



The Beacon

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Club meets every Tuesday at 7pm, at Sir Jose Hotel, Gaba Rd

ABOUT



RC Bunga was Chartered in May 2018.

1st ...President: CP Rtn George Makumbi.[2018-2019]

2nd..Rtn Aloysious Mayanja, PHF. [2019-2020]

3rd..Rtn Bernadette Nabakiibi Kalumba, PHF. [2020-2021]

4th. Rtn Samuel M. Majwega PHF, RIP. [2021-2022]

5th. Rtn Teopista Birungi Mayanja PHF. [2022-to date]

6th. Rtn Paul Luyima, PE. [2023-2024]

7th. Rtn Posianno Turyamureeba PHF, PN [2024-2025]

8th. Rtn Sam Colin Sali, PND [2025-2026]

RC Bunga is co- founder of the Gaba Rd Bridge (12 Clubs).
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Presidential messages

Introducing the Rotary Youth Network
How do you take the best from the worst?

None of us will forget how the pandemic altered our world and our lives. Each of us had to traverse this period of uncertainty, and no one had a free pass from the effects. I personally believe this has created space for a different kind of global leadership — one that is courageous, empathetic, and vulnerable. I met my good friend Anniela Carracedo online in early 2020. She is one such leader, and I'm thrilled to turn this month's column over to her.

In March 2020, I had a panic attack. I couldn't breathe, and I felt a terrible pain in my chest. It had been a few days since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and I was in the middle of my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in the United States. Think about it: an 18-year-old girl stuck in a different country, with a foreign language, with people she had only met six months before. It was scary. But I am familiar with uncertainty. I was born and raised in Venezuela, which is going through one of the worst humanitarian and political crises in the Western Hemisphere. But my mom always said, "Challenges are nothing more than needs that require a solution."

I called up my Interact and Youth Exchange friends. Together, we organized an online meeting to share projects and get inspired by what everyone else was doing during the quarantine. In that first meeting, we had 70 people, mainly students, from 17 countries.

From that beginning, we built an online platform for Rotary youths worldwide to share their experiences and inspire others with project ideas during isolation. We looked for mentors and supporters who would help our group connect young people, share cultures, and open new collaborative opportunities for international service projects. We called it Rotary Interactive Quarantine, or RIQ.

After only a year, we engaged with more than 5,000 students from 80 countries. Several of our team members became district Interact representatives and district committee members, and some of us even serve on Rotary International councils. Eventually, quarantine restrictions were being lifted, and the needs of our participants were changing. At our last official meeting as RIQ, Past RI President Barry Rassin inspired us to create even bigger change, so we transformed RIQ into the Rotary Youth Network, or RYN.

A few of our members, including me, were selected to serve on the inaugural Interact Advisory Council, where we presented our vision for youth in Rotary to the RI Board of Directors.

Our presentation to the Board inspired President Jennifer and her team to create a Youth Advisory Council in Rotary International, which I am honored to serve on as a co-chair.

The Rotary Youth Network officially launched during a breakout session at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. Five of us, who had participated in Interact, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, traveled across continents to launch an organization we had kicked off online two years before. The convention was also the first time we had met in person. When my friends and I finished our talk, we realized more than 500 people were giving us a standing ovation. Tears filled our eyes, and the feeling of excitement and accomplishment took over.

Who would have thought that a panic attack would lead to this?

Outgoing RI President Jennifer Jones.



Dear Friends

As we approach the last few months of my Governorship, my district officers and I are still busy with current events and organizing others to be held during the rest of this Rotary year as well as in the upcoming Rotary year.

This last month has been very eventful; we attended the 2023 District Team Training Seminar in Kalangala, a joint DTTS, and PETS in Dar es Salaam, celebrated the World Rotaract Week, and officially flagged off the first 50 Tricycle Village Ambulances by the Rt. Hon Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja on behalf of HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni the president of the Republic of Uganda. I am very pleased and grateful to all the teams that worked so hard to ensure the success of each of these events. The passion, dedication, and commitment to the job were truly inspiring. It was evident that everyone was passionate about their role. The teamwork and love for our district were evident in every aspect of the events. Everyone worked together for an amazing outcome, and it was a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm and dedication that everyone put in. I am proud of everyone who was involved, and thankful for their hard work and commitment to making each event a success and our district better.

The month of April, we join the rest of the world in celebrating the environment. As Rotarians and Rotaractors, we understand the importance of preserving our planet and protecting the environment.

