kind of energy. We are a club that thrives on vibrant fellowship, intentional networks, and a shared, unyielding commitment to community transformation. Yet, as we look at the landscape of service, we realize that the most profound shift we interface isn't just about the volume of funds we raise, it is about the impact and sustainability of the projects we leave behind with our communities that we serve.

At Kampala Muyenga Breeze, we are actively challenging premise that we can serve effectively and still vibe as a family. True service requires empathy and deep listening. It means designing with our communities, not just for them.

This issue therefore explores what it means to build lasting legacies. We take an honest look at how our signature projects from maternal health interventions to basic education and literacy can be structured to

outlast our immediate footprints. It is why our focus is shifting toward each engaging for Impact

To bring this to life, this edition features powerful reflections from our frontline project officers, community stakeholders, our amazing volunteers and dynamic youth of our Rotaract and Interact clubs. Our youth are not merely the "future" of Rotary; they are its current engine. True leadership development means giving them a seat at the table, listening to their disruptive ideas, and empowering them to co-pilot our community interventions.

Bringing this publication to life has been a labor of pure dedication. I sincerely extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire editorial team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to fulfill this project. From chasing deadlines and conducting interviews to refining scripts and aligning the final layouts, your long hours, creative brilliance, and unwavering commitment to excellence are the true heartbeat of this issue. Thank you for telling our Breeze stories so beautifully.

Kila Mtu Awajibike – Each One Engage for Impact

Cassandra Roselyn Rwakigumba
Chief Editor & Public Image Director 2026 -2027



Creating Lasting Impact

The world does not need more promises. It needs action.

As Rotary clubs gather to install new leaders, we are reminded that leadership in Rotary is not about position; it is about responsibility, continuity, and action. Every installation marks a fresh opportunity to renew our commitment to service and to ask ourselves a simple but powerful question: what lasting impact shall we create?

My Rotary journey began in Rotaract, and over the years, Rotary has shaped my life in profound ways. It has taken me beyond my own world and connected me to the realities, needs, hopes, and potential of communities. That is the beauty of Rotary. We do not only change lives through service; service also changes us.

For 2026–2027, our presidential message is Create Lasting Impact. This message speaks directly to Rotary's vision: a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. We already understand lasting change through our global work, especially in our fight to End Polio Now, our peacebuilding efforts, and our Foundation-supported projects. But we must also look closer, at the schools we support, the water systems we build, the mothers and children we protect, the young leaders we mentor, and the lives we touch quietly every day.

To incoming club presidents and boards, I urge you to lead with courage, innovation, and purpose. Do not simply repeat what has always been done. Ask what can be done better. Use technology. Strengthen your Foundation giving. Grow membership with meaning. Tell your Rotary story boldly, not only by showing the projects we do, but by showing how Rotary transforms the people who serve.

The world does not need more promises. It needs action. It needs clubs that are ready to try, ready to learn, ready to partner, and ready to deliver results.

As you begin this new Rotary year, may your club be known not only for meetings held, but for lives improved, communities strengthened, and members inspired.

Together, let us Create Lasting Impact.

Oluyinka Yinka Hakeem Babalola
Rotary International President, 2026–2027



Together, One Act at a Time: THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Dear Presidents, Club Leaders, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Friends of Rotary,

As we come to the close of this Rotary year, my heart is full of gratitude. I thank every club in District 9214 for the job well done. You have served with commitment, led with courage, and shown that when we come together with purpose, we can truly transform lives.

This year, we rallied around the spirit of “Together, One Act at a Time.” Across Uganda and Tanzania, your clubs turned this call into action through meaningful service projects, membership growth, stronger partnerships, Foundation giving, youth engagement, public image visibility, and community impact. Every act of service mattered. Every contribution counted. Every Rotarian and Rotaractor helped move our district forward.

As Rotary International called us to Unite for Good, you responded with unity, generosity, and teamwork. You proved that Rotary is strongest when clubs are active, members are engaged, and leaders choose collaboration over comfort. For this, I sincerely thank you.

To our outgoing club leaders, thank you for carrying

the responsibility of leadership with dignity and dedication. Your efforts have strengthened the foundation upon which the next Rotary year will stand.

To the incoming leadership, I warmly welcome you to this next chapter of service. The message before us is clear: Create Lasting Impact. This is a call to build on what has been achieved, deepen our service, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that our work leaves a legacy beyond our year of leadership.

As District 9214 moves forward under the call “Each One Engage for Impact,” I encourage every member to take personal responsibility for Rotary’s growth and relevance. Let each one of us engage, serve, give, invite, mentor, and lead.

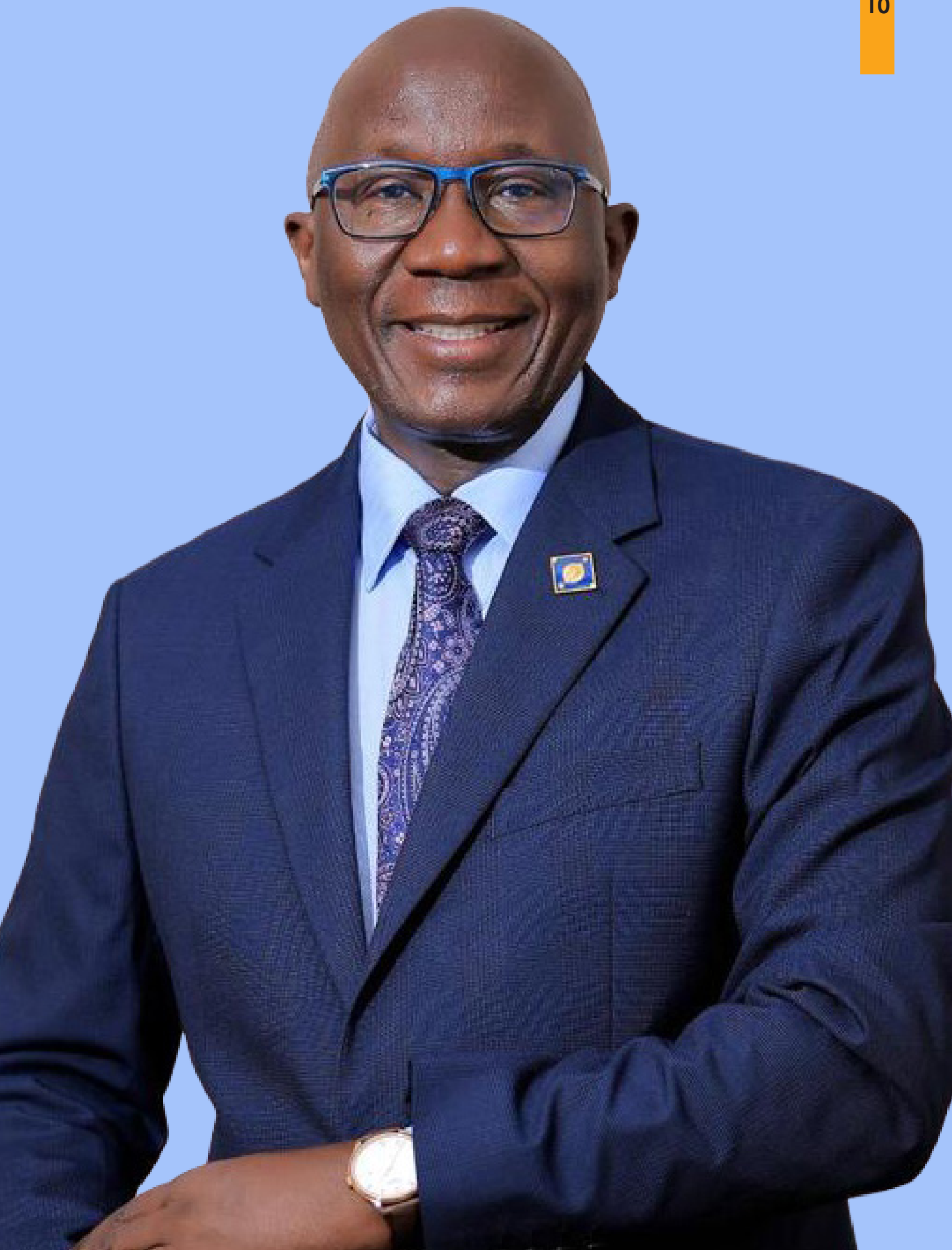
Thank you for walking this journey with me. Thank you for believing in our district. Thank you for proving that together, one act at a time, we can unite for good and create lasting impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Christine Kyeyune Kawooya

District Governor 2025–2026

Rotary International District 9214



District Governor's Message

Dear Rotarians, Rotary Club of Muyenga Breeze
I take this opportunity to thank you for all the work you are doing in your club, and in particular the service that you offer to our communities. We have seen incredible success in the 2025/2026, and we should be proud of ourselves.

