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WELCOME TO RC BUNGA NEWSLETTER

Dear Rotarians and friends,

We welcome you to The Beacon, a quarterly Newsletter of the **Rotary Club of Bunga** where we shall be sharing our activities, Rotary information, inspirational content and views. You are welcome to read and share articles of interest to Rotary.

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Join us to serve Humanity

Our Core Activities

Fellowship

- We welcome you to our exciting Fellowships every **Tuesday 7pm** at **Sir Jose Hotel**, Bunga. You can also join us virtually

Community Projects

We undertake community projects to improve the lives of those in need: Ggaba Support the Disabled, Ssebbobbo-Kiweka Health Facility & Nakyesanja Mission Green.

Training & Mentorship

We undertake a variety of trainings and mentorship activities to inform and to inspire our members towards better Rotary works



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Economic & Community Development month

Oct, 2021

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Rotary at a Glance

Rotary brings together a global network of passionate volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Our work as Rotary impacts lives at both the local & international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. NOTE that Africa is already Polio free, thanks to Rotary.

How are you marking this October?

Rotary supports investments in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by :

1. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
2. Developing opportunities for productive work;
3. Reducing poverty in under-served communities;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

RC Bunga soaring to greater heights

Dear Rotarians,

I'm very thrilled about our first Newsletter The Beacon of Hope . It is one of those many targets that we set out to achieve this Rotary year 2021/2022.

We are faced with many changes due to unprecedented circumstances such as the COVID-19 pandemic and its development disruptions, and with change comes the challenge. In the upcoming months we will see many changes to the RC Bunga program schedule that will include both local and global service projects, happy hours, in person meetings and Zoom calls including our famous "each one bring one" strategy to increase diverse membership.

We will have the opportunity to embrace the changes, learn and adapt and in doing so continue to demonstrate our resiliency and most of all our "service above self" nature.

This year 2021-2022, our work is guided by four strategic areas.

- Increase our impact
- Expand our reach
- Enhance member engagement and
- Increase our ability to adapt and learn in line with the Goals of the 5 Year Strategic Plan of our baby District 9214

To increase our impact as the Rotary Club of Bunga, we are concentrating on our WASH-USAID/RI projects in Bukomansibi, the Sebbobo-Kiweka Rotary village in Busunju, Mityana district that will cover the seven Rotary area of focus. Fundraising for these projects is already under way.

The other projects which we are working on include The Malaria control and prevention project, The Nakyesanja Mission Green project, Support towards Gaba disabled children's home as well as supply of scholastic materials to 3 benefiting schools in our communities. These we believe will go a long way to increase our outreach to our community. Projects Committees are already in place to coordinate and lead these projects.

On a good note, we were also able to raise \$2500 towards the Vijana POA



activities which we believe will push our image much further in the community.

To increase our reach, our Membership Directorate has developed a membership development plan. This covers areas of recruitment, retention, and diversity. Bunga Rotaract Club has been Chartered to reach out to the youth and our Public Relations Committee is in the final process of developing a comprehensive communication strategy. This strategy will include this quarterly Newsletter for which we have put a committee in place to produce it.

We have also invigorated our Buddy groups to enhance member engagement. The buddy group strategy aims at devolving the leadership to the smaller group so the Club Administration can focus on the more strategic roles, while creating some positive competition among the buddy groups. It is important to note that 25% of our members are attending the fellowships virtually. This has enabled members in the diaspora to attend as well,

Serving to change lives requires learning, unlearning, and relearning. This calls for flexibility. We are willing to change goals for this purpose as long as we do not change our values. I want to reiterate the words of Philip Vang, that "if you know what you want to achieve in life, then you are most inspired to change for the better". Through this newsletter we commit to keep you posted on the progress of our annual plans as an aspect of accountability. In our next issue, we should be able to share our mid term progress as we serve to change lives.

I wish you all God's blessings.

SAMUEL MAJWEGA MUSOKE
(PHF),
CHANGE MAKER PRESIDENT

Sept '21 RC Bunga Community Service Project in Nakyesanja



DID YOU KNOW?

- Rotarians are both women and men with a passion for service
- Our younger members have significant opportunity for personal development
- We are in virtually every community in Uganda and across the world.
- Rotary has wide-ranging social and networking opportunities
- You are welcome to ask about how Rotary can enhance your lifestyle and its service opportunities
- If you would like to visit a club to assess whether Rotary is for you this can be organised at no-obligation to you or the club.

PE Teopista's Mayanja's Assurance

My name is Rtn Teopista B Mayanja (PHF).

I'm the Secretary cum Presidential Elect2022/2023 for Rotary Club of Bunga.

