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# 34th Installation Magazine

Dear  
Reader.



Greetings from the editorial team. We hope that you're keeping safe as we continue to fight the deadly corona virus.

This magazine is a package of extraordinary people and milestones that Rotarians have accomplished, survived, and celebrated throughout the year 2019/20, and the Rotary goals for the year 2020/21.

We would like to particularly thank the contributors to the 34th Installation magazine of the Rotary Club of Muyenga.

Enjoy the reading as we congratulate outgoing president Douglas for a very successful 2019/20 and wish PE Hannifer a fruitful 2020/21.

## EDITORIAL TEAM

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Deborah Luyima

## Message from the Installation Committee Chairman

On behalf of the installation organizing committee, it gives me great pleasure and tremendous honor to extend our warm welcome to all our distinguished guests and all Rotarians who are physically and those virtually present to this 34th presidential installation function.

This is every special and unique installation, given the prevailing circumstance of COVID-19 epidemic.

When I was requested to chair this committee a few months ago, no one ever thought there would be COVID-19, social distancing and curfew regulations, but here we have them and we have had to adjust to the new normal. This hasn't been easy but we have managed to organize the function we are attending to day. We are thankful and grateful to God that we are healthy and alive to be able to attend this installation ceremony.

I must thank the organizing team I have worked with in this difficult and very dynamic times as well as everyone who has supported us in terms of resources like finances, technology and social support.

To PP Douglas our outgoing president, thank you for support you have given us during this period and for our new president Hannifer and the entire rotary fraternity of Muyenga, thank you for entrusting us to organize this function and given the prevailing circumstance with your support.

We could not have chosen a more befitting venue for our function than Monyonyo Speke Resort Hotel, we are grateful for the enormous support they have given us to enable the function to take place.

To all the service providers, Mampenzi etc... thank you very much.

I hope you will find this installation enjoyable and memorable, thank you everyone for attending the function, may God bless you.

**Rtn Simon Batte**  
**Chairman 34th Presidential RCM installation**  
**ceremony**



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## MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT

# THE 2020-21 PRESIDENTIAL THEME: ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



**Holger Knaack**  
Rotary  
International  
President-elect 20  
January 2020

Fourteen years ago, Rotary held its first International Assembly here in San Diego. And I

was sitting right where you are — as a district governor-elect. I was nervous then about the responsibilities ahead of me and the challenges of leadership.

Now, here we are in 2020, at the final International Assembly to be held here in San Diego — and I am still somewhat nervous. The responsibilities are larger for me this time. But so are the possibilities. I am so excited to share with you all the opportunities that lie in front of us.

At home, you are part of a team that works together year to year, making sure that your district's most important work does not end with a new year of leadership, but continues with greater emphasis. I am also part of a team.

I will be proud to continue President Mark Maloney's strong commitment to growing Rotary. However, I will not be asking you to grow by specific numbers, for a very simple reason — every time that we have asked to grow by specific numbers, we have failed. Instead of focusing on numbers, I want you to think about how we can grow Rotary organically and sustainably. How can we keep our current members and win new members who fit our clubs?

Then, how can we make our organization stronger to face the challenges before us? We must rise to this incredible moment — when we are recognized worldwide for our efforts to end polio — and fix our roof while the sun is shining.

In many ways, Rotary is in wonderful shape. We are financially strong. Still, The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the world's best charities. Our global grants continue to grow, and we become a more internationally focused organization every year.

We are also evolving in interesting ways. There are now more Asian Rotarians than North American.

But there are risks if current trends continue. Especially in areas where we see an aging population, Rotary is declining and over-aged.

We cannot stand still and be satisfied with everything we have done. The digital revolution has affected us much harder than we anticipated. Others have faced this challenge before us and fared poorly.

I had the opportunity to speak recently to Rotarians in Rochester, New York. A former executive at Kodak was in attendance. He told me that they all knew that photography would make the transition to digital eventually. They just never expected it to happen so fast. They went from being the worldwide leader in their field to a company in bankruptcy in just a handful of years.

Time will not slow down for us.

But we will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values.

In Germany, we see Rotary as a community of shared values and personal integrity. Friendship and networking draw people to Rotary. Because of that, we have strong clubs, from which we generate strength for our service.

The Four-Way Test helps us make objective decisions. It is all about self-reflection. Sometimes you don't even know if what you see with your own eyes is true. But The Four-Way Test allows us to ask ourselves: Am I being honest? And am I doing the right thing? That is important. And if we are being completely honest with ourselves, when we look ahead, do we think Rotary is doing enough to face the challenges of the future?

Rotary has to change and will change. And even if some fellow Rotarians will complain that it does not look like their old Rotary, we have to change. As Paul Harris said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. And now is the time to be revolutionary. One way that we will do this is by creating new club models and rethinking what it means to be in Rotary. Young people should be the architects of these new clubs.

For many younger people, sitting down for a meal together is not the best way

to meet. Just because we have held meetings this way for over 100 years doesn't mean it is the only way. [My partner] Susanne's club, for example, is a local e-club. They meet online once a week, communicating on a smartphone app, and they meet in person once a month.

Susanne's club ranges in age from 27 to 70. I love this kind of diversity of generations

in our Rotary clubs. That is the ideal — a multi-generation club. Some clubs will succeed in doing this, but only if they meet the needs of younger generations.

We have to be open to new approaches — and creating unique new clubs for younger people is just part of the solution. You have the power to implement them. It will be up to you to make it work. Forming new Rotary clubs is the distinct responsibility of the district governor. Rotary International has already embraced change. Now it is up to you to make these new clubs a reality.

And by the way, one way that we can listen to younger generations and make existing club membership more appealing to them is to focus more on the environment. Recent disasters — such as the bush fires in Australia — underscore the importance of taking strong action. Our last three presidents made a strong case for Rotary doing more to preserve the environment. There is much we can do ourselves — cutting down on our use of plastic, not overly cooling or heating our homes and offices, not driving too fast on the German autobahn. We are already building environmental protection and sustainability into our service projects, but we have to make these issues more of a priority. Younger people are waiting for us to inspire them to action.

Young people today enjoy service and want to be active in it. We see this in Rotaract — and Rotaractors are now like us. We are all part of Rotary International. We have done away with the artificial age limit. Let Rotaractors decide what kind of Rotary experience works best for them. And anyone who has worked with Rotaractors knows that these young people are bright, energetic, and they get things done! Rotaractors are faster, more effective, and impatient. Their impatience is a virtue. They want to see results now and they will do the necessary work to get it done right away!

Their impatience and persistence make an impact. Nine years ago, Rotarians had an idea for a new project with the Berlin zoo that, one weekend a year, puts on an amazing show for children that encourages exercise, reading, and healthy eating. While Rotary clubs were still thinking and discussing the project,

Rotaractors just decided to start it. And now, all 36 Berlin Rotary and Rotaract clubs take part and make thousands of underprivileged children happy.

So let's take up the challenge and open the doors of Rotary for Rotaractors and young professionals.

But let us also remember that there is no wrong age to become a Rotarian. Every age is welcome; every age has something important to contribute. As we reach out to young Rotarians, we will not leave others behind.

But what about existing clubs? Some parts of the world are already doing a good job with member engagement and retention, while other parts of the world need to do better. To do that, we are going to have to choose new members carefully and ensure that they are the right fit for the right club. We need to make sure that the club meets their expectations. Take it seriously and take your time — you are choosing new friends for life.

We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about. People who leave Rotary talk, and others listen. That affects our image. We want every new Rotarian to be a lifelong Rotarian — a friend engaged in Rotary.

Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members and take their experience and knowledge. That's why we need more women in our clubs and more women in leadership positions.

We also need to remember that meeting new people and making sure they enjoy their membership is fun. We enjoy each other's company and have a great time doing whatever we do. We need to embrace these joyous experiences.

The best way for us to have fun is to be together — whether it is at a large gathering like this assembly or the Rotary International Convention, at a service project, or in our regular meetings. And being together makes us more effective.

And it should be no surprise that our vision statement begins with that word. "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

The vision statement forms the basis for Rotary's new Action Plan, which you will have a critical role in implementing. This new Action Plan is all about growing Rotary and helping us adapt to the digital age. The time is now to take this Action Plan and run with it. Over the next five years, this plan will

increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt.

