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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Vocational service – Who will break out of the box?

I am willing to bet that the main activities in your club this year under Vocational Service are: Career Guidance (really more often than not career information rather than career guidance) and Vocational Service Awards.

I would win very easily, because this is based on history. Indeed, it is true that the only vocational service activity in many clubs is the Vocational Service Award. I would win very easily because this is almost all I have seen in the club plans for the year (call it using inside information unfairly!). I would win easily because that is all that has happened in my club each year since I became a Rotarian.

Who will Lead the Way, and how, in breaking out of the box? Who will find new angles to “the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society”?

I heard while meeting Rotaractors in Mombasa that Rotaractors and other young business and professional persons need mentoring. Each Rotarian could identify a few business people in the community, and take on the responsibility of mentoring them. A club of thirty members could handle one hundred young

people each year. Is this a possible angle to Vocational Service? And what a potential source of new Rotarians!

We live in poor communities where most cannot afford the services or goods we offer. We could develop projects that call on our vocations to the service of the community. The medical professionals and the pharmacies are doing this routinely though medical camps, dental parades, eye camps, etc. What about all the other businesses and professions? Is there no opportunity? How? What a wonderful opportunity for linking to the community through vocational service, actualizing our occupations as an opportunity to serve society!

Our membership is based on the classification principle. We do classification surveys, but we are often not good business people. We stop at the classification, without actually identifying the individuals: Identifying individuals is a critical first step. We can then study the individuals and, if they are Rotary material, develop personalized strategies for recruiting them. Invite them to give a talk. Involve them in a project. What a wonderful opportunity to address membership growth!

This is just scratching the surface. All the Rotarians, thinking this through, can develop new and better angles to an old story, make it more

exciting, lead to greater service. Never mind that October is Vocational service month: if all you have planned is the same old menu, use October to launch a new brand of Vocational Service in your club. Lead the Way!

Tusu

WHEN THE RI PRESIDENT VISITED DISTRICT 9200

It was such a wonderful and memorable moment when the RI President Bill Boyd and his lovely wife Lorna visited District 9200 during 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August. Look out for a special edition of this visit during this month.



RI President Bill Boyd at Ground Breaking Ceremony at Jacaranda in Nairobi during his recent visit to District 9200

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

October is Vocational Service month. Vocational Service ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> amongst the 4 avenues of service. Over the last 2 months I have addressed all club presidents on the importance of vocational service when planning a balanced programme of Rotary Activities through out the year.

I am confident that each one of you shall *Lead the Way* in creating Vocational Awareness in this and the coming months and implementing projects that highlight the importance of Vocational Service at club and community level.

Rotary emphasis on vocational service has its roots in the founding of the organisation and the use of classification principles, the guideline by which all Rotary membership is determined. Have you ever thought how it was that you became a member of your club? There could be several reasons but the most important was that someone - a Rotarian - had enough faith and trust that you were the best person qualified to represent your vocation.

Vocational service lies at the heart of rotary, because each club is a fellowship of business and professional persons organised around the principle of classification and vocation. When professionals join a Rotary Club, they do so as a representative of their particular business or profession. This gives Rotarians the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of rotary within the work place.

The 2nd part of the **Object of Rotary** calls for Rotarians to apply high ethical standards in their business and professions as they serve society. Let me conclude with some food for thought. Whilst one's standing in the community is indeed important, is it not equally or even more important, of what one does for the community that one stands in?

*Vijay Talwar*

*Dist. Chair Vocational Service.*

### LEE IS CHOICE FOR 2008-09 RI PRESIDENT

**Dong Kurn "D.K." Lee**, a Rotary Foundation Trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea, has been nominated for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2008-09.

A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served Rotary Foundation as a Director, Treasurer, District Governor, Training Leader, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, and a membership Task Force Coordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-04 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

### MESSAGE TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

Thank you all for Leading the Way! I know you all now face the challenge on delivering your good plans - through good leadership and bringing everyone on board, rather than doing it yourself (which is leadership failure). I have already visited almost 30 clubs to date, and I thank those I have visited for the time. I have been warmly welcomed in all cases, though I have sensed worry and panic in some isolated cases: I am a friend, not an assessor, coming to learn from you and pass on lessons from elsewhere so that we can together push service in our District to new heights.