In the capacity of the Secretary, I form part of the editorial team of our Club Newsletter.

I am equally excited about being part of the team that is working to ensure that our Newsletter treats you to a wide range of fascinating features, exclusive interviews and inspiring human interesting stories from across the world of Rotary and the community we serve.

Together, we serve to change lives



How Rotary is forging a pathway to full Literacy

BY VANESSA GLAVINSKAS

Long before he became Rotary International's president, Shekhar Mehta was known for setting ambitious goals.

His reputation for successfully tackling difficult problems is why, in 2014, former RI president Kalyan Banerjee asked him to lead an effort to make India fully literate — a goal that has eluded the Indian government as well as many NGOs.

"I realized making a country literate is no easy task," says Mehta, who defines full literacy as an overall rate of 95 percent or above for those aged 7 and up. (The government of India estimates India's current literacy rate among that group at 78 percent.)

"But I strongly believe in Gandhi's view that if you find the goal, the means will follow."

An accountant and real estate developer, Mehta didn't enter the endeavor with any experience in education. "I had no clue, no background in education at all," he says. He spent about nine months learning from experts before founding the Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), a nonprofit that aims to strengthen and standardize Rotary clubs' literacy initiatives across India.

To accomplish this, RILM created a program of service projects that it encourages clubs across India to take on with the nonprofit's support and mentorship. The projects are built around the acronym TEACH, which stands for teacher support, e-learning, adult literacy, child development, and happy schools (which focuses on infrastructure improvements). "We think every school should be a school where our own children would be happy to study," says Kamal Sanghvi, who was an RI director from 2019 to 2021 and chairs RILM now that Mehta is RI president.

"Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

Following the model that made India's polio eradication campaign a success, coordinators promoted the TEACH program in Rotary zones and districts in the country. RILM staff created manuals and organized



trainings, and now nearly every club in India works on a project to support at least one aspect of the TEACH program. "The momentum picked up so beautifully," Sanghvi says. "Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

The combined efforts of hundreds of Rotary clubs, plus their partner organizations, have added up to large-scale results. To date, an estimated 7 million children are benefiting from RILM's teacher training component alone. The program's overall reach is enormous.

"Training, standardization, and developing partnerships — these are the three things that make the program work," Mehta says.

Rotary members in Nepal, Pakistan, and Bangladesh are all working on literacy programs modeled on the Rotary India Literacy Mission. (Members in Togo also recently expressed interest in the program.) "This is something that can be replicated anywhere," Shekhar Mehta says.

Due to its impact, Rotary India Literacy Mission gained name recognition, which recently led to its largest initiative yet — working with the Indian government to create and distribute free e-learning content to children who were out of school because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In a lot of areas in India, internet penetration is very poor," explains Biswajit Ghosh, RILM's chief operating and strategy officer. "And the government was struggling to provide online education for the masses." That's when Ghosh says Rotary "put up its hand" and offered to facilitate the creation of high-quality multimedia content for grades 1-12.

RILM worked with a video production company to create the content, covering the cost through donations and sponsorships so that e-learning would be free to the nation.

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Rotary Forging pathway to full Literacy

In 2020, India's government began broadcasting the Rotary-sponsored content on several TV channels – one per grade – in both English and Hindi. The lessons were available to about 100 million students across India, Ghosh estimates.

The goal now is to get the same multimedia curriculum translated into more of India's languages and to provide the software to every public school in India. "The level of education in the villages is far lower than in the cities," explains Sanghvi. "In the city, they simply have better access to technology and knowledge."

But while a large-scale rollout of e-learning could help lessen this disparity, it will only work if teachers know how to use the software. That's where the "T" in TEACH comes in. "We're training teachers across India," Sanghvi says, adding that the urgency to do so became apparent as soon as India went into its pandemic lockdown. "Many teachers didn't know how to start a Zoom," Sanghvi says.

Increased literacy is especially important for women and their communities. Educated women have a better chance of escaping poverty and improving the standard of living for their families and communities.

The nonprofit works with partner organizations to provide the e-learning training and also offers an award to teachers who excel – as judged by their students and the school principal. It works like this: Rotary clubs survey local students, and that feedback is the basis on which a teacher is selected to win a Nation Builder award. Teachers who score poorly are targeted for future club-sponsored training programs. "We learn which teachers are outstanding and who needs to get their skills upgraded," Sanghvi says. "It's a win-win for us."

Despite RILM's success in improving literacy among children, India will not be able to achieve total literacy without addressing its estimated 287 million illiterate adults, who make up about one-third of the world's illiterate-adult population.