I would like every Rotary club to have a strategic meeting at least once a year. Each club should be asking where it wants to be in five years and know what value it brings to members.

What makes Rotary so unique and worth sharing with the world? What unique opportunities do we open for you and for the people we serve?

We love people and, wherever we go in the world, Rotarians become our best friends and you wish you had more time with them. We are people from different backgrounds, different generations, languages, and cultures. Even the way that we live Rotary is different country to country and club to club. And that diversity makes us great.

We are held together by the values we share. We are all bound in friendship and we all believe in The Four-Way Test. Rotary is experienced a different way everywhere. But The Four-Way Test remains the same for everyone.

Rotary provides opportunities for service projects that can be performed and completed by us. These projects are meaningful and sustainable.

In Rotary, we don't just donate the money, we also perform the service and see the lasting impact of that service firsthand. This is unique.

Rotary has given many of us the opportunity to travel the world to help put our service ideas into action.

Rotary also provides opportunities for leadership. All of us have taken on great new responsibilities. This is our opportunity to strengthen our network, not for our personal glory, but for the good of Rotary. Creating pathways to leadership for others is a true Rotary ideal — and it will make you a more effective leader.

We are here because we believe in Rotary opportunities, in opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities

for people who need our help. We also know that every act of service will inspire and change us.

Here are four stories that illustrate this idea.

#### **Training Leader Christina Covotsou-Patroclou:**

My year as a district governor concluded with me filled with a newfound humility

and awe for the service Rotarians in my district provide every year. From an underfunded and forgotten talent school, to the promise of a normal life for children with heart disease or cancer, to the right of clean water in schools, Rotary creates opportunity and gives hope to those who may have none.

#### **Training Leader Ludo Van Helleputte:**

I found it in the eyes of a stranger, a connection to the world that I could not find in books. It came from a mother who offered her child to be vaccinated against polio during a National Immunization Day in India. The gratitude in her eyes spoke volumes. Two drops and a smile. ... It changed that child's life, but it also transformed mine. Rotary gave me the opportunity to create lasting change — leading to peace of mind within.

#### **Training Leader Ahmed A. Saada:**

At 28, Rotary gave me the opportunity to participate in a Group Study Exchange program. There, I met a professor who offered me a scholarship at Johns Hopkins University, where I could enhance my clinical research skills and earn a PhD. When I returned home, I was asked to join Rotary — and a new world of service opened for me. For the past 26 years, I have taken every opportunity to volunteer on medical convoys. But my greatest Rotary opportunity happened when I was a Rotaractor — that's where I met my wife and the love of my life, Rania!

#### **Training Leader Mary B. Berge:**

I was adopted at birth, raised in a small family of four. In high school, I hid in a bathroom stall many days, afraid to face the bullies. For years, I was content to follow, never realizing my untapped potential within. Rotary gave me the opportunity to be a citizen of the world, to lead, and to stand on this stage, with confidence and strength. What opportunities does Rotary have for me next? I don't know, but because of Rotary, I'm ready.

So as you can see, Rotary is not just a club that you join. It is an invitation to endless opportunities. It opens opportunities to serve in a project as big and historic as End Polio Now and also in a small community project, where you just plant a tree.

And it opens opportunities for you to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

As Rotarians, we are very blessed to take on leadership roles at this wonderful moment for our organization.

Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere. Therefore, the theme for our year is: Rotary Opens Opportunities.





## MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING GOVERNOR

# Rotary Connects the world

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Every end is a new beginning and it is with pleasure that I welcome and congratulate Opportunity President Hanifa and her board as they take on the mantle of leadership of this Rotary Club for the Rotary year 2020 -2021. But it is also an opportune moment to reflect upon, and to congratulate outgoing Connecting President Douglas and his board, of whom I am immensely proud, for successfully navigating an unprecedented year.

I am sure that you have all come across this famous quote by Charles Darwin: "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change." The COVID-19 pandemic has been a game changer at so many levels. But as District Governor, I have never felt more proud to be a Rotarian as I have been since the COVID-19 outbreak. Having began the Rotary year with great ambition to demonstrate how "Rotary connects the World," I was afraid that our plans were doomed. But Rotarians in D9211 proved me wrong. The speed with which clubs adopted online meetings has been mind-boggling! And you will agree with me that never before, have Rotarians been more "connected" across clubs, districts and zones, as has been the case over the last three months. COVID-19 has enabled us to experience what it means to be a global family.

At a time of great uncertainty and anxiety, the resilience, agility, leadership and humanity of Rotarians, has shone through and led us to new heights. I will never forget the spontaneous generosity and the speed with which individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs leveraged their connections and resources to support our District 9211 Covid-19 Response. These actions have not only upheld Rotary's heritage of looking out for the needs of others, but have also compellingly projected Rotarians as "People of Action" and effective problem solvers.

Paul Harris once said: "this is a changing world and we must be prepared to change with it." Our experiences during the last three months have taught us that nothing is impossible and that there is an opportunity in every crisis – if we are willing to show up; to be open minded; and ready to try new ideas. As the Connecting Team prepares to hand over the baton, I am both thankful and confident that we are handing over a stronger and even more resilient Rotary.

I pledge my full support to the Opportunity Team led by District Governor Rosetti and I hope that we will together build on the 'connections' we have made this year, to create new opportunities for Rotary service.



MESSAGE FROM DGE ROSETTI

# Rotary Opens Opportunities



however small the contribution may be. But the story of giving is incomplete if we do not implement projects in our communities. During and after COVID 19 pandemic, many communities will require our support to rebuild livelihoods. Inspire and guide members to implement impactful sustainable projects in your respective communities. Let us engage our long-life partners in Rotary projects and encourage them to consider joining Rotary through Corporate Membership. The overall target for global grant utilization for D9211 is US\$ 4 million.

The second pillar is about expanding our reach, allowing Rotary to grow organically, and encouraging inclusiveness of youth and women. We target 600 persons to join rotary, 10 Rotaractors to transition into Rotary, 10 Rotaract clubs to be formed and flexible club models introduced. Brand standardization is core to our existence as an institution.

The third pillar is about enhancing participant engagement. Plan for Fitness and Nutrition (FAN) fellowships and activities to bring fun into Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, publicise Rotary and its benefits and promote preventive measures for Non-Communicable diseases (NCDs) in our society. Let us involve Rotaractors in joint projects, promote diversity in club meeting times

and formats and hold at least one Strategic meeting to allow members express their desire of how they want their club to be now and five years on.

The fourth pillar is about increasing our ability to adapt by reporting club goals and performance on Rotary Club Central; qualifying the club; ensuring zero tolerance to fraud and participating in delivering 2 strong districts 9213 and 9214 by the end of our tenure in service on June 30, 2021. The clubs will have the able support and guidance of Assistant Governors throughout the year.

After successfully implementing all the above suggested programmes, I invite you all to celebrate with me our achievements at the end of the year at the 96th District Conference and Assembly that will take place at Speke Resort Hotel, Munyonyo.

Congratulations to the Connecting President and the entire club leadership for the outstanding performance of the club during Rotary year 2019/20. The milestones so achieved under the leadership of District Governor Francis Xavier Ssentamu provide a strong platform for club continuity in 2020-21.

I wish you the best during your year of service and assure you of my unending support during the year. Your allocated Assistant Governor and the District Officers are a resource that you should call upon whenever you need technical assistance in planning and executing the year's programme. Enjoy your year of service as this opportunity comes once in your lifetime; groom the next leaders to ensure continuity and sustainability of the club at the end of your year of service.

I look forward to hearing from each of you over the next 12 months as we "Open Opportunities" in District 9211.

I encourage you to keep safe and observe the Government regulations on COVID-19.

**Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga**  
**District Governor 2020-21**  
**D9211, Rotary Club of Mukono**

**D**ear Opportunity President: Congratulations to you and your Board of Directors upon being entrusted to lead your Club. I trust you are off to a great start! The Rotary Year 2020-2021 will be special in so many ways, not because we are becoming leaders but rather, we are being asked to open opportunities and make a difference! Rotary International President Holger Knaack (2020-2021) shared our Rotary Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities. Now is our chance to demonstrate that we are men and women of action – ready, willing, and able to make a difference in the communities we serve. As a club leader you have a vital role to play in the continued success of Rotary.