Our District 9214 members have been deeply involved in environmental projects; these initiatives have had a positive impact on the local communities and have enabled us to make a lasting contribution to the environment. We will continue to strive to create a sustainable future, and we invite all of our members to join our effort in preserving the planet.

As the District Conference draws nearer, I am excited to welcome all registered delegates to Mbarara. This conference will be a great opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work that we have been doing all year. I encourage all of us to come together, inspire one another, and share our experiences in service to our communities. The theme of this year's conference is "Celebrating Our Communities," and I am proud to announce that we have a stellar line-up of speakers and prominent leaders from the public and private sectors.

There are also several theme nights planned for the conference, and the dress codes have already been published. I urge all members to use the first two weeks of this month to prepare for the conference and to make the necessary arrangements to participate, as it promises to be an eventful and exciting three days.

In conclusion, I am proud of all that we have accomplished thus far, and I look forward to our continued success. As we strive to serve our communities, let us remember that our work is critical to creating a better world. Let us work together to ensure that our district continues to be a beacon of light and hope in the world.

Outgoing District 9214 Governor Peace Taremwaa.

SERVICE IN ACTION

FOUR WAYS TO EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY; A CASE FOR SEBOBBO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT.



**Visionary President
Teopista B Mayanja (PHF)**

"Every real dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience and the PASSION to reach for the stars to change the world."

HARRIET TUBMAN

Rotary clubs all over the world work with communities to advance local economies. Every community has different needs and different opportunities for service.

The United Nations reports that a million jobs are needed in East Africa for new entrants to the labor market between 2016 and 2030. Unemployment, underemployment, lack of economic opportunity, lack of appropriate training, and the absence of social safety nets lie at the core of poverty.

Sebobbo Community Empowerment Project (SCEP) is no exception. SCEP is expected to be a high-impact project. The piece of land (2 acres) for the project was offered by the Past Change Maker President, Samuel Majwega Musoke (RIP) in 2021. It is a hybrid project which will cover all key areas of Rotary service participation; health, water and sanitation, education, community development, peace & stability and environment.

Project implementation was preceded by community assessment on the most urgent development needs. The assessment revealed economic and community development needs, that included;

- Youth unemployment
- Obstacles to entrepreneurship
- Barriers to agricultural opportunities and livelihood
- Lack of resources to address extreme poverty.

About Sebobbo Community

Sebobbo is found in Mityana District, Ssekanyonyi sub-country, Busunju Parish. It's located 72 kms south west of Kampala, Uganda Capital city and 27 kms from Mityana Municipal Council, the largest urban centre in the District. However, it also lies about 9kms from Busunju, a small township along Kampala- Hoima Road with an altitude of 3,870 ft (1,180 m) above sea level. Sekanyoyi, of which Sebobbo is a part, is a rural settlement with a population estimated by at 35,000 inhabitants. Female residents are estimated at 47% of this population and about 54% of the population estimated are below 18 years. The number of households in Sekanyoyi is estimated at over 7,000 of whom at least one quarter (26.3%) are headed by women. Subsistence farming is the main economic activity; most households derive their food from the gardens and sell some of it to meet household needs. However, poverty (income poverty) levels are significantly high with at least 13.8% of inhabitants estimated to be living on less than USD2 per day.

Below is the description of ways RC Bunga has taken to address these identified developmental needs in Sebobbo Kiweeka, Ssekanyonyi sub-Country, Mityana District in Central Uganda

Adopt-a-village

Bunga RC chose to adopt-a-village as a way to address the extreme poverty holistically in Sebobbo, a community that lacks the resources to meet basic human needs. With active involvement from the community, we have started with investing in the leadership skills of community members to implement a multifaceted but coordinated strategy within. The ultimate project goal is to increase self-sufficiency of individuals and families and help them revitalize their community by alleviating extreme poverty. A successful adopt-a-village initiative will result in a community-created plan to continue local development and improve lives beyond the project.

A Rotary Community Corps: We have sponsored a group of local activists and organized them into an action committee as partners in service. We hope this will help us have a clear link with the community and provide access to information about the community, challenges, successes, and monitoring and evaluation.

