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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

My Dear Friends,

Permit me to first say thank you to the 1,370 delegates who came for the 82nd District Conference and Assembly, especially from other Districts. We were touched that you came in such large numbers, creating a wonderful atmosphere of Rotary fellowship, Rotary learning, and Rotary alliances. Thank you Martin, and the Conference Team. More on this in the special bulletin that Rosetti and her team are pulling together!

Secondly, I would like to invite you to join Dorcas and I in the Salt Lake City for the Rotary International Convention. From the information we have received, it promises to be a great and pocket-friendly convention - a must attend. President Bill Boyd and Lorna honoured our District through their visit: it is African custom to reciprocate the gesture of friendship.

For the first time, we are, as a District, running a booth to show-case the many service projects we have run, an opportunity to say "Thank You" to our many friends around the world who have supported us. If you are

unable to send a club representative, please prepare large colour posters that President Sam Bwaya of Kampala West who is in charge of the stand will be happy to display. (If I were to award ranks, which I will not, Sam would be among the best five Presidents in the District this year). As part of the continuing "Thank You", we are also having a District Cocktail. Again, even if you are unable to come, your club should send tickets to your partner clubs. President Emmanuel Katongole of Muyenga (you guessed it - also among the top five Presidents, were I to award ranks!) and his team are in charge.

Finally, a farewell (only as District Governor!) from Dorcas and I. How does one sum up the great Rotary experience this year has been for us? How does one verbalise the friendship and fellowship? How does one capture the emotion one feels when he or she experiences Rotary moments, seeing the people, children to aged, to whom Rotarians have restored hope - that intangible state that distinguishes life from existence?

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82nd DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY

"Our Environment, Our Future"

What a wonderful and exciting event it was! Where would one experience Rotary in its fullness than at the 82nd District Conference held during 16th - 19th May 2007 at the Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala.

Her Royal Highness the Nnabagereka (Queen) of Buganda Kingdom Sylvia Nagginda officially opened the District Conference and welcomed all the delegates to Uganda, which she described as a 'Tapestry of beauty' that



The Nnabagereka

has to be preserved through beneficial rather than destructive exploitation.

The delegates had the opportunity to listen to eminent speakers such as Nobel Laureate Hon Prof. Wangari Maathai, and the

renowned scholar Prof. Ali Mazrui, both of whom tackled the theme "Our Environment, Our Future" in a very educative and inspiring manner.

The RI President's Personal Representative Dr. Mike and Abdalla and Jean carried warm greetings to District 9200 from the RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna. He was able to share his experiences both as a Rotarian and a Trustee of TRF.



Representatives of the RI President in the Conference Mike and Jean

The fellowship was further enriched by the participation of three Group Study Exchange (GSE) teams that were visiting D9200 from D5340 (San Diego, California) D7090 (New York State, U.S.A. & Ontario, Canada) and D5360 (Calgary, Alberta Canada). D9200 extends its gratitude to Rtn. Andrew Mutengu who ensured that the teams enjoyed their stay in the district.

The Conference Chair Rtn. Martin Chair and his entire team did indeed put up a wonderful event to remember as they had promised. More details about the 82nd District Conference and Assembly will be unveiled in the special edition to be published later this month in commemoration of the end of this Rotary year.

DG's message continued

How does one thank the Rotarians, barely 3,000 in a population of 150million, and yet having such a disproportionately positive impact on all by ignoring all the odds against them and going for, not gold, but good? Would that there were more of them, more clubs, more Rotarians, more Rotaractors, more Interactors, and of course more Rotary Community Corps, through whom we can entrench the spirit of service in communities!

Two simple words always: Thank You! Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you for being our friends. Thank you for being Rotarians.

Thank you for Leading the Way!

DG Tusu
(Visit www.rotary9200.org for the comprehensive end of Rotary year message)

DONATION BY RC OF ARUSHA MOUNT MERU AND ARUSHA

The Rotary Clubs of Arusha Mount Meru and Arusha have each sent a further US\$ 10,000 to the Foundation as annual giving.

Congratulations!!