I would like to congratulate **President Joshua Gavin Wanume** and your new Board upon reaching this leadership milestone. Serving humanity and preserving human dignity is a complete privilege. Your acceptance to serve is highly appreciated and celebrated. At each moment in life people come into leadership for a specific mission, a profound reason and given season. I believe that each one of you has been chosen for a mission, a reason and for the season of 2026 – 2027.

This year our mantra for service is, Each one Engage for Impact which resonates excellently well with the Rotary International theme beckoning us to Create Lasting Impact. Dear Rotarians and friends, I would like to implore each one of us to have **I.M.P.A.C.T** as our end in mind.

Initiating change that we want to envision

Mobilizing others to work together because impact grows in unity

Participating by being actively involved and not just being present

Action that turns ideas into practical service

Collaborating with each other to achieve greater results

Transforming communities to become better than we found them

The Rotary year 2026 – 2027 is a unique year in the history of Rotary when the leadership mantle is conspicuously raised by the sons and daughters of Africa. The Rotary international President Yinka Babola, Rotary Director Emmanuel Katongole, Board of Trustee Francis Tusubira, Trustee Pearl Ijoma are from the continent. You and me have a rare opportunity to serve at this time. It is in this regard that all deliberations should be aligned to making Africa shine like the Colombian Artist Shakira who shared the future that we witness today that there is always a season when "It's time for Africa".

As we commence, our year of leadership, let us remind ourselves that we are not re-inventing the wheel but adding a building block to what our predecessors have accomplished. At this point, I celebrate all the outgoing leaders led by **President Mukalazi Rogers** for a job well done. And for us who have been entrusted with the reins of leadership now let us brace ourselves with grace and humility, strength and resilience to lead others to greater heights. Engaging each one for Impact while creating lasting impact is the clarion call to action this year.

In our leadership journey of 2026 – 2027, let the sweet aroma of service above self be inhaled by all because impact does not stop at very good intentions it is also fulfillment of the intended actions that cause us to do more and reach further. I wish you all a great year of personal, professional and communal impact. Let us go out to serve humanity while preserving human dignity.

Daniel Mukasa Ddamulira

Governor D9214, 2026/2027

Outgoing AG's Message



Oh how time flies! It only feels like yesterday that we gathered to receive President Rogers. I recall vividly the cool evening turning cold and rainy giving us the first ever umbrella installation, indeed a Breeze.

Muyenga Breeze has been a special kind of club to which I would certainly love to keep. The culture and DNA here is unique with deep togetherness and selfless commitment. I can gladly affirm that it's a club without reverse gears but only drive.

The energy and vigor at the Breeze barely permits interruption of their goals, ambitions and targets. Although I have no doubt that they can contribute more

to the foundation than they already do, as their stature says it all even before delving in.

Incoming AG Victor will certainly drive more impact to yield to the goal.

I must say it has been an honor and privilege being part of their journey for the year 2026/27 to which I remain forever indebted to my Governor Christine Kawoya.

As the club continues to sow to greater heights, I remain committed to support and encourage them to create lasting impact in society.

Viva La Rotary

AG Ronald Kvesiga MD
RC Munyonyo



Incoming AG's Message

I am honoured and humbled by this opportunity to serve as Assistant Governor for LAKE VICTORIA ZONE 11 in the Rotary year 2026–2027. I fully embrace this responsibility to support the clubs within the zone and our district to achieve our clearly outlined targets and mandate for the coming rotary year.

I appreciate the outgoing Assistant Governor for his guidance, mentorship, and leadership in the past year, supporting the growth and development of **Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze** in membership, service, fellowship, and club administration.

I also commend the outgoing President, Board, and entire membership of **Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze** for the tremendous work accomplished during the past Rotary year. Their dedication has laid a strong foundation on which we will continue to build a resilient, impactful, and vibrant club.

As we begin a new year, we do so with renewed energy, fresh aspirations, and a shared commitment to Service Above Self. I am proud to walk this journey alongside the vibrant Rotarians of **Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze**, whose passion, integrity, innovation, and commitment to humanity continue to make a meaningful difference in our country. As we assume leadership, we are called not only to maintain excellence but also to **BETTER OUR BEST**.

To the incoming President and Board, congratulations on taking on this noble responsibility of leadership. Your willingness to serve comes at a time when Rotary is calling on us to **"CREATE LASTING IMPACT."** Here at home, our incoming District Governor is urging us to ensure that **EACH ONE is ENGAGED TO CREATE OUR LASTING IMPACT STORIES**. I firmly believe in this call and encourage all of us to be strong ambassadors of this message within our clubs, in our communities, and beyond our District.

Leadership in Rotary is about **ACTION, ATTITUDE, AND INFLUENCE**. It advocates for everyday leadership, personal accountability, responsibility, and continuous growth, highlighting that anyone can be a leader and lead effectively with others by their side!

Let us move forward with enthusiasm and make this a remarkable year of service.

As your Assistant Governor, I commit to being accessible, supportive, and collaborative in leveraging district resources, strengthening club capacity, and supporting all initiatives that advance Rotary's mission and areas of focus.

Thank you for the invaluable work you do in transforming lives through Rotary service. I too look forward to an exciting and impactful Rotary year as, together, we Create Lasting Impact.

Rtn. Victor Bibangambah

Assistant Governor Elect

Lake Victoria Zone 11

Rotary District 9214

"... but also to Better Our Best"

Message from Outgoing President - *Mukalazi Rogers*

A Year of Impact, Growth, and Lasting Legacy

As I reflect on the Rotary year that has come to a close, I do so with deep gratitude, humility, and pride in what we have achieved together as the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze. This year truly demonstrated the power of unity, shared vision, and collective commitment to service above self.

Gratitude to Our Members

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all members of the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze for your outstanding participation and support throughout the year. Your commitment was evident in many ways—through consistent financial support, active participation in club and community projects, accompanying one another to service activities, generously contributing ideas that shaped our initiatives, faithfully attending fellowships, and continuously supporting the Sergeant at Arms with generosity and goodwill. These contributions, whether visible or behind the scenes, formed the foundation of our success. I sincerely thank you for standing with your club and demonstrating what it truly means to be a committed Rotarian.