Rotary International New Strategic Plan is our compass for action this year. The first pillar on increasing our impact compels us to contribute generously to the Rotary Foundation so that collectively with other clubs in our district we meet the \$600,000 mark of giving. Every member should give to TRF,



MESSAGE FROM

# Outgoing Assistant Governor

**OUT GOING ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

**Rtn. Kabunga Charles.**

I join the entire Rotary fraternity in congratulating my good friend Rtn Douglas Sendagire Kabenge, the Connecting President, for steering this great Rotary Club of Muyenga (RCM) this far under his admirable stewardship.

I congratulate all the RCM "Connecting" office bearers 2019 - 2020 under the leadership of Rtn President Douglas for a job well done. I admired the teamwork, the motivation, the dedication, the commitment, the tirelessness, the oneness you gave President Douglas, the Club and the Rotary fraternity at large. Please be at hand to pass on whatever information and knowledge to the new leadership.

I also congratulate our incoming lovely President Rtn Hannifer Musoke for ascending to the highest office in the Rotary Club of Muyenga. We are proud of you.

I want to welcome another friend of mine, our incoming AG Jocelyn Ekochu for the noble work of guiding this Club to fruition. This is one of the most senior and well seasoned Clubs in Uganda which status entails a lot of responsibility. Each Leader usually comes with a new style of leadership and therefore, we know that we are going to tap on wide leadership qualities of AG Rtn Jocelyn and we look forward for betterment of this great amazing Rotary Club.

Finally, I wish to thank you "Connecting" President Douglas and all the members of the mighty Rotary Club of Muyenga for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Assistant Governor and for the warm welcome you have always accorded me during my visits. It has been an honor and humbling experience. I wish you AG Rtn Jocelyn, President Hannifer, the Board of Directors and entire membership a great year of service to Humanity as "Rotary Opens Opportunities".

Your obedient servant

**Kabunga Charles. AG 2019/20**



## MESSAGE FROM INCOMING AG

## A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**Jocelyn Ekochu**  
**AG Kampala Zone 2, 2020-2021**

The desire to make a difference remains a desire until an opportunity is made available. The world is full of people who are yearning for that opportunity but do not even know where to start looking. There are people whose passion is to alleviate poverty while others want to fight illiteracy. Some people desire improved health for all and others want a safe environment for the children of the world to grow up in.

We all want to see a world where basic needs are not a privilege for a few but a guarantee for all. When things are not working out the way they should, there will be members in our society who want to go out there and put them right. The problem however, is that the opportunity to do so does not always come easily. This is where Rotary comes in: to open opportunities for like-minded people to cause positive change in the world.

Yes, Rotary Opens Opportunities. It is up to us to grab those opportunities and run with them in all areas of focus, where we can join hands and cause a massive ripple effect. We owe it to the communities in which we live and operate, to use our privileges as Rotarians and open opportunities for members of those communities to better their lives. We have the privilege of access to resources that can mean the difference between dire need and a comfortable life for our people.



### **AG Jocelyn bonding with President Hannifer**

We all have unique talents and abilities, and we belong to different classifications. The beauty of Rotary lies in the recognition of the various useful occupations. What unites us is the desire to use those occupations and classifications to do good in the world. Let us therefore purpose to make every year better than the previous one in membership as well as quality and size of projects.

As we start yet another Rotary year, having planned well in advance, let us join hands and deliver the goals that have been set. Gear our efforts towards increasing impact through giving to the Rotary Foundation and utilizing grants for our projects; expanding our reach through membership growth and engaging all stakeholders. Each one of us has a role to play. Let us utilize Rotary opportunities to change our communities.



**2020/2021 Board retreat in February, our  
AG was in full attendance!**

# *The Pride of Muyenga* **RCM PRESIDENTS**



Hannifer Musoke  
2020 /21



Douglas Ssendagire  
Kabenge 2019/20



Gabriel Obbo Katandi  
018/19



Steven Mubiru Kalenge  
2017/18



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2016/17



Francis Mukasa  
2015/16



Florence Mukiibi  
2014/15



Elizabeth Kiboneka  
2013/14



Joseph Kasozi  
2012/13



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2010/11



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2009/10



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2008/09



PAG David Balaka  
2007/08



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2006/07





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2005/06



Margaret Rwemisisiro  
2004 - 2005



Dan Kalule  
2003/04



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2002/03



Chris Bwanika  
2001/02



Leonard K. Mpuuma  
2000/01



Joseph K. Nkuusa  
1999/00



Herbert Muyinga  
1998/99



Mujabi Mpaka (RIP)  
1997/98



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1996/97



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1994/95



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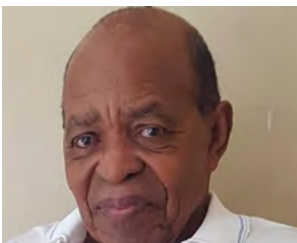
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1992/93



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Remmy Kasule  
1990/91



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1989/90



Manuel Pinto (RIP)  
1988/89



CP Morning Sunrise  
Jane Kabaale 2006/07



CP RC Kibuli  
Salim Makeera 2006/07

**D**ear members of the Rotary Club of Muyenga and Guests,

I salute you all in the name of Paul Harris - our founder, all protocol observed.

I come before you to express gratitude to the various levels of our Rotary organization, for the insurmountable support provided to the Rotary Club of Muyenga, during the Rotary year 2019 -2020. The guidance obtained from our: International office - and therefore President Maloney; the District office - and here I must make mention of our District Governor - DG Ssalongo Xavier Ssentamu, the Assistant Governor - Rtn. Charles Kabunga, as well as the District staff; the Country office - the very amiable Country Chair Rtn. Emmy Taniko Arim and the Country office team; and, the members of the Rotary Club of Muyenga, was always useful in steering the performance of our Mighty Club. I take exception and make special mention of the President's Council at Muyenga, and the institutional memory they possess that was always available for consultation, the wonderful Board with which I have served and the membership of the Club that allowed me to serve them in the capacity of President, and say thank you, thank you, and thank you. Our Past President J.C. Muli Mubiru, who nominated me for the leadership position, I say thank you for believing in me and leading the rest of our membership to grant me a shot at the presidency. The good performance of the Club demonstrates that success can always be achieved when one has the good will of all at the various spheres mentioned earlier. To you all, I extend my sincere appreciations. What has been achieved could not have been realized without your exceptional cooperation.

I pay special tribute to our fallen members that have lost their lives during my year of service. The very able Vice President

## MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

# A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO CONNECT THROUGH SERVICE



Nominee, Rtn. Frederick Kagingo Ssentomero and the Past President Dr. Edward Dumba were such a big loss to our Club. We also lost our daughter, born to Rtn. Florence Malinga - M/s Angella Malinga and our Ann, wife to Rtn. Rene Mukasa Kirema. By all measures, these shall be dearly missed. I request us all to observe a moment of silence in honor of their memory. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

When my and also your dear IPP Gabriel Katandi Obbo, handed over to me the Presidency, I didn't suspect that the demands of the seat would be this exciting, with each day shoring up a new challenge in need of addressing, with new lessons to be learnt. I am very proud that for the past 12 months, I have had the privilege to serve the Rotary Club of Muyenga, not to serve - as an abstract idea, but people, our common interests and our communities. The year ending 30th June 2020 has been a unique one in my life and more so in the history of our Mighty Club of Muyenga. The accountability for the year gone by, is listed in the articles of the various directorates

in this magazine, that I invite you to take a read of. Suffice it to say that progress has been realized over the year!

On 30th June 2020, I shall be leaving the Presidency with an equal measure of excitement for what lays yonder, in the higher echelons of our greater organization that takes pride in finding solutions to the everyday problems faced by our communities.