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST URGENTLY NEEDED

Dear Club President 2007-08,
As we fine tune and finalise our plans for the Rotary Year 2007/08, we are requesting

you to submit to us an updated list of members in good standing in your club indicating operational mobile phone numbers and email addresses preferably before by 10th June 2007. This critical information will be utilised to update the District Database on membership and to facilitate communication as and when need arise to all Rotarians in the District.

During the Rotary Year 2007-08 we request you keep us posted with any changes in the club membership at least on the quarterly basis. We are grateful for your continued cooperation as we Share Rotary.

Philip Katamba
Incoming Assistant District Secretary

2007 SALT LAKE CONVENTION

You are all most welcome to the mountains of Salt Lake City for the 19th Annual RI Convention, slated for 17-20 June 2007. There, you will join family, friends and fellow Rotarians from around the world at Rotary's largest annual get together. Special events will include, among many others:

- PHFs Event (17th June)
- President's Recognition Luncheon (18th June)
- President-elects Leadership Luncheon (19th June)
- Annual All Africa Breakfast (19th June)
- Rendezvous in the Rockies Luncheon (20th June)

Just to remind you, District 9200 has organised a reception at the forthcoming Convention in Salt Lake City. This is a special occasion for

networking and fellowship. The card goes for only \$35. Let us all attend.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

Dear 2007-08 District 9200 Leadership Team,

Club President, its time for you to get the formalities of your installation out of the way, and to me this means getting hold of the status reports including the Club semi-annual report information and Audited Accounts. It means you have prepared your Club Members to meet their obligations so that you and all other members are in good standing by July 01, 2007, and this means paid up members in a paid up Club. It is however unfortunate that most of you are not yet through with the planning process. Only about 20 Clubs have submitted their Planning Guide for Effective Clubs! I would like to believe that there couldn't be a Club that has not prepared their Planning Guide, and yet I also do not want to believe that we are starting with such a bad communication problem. Please submit your Club Planning Guide TODAY.

Club President, what are your short-term and long-term plan of activities, what are your July programs and activities? Plan to start the year with a bang - with a PR activity that will project Rotary visibility and image, an activity in July the "Literacy Month" that will demonstrate that indeed "Rotary Shares." You must plan to "Lead the Way" in Membership Development in your Club especially during August. This you do not only

to answer President Wilfrid's call, but also to lead your Club Members to Share Rotary and to reach out to those in the community where Rotary Service has not yet reached, aiming at making them able to help themselves through RCC program participation. And I hope you have project profiles ready for possible international partners that you will meet at the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, the September 2007 Projects Fair at the Presidential Conference in Nairobi, and for the WCS Project Exchange.

District Officers/Committee Chairs, it is high time for all Clubs to have known your specific assignment/role and how they will work with you. I therefore hope that your Committee is already functional, and you have also sent out your "KEY MESSAGE" to all Clubs to guide and inspire them.

Country Chairs and Officers, Regional Officers, I hope you have by now formulated Goals, plans and programs specific to your area of assignment, and that your Committees are functional and are in touch with Clubs, guiding and inspiring them to make a difference in their communities.

Our Assistant Governors, you are our Generals in the field. You are the vital link between all of us; you have intimate contact with Clubs. We know that it is with your guidance on administrative and statutory responsibilities, that Clubs are able to function and fulfill their planned programs and activities. Please do not abandon your Clubs; they

need your advice and guidance all the time, and we need you to maintain our link with the Clubs.

Time is now, we must get into business. I have no doubt you are all feeling excited about the task before us, so lets get on with it. Lets go and serve because "Rotary Shares"

DGE Chris Mutalya

KNOW THE DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS 2007/08

Appointment	District Officer
DG	Chris Mutalya
DGE	Kaushik Manek
District Secretary	Tom Kajumba
Ass. District Secretary	Philip Mike Katamba
District Trainer	F.F. Tusubira
District Treasurer	Frank Sebbowa
Ass. District Treasurer	Augustine Rukyema
Planning, M&E	Abel Katahoire
Conference Chair	Raju Dave
Governor's Newsletter & Awards	Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga
Attendance Officer	Sarah Odongo
Bulletin Officer	Daniel Iga
Community Service Chair	Stephen Mwenesi
On-to Los Angeles / Dar-es-Salaam	Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa
Environment Chair	Nelson Kawalya
Family of Rotary Chair/Resource Gp Coordinator	Amirali H. Somji
Fellowship Committee Chair	Amu Shah
Interact Chair	Lucy Gitonga
Literacy Chair/Resource Gp Coordinator	Abdulhamid aboo
Malaria Task Force Chair	Mustafa Mohamed
Membership Development Chair	Daniel Gikongo
Public Relations Chair	Sam Owor
Rotaract Representative	Lawi Sultan Njeremani
Rotaract/RYLE Chair/ Resource	Eric Kimani

