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November 2025 - March 2026



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The reach of community action



Francesco Arezzo
*President, Rotary International,
 2025-26*



As we observe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, I encourage you to reflect on the freshwater systems that sustain your community and the role Rotary can play in protecting them."

Water connects us all. From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighborhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain humanity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse, and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge.

Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured, and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served Indigenous communities in Panama's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity, and

reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks. To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialized water organization, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would continue flowing long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities.

This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise, and long-term thinking.

That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through

the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands, and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions.

Data is not an end. It is a tool that helps us learn and improve so that Rotary's service delivers real, measurable change. Each project entered and each waterway restored adds to a shared story of stewardship and responsibility. You can learn more and get involved at communityactionforfreshwater.org.

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When we connect local action to a global vision, we strengthen Rotary's ability to make lasting change. Together, by extending our reach and working side by side, we truly

Unite for Good.

One Million Strong and Still Running



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Christine Kyeyune Kwooya
District Governor, Rotary District 9214
Rotary Year 2025–2026

Last month, Rotary District 9214 marked a historic milestone: USD 1,000,000 contributed to The Rotary Foundation.

This is more than a financial figure. It is a statement of belief. A statement of discipline. A statement of collective responsibility.

Reaching one million dollars did not happen by accident. It happened by design.

First, it was the power of asking. We asked boldly. We asked consistently.

We asked without fear of rejection. The worst answer we can receive is no. But every no leaves room for the next conversation. Every conversation creates awareness. Every awareness moment builds ownership. As leaders, we understood that fundraising is not about pressure. It is about invitation. And we kept inviting. Second, the District Governor's Special Pin created accessibility in giving. By encouraging each member to contribute at least USD 100 toward The Rotary Foundation to receive the District Governor's Special Pin, we made participation tangible. Many members who had never given before stepped forward because the pathway felt achievable. The USD 100 entry point was simple, clear, and inclusive.

It reinforced an important truth: every contribution matters. The culture shifted from watching to participating.

Third, the promotion of Named Funds unlocked significant capacity. Named Funds allow members to give toward areas they are deeply passionate about. One individual contribution of USD 25,000 came in at once through this approach. When members see that their giving can reflect their personal convictions, generosity increases. Structured giving builds confidence.

Finally, we operated under a shared rhythm: doing it together, one act at a time. Foundation giving was not treated as a side conversation. It was embedded in our fellowships, in our district engagements, and even during the visit of Rotary International

President Francesco Arezzo to

Uganda. We spoke about it openly. We celebrated it publicly. We normalized generosity.

I want to sincerely thank our Governors, Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, Foundation Chairs, and every Rotarian who believed that District 9214 could lead from the front.

But we must remember: the Rotary year does

not close at one million dollars. We still have three months to go before 30 June 2026.

Momentum must not slow. It must accelerate.

As we observe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, let us reflect on why The Rotary Foundation matters. Your gift can provide clean water. Water is essential to life, yet billions of people still live without safe drinking water. A contribution to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund supports member-led projects that provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in communities that need them most. These are sustainable interventions that prevent disease, protect mothers and children, strengthen schools, and restore dignity.

This month, I invite every Rotarian in District 9214 to give again. If you have given USD 100, consider increasing it. If you have not yet given, start. If you are close to a milestone, complete it.

We have proven that together we can reach one million dollars.

Now let us prove that we can go beyond it. One act at a time. One gift at a time.

One district, moving forward together.

Message from the President



Sam Colin Sali
Action President

The 5th Edition was the Beacon which covered 1st July to 31st October 2025. It was scheduled to be a quarterly newsletter, but our PR fell sick in July early in the Action year, hence disrupting the production, till the President decided to author the 5th Edition.

The new PR, Joweria Nansereko, has stepped up and produced this 6th Edition, and we hope she will produce the scheduled 7th Edition before the end of June 2026. The DG, Christine Kyeyune Kawooya's message is that **WE MUST FINISH STRONG**. Yes we hope to have the 7th Edition done.