The fact that we are here to witness the smooth transfer of leadership, underlines the strength of our determination to ensure that the ethos of Rotary, live long into the future, long after we are gone. I congratulate the President Elect - Rtn. Haniffer Musoke, as well as the members of the Board with whom she shall be serving, upon this milestone in their Rotary journey. The foundation was laid by our predecessors, the building blocks are in place - and I must they are very strong blocks, and therefore I can only wish you the best of luck as you share with us your brand of leadership. My Board and I offer to support you as may be required in further steering this great club to even greater heights - for it is a united club, singular in purpose. Our common brand and objective is and should be the unity of purpose in serving our communities and that is my wish for your presidency. I am sure that you, PE Haniffer, will use all your talents and virtues to maintain our unity and sense of purpose. May our mantra, 'Service above self', fill your thoughts, speech and deeds in the months ahead!

**Douglas Sendagire Kabenge**



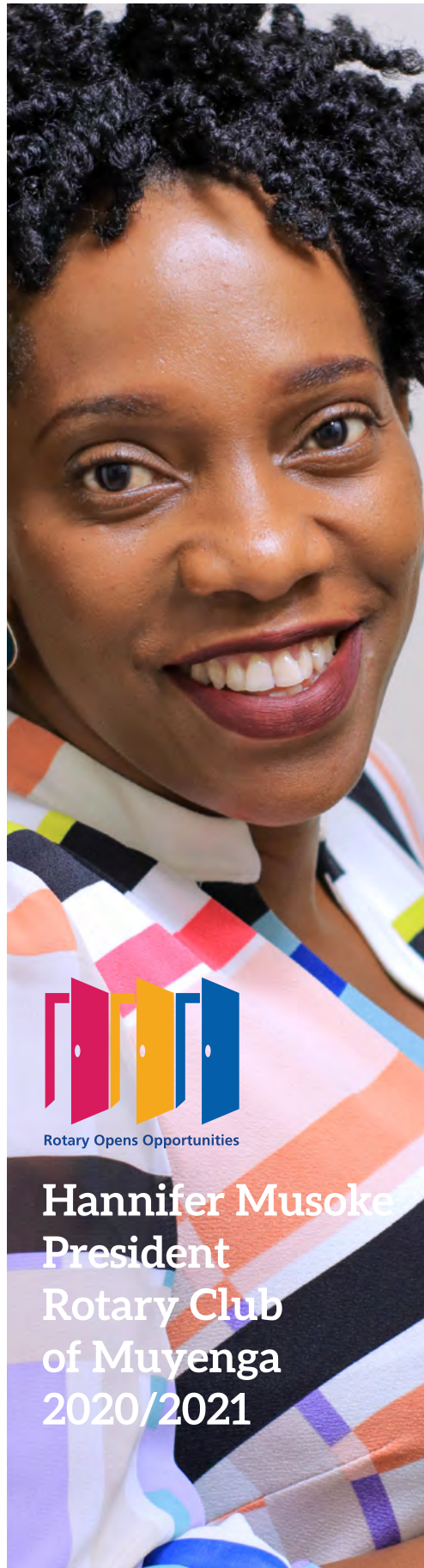
# A Wonderful Opportunity to Serve Humanity

Today is a great day, indeed another opportunity in my life as I start on a new journey as the 34th President and the 4th Lady president at Rotary Club of Muyenga. This is no mean achievement and for that I will forever be indebted to Allah and the entire RCM Club membership for the trust they have bestowed in me.

My humble appreciation goes out to our Guest of Honor PDG Stephen Mwanje, all dignitaries, district governors, district officers, rotarians, rotaractors, friends and family that are here today and all those watching us wherever you're, thank you for honoring our invitation.

To my family, the people who light up my life and keep me on my toes, you're the reason am the person that I am today. My beloved mom, thank you for giving me life and nurturing me into the person that I am today, befitting to be a president for the mighty club of Muyenga. You're and will always be a great influence in my life and I will forever be grateful for you mum. The constant counsel and challenge from my siblings did not give me room for complacency, for I have had to continuously aspire to be better! The enduring love from my children and strong belief in me is the fuel that keeps me striving to be a better person every day. Thank you all for playing a key role in shaping my life and the journey this far! Keep the love!

My 14 years in rotary have been an exciting journey of service, fun and friendship. I had the opportunity to serve as a PR Officer, Service Projects Director, Director Club Administration, Vice President and President Elect which has equipped me with the relevant experience to lead. A special thank you to Past President JC Muli Mubiru who nominated me into presidency. President Herbert Musinga for sponsoring me into Rotary and PAG David Balaka for the mentorship especially in the early days of Rotary. Fellow members at RCM, my friends and mentors across



**Hannifer Musoke**  
President  
Rotary Club  
of Muyenga  
2020/2021

the Rotary fraternity and district leadership, thank you for sharing your rotary experience with me along the way.

As I take the mantle, am privileged to receive a mature and healthy club. Congratulations President Douglas on a successful year and all the past presidents at RCM for setting a strong foundation, we will definitely continue to leverage on the great achievements to-date.

The theme for our year of service is Rotary Opens Opportunities. As Rotarians everything we do opens up opportunities for our communities and ourselves. Borrowing from Rotary International President Holger Knaack's inaugural speech, rotary needs to change and it will change, we have to be revolutionary from time to time and now is the time to be revolutionary. Am sure none of us envisaged that change was this close! The transition into the new normal is unprecedented and so is the expectation on us to change the ways of delivering the five avenues of service. Thanx to COVID-19, we have instantly achieved the transformational goal of digitization in rotary.

As a club we will focus on increasing our impact in the community and the rotary foundation by delivering service projects that address the needs of our communities as well as mobilize members to contribute to the foundation. Key to that, is the

- Implementation of the US\$132,000 project in partnership with RC Burlington Canada and Kalemwa Cheshire Home (KCH) a rehabilitation centre for people with disabilities where we will set-up a modern wheel chair production plant, improve technical capacity of the KCH staff and ultimately transform the charity home into a self sustaining institution with a capacity to produce modern aluminium wheel chairs at a commercial level.
- Roll-out the Kamwewa water and sanitation project delivering multiple sources of clean and safe

- water to the community,
- Upgrade the Kabule medical centre in Mityana as well continue to monitor existing projects for the club.
- Reclaiming our number one position as the highest contributor to the rotary foundation in the district.

As the saying goes, there is no such thing as bad publicity! We purpose to ensure coverage of service projects activities in the print and online media, weekly online update of club activities, thereby expanding our reach and creating positive public image for Rotary Club of Muyenga and Rotary in general. We will also ring fence RCM's accolade as the largest club in Uganda by growing our membership as well as mothering new rotary and rotaract clubs.

The above goals can only be achieved with an actively engaged membership that participates in the club activities. Creating an environment that allows members to enjoy rotary and each others company while serving humanity is my number one priority. It's my wish that each and every one of us renews their commitment to rotary, rediscover their purpose and re-ignite their speed of service. Home hospitalities, member recognition and celebration of success, rotary trainings are some of the tools of engagement that should promote a sense of belonging and improve member participation in rotary activities. For it's only when we are together as a family and love what we do that we will be able to rise above the challenges of the new normal and give meaning to the lives of the under

privileged people in our society.

Our ability to adapt to the new technologies and new ways of work cannot be underestimated and it will underpin the success of this rotary year of service where social distancing, leading virtually and online fellowship meetings are the order of the day. Therefore, all club information will be available on an online portal within our website to enable members access key club information from anywhere.

We believe that delivering this exciting challenge, will require a formidable, dynamic and agile RCM board and leadership team as well as guidance from the district.

Leading the club at such a time will require much more than just good leadership but rather the participation, support and commitment from each and every member at RCM, rotary district 9211, corporate partners and the community at large. I hereby request you to join me as we start the journey and count on you support throughout the year.

Last but not least I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the Chairman Installation Committee Rtn. Simon Batte and his team who have worked tirelessly to organize this great function.

As I end my speech, once again I would like to thank everyone of you for honoring our invite amidst the health and safety challenges and look forward to a great year of service together.