I have sent this message earlier about documenting the Governor's visit to your club from your own perspective. This is to request that each club President does an article on the visit that will be posted on the District website. The maximum length

should be 400 words (otherwise no one will really read it!). The rough guide is as follows:

1. What are the strengths of your club? Number of members? Percentage of ladies? Planned growth? TRF Contribution target for the year?
2. What were the key challenges that you discussed with the Governor during the official visit? What is your plan for addressing them?
3. Which project visit highlights Rotary during the visit? This refers to those projects that capture the challenges our communities face, and the Rotary spirit in addressing them. A photograph or two would be useful and are very strongly recommended.
4. Other impressions and/or key issues about the visit. All the best.

**Tusu**

### MESSAGE TO DISTRICT OFFICERS

Thank you for the expert support you are giving to clubs. Kindly send a report - one page will be quite sufficient - addressing the following issues:

1. What were your planned targets and activities for the year?
2. What have you achieved/done during the first three months?
3. Where have you excelled, or underperformed, and why?
4. What new targets/activities have you planned; and/or corrective action will you take during the next quarter?

**Tusu**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PR GRANT APPLICATION FORMS**

**Dear Club Presidents and Club PR Committee Chairs,**

You are reminded that the deadline for submission of the Public Relations Grant Application forms is 30th September 2006 to the District Office for sign off. However, a grace period of only one week will be given to those who are unable to submit the forms by the above date. Please send soft copies to the Rtn. Henry Rugamba [henry-rugamba@gisorora.com](mailto:henry-rugamba@gisorora.com) or [mailto:hrugamba@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mailto:hrugamba@yahoo.co.uk).

**Stephen Mwanje**  
**District Secretary**

**DISTRICT 9200 DIARY OF CLUB VISITS**

Date	Morning 8.30am- 2pm	Afternoon 2.15p.m- 8pm
Sept 18th	Muthaiga	Utumishi
19 <sup>th</sup>	Nairobi South	Langata
20 <sup>th</sup>	Nairobi North	Milimani
21 <sup>st</sup>	Nairobi	Karen
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurlingham	Industrial Area
23 <sup>rd</sup> (10am)	Nairobi Interactors	
27 <sup>th</sup>		Port Bell
28 <sup>th</sup>		Kampala East
29 <sup>th</sup>		Kyengera
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Addis Ababa East
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Addis Ababa West	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Addis Ababa Bole	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Addis Ababa	Addis Ababa Entoto
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bahr Dar?	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bushenyi	Ibanda

11 <sup>th</sup>	Rwampara	Kabaale
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mbarara West	Mbarara
13 <sup>th</sup>	Busheyi	
16 <sup>th</sup>		Kabarole
17 <sup>th</sup>	Kibaale	Kasese
18 <sup>th</sup>	Hoima	Masindi
19 <sup>th</sup>		Arua
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Mityana
30 <sup>th</sup>	Muranga	6pm: Nairobi Rotaractors
31 <sup>st</sup>	Nairobi East	Westlands
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thika	4pm: Inner Wheel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Machakos	Karura
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meru	
7 <sup>th</sup>		Kyotera
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kalisizo	Masaka
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tanzania Leg 1	Country Chair to send details
27 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Tanzania Leg 1	Country Chair to send details

**SEPTEMBER IS THE NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**

In a special way as Rotarians, we are charged with the responsibility of focusing on the Youths in all our Rotary activities during this month as well as in the rest of the year. All Rotary Clubs should undertake Projects geared towards promotion of values in the Youths. Let us focus on the fundamental needs of the New Generation such as Health, Education, Leadership, Human values and Self Development, Drug abuse and Rights of the Youth.

During this month, let us promote the Goals of Interact and Rotaract but the same time not forgetting Youths that may not fall in the two Categories:- Youth

in our community, on the street, youth with disabilities, vulnerable children (child sacrifice). We must guide the New Generation in knowing their rights so that they know law and when to demand for justice and how. Interacting more with the Youth, New Generation conferences and seminars, RYLA, Youth exchange, Interact & Rotaract are programmes that would go a long way in providing an avenue to observe Youth problems – let us use them.

On Interact; Has your Club sponsored and Interact Club? Does your Club know when the Interact Club they sponsored meet? Do you visit and fellowship with the Interactors in that Club? Do you have an interact Officer in your Club? If the answer is No to the above, please start NOW. Know the goals of Interact for better guidance. Are you aware that an Interact Club is organized, sponsored and supervised by a Rotary Club? Do you know that the age limit is 14 – 18 years? Do you have clubs not recognized by RI, probably without your knowledge, but regarding you as their Parent? Assist them now.