RILM's goal is to make every Indian citizen at least functionally literate – able to engage in the everyday activities in their community that require basic literacy. The pandemic forced RILM to extend its deadline by two years. The group now hopes to achieve this goal by 2027.

It's an ambitious goal, Mehta concedes, but "Rotary is thriving in India," he says. "So, we need to dream."

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Rotary's \$97 million pledge for sustainable projects



RI President-elect Jennifer Jones, right, announces Rotary's \$97 million pledge for sustainable projects during the Global Citizen Live event on 25 September in Paris, France. She's joined on stage with British actress Carmen Ejogo.

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones took the stage at the Global Citizen Live concert on 25 September in Paris, France, and pledged \$97 million in grant funding from the organization next year for sustainable, Rotary club-led projects.

Global Citizen Live, a 24-hour broadcast with events and performances across six continents, aimed to unite people to take action to defend the planet, end the COVID-19 pandemic, defeat poverty, provide education for all children, and promote equity and justice for all. Some of the world's top artists, celebrities, activists, and government leaders participated in this year's event to raise awareness and support in cities including Paris; Lagos, Nigeria; London, UK; Los Angeles, USA; New York City, USA; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Seoul, Korea; and Sydney, Australia.

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Rotary pledge for Development projects

In Paris, where Jones pledged Rotary's support, thousands of people gathered at the iconic Champ de Mars near the Eiffel Tower to see performances from Elton John, Ed Sheeran, Black Eyed Peas, Christine and the Queens, Doja Cat, Angélique Kidjo, and more. Other leaders pledging support included European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

"Every day millions of girls walk miles to fetch clean water, and millions of boys are on the streets instead of going to school. Every day moms and dads struggle to find ways to feed their children," Jones said from the main stage in Paris. "And every day, members of Rotary and Global Citizen start our days knowing that we can make a difference."

"This year we're putting a special focus on empowering girls worldwide, opening doors for young women to build brighter futures," Jones said. "Today Rotary is committed to helping end poverty globally and protecting the planet by pledging \$97 million in grant funding during 2022 for sustainable, member-led projects."

She added: "We stand together with Global Citizen as people of purpose, people of action."

Rotary has worked with Global Citizen for a more than decade, primarily regarding the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. At the 2012 Global Citizen event in New York City, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and celebrity ambassador Archie Panjabi announced Rotary's \$75 million commitment to polio eradication. Rotary and Global Citizen have also connected at Rotary International Conventions, the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meetings, polio advocacy events, and polio funding announcements.

In total, more than \$1.1 billion in commitments, 157 million trees to be planted, and 60 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to be donated to developing countries were announced in conjunction with the 25 September event.

Credit: Getty Images for Global Citizen



Induction Speech for New Rotary Member

(Invite the new member and their sponsor to come to the front. Also invite Club President to come forward.)

Today we are honored to induct _____ as a new member into [CLUB NAME] Rotary Club.

I would like to ask _____, your sponsor to give a brief bio. _____, will you come forward. _____, Welcome To Rotary!

- There are several milestones that are life altering. We go through life so focused on career and family. But at some point we realize that we must give back to society, to our community.
- We believe that joining Rotary is one of those life altering moments. When I was inducted into Rotary, I thought it was one of the most important decisions that I had ever made. And that set the tone for me as a Rotarian. I hope it does for you also.
- You have been chosen for membership in the Rotary Club of [CLUB NAME], because your fellow members believe you to be a leader in your vocation and community
- We look to you to be a liaison between us and the other members of your profession.
- We expect you to educate us about your classification, and, on the other hand, it becomes your duty to carry Rotary ideals and principles of service to your friends, business associates, and the members of the vocation which you represent.
- While membership in Rotary is an honor and privilege, it involves corresponding obligations.

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EXEMPLARY SPEECH TO INDUCT NEW MEMBER

- An important requirement of membership is regular attendance at the weekly meetings. I know it's not always easy to make the meetings, but only busy people are eligible for membership in our club.
- One of the great privileges of Rotary is fellowship, and the mutual confidence which it inspires.
- It is always true that, if you want to have friends, you must show yourself to be friendly. As the old adage goes, "No one is interested in what you have to say, until you show that you are interested in what they say".
- Therefore, we commit ourselves to doing our part to make you feel welcome.
- In return, we expect that you will share the responsibility for the development of closer personal relationships, which will be to our mutual benefit.
- Good Rotarians must constantly keep before them the primary object of Rotary.
- "Service Above Self" is our motto, and Rotary expects each member to live up to this ideal.
- You must live by the 4-Way Test
 1. Is it the truth?
 2. Is it fair to all concerned?
 3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
 If you live by those rules, you will never go wrong.
- The community will know and judge Rotary through your example in character and service; and we accept you as a member because we believe the principles and objects of Rotary will be safe in your keeping.
- We know that we will receive much from you in help and service which will enable us to be better Rotarians; and we most heartily offer you the right hand of Rotary fellowship.