## RCM LEADERSHIP TEAM 2020/2021

**CLUB PRESIDENT:** Hannifer Musoke

### PRESIDENTIAL

IPP: Douglas Kabenge  
President Elect: Augustus Nuwagaba  
Vice President: Ruth Kijjambu

### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Director Club Administration: Christine Musoke  
Secretary: Florence Malinga  
Treasurer: Norbert Kazibwe  
Programs Officer: Robin Kibuuka  
Sergeant at Arms: Steven Sekindi  
Attendance Officer: Faith Musoke  
Bulletin Officer: Hafisa Kabajanga

### MEMBERSHIP

Director Membership: Alex Mugume  
Family of Rotary: Dolores Nankya  
Fitness & Nutrition Officer: Tereza Kiviiri

### SERVICE PROJECTS

Director Service Projects: Andrew Kyambadde  
Youth Director: Castro Kisuule  
International Service: Deborah Luyiima  
Vocational Service: Pius Okong  
Community Service (Community Projects, RFHD, Malaria, Blood bank): Dr. Catherine Kimbowa  
Mission Green: William Olupot  
Peace & Conflict Officer: Peter Mugimba

### ROTARY FOUNDATION

TRF Director: Beatrice Lugalambi  
Polio Fundraising Officer: JB Ahimbisibwe

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations: Fauzia Namutebi  
Webmaster: Charles Musisi

### CLUB PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Monitoring & Evaluation: Nsubuga Mukedi

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE & RI CONVENTION

On-to-Officer: Nulu Nakitende

### CHAIR - SPECIAL ROTARY ACTIVITIES

Chair DG's Visit / Special Assistant: Claire Kironde  
Chair 5 Aside: Asuman Basajjabalaba  
Cancer Run Chair: Micheal Mpiima  
Chair Singing & Dancing: Solomon Rubondo  
Chair Charter Night: Richard Mucugunzi

### PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS

PP. Sam Mwanje  
PP. JC Muli Mubiru  
PP. PAG David Balaka  
PP. Florence Mukibi  
PAG Peter Kimbowa  
PP. Martin Kasekende  
PP. David Sekiziyivu  
Centennial President Margaret Rwemisisiro  
PP. Steven Kalenge  
PP. Joseph Kasozi

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT ADVISORS

PDG Emmanuel Katongole  
PDG Kenneth Mugisha



## My Virtual Fellowship Experience



As the Rotary year comes to an end, I would like to appreciate the cordial relationship and guidance received from President Douglas Ssendagire Kabenge during my tenure as Club Secretary. It was not an easy year since the Club lost two of its active members namely

Rtn. Fredrick Sentomero and

Rtn. Dr. Edward Ddumba. The Club also lost one of its above 80's members, Engineer David Ntwatwa. May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace. In the second half of the year, due to the COVID19 Pandemic the Club had to adapt to several changes in the way business was to be conducted.

The club was quick to adopt virtual fellowship meetings for both board and fellowships which ensured smooth continuation of club activities and communication albeit the lack of physical presence.

This was a first-time experience to many of us but brought various advantages including:-

- Global connectivity as our international rotarians, RCM members in the diaspora and guests were able to participate in the online fellowships.
- Improvement in fellowship attendance and visits to other clubs.
- The flexibility of attending as many fellowships in a given day cannot go unnoticed.

Other notable achievements is appointment of RCM as an international partner with the Rotary Club of Roorkee Midtown, India, Mobile Clinic Services GG

1990244.

Finally I would like to congratulate Rtn. Hannifer Musoke as she takes the mantle as the 4th Lady President for Rotary Club of Muyenga.

**Claire Kironde**

**Secretary 2019/20**

## MESSAGE FROM the Outgoing Treasurer

In a club the size of the Rotary Club of Muyenga the treasurer's work can be very demanding and challenging but with goodwill all round, a keen eye on the resource envelope at all times and a cool head nothing is impossible.

With regards to the resource envelope, the incoming treasurer would do well to keep the basic fundamentals of the club not far from his breast pocket. During 2019/20 our membership dues were set at US\$200. From this is deducted US\$93 for Rotary International (RI), Country dues US\$16, and district dues US\$16. This leaves US\$75 to manage club affairs. If you assume a membership of say 110 that leaves US\$8250 (say UGX30 million or UGX 2.5 million per month) for club day to day activities. From this you will have to manage club administrative expenses- printing stationery, communication costs, retreats and training, audit fees; club function expenses like family of Rotary and Rotary extension programs and public relations programmes and youth and vocational expenses for our rotarators and interactors.



You will find that managing all this on UGX2.5million per month is very tight. It will be necessary to play the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) card very hard.

Make sure that the SAA basket does the rounds every fellowship by working through the buddy groups and in particular the buddy group leader. Weaving the SAA basket through fellowship should yield some dividends and enable the treasurer to balance the club budget.

As for goodwill I would like to thank the club president Douglas Kabenge for giving me this opportunity to serve and I must comment that president Doug, busy man as he is, has always been ready to drop everything he is doing at any particular time to listen to the treasurer's issues. Thank you, president Doug, as well as the very hard working and diligent board of directors who have always given the treasurer their utmost cooperation and advice.

To the incoming treasurer Nobert please do not hesitate to ask for any help or advice if and when you need, it but in the meantime, my very best wishes for a successful 2020/21.

**Ken Tendo Mdoe**



# RCM Service Projects at a Glance



The RCM Service Projects Directorate comprises of the Community, Vocational, Mission Green and Youth services. The exemplary Service Projects Directorate team that has steered the 2020/21 docket includes: Rtn. Andrew Kyambadde (Director), Rtn. Mukedi Nsubuga (Deputy Director, Project Fare/Youth services), Rtn. Dr. Robin Kibuuka (Vocational Services), Rtn. Nobert Kazibwe (Community Services), Rtn. Herbert Lubega Fatso (Mission Green), Rtn. Francis Xavier Lubanga (member) and PP John Mary Mpagi. We also co-opted other club members managing different projects to participate in monthly meetings.

The directorate goal has been to “Increase RCM brand Impact through effective Project Participation.

## Key Successes for the year

- Assessment and consolidation of RCM project bank
- Award of Katalemwa Cheshire Home Project Global Grant (GG1981728).
- Successful closure of Nsambya Intensive Care Unit (Global Grant GG1863578).

- International partner for Telemedicine project with RC Roorkee Midtown Uttarakhand/ India.
- Uganda Schools Water and Sanitation Project (#GG1987034) is in the final stages of approval.
- Kamwewa water project in its final stages of approval
- Increased member awareness about RCM projects
- Member attachment to specific projects
- New joint community partnership formed increased club visibility
- Recognition of vocational excellency

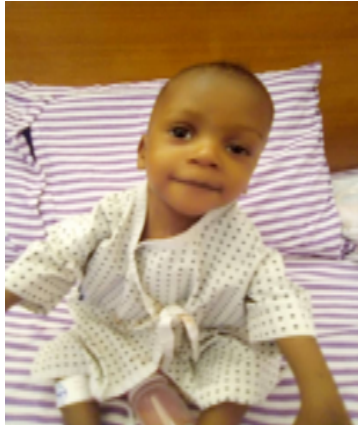
Overall, the directorate achieved most of the objectives that were set out. We had a total of 10 active projects this year of which include: LN4; Katalemwa Cheshire Home Project; Kamwewa Water Project; Bondeko Project, Uganda Schools Water and Sanitation Project; and Telemedicine project with RC Roorkee, Midtown India.

Going forward in 2020/2021, the RCM Service Project Directorate is will focus more attention to project stewardship, implementation and monitoring.

New projects that will get increased attention from the RCM teams include: Revival of Kabule Rotary Community Corps Project based in Mityana (first project started by RCM in 1988); and any other new club project(s) during the new term. Improved members' participation is therefore going to be critical in promoting the new focus of “Rotary opening up opportunities”.

**Andrew Kyambadde**  
**Director Service Projects 2019/20**

## RCM Project Moments & Highlights



The little fellow in the picture had a successful heart operation in India. This was made possible because members of RC Muyenga cared enough and contributed money towards his treatment. A great many thanks for your generous hearts and we pray that the little one will continue on his road to recovery. Your kindness will multiply many times over, before it comes back to bless you.



District Governor Louisa Horne's who is the current DG of District 7820 which includes Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and St. Pierre et Miquelon all in Eastern Canada, was in Uganda earlier in the month. She spent a day with members of the Board of Directors of RC Muyenga and visited the Mpambire Project and the Katalemwa Cheshire Home project.

## More of the Katalemwa Cheshire Home project visit



Joint Family Health day at Munyonyo Gardens with RC Muyenga Breeze – Inset is Rtn Dr. Catherine Kimbowa



Still at the LN-4 camps where citizens receive free limbs for those that have lost a hand or hands. Plans are under way to start fabrication of these limbs locally.