**Martin Kiyaga**  
**District Interact Chair 2006/07**

**SAD NEWS!!**

President Petronilla (Nilla) Murphy, of Rotary Club of Machakos, lost her husband yesterday in the United States of America where he had been taken for medical treatment. Our heartfelt condolences go to President Nilla and her children. May God give the departed soul eternal rest.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE AUGUST 2006

Club Name	Members	%
	<b>Attendance</b>	
Addis Ababa	31	-
Addis Ababa-Bole	-	-
Addis Ababa East	36	68.07
Addis Ababa Entoto	-	-
Addis Ababa West	-	-
Arua	-	-
Arusha	26	82
Arusha Mount Meru	35	58
Asmara	-	-
Bahari-Dar-es-Salaam	43	-
Bahari-Mombasa	-	-
Bugolobi	-	-
Bukoba	-	-
Bukoto	28	-
Bushenyi	-	-
Bweyogerere-Namboole	-	-
Dar-es-Salaam	56	53
Dar-es-Salaam Mzizima	29	-
Dar-es-Salaam North	28	-
Diani-Mombasa	-	-
Eldoret	-	-
Entebbe	27	52.2
Gaba	18	-
Gulu	-	-
Homa Bay	-	-
Hurlingham-Nairobi	17	78
Ibanda	13	-
Iganga	-	-
Iringa	-	-
Jinja	68	-
Kabale	-	-
Kabarole	23	-
Kajjansi	19	88
Kakamega	-	-
Kalisizo	14	86
Kampala	58	-
Kampala-Central	-	-
Kampala-East	37	76.6
Kampala-North	47	81.8
Kampala-South	29	72
Kampala-Ssese Islands	42	-
Kampala-West	30	-
Kamuli	-	-
Kasangati	-	-
Kasese	44	-
Kayunga	-	-
Kibaale	-	-
Kilifi	-	-
Kilindi-Mombasa	22	-
Kisumu	43	54.6
Kiwatule	-	-
Kololo-Kampala	-	-
Kyambogo-Kampala	-	-
Kyengera	-	-
Kyotera	-	-
Lira	31	-
Machakos	22	66
Makindye	38	-

Malindi	-	-
Maralal	24	-
Masaka	-	-
Masindi	25	-
Mbale	-	-
Mbarara	38	54
Mbarara-West	-	-
Mengo	50	-
Milimani	-	-
Mityana	-	-
Mombasa	-	-
Mombasa Central	19	57
Mombasa North Coast	-	-
Moshi	20	-
Mpigi	-	-
Mubende	-	-
Mukono	28	-
Murang'a	-	-
Muthaiga	-	-
Muyenga	79	74
Mwalimu Nyerere-Dodoma	-	-
Mwanza	18	-
Nairobi	104	-
Nairobi Industrial Area	-	-
Nairobi-East	28	-
Nairobi-Langata	-	-
Nairobi-North	38	-
Nairobi-South	-	-
Nairobi-Utumishi	-	-
Naivasha	16	72
Nakuru	32	51.61
Nebbi	-	-
Ntinda	32	56
Port-Bell	-	-
Rubaga	30	-
Rwampara	-	-
Seeta	-	-
Source of the Nile	20	-
Tanga	31	-
Thika	16(17)	100
Tororo	-	-
Vihiga	-	-
Webuye	15	52.48
Westlands-Nairobi	-	-
Karagwe	16	60.9

## CLUBS AS LEGAL ENTITIES

Dear Country Chairs,  
I am aware that the majority of clubs in our District are not registered as legal entities. Consequently, several clubs are facing operational difficulties. I therefore would like to propose that you guide clubs in your respective countries to have their clubs registered as legal entities. They could be registered as companies or NGO's limited by guarantee (and not shares).

Please seek legal guidance from our colleagues in this field.  
*Stephen Mwanje*  
District Secretary - 2006/7

## LIGHT CORNER

- 📧 **Customer:** Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...
- 📧 **Tech support:** Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.
- Customer:** Your left or my left?

## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD

### To our esteemed contributors and readers,

We wish to thank you for the time you have taken to put pen on paper to send us these interesting articles while at the same time remaining avid readers. We call upon those who intend to send us articles for the DG's Newsletter in the coming months to do so not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the one when the article will be published. All articles should not exceed 300 words. Send articles to Rosetti Nabbumba for editing at:

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\*\*\*\*\*Quote of the day\*\*\*\*\*

**"Action is eloquence" William Shakespeare**