Sebobbo Youth Empowerment (SYEP)

The Sebobbo Youth Empowerment Project (SYEP) is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Bunga implemented under the umbrella Sebobbo Community Project in conjunction with the Rotary Vijana POA Secretariat. SYEP is about youth empowerment focusing on youth skilling, leadership development and creating opportunities for employment. The project's intervention specifically targets: (i) organisation of the youths to expand their capacity to bargain collectively (ii) development of entrepreneurship skills and mind-set change to spur community development activities among the youth at Sebobbo, and (iii) development of local capacity for environmental management.

Call to action

Bunga RC is well suited to carry out this project. However, it is a big project and would require significant resources to undertake. We will seek partnerships with other Clubs and people of good will from far and wide to collaborate in the implementation of this project.

A WORD FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR / PUBLISHER

The nature of my classifications did not allow me to adequately fulfill my Public Relations role in the Club. But soon after, the production of the Beacon became a priority, and with a push from my Editor Sam Sali, i decided to produce and publish the newsletter (2nd Edition, 2022-2023). The VP Rtn Teopista PHF gave us the blessing to make a digital one.

With well documented Club Activities listed by the Club Secretary, I deployed my Graphics Team upon him ; and here we are, the Beacon is out.

Bravo to you ALL.



Rtn Robert Wagubi PHF.
Director Public Relations of the Club

Remembering

In Memory Of Rtn Paulo Makumbi Nyanzi, PHF and member of RC Bunga. Died on 17th Jan and Buried on 20th Jan 2023. RiP our brother.



Rest in Peace
Rtn John Baptist Kagimu



Rest in Peace
Rtn Winnie Nalubega

TRIBUTE For the 4th Club President



The year started with the untimely passing of our Change Maker President **Samuel Majwega Musoke, PHF.** We lost the whole of July until our 1st Board Meeting on 1st August 2022.

He had just completed his CMP 2021/2022 and died on 25th June 2022 in USA. He donated to RC Bunga land where our signature Ssebbobbo community and youth projects are located at Busunju. **MHSRIEP.**



Rtn Sam Colin Sali
Editor

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

We have used one of the Rotary facets, ADAPTABILITY, to produce a DIGITAL newsletter. The Content also reflects on ENGAGEMENT, IMPACT and VISIBILITY. On behalf of the editorial team, i thank Rtn Robert Wagubi, PHF, for offering his design and graphics team led by Sam Kajubi. I cant forget to thank all those who contributed articles and the Club President for her push and technical guidance to the team. This is a result from all of us together in the iconic Club of Bunga.

CANCER RUN FITNESS EXERCISES

7th August 2022...CANCER RUN FITNESS EXERCISES: The Club held a Fitness and Nutrition Fellowship at Auto Spa to Practice for the Sept-2022 Cancer Run.



HEALTH CAMP

7th August, 2022: HEALTH CAMP: The Club held a massive HEALTH CAMP at Bukomansimbi, steered by our own Rtn Dr Christine Ndiwalana. This is the same Sub County and District where WASH RI-USAID COMMUNITY WATER PROJECT (see below) is located.



In the Health Camp, about 3000 citizens turned by for free Medical Check-ups, free medicines and counselling. The Rotary Club of Bunga was joined by RC Masaka. Our Partners/sponsors were Marie Stopes, Uganda Cares, Mengo Eye Clinic, Red Cross, Butenga Health Centre IV and WHCD.



The Club received a donation of various drugs from the Uganda Joint Medical Stores worth about 12 million Uganda shillings. The Club appreciated our Assistant Governor Dr Bildard Baguma for this assistance.



LAUNCH OF GABA RD. CORRIDOR CLUBS (THE BRIDGE)

9th August, 2022: LAUNCH OF CORRIDOR CLUBS....in a joint fellowship:
 This was a great day when the Ggaba Road Clubs jointly started cooperating and working together culminating into THE FORMATION OF THE GGABA ROAD Corridor Clubs. In Rotary, multi club joining effort to carry out service projects activities and services project is very recommended and encouraged.

