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## District Governor's Newsletter

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### DISRTICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

#### SECURING THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE THROUGH THE NEW GENERATIONS

**"Emiti emitto n'ekibira" – Lusoga saying**

This translates to "It is the young saplings that make the forest". We must recall that to our ancestors, forests were not talked about in terms of environmental protection: they were a source of security and livelihood. They provided building materials; they provided food; they provided medicines; they provided shelter from the enemy; they were the home of the spirits. They were part of the essence of the continuity and survival of the tribe. By applying the metaphor of the forest to the youth, our ancestors were making a statement that the young people were the assurance that the tribe would grow and survive.

The saying engrains in our psyche the need to ensure that the saplings, the New Generations, are properly nurtured in social responsibility; in ethical behaviour; in professional development; in breaking down the cultural barriers that lead to conflict both locally and internationally.

Through Interact and Rotaract Clubs, through the Family of Rotary, Rotarians around the world reach out to the youth, nurturing them in the way of service, environmental awareness, ethical behaviour, and professional development. This of course imposes an individual responsibility each of us as Rotarians, the need to re-examine ourselves, so that we nurture the new generations not just through what we say, but more importantly through what we are and what we do. **"Every Rotarian an Example to the Youth"**.

The past belongs to us, the present belongs to the New Generations and us, tomorrow belongs to the New Generations. Let us then support them in shaping their future by listening to them, by supporting and encouraging them to formulate the humanity solutions for tomorrow, by tempering their dreams with the advice of experience. Let us not, however use our limited experience and the thinking of our age to constrain their dreams. It is the dynamism and out of the box approaches of the youth that have already led the human race to new dimensions and thinking. Let us remember the age Paul Harris was when he started Rotary.

Let the Rotary Clubs become responsible parents to the Interact and Rotaract Clubs. We have a stewardship responsibility that we often ignore in the pressures of daily life. Let us go back to basics and remind ourselves of these stewardship responsibilities, and follow through with action that will ensure our youth are better than us.

That way, we can secure the future of Rotary, the future of the Human race.

Lead the Way.  
DG Tusu

#### NEWS FROM RI PRESIDENT'S VISIT

A special Edition of the DG's Newsletter covering the RI President Visit will be out this week.

See also;

[www.rotary9200.org](http://www.rotary9200.org)

#### Interact Club of Seeta College Organised Sponsored by Rotary Club of Kampala West



PDG Sam Owori, President Sam Bwaya & Members of the Interact Club of Seeta College

#### A NEW CLUB IS BORN! THE ROTARY CLUB OF LIRA.

The Rotary Club of Lira, admitted by R.I. on 25th April 2006, held its colourful and joyful charter ceremony on 5th August 2006 presided over by DGE Chris Mutalya. The ceremony also doubled as the installation of Charter President Peter Kusolo and induction of the charter members.

Several Rotary Officials including DS Stephen Mwanje, AG Carol Abeja, PP G. Omongo, plus presidents and members of several Rotary Clubs including Entebbe (Lira's sponsoring Club), Gulu, Kyambogo, Mukono, Kampala South, Kampala Central, Bweyogerere Nambole, Kiwatule and members of the Provisional Rotaract Club of Lira UTC. The Charter Ceremony was preceded by a two-day training seminar on membership, TRF and Club Administration.

#### DOCTRINE OF SERVICE

**By Mr. S.K.Basu – Guest  
Speaker at the Rotary Club of  
Webuye**

Service is a manifestation of human virtues like affection, compassion, love, and kindness. "Home should be centre not boundary of our affection"

These services are rendered basically out of our emotion without any obvious self-interest. This is an emotional urge of every heart and depends on one's capability and opportunities. Being a part of humanity our self-interest is not isolated and encompasses that of all beings and here our social and human responsibility comes in.

From time immemorial in all scriptures and religions, we are asked to cultivate benevolence.

**“service is synonym to sacrifice”**  
All religion teaches us to be charitable. You are richer by what you give. This is law of nature. You gain what you give away, what you sacrifice. The secret of relationship is that one should take the position of bestower not a petitioner.

**Sacrifice is synonym to success.**  
Many of you have heard of Swami Vivekananda the great Disciple of Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa Deva, one of the famous saints of India. One important lesson he claimed to receive from Ramakrishna was that “Jiva is Shiva” i.e. each individual is divinity itself. This became his mantra and he coined the concept of Daridra Narayan Seva- The service of God in and through (poor) human beings.