Gp Coordinator	
Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair	Nahu Senaye Araya
Rotary Extension Chair/District Conference Advisor	Hatim A. Karimjee
Rotary Voluteers Chair	Telda Teshome
Strategic Planning Committee Chair	Mohamed Abdulla
Vocational Service Chair	Vijar K. Talwar
WCS Committee	Abdulmajid Aboo
Health and Hunger Concerns/Resource Group Coordinator	John Kirkwood
Rotary Community Corps	Stephen Mwanje
Gift of Life	Stanley Mulumba
Youth Exchange Chair	Joel Sekabembe
Water Resource Chair/Resource Group Coordinator	Bimal Kantaria
Rotary Foundation Committee Chair	Varinder Singh Sur
Annual Giving Chair	Geeta Manek
GSE & Alumni Chair	Andrew Mutengu
Humanitarian Grants Chair	Herbert Muyinga
Permanent Fund Sub-committee Chair	John. Baptist Walusimbi
Polio Plus Sub-committee Chair	Shifarrow Bizuneh
District Scholarships Sub-committee Chair	James R. Tugume

**ROTARACT CLUB OF MOMBASA
INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS
DEBATE COMPETITION**

For the first time in its history, the Rotaract Club of Mombasa initiated the above project in Mombasa in March 2007. After a series of rounds involving 8 public schools, two academic giants of the Coast Province clashed on 17/03/2007 with a hot topic:

“Lack Of Parents Attention Is The Cause Of Indiscipline Amongst School Children”.

Although all participants exhibited excellent research and presentation, Allidina School scooped the trophy. The Chief Guest during Finals was Mr. Kike, Mombasa District Education Officer. Also present were the Presidents from the Rotary & Rotaract Clubs of: Mombasa, Kilindini, and Bahari. The Chief Guest congratulated our club for organizing such an educative event and further requested that this should be made an annual event.

ANNUAL GIVING

As District Annual Giving officer I feel that my mission is to convey my passion of Rotary - Its effectiveness - Its capabilities - The strengths and challenges of Annual Giving in District 9200.

To date, our District 9200 has received support from the Rotary Foundation to the tune of USD 6 Million into our District. D9200 has only contributed a meager USD 200,000 - **IS IT FAIR?** If we all did **OUR BIT** and followed up actively we would be more effective in more ways than one:

Firstly, IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL if we could access the RI website and read about and share the good work of the Rotary Foundation. **Secondly**, it would CREATE GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS if we could have more PHFs and multiple PHFs in our District. Contributions can make a difference. For example:

- o US \$ 100: Tuition and books for 2 children in

- Kenya and many other countries.
- o US \$ 500: 12-13 Jaipur Foot prosthetics in most developing countries - Mobility and Independence.
- o US \$ 1000: sufficient vaccine to fully immunize 3,700 Children.

Thirdly, it would be just great if we could have some Clubs where each and every member contributes USD 100 each towards *Every Rotarian Every Year* - EREY.

The greatest support of Rotarians through contributions to the Rotary foundation means that we can claim a **virtual** victory over Polio. We cannot afford to be complacent, as we will not rest till we achieve our dreams. 'Have we done enough?' 'Can we do more?' 'Can we do better?' As long as there is need for us to **lend a hand, to sow the seeds of love**. As long as there is need to **create awareness**, As long as there is need to show that **Rotary cares** as long as there is need to **look beyond ourselves** and **there is need** for Rotary, I believe our work remains **incomplete**. Let us strive harder to achieve our dreams.

**By Geeta Manek,
District Annual Giving Officer
2006-07**

LIGHT CORNER

Wife: Do you want dinner?
Husband: Sure, what are my choices?
Wife Yes and No.

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