A Productive Year of Service

During this Rotary year, the club successfully completed and participated in twenty-four (24) impactful projects. These projects reflected our commitment to addressing real community needs and creating sustainable impact. Some of the projects included the following:

- Hope against Malaria in partnership with Rotaract KMB (a multi-partner malaria intervention serving Namuwongo)
- Mityebiri in partnership with Rotaract KMB (a strategic expansion project focused on enhancing school infrastructure and community needs)
- Namakomo Rotary Medical and Legal Camp 2025
- Kitanda Global Grant Wash Project, in partnership with RC Bunga (a multi-club GG project in Bukomansimbi)
- Cowboy Night Fundraiser, 2025: the 10th Edition yielding over 40M
- Immunisation drive at Kisugu Health Centre 3. We also hosted Polio Day celebrations for districts 9213 and 9214.
- KMB Neurosurgical Week 2025 and the Cure Run at Cure Uganda Hospital
- Sickle Cell Awareness Camp at Access Clinic in partnership with our baby club, the Rotary Club of Kiwafu Breeze
- Bugaju menstrual hygiene, tree planting and women's empowerment project in partnership with our babies The

Rotaract Club of Victoria University

- HSI Katabi Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida Camp

Each project was a result of teamwork, sacrifice, and shared ownership of our service agenda.

Membership Growth and Accountability

This year, the club experienced membership growth, welcoming 3 new members and recalling 4 old members into the Muyenga Breeze family. We celebrate these additions and thank all members who participated in recruitment, orientation, and mentorship.

At the same time, we experienced the unfortunate loss of 1 member, a past president, Azubuike Kelechi Nnaemeka (may his soul continue to rest in peace). We remain grateful to those who served during their time with us and continue to strengthen systems that support retention and accountability.

Expanding the Rotary Family – New Clubs

One of the most historic achievements of this year was the



successful chartering of two Rotary Clubs:

- **Rotary Club of Kitende Breeze and**
- **Rotary Club of Kiwafu Breeze**

And one Interact club, the Interact club of St Kizito This accomplishment earned our club its first District Award for New Club Development, a legacy milestone that I leave with immense pride. Indeed, Muyenga Breeze is on the radar as a club that grows Rotary and nurtures leadership.

I extend special appreciation to the individuals who spearheaded and tirelessly supported the formation of these clubs, including:

- IPP Sarah Nsibirwa (Kiwafu Breezer Mother)
- Incoming Blood Bank Chair/Polio Chair Cynthia Baitwa (NCA Kiwafu Breeze)
- CP Harriet Nakawesa (Kitende Breeze Charter president)
- PDAG Emmanuel Onuaha (NCA Kitende Breezer)
- AG Rosete Arinaitwe.

Our dedication, mentorship, patience, and belief in the vision made it possible for these clubs to take root and flourish.

A Landmark Global Grant

This Rotary year also marked a major turning point with the successful pioneering of our first Global Grant for the Kirumba Health Center III Project. As a club, we take immense pride in this achievement. It amplified our impact and positioned Muyenga Breeze for future global partnerships. This milestone opens doors to many more opportunities as we build confidence and credibility in global grant participation.

Giving/donor history

This rotary year, KMB has contributed

- PolioPlus Fund contributions: USD 2,775
- Annual Fund contributions: USD 3,094
- Other Givings (Global Grants): USD: 12,000

Leadership, Support, and Governance

My sincere gratitude goes to the Rotarians who supported our club within and beyond throughout the year, mainly the following:

- District Governor Christine Kyeyune Kawooya
- Assistant Governor Ronald Kwesiga
- All action presidents

I am especially grateful to my Board of Directors, who guided the club with wisdom, friendship, and dedication.

- Paul Kigonya, Vice President
- Kigenyi Trevor, Club Administrator
- Katekaine Carolyn, Secretary
- Chirchir Irene, Treasurer
- Babirye Muduuli Justine, Service Projects Director
- Nakaweesa Harriet, Membership Director
- Ayot Evelyn, Youth Director
- Nsibirwa Sarah Nsubuga, Club Advisor
- Mugabi Steven Kevins, Sergeant at Arms, and all

presidential advisors

Your counsel and teamwork ensured strong governance and unity.

To our sponsors,

We are grateful for your belief in our mission; “to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace”. Your sponsorship demonstrates your commitment to rotaries areas of focus. Your sponsorship created a positive impact on babies born with hydrocephalus and spina bifida and the communities at large. The following companies sponsored our projects;

- Europet Ltd, EuroMart & Blue Berry Villas (Gold Sponsors)
- Threeways Shipping Services (Bro-Group) Ltd (Bronze sponsor)
- K.Euc Architects Studio (Bronze sponsor)
- Medilink Lab & Surgical Suppliers
- Cure Uganda Hospital
- DFCU Bank
- Joint Medical Stores (JMS) Kunja Optics
- Roofings Uganda
- Krystal Water Etc.

Financial Stewardship

I am pleased to share that I leave the club in sound financial standing. A detailed financial report will be presented separately, together with a visual highlights clip showcasing our projects and activities during the year. Financial accountability and transparency remained key priorities throughout this year.

Handover and Continued Service

As I formally hand over leadership, I do so with confidence in the team and deep respect for the institution of Rotary leadership. I congratulate and wish the incoming president, Rtn Joshua Wanume, and the board every success as they take the club forward to even greater heights.

With immense humility, I thank the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading the club this Rotary year. As a continuing member of this great club, I remain a humble colleague, fully available to support and assist the incoming president and future leaders to the best of my ability.

Together, we have strengthened our club, expanded Rotary's reach, and laid a solid foundation for the future. The journey continues and the future of Muyenga Breeze is bright.

Service Above Self.



Our Chief guest, Guest of Honor, District leaders, Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, Past Presidents, Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, My Family, Invited guests, Friends of rotary and all well-wishers. I greet you all with gratitude and humility.

Today, I stand before you immensely humbled and thankful to the Almighty Lord for this far he has brought my Club and for my personal Rotary journey. This day/event is more than a ceremonial transition of leadership. It's a moment that depicts trust, renewed commitment and shared purpose of service and am honoured to serve as the president of the Rotary club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze.

To the Cowboy club, The Rotary club of Kampala Muyenga breeze, thank you for the trust, belief and finding me suitable to be your 14th, President. However, take note that we are in this together as we all need to be engaged.

Message from Incoming President *Wanume Gavin Joshua*

I would like to thank our past presidents/leaders of this club for the great foundation you built on which we thrive. To our Action President, Roger Mukalazi. You have led us well and we are proud of you. I promise to continue from where you have stopped as we implement our strategic plan.

I joined rotary in 2016- ten years ago and this was after several years of giving back to the vulnerable communities through collections I made with a few friends of mine. Rotary created a bigger picture and a more organized vessel to continue with the efforts to make the world a better place. It's at this point that I encourage non Rotarians to interest yourself in joining this noble community of rotary and let's serve humanity. The more hands the more impact.

Our theme for this **Rotary year is EACH ONE ENGAGE FOR IMPACT**. This challenges us not to only be active but effective, not to simply carry out projects but build legacies that continue to speak long after our year of leadership has passed.

As I accept this responsibility, I do so with deep awareness that I won't walk alone. I stand on the shoulders of dedicated Past Presidents, committed board members, Generous Rotarians, Partners, family and friends. Your Time, resources, Ideas and efforts to seeing this club grow gives me great courage to take the mantle.

As we start the rotary year 2026/27, We shall follow our strategic plan in place as we continue to implement the projects in line and bringing to conclusion of those that have reached their term of closure. See video projected by the media team

Funds come into play for us to have these projects implemented, I would like to remind us of our annual fundraising event "The Cowboy Night fundraising event" This year it will take place on the 6th November 2026 at Nsambya gardens. This is where we come together to raise funds for these projects but also ensure that you have a

fun-filled and meaningful evening with us. We look forward to hosting you.

As a team,

>**We shall** be intentional in growing membership – Have committed, encourage diversity, participation of members and shared ownership.

>**We shall** support Rotary foundation by ensuring that we meet our set goal

>**Strengthening** partnerships with other clubs and corporations.

>**We shall** strengthen our service projects so that they align with the needs of our communities

Above all, **we shall serve** with consistency to ensure that whatever we set out to do leaves a lasting impact on the lives of our communities.