It is all smiles for the recipients thanks to Rotary and all people of kind hearts.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRF

**Dr Richard Mucunguzi**  
Director TRF 2019/20



## The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment fund for the purpose of "doing good to the world". That one idea and an initial contribution of \$26.50, has transformed million of lives around the globe.

This led to the birth of The Rotary Foundation, a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes. It is governed by a Board of Trustees

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you support Rotary's work across the world and help ensure our future

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

These gifts can be channelled to any of the three funds, namely; Annual Fund, Endowment fund and Polio Plus

## The Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is the primary source of funds that support the rotary foundation programs and areas of focus.

The Annual Fund contributions are invested for three years to generate earnings to meet the Foundation's operating expenses.

## The Endowment Fund

Endowment fund's objective is to provide a permanent and sustainable source of funding.

Contributions to the Endowment fund are invested in perpetuity and investment earnings are used to provide a permanent source of income to the Foundation's programs.

Polio Plus Fund is used for the effort to end polio. It is invested in only fixed income securities (i.e. bonds) because of the need to protect and preserve the fund.

## Foundation funding

Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and activities such as vocational training teams

At the end of every rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in the district are divided between World Fund and District Designated Fund or DDF.

At the end of three years your district can use DDF to pay for Foundation, club and district projects that your club and others in the district choose.

Districts may use up to half of the DDF to fund district grants. The remaining DDF may be used for global grants or donate to Polio Plus, the Rotary Peace Centers or another district

District officials are encouraged to monitor their DDF availability and activity by viewing the SHARE Contribution Detail Report and Available DDF by District Report via their My Rotary account

## World Fund

The World fund provides funding for our highest priority activities around the globe.

While 50% of SHARE designated contributions are applied to the World Fund, you can also direct your entire gift to the fund.

The Foundation uses the money to pay for grants and opportunities available to all rotary districts. In 2018 Fiscal year, The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding 1,306 grants.

- Preventing disease \$35,660,986
- Providing clean water \$18,761,791
- Supporting education \$10,998,136
- Growing local economies \$10,998,136
- Saving mother's and children \$7,204,677
- Promoting peace \$3,547,899

Muyenga Rotary club's contribution to The Foundation in 2019-2020

<b>ANNUAL FUND</b>	<b>\$14,455</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>POLIO PLUS FUND</b>	<b>\$1,927</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,382</b>



**Dr Robin Kibuuka**  
Major Donor 2019-2020



# RCM Membership Directorate



This was an eventful Rotary year given the challenges that beset the Club, the Country and humanity in general by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Whereas the Directorate had plans for twelve months, achievements were hinged on July 2019 to February 2020.

Attrition: one member officially transferred from RCM to another Club in Uganda.

Sadly, two members passed on in the first half of the rotary year, namely Rtn Fred Sentomero, his gentle spirit, honesty and commitment to rotary ideals will truly be missed. MHSRIP. PP (Dr). Edward Dumba also passed on in the second half of the Rotary year. He was a great inspiration with his "rib cracking jokes" a short one" bringing warmth and joy to guests, potential members and new members alike.

The Directorate developed new membership mentorship and tracking guidelines the Board and the Club Assembly approved together with criteria for membership. These were used in the recruitment of new members. The membership has grown by eight (8). At the time of the lock down and suspension of physical meetings, three (3) other potential members were being followed up. We welcome the eight (8) members to RCM; one gentleman and seven ladies, significantly impacting the number of ladies in the Club. There is great expectation of their contribution to Rotary given the diversity in their age, vocations and experiences. One of them, Rtn. Faith Musoke, is nominated on the incoming RCM Board 2020/20221, congratulations!

During this Rotary year, four (4) out of five Rotarians attended training. However, on the issue of Club extension, there were no new Clubs mentored by RCM.

## The New members are:



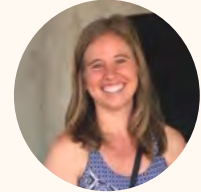
Rtn. Faith Musoke.  
Classification:  
Banking Services.  
Currently working  
at Tropical Bank  
Kampala Main  
Branch.



Rtn. Lubega Joseph  
(Dr.). Classification:  
Pharmaceutical  
Services, currently in  
consulting services in  
Sub Saharan Africa



Rtn. Angela Katama.  
Classification:  
Economic  
Development  
Services, currently  
CEO Development  
Options



Rtn. Shauna Davidson.  
Classification:  
Anthropology  
and Education  
Services. Grants and  
Compliance Specialist,  
"EDUCATE"



Rtn. Princess Kabajanga  
Hafisa Abbooki.  
Classification: Social  
Educational Services.  
Work experience gained  
from Goal Uganda an  
International N.G.O;  
Mildmay Uganda and  
Ministry of Education  
Department of special  
needs



Rtn. Monica  
Nakiwala  
Chittenden.  
Classification:  
Wholesale Business  
(Jewellery)



Rtn. Hope  
Mary Kabuye.  
Classification: Real  
Estate.



Rtn. Sylvia R. Atoko  
(Dr.). Classification:  
University  
Educational Services.  
Currently Dean  
Faculty of Business  
and Management,  
International  
University of East  
Africa.

## Our fallen friends:



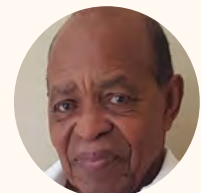
Architect George  
William Sendiwala



Rtn Fredrick  
Sentomero



PP Dr. Edward  
Dumba



PP David Ntwatwa

Membership Directorate Committee: Rtn. Castro Kisuule (Dr.), Rtn. Nulu Nakitende, Rtn. Florence Malinga, Rtn. PP Gabriel Obbo and Rtn. PP Sam Makeera. As a Directorate, we thank PP. Margaret Rwemesisiro, PP. Balaka, and PP. Sam Mwanje for their roles as mentors of potential and new club members. In the same vein, we are prayerfully grateful to our departed Rtn. Late Fred Sentomero for his role of mentorship.

I wish to appreciate the members of the Committee for their support and participation in mentorship of new members. We applaud the commitment and achievement of family of Rotary under the leadership of Rtn. Ken Semufumu.

Sincere thanks to the President and the Board for the support.

**Rtn. Dr. Pius Okong,  
Director Membership 2019/20**

# The Director Club Administration

## Challenge 2019/20

My role as Director Club Administration has been an exciting 52 weeks with 46 fellowships of membership and community engagement,

As we started out I braced myself for the challenge ahead where failure was none of the options on my action list, and YES when I look back I am all smiles for having played an effective administrative role for my mighty club. Thank you, RCM Board 2019/20 & the membership, for being involved all the way.

The choice and quality of speakers hosted at the club fellowships both on the rotary and economic spheres has been indicative of our 2019/20 Club theme of "Together we Connect". Our fellowships have been graced by speakers right from the diplomatic section, to economic experts, discipline specialists and rotary leadership from all over in the end connecting us beyond club level.

The last 2 quarters have been even more exciting with the evolution of the digital twist, a fact that has seen our membership participation grow within and beyond the club as they are able.

The behind the scenes that included among others; thinking through the monthly programs, guest speakers / topics & activities of interest, to coordinating the guest speakers & respective buddy groups, conceptualization of fliers as



well as ensuring timely & effective circulation of the same, are activities that the directorate was charged with and delivered on with ease.

This was possible due to effective monthly planning and having an empowered support team in place. Thank you RCM Club Administrator Ms. Shamirah Nakiyemba - you did well on this, and I must say that am proud of you - Keep going. To my Club Administration team and Committee, thank you so much for all your tireless efforts.

And to President Douglas thank you for giving me the wings to fly, through your leadership and support, I have been able to multiply my networks while serving humanity. I must say that my soft skills were put to test often times, especially when I could only push up to a certain point for fear on being reminded that Rotary is voluntary ... but yes I picked lessons from every experience. I'm sure I passed the challenge and am waiting on the scores for this.

## Public Relations in Action

By Rtn Fauzia Namutebi  
Director Public Relations 2020/21

Another year of opportunity to serve and action - Indeed Rotary opens opportunities like the RI theme goes.