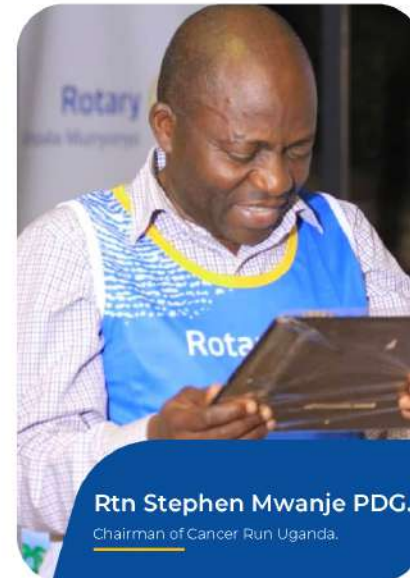
Hosts, Rotary Club of Kampala Munyonyo and our own RC Bunga played a big role to bring on Board the following Clubs:

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| (i) Rotary Club of Munyonyo | (ii) Rotary Club of Ggaba |
| (iii) Rotary Club of Kansanga | (iv) Rotary Club of Muyenga |
| (v) Rotary Club of Muyenga Breeze | (vi) Rotary Club of of Buziga |
| (vii) Rotary Club of Lukuli | (viii) Rotary Club of Kampala Nsambya |
| (ix) Rotary Club of Muyenga Sunday Sunset | (x) Rotary Club of Lake View |
| (xi) Rotary Club of Kisugu Victoria View | (xii) Rotary Club of Bunga |

Joint physical fitness exercises were done as the members prepared for the 2022 Cancer Run early Sept 2022.



LAUNCH OF THE 2022 CANCER RUN



Rtn Stephen Mwanje PDG.
 Chairman of Cancer Run Uganda.



29th August 2022: LAUNCH OF THE 2022 CANCER RUN; it was a Grand occasion hosted by Rotary Club of Kampala Munyonyo. The Guest Speaker and Guest of Honour was non other than Rtn PDG Stephen Mwanje, the founder and County Chair of the Cancer Run in Uganda. He gave the history of the Run and achievements like Bunkers at Nsambya Hospital and Mengo Blood Bank. It was a high profile occasion where all Corridor Clubs were represented and bought Cancer Run Vests. The date of the Run was confirmed for 4th Sept 2022, and to be flagged off by Jennifer Jones, the ROTARY International President, at Kololo Memorial Grounds.

WELCOMING THE RI PRESIDENT



31st August, 2022: **WELCOMING THE RI PRESIDENT TO** Speke Commonwealth Resort Munyonyo:

News reached RC Bunga that the District had appointed the Corridor Clubs to welcome the **RI President Jennifer Jones** to Uganda, straight from Entebbe Airport. She arrived at Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort amid thunderous ululations, leading her route on foot to the hotel. Cultural troupes moved her to dance. Indeed it was great honour to welcome the RI President to her first activity in Uganda.

GLOBAL PEACE CONCERT



2nd September 2022: **GLOBAL PEACE CONCERT TO RAISE FUNDS** For Makerere Peace Centre:

Five RC Bunga members paid \$100 each to participate (2 physical) (3virtual) in the Global Peace Concert at the Corridor Clubs base, hosted by Rotary Int President Jennifer Jones at the Commonwealth Resort Hotel.



LAUNCH OF THE DISTRICT 9214 SIGNATURE MCH PROJECT

Saturday 3rd September 2022: LAUNCH OF THE DISTRICT 9214 SIGNATURE MCH PROJECT DESIGNED BY DG PEACE TAREMWA:

Members of the Corridor Clubs attended in big numbers, the launch by RI President, the District 9214 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Village Ambulance (Tuk Tuk motorcycle) at Munyonyo Speke Resort.



CANCER RUN FLAGGING OFF

Sunday 4th September: CANCER RUN FLAGGING OFF: THE RI PRESIDENT flagged off the Record Participant 2022 Cancer Run ever... Again RC Bunga participated as one of the Gaba Corridor Clubs. RC Bunga was 3rd out of 12 clubs in vest sales ...170.



RI President Jennifer Jones



JOINT FELLOWSHIP

26th Sept 2022: JOINT FELLOWSHIP: RC Bunga was among the twelve Corridor Clubs which came together in a "joint fellowship" initiated by RC Bunga and hosts RC Munyonyo at Speke Commonwealth Resort.....a multi club activity again. PDG Ken Wycliffe Mugisha blessed the function organised by Mukene Buddy Group of RC Kampala Munyonyo.



Our AG visited RC Bunga, and among other things, congratulated us and other Corridor Clubs, for delightfully welcoming the RI President to Uganda at Munyonyo on 31st Aug 2022.

THE 3rd PHASE OF THE RI-USAID WASH PROJECT



29th Sept 2022...THE 3rd PHASE OF THE RI-USAID WASH PROJECT: This was commissioned in wild ululations, initiated and supported by the Rotary Club of Bunga and RC Masaka, as a water and sanitation project over some years. A Solar pump with 15000 lts per hour fills a 43000 lt Tank to supply a School and 120 homesteads in Bigasa sub County. This is a signature project for RC Bunga covering one of the 7 areas of focus, Water and Sanitation. Fully functional.