On behalf of the [CLUB NAME] Rotary Club and Rotary International, may I welcome you into our Rotary Wheel - - which faces inward for friendship and fellowship and outward in service to our community and to the world.



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With the presentation of this Rotary Pin, I declare you to be a member of the Rotary Club of [CLUB NAME]. (Ask the Club President to assist the sponsor in pinning our new member.)

Fellow Rotarians please stand. I present to you our newest member, _____. (Applause)_____, would you please share with us your thoughts?

(Have a Kodak moment with New Member, Sponsor and Club President)•

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MODULE 3 Topics

- Rotary Opportunities
- Effective Leadership Strategies
- Foundation III - International Service
 - Public Image & PR
- Building a stronger club
- Making a difference

"MOH SOPs for meetings to be strictly observed"



RC Bunga members toast after hard work in Ssebobo where we implement a Mission Green project



FROM FAMILY of ROTARY

- 1st September: - PE Rtn Teopista Birungi Mayanja
- 8th September:- CP Rtn George Makumbi
- 14th September :IPP Bernadette Nabakiibi Kalumba
- 15th September :-Rtn Rosemary Kabanyaaka Akiiki
- 17th September :-Rtn Mary Gakuo
- 17th September :Rtn Matilda Serunkuma
- 21st September :Rtn Robert Ssemogerere
- 23rd September :Rtn Sam Colin Sali

Anniversaries

- 13th August - Rtn Rev Fr John Mary Kibirige celebrating ordination to priesthood
- 12th October :Rtn Robert Ssemogerere celebrating wedding anniversary

Home Hospitality(upcoming)

- 30th October 2021 hosted by Rtn Joseph Ssetuba at Bwebajja - Akright estates on Entebbe Rd

- Gifting of friends of the year and Xmas Carols to be held in December

CP, Rtn George Makumbi



Celebrating Rtn Fr JMK





RC Bung is grateful to all members and the Rotary family for the support and guidance. Asante.



CMP Samuel Musoke Majwega (R) receives a laptop computer donated to RC Bunga by Rtn Robert Wagubi, while PE Teopista Mayanja PHF (m) claps.

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Rotaract Club of Bungu

Kikuba Mpanga signature project on course

On 25th September, 5 members of Rotaract Club of Bungu travelled to Kikuba Mpanga, Kisege Parish Semuto Sub County Nakaseke District to carry out an assessment of the signature project to construct a Pit-latrine for the community.

Kikubampaga town council is in a rural area with a growing population of over 7500 registered residents.

The project is expected to directly benefit the unemployed, youth, the semi-skilled and un-skilled school dropouts and all resident.

We did research through the community leaders and thereafter met with them to understand more about what is happening in their area. In attendance we had the Chairman and different members of the board in the community.

List of community needs the project will address.

- Provision of a healthy and safe space for people to ease themselves especially community members and their guests.
- Need of a functional public health centre to provide health services for the residents.
- Setting up youth Livelihood programs for children below 20years of age.

Community assets and strength

- Land on which the project can be set up is available.
- Support of local council leaders who will be able to supervise and sustain the project activities
- Presence of good road network making supervision easy.

Project Primary Goal

The project's primary goal is to improve the health situation of the people in the area. The project will be able to do this by providing a safe and clean place to use instead of using bushes and other forms waste disposal. We hope the pit latrines will ensure a clean and safe environment. The project intends to then start offering health camps in the community every quarter.

Plan to accomplish project activities.

- Construction of well empowered latrines for public use will help in reducing on the diseases caused due to poor wastage management and improve the residents health status
- Contributing financial support through members and other sponsors to make the project visible or a reality.



Rotaract Club Of Bunga participates in the Blood Donation drive 2021



The 2021 Blood donation drive organized by Rotaract District 9214 on October 9th 2021 attracted the participation of various Rotaract and Rotary clubs.

Rotaract Club of Bunga is proud to have participated in the mobilization and activities of the 2021 Blood donation drive.

Some of the activities club members were involved in are sweeping of Bunga market, distribution of condoms and creating awareness in the Bunga community about the blood donation drive.



We appreciate the goodwill of the people to participate in the blood donation, and the other Rotary and Rotaract clubs that joined us to make this Blood Donation drive worthwhile and beneficial to our community.