To My Fellow Rotarians and rotary friends, this is not Josh's year, It's our year as a team The Title of Presidency might be carrying one name, **but the impact should bear all our finger and footprints**. The more the hands the bigger the impact.

I leave you with a question. What role will you play during this impact year?

KILA MTU AWAJIBIKE- (Each One Engage for Impact)

Finally, I humbly accept to take the of President for the Rotary club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze for the Year 2026/27.

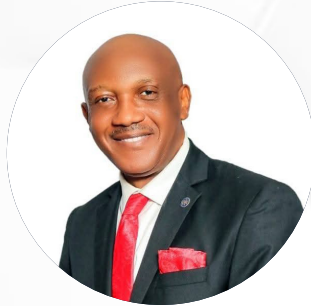
For God and My Country

Rotary 
Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze

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2018-2019



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Opportunity President,
2020-2021



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2021-2022



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2022-2023



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2023-2024



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2025-2026

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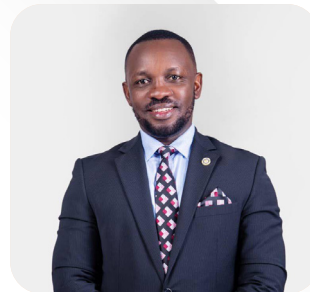
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Paul Kigonya
Chair Rotary Foundation



Evelyn Ayot
Chair Service Projects



Roger Ssemwanga
Chair Youth service



Hellen Rukyama
Chair Membership



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**Rtn PHF+3 Cynthia
Baitwa**



**Rtn MD Sarah
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Rtn Achaye Charles



**Rtn PHF Joanita
Sewagudde**



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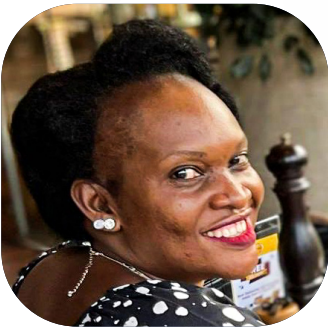
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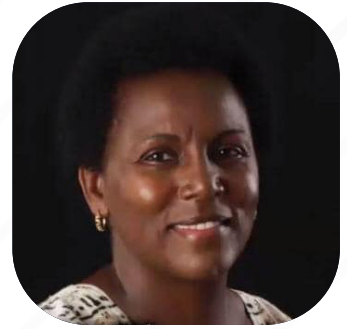
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Benefactor**



Rtn. Joseph Ssewali



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Sekyewa**



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Join us for the **10th CURE Brain Surgery Run OCTOBER 17, 2026**

Call: +256-772-670-765 or
+256-782-319-616 to register
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The CURE Brain Surgery Run aims to raise awareness about pediatric neurological conditions treated at CURE Children's Hospital of Uganda and mobilize **UGX 1 billion** to fund life-saving brain surgeries for vulnerable children, ensuring access to fully sponsored care through partnerships and collective generosity.



About CURE

CURE Children's Hospital of Uganda is a private, not-for-profit (PNFP) Christian hospital specializing in pediatric neurosurgery and integrated spiritual ministry. The hospital officially opened on January 19, 2001, in Mbale, Uganda, to treat vulnerable children with neurological conditions.

The hospital is part of the CURE International network of non-profit children's hospitals, with its headquarters in Grand Rapids, Michigan. CURE Uganda plays a unique role as the first hospital in Sub-Saharan Africa to specialize in treating the neurological needs of children.

A 77-bed specialty teaching hospital, CURE Uganda delivers specialized neurosurgical care to children with life-threatening conditions such as Hydrocephalus, Spina bifida, Brain Tumors, Surgical Epilepsy, and other neural tube defects while proclaiming the message of Christ.

In addition to providing charitable treatment for children, CURE Uganda ultimately endeavors to make advanced neurosurgical care available around the globe by training other neurosurgeons from Africa and other regions of the world.

Since its inception, CURE Uganda has performed more life-saving surgeries for children with hydrocephalus ("accumulation of water on the brain") and Spina Bifida than any other hospital in the world! Infant hydrocephalus is one of the most common congenital abnormalities affecting the nervous system of children around the world. The hospital is recognized as a center of excellence for pediatric neurosurgery.

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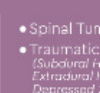
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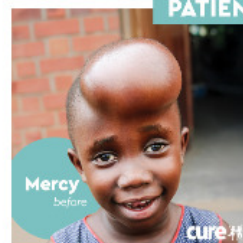


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Cowboy Night Bikers Edition: Riding with Purpose, Giving with Impact

As the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze prepares for the 11th Edition of Cowboy Night – Bikers Edition, the event represents more than fellowship and entertainment. It is a strategic fundraising platform where every ticket, sponsorship and donation contributes to lasting community impact. Over the years, Cowboy Night has become one of the club's flagship initiatives, bringing together members, partners and friends to support meaningful service projects.

This year, the club is focusing on a carefully developed portfolio of projects in health, education, water and sanitation, disability inclusion and community empowerment. At the centre of these priorities is a partnership with CURE Children's Hospital of Uganda through the VP Shunts Project, aimed at supporting children with hydrocephalus by providing essential surgical consumables. Other key initiatives include the proposed upgrade of Kirumba Health Centre III to strengthen maternal and child health services, support for the Batwa Medical Centre to improve healthcare access for vulnerable indigenous communities, and the Bugaaju Primary School Education and Community Development Project, which integrates education, solar energy, water, sanitation and skills development. Additional concepts are undergoing further refinement and partnership development.

Cowboy Night – Bikers Edition comes at a time when the club has clear priorities and is mobilising resources to turn plans into action. Guided by the spirit of teamwork and trust symbolised by bikers riding in formation, the event calls upon members, sponsors and friends of Rotary to join in creating sustainable change. More than a social gathering, the 11th Edition serves as a strategic activation point where fellowship fuels service and generosity transforms lives. Behind the boots, bikes and celebrations are children needing life-saving surgery, mothers requiring better healthcare, learners seeking brighter opportunities and vulnerable communities hoping for a better future. Through purposeful giving and disciplined fundraising, the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze continues to create lasting impact.

By Rtn Trevor Kigenyi





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Raised Through Service: The Journey of a Water Engineer

When I received the news that I had been awarded a Rotary International Scholarship to study at the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education in the Netherlands, it felt almost unreal. For a young Ugandan water professional with dreams of transforming how communities manage water and sanitation, this was not just a scholarship: it was a bridge between passion and purpose. My name is Andrew Ssendyowa, a water engineer and graduate of IHE Delft, where I earned a Master of Science in Water and Sustainable Development, specializing in Engineering Sciences in Water and Health. My journey in the Netherlands became a story of learning, gratitude, and discovery. One made possible entirely through the generosity and vision of Rotary.

From the very beginning, Rotary played a central role

in making this dream a reality. My journey was first championed by the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze, whose members believed in my potential and seconded my application during the initial stages of the scholarship process. Their confidence and encouragement laid the foundation for what would become a life-changing opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Lubowa subsequently became my sponsor club, providing unwavering support and guidance throughout the scholarship journey, while Rotary District 9214 nurtured this opportunity through its commitment to developing leaders who create lasting impact in their communities. On the other side of the world, the Rotary Clubs of the Netherlands and the IHE Delft Rotary Scholarship Committee welcomed me with open arms, demonstrating that Rotary is truly a family without borders.

My host counsellor, Rotarian Maurice Wijmans, was an incredible mentor and friend. He shared dinners, guided me through Dutch culture, joined me on bicycle rides around Delft, and reminded me often that education is not only about learning but also about living.