WORLD POLIO DAY ACTIVITIES

24th October, 2022....WORLD POLIO DAY ACTIVITIES:The Gaba Corridor Clubs hosted the District 9214 commemoration of the World Polio Day. "Theme – End Polio Now" This started with a Medical Camp by SHR Services, HIV Testing & Counselling at IHK Namuwongo, plus a Polio Awareness Walk, led by a march band, from Gaba to Kabojja Int School, culminating into a joint fellowship hosted by RC Munyonyo at the same venue.



RE-PAINTING OF ZEBRA CROSSINGS

29th October 2022: RE-PAINTING OF ZEBRA CROSSINGS:

The Rotary Club of Bunga and its Kamyu Buddy Group repainted Zebra Crossings on Gaba Rd. Sponsored by PEACOCK PAINTS Ltd, a leading Paints Copany in Uganda, and joined by other Corridor Clubs, as a Community Service Project, to protect especially school children when crossing roads. Peacock sponsored the clubs to the tune of ugsh. 22,000,000 millions. Ever grateful to Owek Hajji Dr Kaddu Kiberu, the MD PEACOCK PAINTS.



THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO RC BUNGA

6th Dec 2022...

The 9214 District Governor, Peace Taremwa, visited our Club at the site of our Signature Project at Ssebbobbo Kiweeka, Busunju, 65kms on Kla-Hoima Rd. He commissioned a drilled clean water well (phase 1) by pumping water to the surface. The project which covers ALL 7 AREAS OF FOCUS IN ROTARY is destined to become our signature project seeking an international partner and grant, besides partnering another local club.

DG Peace Taremwa

THE SSEBBOBBO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT [SCEP] initiated by our late CMP Samuel Majwega, will include a hospital, environmental tree seedlings school, Police Station, etc. Trees were planted by DG Peace Taremwa, AG Baguma, Country Office Chair Sam Mwanje, PAG Stephen Kalenge and Club President Teopista Mayanja, after which the DG initiated the Club Banner Signature Fundraising Drive. The Vijana Poa Ssebbobbo Youth Empowerment Project [SYEP] will also be based here.



THE SSEBBOBBO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (SYEP)

21st Jan 2023: THE SSEBBOBBO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (SYEP):

This Youth Project funded by D9214 Vijana Poa which the Club integrated into the main Ssebboombo Community Empowerment, SCEP, was inaugurated on 21st Jan 2023 by two District Officials led by Rtn Rogers Mbaziira who took the youth through entrepreneurship skilling and mindset change to create own wealth. The youth were drilled through Trees nursery beds for short term, mid term fruit trees and long term domestic and commercial trees. This youth first phase, closed by Club Present on 22nd February 2023 was coordinated and organised by our own Rtn Robert Muwanga, Director Service Projects, RC Bunga, while asserting Environment Protection, as one of the 7 areas of focus by Rotary.



CLUB RETREAT

8th March 2023 CLUB RETREAT:

This was our first training, bonding, impactful social event held at Sir Jose Hotel, on Women's Day. Two PAGs namely Rtn Juliet Kyokunda and Rtn Henry Kyebambe, both high level facilitators stressed Club vibrancy, strategic planning and learning from challenges. What a moment members were treated to by these two experts.



RUN FOR THE NILE AND SAVE L. VICTORIA



11th March 2023: RUN FOR THE NILE AND SAVE L. VICTORIA
 This RUN was organised by the District Mission Green Rtn David Nsubuga to raise funds to grow trees on banks of L. Victoria and River Nile. RC Bunga's 20 members travelled to Jinja Source of the Nile and run along other Rotary Clubs and institutions. Bravo Bunga.

HOME HOSPITALITY AND GIFTING



25th March 2023: HOME HOSPITALITY AND GIFTING: The Club had planned 3 Hospitalities and this was the 1st one. Hosted by Club President and her husband, the pompous function was graced by our AG Bildard Baguma, PAGs, Corridor VPs, PPs and many other dignitaries. The exchange of Gifts among chosen club members was the climax many had not seen before.