Service is not restricted to fulfilling the deficiency or growth needs of human beings only. It attains higher levels when it addresses the self-actualisation and spiritual needs of others. But one important thing is that service should be need based. One should not give religious discourse to starving souls. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder of Missionaries of Charity, shows in our time what is service of God in and through human beings. In her words:

“I see God in every human being. When I wash the leper's wounds, I feel I am nursing the Lord Himself. Is it not a beautiful experience!”

**( Submitted by Rtn Kailash Nath Sahu, President Rotary Club of Webuye )**

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## **NEW LEADERS GROUP**

Retaining new members can pose a greater challenge than recruiting them. Newcomers depart for a variety of reasons, many of which stem from a feeling of alienation.

In his year as president of the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise began, Barry Mordis hit upon an idea that he hoped would make new members feel more comfortable and confident and, thus, more likely to stick around. New members need time and space to grow as Rotarians. So he established the New Leaders Group in 2003-04 to enable the club's greenest members to gather and get to know Rotary and each other.

All new members of the Boca Raton Sunrise club become members of the New Leaders Group. But Mordis also opens the group's ranks to anyone who has been with the club for three years or less, to catch those whose enthusiasm might be waning. Meetings include discussions of club activities, the programs and structure of RI and The Rotary Foundation. The discussions are followed by fellowship activities to instil the social bonds new members need in order to feel they belong.

“The primary accomplishment is improving members' knowledge about our organization at the club, district, and RI levels,” Mordis says. “When members understand what is going on in the organization, they have a greater sense of ownership.

Although these extracurricular sessions work wonders for new members, Mordis is careful about establishing something that, by separating new members from the club's veterans, could be seen as divisive. He avoids offending the club's “old guard” — long-time members who have worked hard to make the club what it is today. For this reason, the group is encouraged to invite senior members to speak at the meetings to share their knowledge and experience.

One of the side benefits of the New Leaders Group is that newer members become more comfortable

and effective as club recruiters. The group itself serves as “second sponsor” to anyone recruited by one of its members, thus reducing the stress a new Rotarian might feel in taking on the responsibility of sponsorship alone.

“The New Leaders Group] has bridged the time void between when a Rotarian joins our club and when he or she actually feels like a part of the organization,” he says. “Now it happens almost immediately.”

*Excerpted from “A Group of Their Own,” by Anthony G. Craine, The Rotarian, August 2004 .*

**Message from Rtn Abul Majid Aboo, District Membership Development Chair.**

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## **NO ROOM FOR DIRTY JOKES IN ROTARY**

In spite of guidance it is noted with concern that Rotarians have continued the practice of telling dirty jokes at Rotary functions (in the name of making fun/ telling stories).

Rotary is a very dignified organization and these jokes are doing all of damage to us. Fun at Rotary functions does not mean dirty jokes.

The test of a good joke is one that can be told in the simultaneous presence of one's spouse, parents and children. If it can not pass this test, save your colleagues the embarrassment and keep it to yourself. Thank you

**Stephen Mwanje**  
**District 9200 Secretary - 2006/7**

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## **PP GODFREY SEMUGOOMA APPOINTED**

Rotarian PP Godfrey Semugooma, the IPP of the Rotary Club of Kiwatule, has been appointed as a Volunteer auditor of TRF program Awards up to the 31st December 2008.

PP Godfrey's appointment has brought pride to D.9200.  
**Congratulations PP Godfrey.**

## THE INNERWHEEL CLUB OF MOMBASA

### The Innerwheel Breast Cancer Mission

Inner Wheel is an International organization in which membership is open to all wives and female relatives of Rotarians world wide.

The Aims and Objectives are:

1. Promote True Friendship
2. Encourage the ideals of personal service
3. Foster International understanding

The Inner Wheel club of Mombasa wants to embark on the awareness, prevention and detection of "Breast Cancer" and thereafter provide emotional, psychological, social, medical and financial assistance to those afflicted.

In 2004 over 400 women were examined, through the voluntary work of a group of ladies holding workshops in school, colleges, religious centres, and different communities. Now there is more awareness of Breast Cancer.. In 2005 over 1400 women were examined, from which 9 malignancies were detected and required immediate attention.