Life in Delft was both inspiring and humbling. I studied alongside bright minds from over ninety countries, all united by one mission: to make water accessible, clean, and sustainable. The academic rigor at IHE Delft was matched only by its diversity of ideas. My coursework covered everything from wastewater treatment to urban drainage and Nature-Based Solutions. For my thesis, I returned my focus to Uganda, studying how Nature-Based Solutions could mitigate flooding in the Banda area of Kampala, where I had previously worked. It was deeply fulfilling to connect global knowledge with local realities, seeing how engineering and environmental understanding can combine to create solutions that improve lives.

But beyond academics, my time in the Netherlands was a journey of personal growth and service. I was elected Vice President of the IHE Delft Student Association Board, representing hundreds of students from around the world. In that role, I learned the essence of leadership, which included listening, building consensus, and creating inclusive spaces for others to thrive. Every step reminded me of the values Rotary stands for: service, integrity, fellowship, and the belief that lasting change begins with individuals who care enough to act.

As I returned home, I carried not only a degree but also a deep sense of responsibility. The knowledge and experience I have gained will guide my contribution to Uganda through Rotary WASH projects, academic mentorship, and collaboration with institutions working to improve urban resilience and water management.

I hope to pass on what I have learned to young engineers, inspiring them to use science and innovation for social good. My dream is to see a Uganda where water management is sustainable, communities are empowered, and the environment is respected, which aligns perfectly with Rotary's mission of creating hope in the world.

None of this would have been possible without The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and the incredible Rotarians who make such programs a reality. Through their generosity and belief in education as a force for peace and development, Rotary transforms lives across continents. I am one of those lives. To the Rotary Clubs of Lubowa and Kampala Muyenga Breeze, District 9214, the Rotary Clubs of the Netherlands, and the IHE Delft Rotary Scholarship Committee, I extend my deepest gratitude. You have invested in knowledge, and that knowledge will continue to ripple outward through classrooms, communities, and every drop of clean water that flows where it is needed most.

Rotary has not only educated me; it has shaped me. It has shown me that service and learning are two sides of the same coin and that, together, they can build a better world.

By Andrew Ssendyowa



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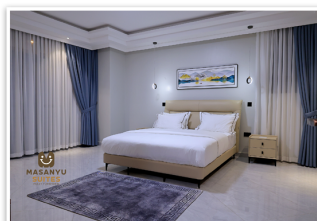
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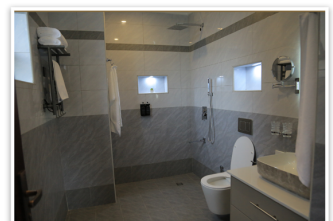
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Past Presidents or Past Problems!



Recently I was called upon to be part of a panel on a topic "Past Presidents or Past Problems". On seeing the topic, I felt offended, almost to the point of asking the President who asked me to speak to her Rotary Club to change the topic. I thought to myself, why of all the reasons, anyone would classify a past president of a Rotary Club as a past problem! For all I cared, presidents whether past, present or future, are a gift to their members. Fast forward to the presentation and there we were. Three of us, myself a Charter President, one colleague a second president and the third, a serving president about to handover.

The discussion was as enlightening as it was elating. In as much as I enjoyed my presidency as the inaugural president of Kampala Muyenga Breeze, knowingly or unknowingly, I was setting a foundation on which future presidents would build. I shared how taxing but fulfilling the presidency was and the fact that to date, thirteen years later, the Club is standing on the little seed that I planted. The discussion revealed that in much as presidency is fulfilling, it comes with a lot of demands on the president's time, resources, workplace and family. That a person preparing to lead a Club must not only be mentally and financially prepared, but must prepare their family as well. They should not only be committed but must be willing to accommodate their members, who are not only volunteers but also CEOs in their own right.

Presidency calls for patience, proper planning and humility. A president must be willing to learn, unlearn and relearn. They must be ready to be trained and to train, to profile their members and effectively engage them. They must study and understand how Rotary works and abide by the Rotary ways, planned activities and the unique nature of the areas of focus. A president is the accounting officer of the club. This calls for stewardship and accountability. In as much as members pay to belong, they should be called to book when they go astray. The President must ensure that the Club structures are in place and that they are working. They should consult with members in the Board meetings and at the Club Assembly. Members must be fully engaged in Club activities and own the Rotary vision of Service above self. A Club should have a brand and each President should work not only to strengthen the brand but also to implement the projects approved by members to undertake.

Effective communication and member engagement are the pillars that oil the wheels of the Club. As a President the duty is incumbent upon you to promote Club camaraderie. A President should be above board, an inspiration to members and lead from the front. The President should ensure that the leadership team they are working with is fully trained and are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities, but most importantly, the President should allow his or her team to work. Micromanagement creates conflicts that bring down the Clubs and so does dictatorship. So, Presidency is a balancing act, one that requires full commitment and dedication. Good enough the Rotary leaders found it fit, for Club presidency to be for a short period of only one year. With proper planning as President-elect, the year is sure to pass-by without a glitch, but the contrary equally manifests if planning is not prioritized.

At thirteen years to date, RC Kampala Muyenga Breeze has groomed and continues to groom strong Rotary leaders, one of which is our incoming President, Rtn. Josh. As you take the mantle of leadership of this Club, we have no doubt that you will take Breeze to greater heights as you continue to build on a very solid foundation of effective past presidents, not past problems.

By Rtn. Dorothy Nandugga Kabugo

Charter President, RC Kampala Muyenga Breeze



Debi Shots

The Global Rotarian Rider

The Rotarian in me has transformed riding on two wheels into a powerful vehicle for social good by aligning my passion with Rotary International's global framework. Motorcyclists worldwide are successfully turning the thrill of the open road into actionable humanitarian relief.

For many of us, the roar of a motorcycle engine represents freedom, adventure and the ultimate escape from daily stress-ow'e Kampala ate!! But as rotarians, we are bound by a higher calling: SERVICE ABOVE SELF. At first glance, the rugged independence of motorcycling and the structured community service of Rotary might seem like two different worlds. In reality, they are a perfect match.

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians is one of Rotary's largest and most active global Fellowship groups, spanning over 25 countries and thousands of members. As President of the of the Rotarian Bikers of East Africa chapter, we have done trips across East Africa in a bid to preach the gospel of road safety. We instantly connect with a network of riders who plan local, regional and international tours explicitly designed to support rotary projects.

When disaster strikes or remote communities need help, standard vehicles often face logistical bottlenecks that even the famous Toyota Tundra may fail to maneuver! Motorcycles can easily navigate rugged terrain, traffic-choked urban centers and damaged infrastructure. This President of Uganda Bikers Association leads a team of committed and generous rotarian riders to Hospice

Jinja every year and to Buyende district to transport medical supplies, educational materials or emergency relief packages straight to the doorsteps of those who need them most. We are your GO-TO PLUG! Towakana!

As a rotarian biker, i have had a platform to champion ethical leadership on the road. By partnering with local authorities like KCCA and Ministry of Works and Transport, we have hosted community workshops centered on defensive driving, helmet safety, and shared road awareness. True to the four way test, fostering a safer and clean environment for vulnerable road users directly improves public safety and saves lives. Our campaign dubbed YONJA campaign is the champion on making our communities clean and disease free.

Bikers turn heads wherever they go. Ask those who attend the annual cancer Run! When a discipline, orderly convoy of motorcyclists rolls into Kololo wearing high visibility, rotary branded vests, it sparks instant curiosity.

"...Bani abo..." these rides serve as moving billboards for the organization and for Rotary. In as much as we promote our Public Image, we are the most fun loving group that every rotarian looks forward to seeing every August. External riders who join the Cancer Run purely for the love of the sport are exposed to Rotary's impact firsthand, frequently inspiring them to join the family as full fledged rotarians. The joy of little kids sitting on the back of these incredible machines is a breathtaking experience you never want to miss every Cancer run. Catch us again this year!