HOME HOSPITALITY

15th April 2023: HOME HOSPITALITY

The 2nd Home Hospitality happened soon after the 1st one for the same purpose of greater BONDING, TOLERANCE AND MEMBER SOLIDARITY. The host, **Rtn Robert Wagubi PHF** and his wife **Sylvia K Wagubi** prepared sumptuous menus and laid on table all sorts of drinks at their residence in Munyonyo. Rtn Robert Wagubi is also Club **Public Relations Director** and Publisher of this Beacon (newsletter) and who believes in Club Vibrancy. Our 3rd and Final Home Hospitality will be hosted by Rtn Sarah Kiwanuka on 17th June 2023 completing our target of three this Rotary Year.



JOINT GABA RD CORRIDOR FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2023...JOINT GABA RD CORRIDOR FELLOWSHIP

THIS was a huge conglomeration of 12 mighty Rotary Clubs along Gaba Rd which held a joint fellowship at Sir Jose Hotel, the seat of RC Bunga . (Our readers should also note the change of name from Gaba Rd Corridor Clubs to Gaba Bridge Clubs). Five Tuesday Clubs, named below, hosted seven other clubs which don't fellowship on Tuesdays to a huge reception and celebration of Bridge achievements to date. All Visionary Presidents wore their chains, all introduced their various club members, introduced incoming PEs, including Rotaractors as well. In remembrance of RC Bunga CMP Samuel Majwega, RIP, a moment of silence was observed.

TUESDAY CLUBS:

- 1. RC Bunga
- 2. RC Kisugu Victoria View
- 3. RC Konge Lukuli
- 4. RC Kansanga...also Chairman of the Bridge
- 5. RC Kampala Nsambya.

THE REST OF THE BRIDGE CLUBS:

- 1. RC Muyenga
- 2. RC Muyenga Sunday Sunset
- 3. RC Kampala Munyonyo
- 4. RC Muyenga Tank Hill
- 5. RC Buziga
- 6. RC Muyenga Breeze
- 7. RC Gaba

The Bridge was formed at THE BUNGA DECLARATION.



COMMISSIONING OF THE RI-USAID WASH PROJECT IN BIGASA , BUKOMANSIMBI DISTRICT



20th April 2023:

Our District 9214 Governor, Peace Taremwa, COMMISSIONED the 4th Phase of the gigantic CLEAN WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM to nearly 120 homeeads, 6 schools, churches, Police Station and a health center III. A joint project with RC Masaka, it was initiated by RC Bunga in 2020/2021 and funded by the two clubs on a smaller scale, but majorly funded by Rotary International and USAID up to the tune of \$400,000 to date. Water taps all over Bigasa are a spectacle to comprehend where school kids used to fetch water 2kms away.

The water reservoir, 43000 Its capacity, is filled by set of solar panels which power the heavy duty water pump at source. No need for hydro electric power. The Governor had advised each user shud pay 1000sh into a pool for maintenance and repairs., and residents were complying. BUT THE ROTARIAN TO THANK MOST IS Rtn Christine Ndiwalana, MP, who initiated, cordinated, paid big amounts in dollars in excess of what the Club had paid at times. Thank you IPP Rtn Berna, for enabling this project when you were President in 2020. Thank you VP Teopista for guaranting the project this year 2022.

HOW IS THE CURRENT TRF and ANNUAL FUND GIVING BY ROTARY CLUB OF BUNGA TO DATE ?

The Club has ordered and paid for 4 Tuk Tuk Motor Cycle Village Ambulances for (MCH) Maternal and Child Health transportation to distant Health Centres.

VALUE...@1000...TOTAL GIVEN= \$4000.

2. POLIO PLUS.....\$720.

3. GLOBAL PEACE CENTRE.....\$340.

4. TRF.....\$1200.

TOTAL TO DATE THIS YR 2022/2023 = \$ 6260 over and above the club goal of \$500 .

MISS ROTARACT UGANDA 2022-2023 and 2023-2024



Nankabirwa Mercy Albright
RAC Avance University.

As Miss Rotaractor Uganda, i am obliged to give advice to my peers....

Believe in yourself, have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you can not be successful or happy. Rotary is an illumination more like the sun spread to the helpless and those with lost hope, Let us keep merging abilities to create hope".