Each case of Breast Cancer can cost up to about Kshs.350,000/= per patient. The treatment consists of 6 sessions of chemotherapy costing Kshs.150,000, Mastectomy (removal of the breast) costing Kshs.100,000/= and followed by 6 weeks of radiotherapy which costs Kshs.100,000/=

The Club, therefore, wishes to establish an Endowment Fund in order to have a permanent funding for Breast Cancer patients, some of whom have little or no finance to get treatment.

Accordingly, the Club of Mombasa, requests Rotarians to assist them with what ever possible so that they

can make a difference in people's life and give them a chance to LIVE.

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### PDG ABDUL LAKHA - RIP

The Rotary Family, received with profound shock the very sad news of the sudden demise of PDG Abdul Lakha who passed away during the early morning hours of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

The late PDG Abdul Lakha was District Governor of D.9200 for the year 1988/89 and he greatly motivated Rotarians under that year's RI Theme "Put Life in Rotary Your Life" His immense contribution to Rotary has left a permanent mark. His enviable gift of humility and listening patiently with indiscriminate respect to all will be greatly missed. All Rotarians in D9200 convey their most sincere condolences to his family and members of the Rotary Club of Nairobi South. **Inna Lillahi wainannailaika Rajuona.**

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### SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM GOALS FOR ROTARY EXTENSION

#### **1.0 Justification**

With just over 100 clubs in District 9200, the density of Rotary is dismally low, but the need for Rotary services could not be greater. The challenge for extending services is in increasing membership and in sponsoring new clubs in communities that can support a Rotary club. In order to have Rotary meetings at times convenient to members the ideal thing would be to have 3 clubs each working day at breakfast, lunch time and evening.

#### **2.0 Potential in Capital Cities.**

It is possible to have 15 clubs in each capital city of the countries of our District. Nevertheless, the number will depend on how the community perceives Rotary and on

the initiatives of existing clubs and Rotarians.

### **3.0 Days and Times of Club Meetings**

With Rotary meetings at breakfast, lunch time and evening from Monday to Friday, then we have opportunity for more clubs.

### **4.0 Potential in other Major Towns.**

Major towns where breakfast, lunch time, and evening clubs are possible are; In Kenya; Mombasa, Kisumu, Nakuru & Eldoret. In Tanzania; Arusha. In Uganda Jinja, Mbarara, Mbale, Masaka, Arua, Kabale & Kabarole.

### **5.0 Tanzania Case Study.**

Tanzania has about 27 Regions and 155 administrative Districts. which tend to replicate Central governments in terms of departments and therefore have large pools of would be Rotarians. Accordingly, Tanzania can have Rotary club at each Regional town for the short term.

### **6.0 Goals for D. 9200 for 2006-2007.**

Having identified potentialities for short to medium terms, I wish to recommend the following goals for this year: **Eritrea** nil clubs, **Ethiopia** 3 clubs, **Kenya** 7 clubs, **Tanzania** 7 clubs, **Uganda** 3 clubs **Total 20 clubs.**

**Sam F. Owori**  
**Chairman, District Extension**

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### **CHANGE OF VENUE**

The Rotary club of Sunrise Kampala, changed fellowship venue to Shangai Restaurant - Kampala Club. The Club meets on Tuesday 7.00 - 8.00 am.

**MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT INTERACT / NEW GENERATION OFFICER**

Clubs are requested to include the following in there priorities:

1. A New Generations conference during September, the new generation month. It would be wonderful if it coincided with the DG's visit in your country so that he attends. Let the district and country office know of your arrangements. I shall personally endeavour to attend.
2. Each Rotary club should have at least two interact clubs.
3. Rotary clubs have direct responsibility over the clubs they sponsor. The closer they are to the interact clubs, the more they will promote rotary values in the new generation. Attending their fellowships is a must. This is where the Rotarians guide the Interactors on there roles and responsibilities.
4. To ensure that interact clubs that are starting follow the right procedure (many are starting without a sponsoring Rotary club and even go a h e a d t o organize so called Charter Ceremonies. These need guidance if you learn of any.
5. The literature about interact is on the website and interact handbook. T h e Interact motto is **Service, Fun a n d Fellowship.**

Let us do as much as we can for the youths through Rotary.