Our motorcycles are tools of incredible potential. By aligning our throttle with rotary's core values, we explore the world, build lifelong relationships and leave communities we ride through significantly better than we found them. Always geared up, riding with a purpose- ssi fwaaa and always keeping rubber side down...

We are the Rotarian Bikers,

Rtn. Angela Ssemukutu

Breathing Life Into Kirumba Health Centre III : A Global Grant Transformation

Imagine a mother in labor, walking or being rushed down the Masaka-Mutukula Highway to find medical care. She arrives at Kirumba Health Centre III in Kyotera District, a facility that bravely handles roughly 13,000 patients annually and serves as a vital lifeline for about 45 patients every single day. But once inside, reality sets in.

Until recently, due to critical space constraints, the health center's delivery and aftercare area had to be carved out of a room originally designated for child nutrition education. With only basic curtains separating patients, privacy was a luxury. Worse still, vulnerable newborns and recovering mothers were cared for in a room with shattered windows and dilapidated walls, completely exposed to the nighttime cold and the elements. With just one detachable maternity bed, a complete absence of ultrasound scanning machinery, and an overstretched annual government operational budget of just six million shillings (approx. USD 1,550), the dedicated healthcare staff were fighting a near-impossible battle.

This was the heartbreaking reality that the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze uncovered during comprehensive needs assessments. But where others saw an insurmountable crisis, Rotary saw an opportunity to put Service Above Self.

A Global Coalition for Change

Driven to bring about a transformative, lasting improvement in healthcare delivery, Rotary club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze set out to build an international bridge of fellowship. Through a chain of Rotary connections spanning from Uganda to the United States, a powerful partnership was born.

The resulting Global Grant, GG2682934, titled "Enhancing Maternal, Child and General Healthcare Facility at Kirumba Health Centre III," represents a comprehensive USD 38,963

collaborative humanitarian project. Led by Host Primary Contact Rtn Mary Muthigani, Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze and International Primary Contact Rtn Tara Casson, Rotary Club of Baldwinsville, District 7180 in New York, this project mobilized a remarkable coalition of support:

- International Partners: Rotary Club of Baldwinsville (USA), Rotary Club of Lethbridge (Canada, RID 5360), and Rotary District 6490 (USA).
- Local Partners: Rotary Club of Kitende Breeze, Rotary Club of Kalisizo (providing essential on-the-ground logistical support near the facility), and District 9214.

Strategic, Sustainable, and Holistic Intervention

A Rotary Global Grant is never just about dropping off equipment and leaving; it is engineered for sustainability. This project addresses the challenges through a three-pronged approach:

1. **Equipping the Facility for Dignity and Care:** The bulk of the grant funding, USD 23,746 is dedicated to supplying assorted hospital equipment through Crown Health to ensure high-quality antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care. Furthermore, to solve the facility's historical struggles with erratic power, USD 7,289 is allocated for robust solar power systems and installations handled by Davis & Shirtliff, ensuring the lights stay on when lives are on the line.
2. **Investing in the Healthcare Workforce:** Equipment is only as good as the hands using it. The grant explicitly funds clinical competency enhancement training for healthcare staff (including emergency obstetric and neonatal care) alongside management and leadership training to improve operational efficiency and quality assurance protocols.

3. Community Ownership and Cultural Integration: brightly lit, fully equipped facility where their dignity is preserved and their health is secured. To ensure long-term success, the project actively integrates with local dynamics. Recognizing community reliance on traditional birth practices and agricultural seasonal cycles, targeted maternal and child health awareness campaigns will be conducted. Youth, women, and local leaders participating in these sanitation, nutrition, and prenatal care sessions will receive official certifications to become wellness champions in their villages.

Built to Last

To guarantee strict accountability, the project's rigorous monitoring and evaluation will be led by Mr. Paul Oprong, an expert with over a decade of MERL experience, utilizing standardized tools to measure positive impacts on more than 2,500 annual healthcare beneficiaries.

Moreover, a signed Memorandum of Understanding ensures that the Kyotera District Local Government will formally take ownership of the equipment, deploy additional necessary medical personnel, and provide ongoing operational budgets, medication supplies, and supervisory oversight through the District Health Office. Post-grant continuation will also be fiercely protected by local Health Unit Management Committees, village elders, the BAMA Foundation, and the neighboring Rotarians of Rotary Club of Kalisizo.

The True Spirit of Rotary

The Kirumba Health Centre III Global Grant is a shining example of what happens when local insight matches global dedication. Through the collective generosity of clubs worldwide and the unmatched matching power of The Rotary Foundation's World Fund, thousands of mothers and children in Kyotera will now step into a warm,

By Christopher Kayongo.

Rotary Club of Kampala Sseese Islands



Filling the Health Gap

Equipping the Medical Health Centre



Rtn. Mary Muthigani - Benefactor

The Batwa are among Africa's oldest indigenous communities, having lived for thousands of years as hunter-gatherers in the rainforests of southwestern Uganda. Commonly known as the "Keepers of the Forest," they depended entirely on the forest ecosystem for survival, hunting small game with traditional bows and arrows, collecting wild honey, and using medicinal plants for healthcare and spiritual practices. Their deep connection to the forest shaped their social, cultural, and economic life.

A major turning point occurred when the Ugandan government established Bwindi Impenetrable and Mgahinga Gorilla National Parks to protect endangered mountain gorillas. The Batwa were displaced from their ancestral lands without compensation or formal land rights and resettled on the forest fringes. This displacement resulted in severe challenges, including landlessness, extreme poverty, and difficulties adapting to a sedentary lifestyle. Today, many Batwa communities depend on subsistence farming, seasonal labor, cultural tourism, and support from non-governmental organizations.

On 10th April 2026, a team from the Rotary Club of Kampala

Muyenga Breeze travelled to Kanungu District to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment at the Batwa Empowerment Village. The assessment was undertaken to support a grant application aimed at furnishing and equipping a new Medical Health Centre currently under construction through contributions from well-wishers around the world and funds generated through Batwa community initiatives. The exercise sought to identify the health priorities of the Batwa and surrounding communities and lay the foundation for sustainable healthcare interventions.

Upon arrival, the team was warmly welcomed by the Spiritual Leader and community members, who shared insights into their daily lives. Located near a river, the village benefits from access to clean water and fish. The community has diversified its livelihoods through coffee growing and processing, vegetable farming, poultry keeping, and craft-making, particularly among women. Despite adapting to these new economic activities, the Batwa continue to preserve aspects of their cultural heritage.

Traditional knowledge remains highly valued within the community. The Spiritual Leader emphasized the continued use of forest herbs for medicinal and spiritual purposes and actively trains young people in ancestral practices such as arrow-making and hunting techniques. Through periodic foraging, the community strives to maintain its knowledge of plants, animals, and birds, thereby preserving its unique identity and traditions.

Education has become an important part of community life. The village has a classroom where young children receive lessons, while children from the age of three attend nearby schools and older students study within the wider district. During school holidays, cultural classes are organized to ensure that younger generations appreciate and preserve Batwa traditions. However, the transition to settled life has brought challenges, including alcohol abuse among some young men and broader difficulties associated with lifestyle changes.



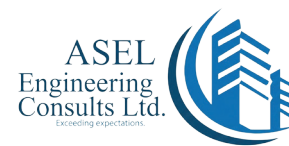
Throughout the visit, community members openly discussed their living conditions and major health concerns. The Rotary team conducted interviews, surveys, and household visits, collecting valuable information that highlighted the urgent need for accessible healthcare services, improved

maternal and child health, and health education on hygiene and disease prevention. Families shared stories of resilience and expressed a strong desire for sustainable development initiatives that respect their cultural heritage while enhancing their quality of life.