THE DISTRICT MISSION GREEN PROJECT

continues to flourish with RC Bunga a major player in the JOINT EKIBIRA KYA KABAKA-ROTARY TREE PLANTING EXERCISE, headed by Rtn David Nsubuga. The Bridge Clubs were offered land by the Kabaka for this noble cause. An example of a multi club project...where RC Bunga has chosen 10 acres in Mawokota, along Masaka Rd. The programme will soon be released by Kabaka's Government

THE 98th DISCON AT LAS VEGAS HOTEL

27th to 29th April 2023--THE 98th DISCON AT LAS VEGAS HOTEL, IN MBARARA: As we proof read content of this Beacon, the 98th District Conference (Discon) was being concluded in Mbarara. RC Bunga team included, 1. VP TEOPISTA BIRUNGI MAYANJA, PHF..Voting Delegate.

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| 2. PE PAUL LUYIMA...Voting Delegate. | 3. CP GEORGE MAKUMBI |
| 4. PP ALOYSIOUS MAYANJA, PHF. | 5. PN POSIANO TURYAMUREBA |
| 6. Rtn Sarah Kiwanuka | 7. Rtn Virgo Nannyonjo |
| 8. Rtn Betty Kyanga, PHF | 9. Rtn Emma Sabiti...District Protocol Support Staff |
| 10. Rtct Nakalembe....MISS ROTARACTOR UGANDA, 2023-2025. | |

Our Rotaractors scooped awards as attached.



Incoming Governor.

Rotary
District 9214



Congratulations

District Governor
Francisco Semwanga

Rotary Year 2023/2024.



Rotary
District 9214



Congratulations
Christine Kyeyune Kawooya.

District Governor
Nominee Designate.



Incoming DGND.

Incoming President



It gives so much joy to witness the evolution of an entity that is so dear to all of us.

Reflecting on the 5 years of existence, I can say I have seen it all. From our days as a club in formation to date, a lot has been done.

Having no background at all regarding Rotary business gave us an opportunity to learn as freshers, to bond more and to move as a family.

Today we are no longer referred to as a baby club because we have also given birth to 2 vibrant Rotaract clubs.

This is line with extension and growth strategic goal of expanding our reach.

Because we are a membership organization that does service, we still need more hands on the job.

The "each bring one campaign" is still alive let's all embrace it whole heartedly.

Thanks to the Beacon for the periodic updates about Rc Bunga.

Rtn. Paul Luyima, PE 2023-2024

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

I have had to hastily put pen to paper to beat the deadline for the last publication of the Beacon for this Rotary year. So, I will endeavour to put my message across, and it is all about appreciating all of you for having kept the flag of RC Bunga aloft.

To our VP Teopista and your Board thanks for steering the Club successfully through the year, soon coming to a close.

The team with members' support has accomplished a lot and since I'm time constrained I will endeavor to pick the highlights for me;

- * Members attendance to fellowships has been good and content excellent.

- * Cooperation and support to individual members in times of distress has been unfathomable and as one of the beneficiaries I will eternally be grateful to you all.

- * The Club has continued to support other worthy causes of notably those involving medical complications requiring colossal amounts to carry out major surgical operations locally or abroad.

- * Thank you for bringing smiles and hope to communities through participation in major projects notably water and youth development in Bukomansimbi and Ssebbobbo respectively.

Rtn Dr Christine and Rtn Robert you will be remembered.

Not to forget the helping hands to the beautiful souls at Support the Disabled Children Home in Gaba.

- * Despite the biting "enkonome" members continue to struggle to meet Rotary dues and RI contributions. Teri kuzikiza.

- * We thank members who have hosted and those planning to host members to Home hospitalities. Asante saana.

- * I welcome back delegates from Discon 98 and pray we prepare and plan well for a tsunami to Discon 99 at Munyonyo next year.

Finally as we wish the incoming leaders under the leadership of PE Paul success in their year of service, I pray he names an effective Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to keep track of our performance against our set goals and to ensure we register every bit of activity in our effort and endeavour to serve humanity, then I can assure you we will be at the podium celebrating success at the next Discon 99.

A parting quote by Benjamin E Mays " It is not what you keep but what you give that makes you happy ".

Let us go out and give.

Rtn George Makumbi, Charter President.





SERVICE PROJECTS A Growing Feature Of RC Bunga

Service projects as a major feature of Rotary across the world. Rotary uses projects for short strategic interventions aimed at making a difference to local communities in the areas of health, water and sanitation, education, community development, peace and stability and environmental protection.