**Martin Kiyaga**  
**District Intract / New Generations Officer D9200**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT JULY 2006**

Club Name	Members	July
Addis Ababa	31	63.7
Addis Ababa -Bole		
Addis Ababa East		
Addis Ababa Entoto		
Addis Ababa -West		
Arua		
Arusha	26	63
Arusha Mount Meru		
Asmara		
Bahari-Dar-es-Salaam	43	54.6
Bahari-Mombasa		
Bugolobi		
Bukoba		
Bukoto		
Bushenyi		
Bweyogerere-Namboole		
Dar-es-Salaam	58	53.3
Dar-es-Salaam Mzizima	29	100
Dar-es-Salaam North	28	50
Diani-Mombasa		
Eldoret		
Entebbe	27	66
Gaba	18	60.7
Gulu		
Homa Bay		
Hurlingham-Nairobi		
Ibanda	13	63.4
Iganga		

Iringa		
Jinja		
Kabale		
Kabarole	23	45
Kajjansi		
Kakamega		
Kalisizo	14	81
Kampala	58	53
Kampala-Central		
Kampala-East	37	76.6
Kampala-North		
Kampala-South	29	64.8
Kampala-Ssese Is	42	70.2
Kampala-West	30	69
Kamuli		
Kasangati		
Kasese	44	70.8
Kayunga		
Kibaale		
Kilifi		
Kilindini-Mombasa	22	72.5
Kisumu	43	51.7
Kiwatule		
Kololo-Kampala		
Kyambogo-Kampala		
Kyengera		
Kyotera		
Lira [P]	31	47
Machakos		
Makindye		
Malindi		
Maralal	24	66.5
Masaka		
Masindi	25	53
Mbale		
Mbarara	38	58.8
Mbarara-West		
Mengo	50	89.6
Milimani		
Mityana		
Mombasa		
Mombasa Central	19	76
Mombasa North Coast		
Moshi		
Mpigi		
Mubende		
Mukono	28	78.5
Murang'a		
Muthaiga		
Muyenga	79	76
Mwalimu Nyerere Dod		
Mwanza	18	47
Nairobi	104	76.8
Nairobi Industrial Area		
Nairobi-East	28	76
Nairobi-Langata		
Nairobi-North	38	61
Nairobi-South		
Nairobi-Utumishi		
Naivasha	14	79
Nakuru	32	54.69
Nebbi		
Ntinda		
Port-Bell		
Rubaga	30	94.3
Rwampara		
Seeta		
Source of the Nile	20	75
Tanga	31	75.9
Thika		
Tororo		
Vihiga		
Webuye	15	57
Westlands-Nairobi		

**“Every Rotarian an Example to the Youth”.**  
**Lead the Way especially during the New Generaton Month September.**

**FROM THE DG'S NEWSLETTER OFFICER'S DESK**

The Editorial Board wishes to express and record its appreciation for the support received from District, Country Officers and Club Officers who submit articles and news from their portfolios and clubs. In the same breath an appeal is made to others in similar offices to develop a writing culture so that the Rotary Family in the District and beyond may know what is going on in their areas.

In the mean time the there are vital issues and information to note;

**1. Deadlines.**

Articles and News Items for the next month's issue must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month.

**2. Length of Articles**

Articles should not exceed three hundred (300) words.

**3. Specific responsibility centres**

Club Presidents shall be responsible for reports from their clubs.

**4. Facilitating Rotarians to receive soft copies of the Newsletter**

- (i) Club Presidents should send their members' emails to the District Secretary.
- (ii) Each Rotary Club shall receive two printed copies of each Newsletter Issue.

**5. Editorial Rights**

The Editorial Board shall have full responsibility for size and content of the Articles.

In accordance with specific responsibilities, the DG's Newsletter Officer is most enthusiastically awaiting reports from Club Presidents, including reports covering the DG's Official visits. **Lead the Way.**

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**LIGHT CORNER**

> *They were a well-matched couple as both of them were madly in love - she with herself, and he with himself.*

> *When my husband complained that his new passport photo didn't do him justice, I told him that he didn't really want justice - he needed mercy.*

> *The nurse ended her romance with William because she felt she had been deceived. William had told her that they had a lot in common as he frequently had to deal with poor hearts and livers. She thought he was a doctor - now she's found out he works in a butcher's shop.*