The cultural richness of the Batwa was evident through traditional songs and dances that recount their history and hunting heritage. These performances reflected the community's determination to preserve its identity despite the challenges they have faced.

The findings from the assessment will guide the development of a strategic grant proposal to equip the new Medical Health Centre and strengthen partnerships with local authorities and stakeholders. By addressing both immediate and long-term health

needs, the centre is expected to become a beacon of hope and a model for community-driven healthcare. As the Rotary Club team departed Kanungu District, they carried a renewed commitment to advocate for the rights, health, and well-being of the Batwa people, marking the beginning of a collaborative effort to improve the lives of one of Uganda's most vulnerable communities.



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The Rotary Cancer Run: Advancing Cancer Awareness, Treatment and Early Detection in Uganda

Cancer is an increasing public health challenge in Uganda, requiring urgent efforts in prevention, early detection, treatment, and awareness. The Rotary Cancer Run, organized annually by Rotary clubs across Uganda, has become a major national initiative that mobilizes thousands of people, organizations, and institutions to raise funds and create awareness in the fight against cancer.

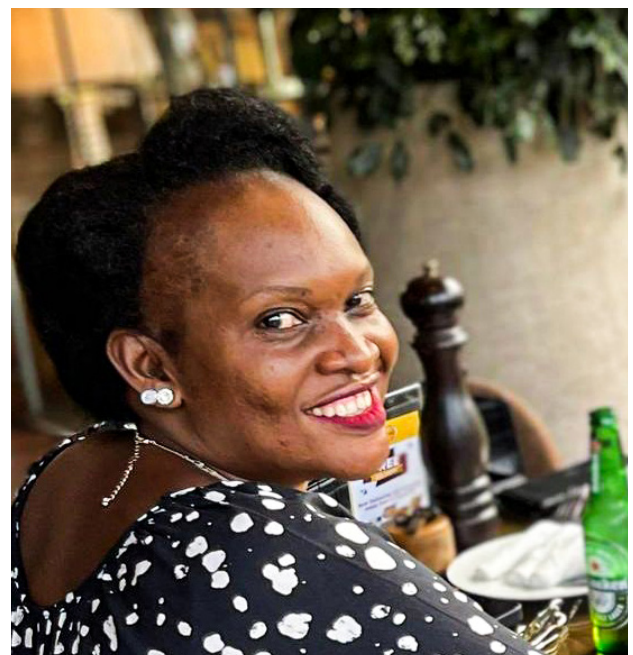
Funds raised through previous Cancer Runs have significantly contributed to the development of the Rotary Cancer Centre at St. Francis Hospital Nsambya, supporting the construction of radiation bunkers and installation of advanced radiotherapy equipment. This year's proceeds will further support the completion and expansion of these facilities, improving access to specialized cancer treatment for Ugandans.

Beyond fundraising, the Cancer Run serves as a vital awareness campaign, promoting healthy lifestyles, regular screening, and early detection. With many cancer cases in Uganda diagnosed at advanced stages, continuous public education and accessible screening programs remain critical in improving treatment outcomes and saving lives.

The success of the initiative is driven by the dedication of Rotary members and supporters. Notably, **the Rotary Club of Kampala Muyenga Breeze sold 832 Cancer Run kits, ranking 7th overall and raising UGX 24,960,000.** Together with a UGX 8,000,000

Ruby Sponsorship from Uganda Immigration Services, the club contributed a total of UGX 32,960,000 towards the fight against cancer.

This achievement demonstrates the power of teamwork and Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self. **As the fight against cancer continues, all Ugandans are encouraged to support future Cancer Runs,** participate in regular screenings, and promote early detection to help save lives and build a future where cancer is diagnosed early and treated effectively.



By Rtn Hellen Kigonya Rukyama



My Leadership Journey: How Rotaract Shaped the Leader I Am Today

Leadership is often viewed as a destination a title, a position, or an achievement. For me, leadership has been a journey of growth, service, learning, and transformation. It is a journey that has been profoundly shaped by Rotaract, an organization that has challenged me to think beyond myself and dedicate my skills, time, and passion to serving others.

Growing up, I always believed in the power of helping people. Whether through community activities, volunteering, or advocating for social causes, I found fulfillment in creating positive change. However, I did not fully understand what leadership truly meant. Like many young people, I initially associated leadership with authority and recognition. It was only through my experiences in Rotaract that I discovered leadership is fundamentally about service, responsibility, and empowering others.

My journey with Rotaract began as an opportunity to connect with like-minded young professionals committed to making a difference in their communities. What started as participation in service projects gradually evolved into a deeper commitment to community development, teamwork, and personal growth. Every fellowship, project and engagement became a classroom where I learned invaluable lessons about leadership.

One of the most significant lessons Rotaract taught me is that leadership is not about being the most important person in the room. It is about ensuring that everyone in the room feels important. Through organizing community service activities, fundraising initiatives, mental health campaigns, and youth empowerment programs, I learned that successful leaders create opportunities for others to contribute and thrive.

As I grew within the organization, I was entrusted with greater responsibilities, eventually serving as President of the Rotaract Club of Victoria University. This role transformed my understanding of leadership entirely. Suddenly, leadership was no longer about my individual contribution but about guiding a team toward a shared vision.

Leading a diverse group of passionate individuals came with both rewards and challenges. There were moments when projects did not go according to plan, when resources were limited, and when balancing expectations seemed overwhelming. Yet these challenges became some of my greatest teachers. I learned the importance of resilience, adaptability, and maintaining focus even during uncertainty.

Rotaract also strengthened my ability to communicate effectively. As President, I found myself engaging with university administrators, community leaders, development partners, fellow Rotaractors, and

beneficiaries of our projects. Each interaction reinforced the importance of listening, understanding different perspectives, and building meaningful relationships. Leadership, I discovered, is not about speaking the loudest but about listening deeply and acting thoughtfully.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my Rotaract journey has been seeing the impact of collective action. Whether organizing environmental conservation activities, supporting educational initiatives, promoting health awareness, or mentoring young people, I have witnessed how small efforts can create meaningful change when people unite around a common purpose. These experiences taught me that leadership is not measured by personal accomplishments but by the positive impact we leave in the lives of others.

Rotaract has also expanded my worldview. Through interactions with members from different backgrounds, professions, and cultures, I have gained a broader appreciation of diversity and inclusion. I have learned that effective leaders embrace differences, foster collaboration, and create environments where everyone feels valued.

Perhaps the greatest gift Rotaract has given me is confidence. Not the confidence that comes from knowing all the answers, but the confidence to step forward despite uncertainty, to learn from mistakes, and to continue growing. It has shown me that leadership is a continuous journey rather than a fixed destination.

As I reflect on my leadership journey, I recognize that every opportunity, challenge, and lesson has contributed to the person I am today. Rotaract has not simply taught me how to lead it has shaped my character, strengthened my values, and deepened my commitment to service.

My journey is still unfolding, and there is much more to learn. However, one thing remains certain: Rotaract has been one of the most influential forces in shaping my leadership path. It has transformed me from someone who wanted to make a difference into someone equipped with the skills, values, and mindset to lead that difference.

For that, I will always be grateful.
Together We Are Unstoppable.



Marvin Mujungu Kahuma

**President of the Rotaract Club of Victoria University,
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Unpacking the significance of Service above Self Award by Rotary International



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Member, D 9214 Stewardship Committee RY 2024/25
2026/27.

Rotary International has over the years recognised various Rotarians with the Service above Self-award, the highest award it presents to individuals that have given their all, to serving humanity.

What is the Service above Self Award?