As we near the conclusion of the Action Year, I thank TEAM BUNGA, for the achievements we didn't anticipate of winning but won several Awards. I also applaud our Assistant Governor, MD Farouk Busuulwa for his unlimited assistance since 1st July 2025.

"THE BUNGA WE NEED"

Message from the PR Director

This is my first Beacon since I was appointed in the PR docket in Nov 2025. My President encouraged me to accept the role which I think is one of the most delicate ones.

I thank the President and a few other officials who have constantly guided me on how to gather the information.

Enjoy your reading.

Public Relations Director
2025-2026



EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 2025
TO MARCH 2026**

11th November, 2025 Out-Of-Venue Club Fellowship

The club held its 3rd off-venue fellowship in action Rotary Year 2025-2026 courtesy of our own member Brendah Nakibuuka Nyeko at her restaurant, known as Grandma's kitchen in Bunga which started at 6pm.

What an evening to remember, full of VIBE and pomp, graced by none other than our Assistant Governor LV10, Farouk Busuulwa accompanied by other guests. About 20 rotaractors from Kampala International University Rct club also attended and spiced up the evening to the full satisfaction of our members.



13th Dec 2025 End of Year Xmas Party

We were privileged to have the District Governor, Christine Kyeyune Kawooya as Guest of Honour who agreed to pin over 10 pending \$100 Governor's Pins, Two Rubies recognized and several levels of PHF pins. During the function, some three members bought and paid @\$100 and were pinned straight away. We are grateful to DG for accepting to attend the party. Our Assistant Governor also accompanied the DG. Thank you AG Farouk.



**Wednesday
16th December 2025:**

Kitanda WASH Project

Once again like he did on 26th Sept 2025 when the Kitanda GG 2458157 WASH Multi Club Project was LAUNCHED in Bukomansimbi, by PDG Peace Taremwa (also the Action District Chair TRF Committee), our Assnt Governor Farouk Busuulwa again provided a free 30 seater BUS for Bunga members to travel to Kitanda, early morning on 16th Dec to welcome the Rotary International Director Elect Emmanuel Katongole, whom Bunga applauds till today, for COMMISSIONING the Project and opening clean water taps in the 4 schools along the 3km supply line from the source. The RIDE specifically spent time at the 20,000 lts reservoirs which were intentionally located at Kitanda HC111 to ensure that there was always water at the

hospital, even under low supply levels at the source. At the same spot, The RIDE accepted to pin 7 Bunga members at different PHF levels. We missed the presence of students from the 4 schools ie Lwamalenge COU PS, St Henry's Ndalage RC PS, Brainway Jnr School and St Stephen's Bright Parents Jnr School, who were on school holiday at the time. As of today there are about 7500 beneficiaries ie Hospital Staff and patients; students, staff and workers; plus Kayanja Town residents who fetch water from IPCs/water tap stations. It is pleasant to note that this project took only 2.5 months from launching to commissioning. It is important to note our Uganda Partnering Rotary Clubs, namely, Kampala Muyenga Breeze, Muyenga Sunday Sunset and Kansanga, WHILE RC American River in USA, led a consortium of other 5 clubs.



Monday 26th Jan 2026

Ggaba Corridor Massive Blood Donation Drive

Our DG Christine Kyeyune Kawooya had a few days earlier initiated a BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN to the rescue of the Mengo Blood Center (initially constructed by ROTARY UGANDA) whose stocks had been depleted. In immediate response, RC Bunga with the Rotary Clubs in The Gaba Road Corridor swung into action with 6 Blood Donation Centres, whereunits of blood were donated under the supervision of the Nakasero Blood Bank. Twenty Rotary Clubs and 14 Rotaract clubs participated, and RC Bunga in particular set up at Bunga Market.