We are all ready to drive the RCM brand to soaring heights in an environment that has as a blessing in disguise embraced digitalization as the new norm.

**Among the goal achievements for the District as well as the RI citation, key to note is for clubs to maintain Online Visibility and this is our core goal as a directorate. We will ensure that we do everything that will give the brand, the level of Online visibility that is deserving of a Brand No.1 club.**

Our call to action will visibly stand out as we shall ensure timely communication of all milestones and club activity that is newsworthy.

To President Hannifer and the Board, thank you for giving me a chance to serve, count on the PR team to bring the 2020/21 District PR Award home.

And to the membership and all our partners in service now is the time to join our social media family and be a part of the people in action.

Follow us now;

🌐 @rotarymuyenga

🌐 <http://www.muyenga.ug/>

By Rtn Fauzia Namutebi  
Outgoing Director Club Administration 2019/20







## MESSAGE FROM

Bulletin  
Officer

**A**pril 1st, 2020 was just like any other Wednesday in my Rotary duties as the Clubs Bulletin Officer, or so I imagined. Although the Corona Virus and the looming pandemic was on the lips of every person, young and old, I could not see how it would affect my usual routine. I thought I'd finish up with bulletin so that it could be sent out, before the scheduled fellowship, of that Wednesday evening. But Godfrey the printer was taking long in sending me the draft copy for review. And so I called him.

**Me:** Hi Godfrey. I am waiting.

**Godfrey:** *I haven't done the bulletin. I'm sorry.*

**Me:** Do you need more time?

**Godfrey:** *No.*

**Me:** Then what?

Godfrey: I cannot get to my office because of the lockdown. I'm afraid until it is lifted, I will not be in a position to do the weekly bulletin for your Club.

Was this April fool; was it for real? I kept asking myself. This was the last quarter of my year as a bulletin officer for

the Club, and like a long distant runner, the end of the race was near. I could feel a surge of renewed energy, to take me all the way to the finishing line; the 30th of June 2020. It was the final lap.

I felt a sense of frustration when I thought of all the articles Members of the Club had sent in; the beautiful pictures of Rotarians at various functions both private and Rotary related. Then I came to the realisation, that the looming pandemic was going to change and affect a lot of things. The Corona Virus was fast becoming a threat to the very existence of human life and had brought the whole world to its knees. Everything was being shut down and people being forced to stay in their homes, for periods to which there seems to be no definite end in sight. Scientists are having sleepless nights in laboratories trying to get a handle on this microbe; trying to find a cure or a vaccine to save humanity. The virus respects no one; no colour, no race, no creed. It mauls the rich and the poor alike and the might and powerful have been rendered helpless. Many of our loved ones have lost the battle and gone on to be with the Creator, and sadly, many more will be following.

It is everyone's hope that a solution to halt this pandemic will soon be found so that the

world can open up again. But this world as we know it, will be changed for ever. There will be great and urgent need to rethink the way we have been doing things in the past and put in place new systems of operation.

Looking to the future of the Muyenga Reporter, it may have to move to an online publication. For the health and wellbeing of everyone, this is a possible and viable option for the foreseeable future.

On my part, I have enjoyed serving as the Club's Bulletin officer and wish to thank President Douglas for honouring me by appointing me to this position. I do appreciate those Members of the Club who have been sending in material in form of articles, pictures and announcements, etc. Thank you, dear readers, for the support, guidance, and encouragement you have provided to me during this time. Your comments helped me to improve on my work, and you are all deeply appreciated.

I feel proud to have had the opportunity to contribute to the continuation of the Muyenga Reporter, during this Rotary Year 2019/2020; the year of "Connecting" And as I say farewell, I wish to also say: stay well, stay safe

**Dolores Nankya Collins**  
**Bulletin Officer 2019/20**

## TOGETHER AS A TEAM WE WILL ACHIEVE SUCCESS

The Theme for the Rotary year 2020/2021 is "Rotary Opens Opportunities". As a Rotarian, Rotary has given me the opportunities to serve as Attendance Officer and On-to Officer. I have also had the opportunity of meeting new people and making lots of friends. I would like to thank President Hannifer for honouring me with the opportunity to serve as the Club Administration Director.

Yes, this is a big challenge but with the help of the President and the leadership team, I will do my best to Engage, Educate, and Inspire the Club Members into Action.

Club Administration is a core directorate of any club. The Vibrancy and success of the club heavily depends on it. It focuses on the management of club activities and ensuring that these activities are run Smoothly, Effectively and Efficiently.

The Planning process for the year started way back in February. The incoming board has been involved in a number of preparatory exercises, to name a few;

- Attendance of Board Meetings
- Board Retreat for training, planning and goal setting
- Attendance of PETS and COTS.
- Preparation of Directorate Work Plans and Budgets
- Formation of committees

Success is a result of Preparation, Hard work and Perseverance. The incoming leadership is determined to encourage member participation and engagement in all the club activities within and outside the club, to expand our reach, increase our impact as well as to host interesting, informative fellowships.

We will reflect and consult with you all as we look into the opportunities that are open, in order to drive the Rotary Club of Muyenga to even Greater heights.

Together as a team we hope to achieve success and create lasting change.

**Rtn. Christine Musoke**  
**Director, Club**  
**Administration**

## History is Made!

The Rotary Year 2019/2020 started very well. All the On-to Officers were eager to make sure that this year's DCA and Rotary International Convention were well advertised in order to have a good attendance. Great



enthusiasm was in the air for these two-yearly events, especially the Convention in Honolulu. Every Wednesday clad in my DCA campaign apron, I would encourage the members to register. The messages on the RCM forum went out nearly daily. "Register for DCA, register for RI

Convention" became my daily song. Yes, members registered in big numbers both for the DCA and the Convention. I was ecstatic! "We have done it!" I thought excitedly.

Then.... Crash! Bang!

Covid-19 happened!! It spread like wildfire in many countries of the world, causing havoc everywhere. Everyone was on edge. Emergencies were declared and borders closed. Lockdowns, quarantine, FEAR!!

The enthusiasm turned to worry and apprehension. "Will the DCA and the Convention take place?"

"Will we be safe?" Then the final decisions were made.

"DCA Cancelled." "RI Convention Cancelled."

Cancelled in accordance with the Covid-19 emergency regulations and the need to ensure the safety of all the participants.

What a great disappointment!!

We all understand that planning these events was hard work and a lot of effort was put in. The members of the DCA organizing committee, chaired by our own PAG David Balaka had done a great job to plan what would have been a super conference. Rotary International Convention would have been one of the best RI Conventions ever. Our thanks go to all the organizing committees.

Yes, greater things have happened and history was made. The first Virtual DCA took place on 22nd and 23rd of May 2020, in the comfort of our homes! It was a unique and superb conference, well planned and organized, great moderators, brilliant speakers and excellent time keeping. Best DCA ever held and a great success!

**Christine Musoke**  
**On-to Officer 2019/20**



# Our Club & Community Service Rotary Year 2019/2020

**Rotary 5 Aside:** To our Team Manager PP Steven Kalenge Mubiru thank you for ensuring the team and cheering team were well looked after right from the Café Javas breakfast through to a sumptuous lunch and refreshments for the evening – Rotarians Nulu, Claire, Rita, Fauzia, Club Admin Shamirah & PE Hannifer can attest to this. And oh! before I forget big up to PP David Sekiziyivu for playing the chief whip role – right from the training sessions to the D-day, using his carrot and stick method like he would put it and for that special Juice too and coordination of the jersey sourcing and branding, we thank you.

**Rotary Cancer Run:** Come August 2019, the RCM membership was seen to actively participate in the annual Rotary Cancer Run in which we were able to mobilize Ugx 8.75M of which Ugx 6.75M was from vest sales and Ugx 2M as a contribution from National Medical Stores as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility. We thank our President Douglas Kabenge for drumming up participation, and the membership for contributing towards the club tent refreshments to still ensure that we don't deliver anything below our Brand promise which is NO.1.