It is the highest honour that Rotary International can bestow on a member, both Rotarians and Rotaractors. This Rotary's highest honour recognises Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto of Service above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is internationally competitive, and it is granted to not more than 150 Rotarians worldwide and to not

more than one per district, each year.

The process for nominating a Rotarian for the Service above Self Award involves; the; Current Governor, Current RI Director, Immediate Past District Governor and Past RI Director. These four nominate one candidate from their District, using an online form.

One may not nominate himself and/or herself or his /her spouse and relative.

District governors, Governor Elects, or Immediate District Governors, RI Presidents, President Elects or Past RI Presidents, RI Directors, Director Elects or Past Directors, Rotary Foundation Trustees, Incoming Trustees and Past Trustees are not eligible for the award.

The online form application form is quite detailed and should clearly show what one has done and the how he/she did it, besides the visible results on the ground to justify the award.

I wish therefore to congratulate PDG Peace Geoffrey Taremwa for being bestowed upon the prestigious Service Above Self Award for RY 2025/26 in D 9214.

Reaching this milestone, is testimony of his dedication to the call of ensuring that the less privileged are able to have a smile on their face from people like him, that they never expected to come to their rescue.

To Rotary Club of Kajansi, thank you for nurturing PDG Peace and supporting him as he continues to navigate one of the most engaging and sometimes stressful dockets District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) 2024/25 -2026/27. This is especially so, when some clubs fault in managing TRF resources and ensuring that, timelines for review and submissions of Grant applications are met at various levels, besides being adhered to.

To the entire Rotary fraternity in D9214, while we proud as true Rotarians that, we live and espouse the, **Four Way** celebrate PDG Peace Taremwya, we too should **Test and Object of Rotary.**

celebrate the team below him that, make things The consequences of misusing TRF funds are far reaching and happen behind the curtains. This team include; District can have clubs suspended and/or terminated and Rotarians Governor, District Grants Officer, Country Grants dismissed and/or banned never to join Rotary again.

Officers for Uganda and Tanzania, Grants support The District too, can be suspended and sometimes asked officers at corridor levels, District Stewardship Chair to refund the monies misappropriated. All the above have and Stewardship officers, District Qualification Officer happened to our district at a huge cost.

and Rotarians for the positive work they do to ease PDG Peace and the entire District including the Governor's pressure on his deliverables. Council has endured this brunt.

For PDG Peace and the entire DRFC team we shall forever be The monetary resources that we contribute to TRF and grateful for your impeccable service.

later apply for, through the Global Grants and District May I thank the outgoing President Rogers Mukalazi for the Designated Fund (DDF) applications, are meant to outstanding performance during RY 2025/26.

change lives of those less fortunate.

The TRF funds should be used for the purpose for which In the same vein, I wish to congratulate PE Joshua Gavin they are sought for and in accordance with the MoU's Wanume as you take on the mantle in RY 2026/27, with a call, signed and guidelines therein. By doing so, we can be "Define your path, we shall fuel your journey"



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Lessons from a Year in Service: **Blood Bank and Blood Drives Committee** (RY 2025—26)



By Rtr. Kato Isa
Blood bank Team Member

When the Rotary year began, the task before us was clear: **mobilize, create awareness, and strengthen blood collection efforts across the district.** What was not clear then was just how much this journey would teach us about leadership, teamwork, and service.

Serving as a team member and lead of the Blood Bank and Blood Drives Committee has been a deeply fulfilling experience. It has been a year of showing up, learning on the go, and working alongside committed Rotarians and partners who believe in saving lives.

We set out with ambitious targets: to increase awareness, collect at least 3,600 units of blood, and strengthen the Rotary Mengo Blood Bank. By the end of the year, through the collective effort of clubs across the district,

we had surpassed this target, collecting over 4,721 units. This was not the effort of one person or a committee, it was a shared commitment across corridors, clubs, and communities.

One of the biggest lessons from this journey is that structure matters. Introducing corridor-based blood drives in Masaka, Gaba, Entebbe, and Kampala gave clarity and ownership to clubs. It made coordination easier and brought services closer to communities. Alongside this, maintaining consistent monthly reporting helped us stay on track and measure progress.

Another key takeaway is the power of recognition. Blood donation is voluntary, but appreciation goes a long way. The introduction of donor pins, wristbands, and the Blood Bank Awards added a new energy to the work. Recognizing donors both publicly and within our Rotary spaces encouraged more people to take part and return to donate again.





Awareness also proved to be something that must be maintained. From sensitization sessions within clubs to outreach among schools and expatriate communities, the message had to be repeated and reinforced. Visibility, through branded materials and consistent communication, played a big role in keeping blood donation at the forefront.

Collaboration was at the heart of everything we achieved. Working with Rotary District 9213, engaging corridor leaders, and strengthening ties with the Rotary Mengo Blood Bank allowed us to do more together than we ever could alone.

Of course, the journey was not without its challenges. Some clubs struggled with timely reporting, resources were often limited, and the need for better equipment at the blood bank remains. These are realities we must continue to address if we are to grow this initiative further.

Looking ahead, there is a strong foundation to build on. There is need to strengthen fundraising efforts to support the blood bank, encourage consistent reporting across clubs, and continue prioritizing donor recognition especially on World Blood Donor Day.



Giving each club a clear annual target and promoting community drives, particularly during school holidays, will also help sustain momentum.

This year has been a reminder of what Rotary stands for service above self. Every unit of blood collected represents a life that could be saved. That is the real impact behind the numbers.

As we hand over to the next team, the hope is simple: that the work continues, that more lives are reached, and that the spirit of service remains strong.

The Art of Service: A Social Worker, A Businessman and A Rotarian



Exactly one year ago, I joined Rotary with excitement and curiosity, wondering how I could contribute as both a social worker and a businessman. Looking back, Rotary has helped me merge these two identities, teaching me that meaningful service requires both compassion and strategy.

As a social worker, I have worked with people facing loss, poverty, illness, and hopelessness. These experiences taught me empathy and the importance of seeing the human story behind every challenge. However, I also learned that compassion alone is not enough.

As a businessman, I learned the value of planning, accountability, sustainability, and results. Good intentions must be supported by systems, resources, and effective execution to create lasting impact.

Rotary brought these two worlds together. It showed me that service is most effective when empathy and practical action work hand in hand.

As Incoming Chair of Youth Service, I am committed to helping young people realize their potential through mentorship, skills development, and meaningful opportunities. Our youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow

but also the leaders of today. They deserve guidance, support, and investment.

I am also honoured to serve as Chair of Corridor Coordination for the District 9214 Rotary Cancer Run, Edition 15. This initiative is more than an event; it is a lifeline for families affected by cancer. Through mobilization, partnerships, and resource generation, we help fund cancer screening, treatment support, equipment, and public awareness. Every participant, sponsor, and contribution helps save lives.

During my first year in Rotary, I have learned three important lessons:

Service is a Team Sport

Real impact happens when people from diverse professions and backgrounds work together toward a common goal.

Leadership is Servant Leadership

Leadership is not about titles or prestige. It is about empowering others, removing obstacles, and helping teams succeed.

Consistency Beats Intensity

Rotary is a marathon, not a sprint. Lasting change comes from showing up consistently and serving faithfully over time.

My message to every Rotarian and non Rotarian is simple: never underestimate the value of your experiences. Your profession, challenges, skills, and successes can all be powerful tools for service. Rotary has taught me that our different strengths are not competing forces but complementary assets that can transform lives.

As we celebrate this presidential installation, let us recommit ourselves to service. Let us invest in our youth, support those battling cancer, and build communities that thrive. The true measure of Rotary is not in titles or recognition but in the lives we touch and the legacy we leave behind.

Together, we are the change. Together, we are Rotary.

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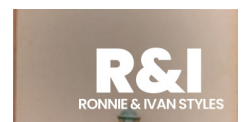
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