Rotary District 9213 District 9214 Mengo Hospital Blood Bank

GABA ROAD CORRIDOR MEGA BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

1.Kabalagala.	37	9.Munyonyo	43
2.Namuwongo.	59	10.Bunga Mkt	24
3.Soya.	34	11.Busabala.	70
4.Kansanga Mkt	33	12.Kibiri.	45
5.Kulekaana Stage	42		
6.Land Star	24		
7.Twins Home.	39		
8.Kirombe.	68		

518 Units



thank you



THE 7500 BENEFICIARIES OF THE NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL KITANDA GG WASH PROJECT... which was commissioned on 16.12.2025

1. Haji Kigongo who donated the land where the underground water source was found.



2. Kitanda Health Centre III



4. St. Andrew Catholic PS



5. Brainway Jnr PS



6. Bright Parents PS



7. The last beneficiaries are Kayanja Trading Centre Community



Tuesday 17th Feb 2026 RC Bunga Vocational Award-2026

Our own member, Rtn John Muwanga and his family, scooped the RC Bunga Vocational Award-2026, for the passionate love of an extremely difficult call of living with these children in their home, Support Disabled Children Ggaba.

THE GUEST OF HONOUR was none other than PAG David Sserwawudde Nsubuga, a Rtn from RC Kampala Central, the leader of the RUN FOR THE NILE, as well as an Honorary member of RC Bunga.

RC Bunga has supported the home for over 8 years, but many members have extended assistance privately also. Bravo.

Rtn. John Muwanga introduced his wife, Betty Nankabirwa Muwanga, daughters Nassozi



Friday, 20th Feb 2026 The RI Francesco Arrezo visit to Uganda.

This was a day of reckoning for Rotary in Uganda; The Rotary International President Francesco Arrezo visited Uganda. All Rotarians and non Rotarians were honoured by his visit which was entrusted in the safe hands of our Uganda Top Gurus in Rotary, RIDE Emmanuel, DG 9214 Christine Kyeyune Kawooya, DG 9213 Geoffrey Kitakule, PDGs, etc etc and Visit Chairman PDG Ken Mugisha. Our bulletin could not skip the day.





On 24th Feb 2026 Bunga Karaoke Fun Fellowship

The Vocals and mimicks came out, songs were sung, shy people danced, and every thing was done for every one to stress off. To new members, the Karaoke opened up their hearts to unexpected fun enjoyments. It was great music chosen by Buddy Groups and individuals.



On 3rd March 2026 The Run For The Nile 2026

The Run For the Nile this year will be held in Jinja on 28th March 2026 organised by the RC Jinja. But the D9214 LAUNCH OF THIS RUN was held at RC Bunga on Tue 3rd March, by non other than IMPACT DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Daniel Mukasa Ddamulira, at Sir Jose Hotel. The Head of the RUN, PAG David Nsubuga executed the launch with vigour and sold Run Vests in big numbers.





ROTARY D9214
Official Launch of
RUN FOR THE NILE 2026
To Protect Lake Victoria

5km 10km 21km

3rd Match 2026 **7pm** Sir Jose Hotel Ggaba

Chief Launcher DGE Daniel Ddamulira

NDIGA Buddy Group in Charge

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17th March 2026 1st Bunga RC SACCO General Meeting

We were honoured to host the Makindye Municipality Trade and Cooperatives Officer, Haji Ahmed Ntambi, who conducted the elections of the SACCO Interim Committee, thus strengthening its Foundation from the outset.



Sunday 29th March 2026: LV10 Home Hospitality:

Our Assistant Governor Farouk Busuulwa invited All Clubs in Zone LV10 and their members to a grandeur Home Hospitality at SERENITY SPORTS OASIS, Mityana Rd. RC Bunga and 4 other Clubs under his tutelage (2025-2026) were present, namely Bulange, Kampala Munyonyo, Kitende & Muyenga Sunday Sunset. It was a great afternoon, evening, night etc etc. Our DG Christine Kyeyune Kawooya was in the house. PDGs Ndamira Magezi, Stephen Mwanje, Mike Sebalu and Peace Taremwa graced the function.

AG Farouk said the Hospitality was intended for his Clubs to finish STRONG.

Rotary Club of Bunga showcased part of its projects on screen.



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