Over the few years of its existence, and learning from the Rotary fraternity across the world, RC Bunga has equally selected use of projects to meet its commitment to the service of community. In the earlier years, this has focussed mainly on relatively very short-term interventions – implemented within one year, such as through support to immunisation drives within the Ggaba area or elsewhere such as in Bukomansimbi, 120km south west of Kampala through partnership with the area Woman Member of Parliament (Dr. Ndiwalana), or through raising funds to meet specific medical needs of vulnerable members of the community for instance as those requiring specialised surgery abroad. Many of these have often been short term events (one day in many cases) and have been impactful over the years.

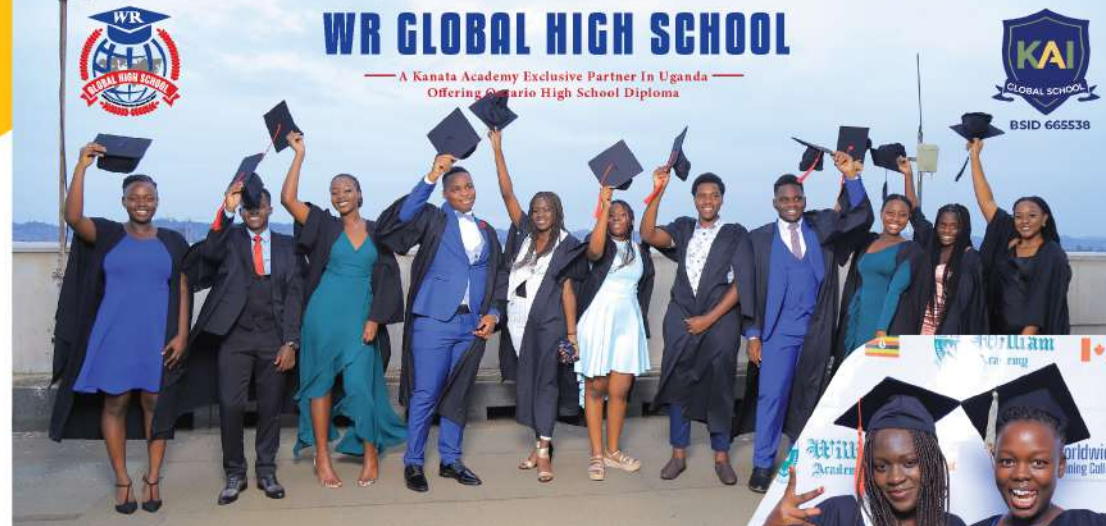
After 5 years of existence, and with growing membership, stability and profile, RC Bunga is reviewing and changing its strategy about the choice of projects. Short-term (1-2 days) project such as those above are easy to mobilize funding for, as they are often low-cost, and easy to manage. Member resources are required for only very short time and so the Club is not stretched. However, the Club has also learnt that their impacts are equally short-lived. Besides, where they are delivered in partnership, RC Bunga has often very limited means to direct the outcome. They therefore tend to return very limited visibility for the Club.

The new strategy, adopted over the past year, is to shift attention to medium term projects implemented over 3 to 5 years but where the Club will have a significant advantage in terms of control and direction. This size of project will naturally involve bigger budgets and more resources on part of the Club. One such Club is the Sebbobo Community Empowerment project launched earlier this year with an implementation plan of 3-4 years. As has been discussed in this newsletter, the project, when it is all completed, has the potential to transform a community of 1,500 to 2000 households in the area of Sekanyonyi, in Mityana district through improved services for health, water and sanitation, early childhood education, and youth empowerment and employment program. The project has a significant budget outlay – estimated at over UGX 1.6bn much larger than the smaller projects. RC Bunga is looking at engaging local and international partnerships to share this cost over period of implementation.

Implementing large projects places significant demands on the Club resources as well. Seeing the growing operations of the Club and aware that its members are unable to allocate more than a small amount of their time, during the year, the Club appointed a Club administrator to improve its administrative capacity, and importantly, to support the increasing demand for project management. The Club is also strengthening its financial management systems so that it can track and account better for receipts towards projects and expenditures. These improvements will take time, but the Club has determined, these are necessary for its change in strategy.

The Club will continue to deliver short term projects, and to participate in other service projects where it does not play a lead role, but to a less extent. Emphasis will now be on the larger projects because of the long-term benefits to the communities it services and the visibility this brings to the Club. Even then, in order not to outstretch the Club's capacity, in the short to medium term, the Club will retain one large project – the Sebbobo Community Empowerment as its signature project, and one major partnership through Ggaba project which is equally a major project but where it plays a less lead role. It will aim not to spread out its resources so that it can realise its goals under these projects in the shortest possible time.

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