**Rotary Family Health Days:** Still in Aug 2019, Club members led by Rtns Dr. Pius Okong and Dr. Catherine Kimbowa participated in a joint Family Health Day event organized by one of our baby clubs, Rotary Club of Muyenga Breeze in partnership with Kiruddu Hospital under the theme Good Health, Happy Families in Munyonyo, off Salaama Road. The Rotary Club of Muyenga contributed Ugx 5m that went towards general health services in the areas of cancer screening (cervical, breast & prostate), child immunization & nutrition, family planning and maternal health. Unfortunately, the 2nd family health day engagement

that was scheduled for 18th April 2020 in Iganga alongside the proposed LN 4 Camp did not happen as a result of the ongoing effects of the COVID 19 pandemic.

## Vocational service

**tour:** Come 25th January 2020, President Elect Hannifer Musoke, Rtn Fauzia Namutebi & I joined other members from the Rotary Clubs of Kajjansi, Nkumba, Entebbe & Kampala Sse, Interactors & Rotaractors from various clubs as well as the Entebbe community for what was referred to as a Vocational Service Tour organized by the Rotary Club of Rubaga and hosted at St Dennis Vocational Training Centre – Namulanda, where free training in practical skills was offered in: Hair dressing & Cosmetology, Fashion & design, catering and home management.

As Rotarians, we were encouraged to continue encouraging the youth in developing vocational skills as a way of addressing the skills gap(s) in the employment value chain. The takeaway from this training to us, as Rotarians was to use our positions and or contacts to always purpose to inspire others through vocational service.

As the Rotary year 2019/20 comes to an end, we applaud every members' efforts and the Community Services committee 2019/20 in ensuring that the club fulfils its community responsibility and to President Douglas, for entrusting me with the responsibility to serve through steering the activities in the Community Services docket.

**By Rotarian Norbert Kazibwe – Community Services**



## Treasury at Arm's Reach

1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 ushers in another organic Rotary Year 2020/21 where we are offered an opportunity to lend the best pair of hands in the race to serve humanity. For their ever present zeal towards humanity, members of the Rotary Club of Muyenga shall continue to share/contribute part of their resources through membership and or donations to which they deserve visibility, accountability and reporting in real time (VAR). The RCM Leadership through the treasury shall ensure ease of access to relevant financial information to help facilitate decision making. Our core objective as a function charged with finances is to put financial meaning through Activity Based and Performance Reporting.

Treasury shall continue to leverage earlier club efforts in digital transformation by ensuring convenience through mobile payments using your preferred network for member payments i.e. Annual Dues, Sergeant, TRF, Polio, fundraising and welfare contributions.

The use of this online system will be able to provide real time analytics from contribution/donations using member(s) name, RI number and or Cell- phone number for any period within the Rotary Year.

Welcome to Rotary Year 2020/21 under the stewardship of President Hannifer Musoke and the Board.

– Remember Treasury is just a click away on your mobile phone /tablet – start contributing now.

**Rtn. Norbert Kazibwe  
Treasurer 2020-21**







## The Rotary Club of Muyenga 2019/20 Vocational Award

The highlight of the Vocational Committee's work this past year, was The RCM 2019/20 Vocational Award Ceremony on January 29, 2020.

The award most deservedly went to Mr. Moses Matovu, one of the early members and long-time serving Leader of the Afrigo Band-- the oldest and leading music Band in Uganda. Moses was recognized for his sustained and steady stewardship of Afrigo Band. During his tenure, Moses and Afrigo Band became a distinguished vocational service music provider and promoter to the youth and the community at large in Uganda and beyond.

PDG Ken Mugisha was the Guest of honor at the function, which was also graced by PDG

Robert Nsibirwa as well as a Mengo delegation led by the Speaker of the Lukiiko Mr. Patrick Mugumbule. Mr. John Nagenda, a Senior Advisor to the President also attended, among others

In selecting the awardee, the Vocational Committee adopted



a theme "Connecting Communities", in line with the year's Rotary International and our District 9211

theme. "Rotary Connects the World". Moses has been promoting music to connect communities across Uganda, Africa, and the world, through exceptional

leadership. He has composed and played music in multiple languages, groomed young talent, while entertaining and educating many.

Moses has applied exceptional music talent and skills in guiding one of Uganda's most celebrated band through a 45-year journey of sustained high performance. As part of the Afrigo Band, and as an individual, he has contributed

enormously to the development of the music industry in Uganda and beyond, through the following examples:

- The Afrigo Band has transformed the Ugandan's mindset that glorified foreign music as being better than our own. It is noteworthy that today our local and diverse music enjoys overwhelming domestic (and international) support because of the foundation laid by The Afrigo Band.
- With great creativity and adaptation, the band has used different local languages and a variety of musical instruments to entertain and educate multitudes. Such talent has enabled the band to remain popular, and in the top range of the music industry year after year.
- Importantly also, the band has reached deeper into the community to identify and develop young talent and play a role model to them. This recruitment of young professional talent extends to well-recognized individuals like Joanita Kawalya, Rachel Magoola, and our own Rtn PHF 100, Solomon Rubondo, among others.

**Rt. Robin Kibuka**  
Chair, Vocation Service Committee



# My experience as the Director Family of Rotary



I would like to thank the President of the Rotary Club of Muyenga Rotary year 2019-2020 for entrusting me and giving me the opportunity to serve as the

Director of Family of Rotary for this mighty and great club of muyenga.

Yes it is not without its challenges but it was surely a rewarding experience for me, i have learnt quite a few things about the club's membership because this office requires one to be in closer proximity with the members of the club.

All in all i have had a very rewarding experience, even though the year seems to go by so fast, just a few months ago we were being inducted as the new officers with grand dreams for the club, and now here i am talking about my experience which means that the year is coming to an end.

In this Rotary year we have had some very interesting times and some sad times, but in all things we give thanks to God.

## The Good times

As family of Rotary we had the opportunity to host the club to one of the most interesting family day at the Bulikiro Gardens in muyenga, for all those who were able to

attend, am happy to say to this day, it is still being referred to as one of the most interesting Rotary day out for our

club, we hoped that we would do another one, but man's plans are just that plans, but its in God's power to bring those plans to pass, but at any rate we are thankful because we were joined with our own the late Fredrick Sentomero and what a wonderful time we had together and I remember he shared with us his cooking skills because he and his Ann provided the most delicious chapatis and salaads for our day out, these are memories we will always treasure and so may his soul rest in eternal peace.

As Family and a club, we must not forget to thank God for Rtn Alosyius Lubowa, who went to India for treatment during this Rotary year, and because of your faith and prayers God saw him through that's process. On a personal note, I have personally got to know Eng Lubowa more closely and I must say he is one of the most beautiful people I have met. Thank God for him because he exemplifies the heart of Rotary.

As a club we had a successful gifting day, thank you members for participating and gifting your friend of the year, this is a great culture and one of the highlights of our club, we must ensure to keep it going and I encourage members to continue embracing this beautiful culture.

## Sad moments

We had some other sad stories, during this Rotary year when we

abruptly lost our own Rtn Fred Sentomero, our own Rotarian Florence Malinga lost her daughter, may their souls rest in peace and the Lord continue to strengthen the families as well.

We also lost our own Rotarian Edward Dumba, he was the humor of the club, we will miss Dr as well and we pray that the Lord continue to comfort and strengthen the family as well.

And some members of the club have lost loved ones, so we keep all of them in our prayers.

## Thank you note:

In as special way I would like to thank the President for the opportunity to serve, the executive that I have worked with through out the year members of the Rotary Club of Muyenga for standing with each other and for all the support during both the good times and the trying times. This is a great spirit of this club and we have to continue to celebrate each other as long as God gives us this wonderful gift of life as we continue to serve humanity and by serving above self.

May the Good Lord continue to Bless the Rotary Club of Muyenga and I wish my succesor a great Rotary year 2020-2021.

**Family of Rotary**  
**Rtn Kenneth Semafumu.**







## Sergeant at Arms



Being a member of brand No. 1 Club for two and a half years, I'm proud to be a Rotarian and I thank my President Rotarian Douglas Sendagire Kabenge for entrusting me on his board.

The Rotary club of Muyenga had a good year with wonderful presenters and visitors to say.

As an attendance officer under Club Administration, I was to ensure that members are in full attendance during fellowships and Rotary projects to a maximum of 100% to fulfill the year's theme: ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD.

Being a practical person who does not want to sit for long and an artist, I was honored to be a club photographer 2019/20.

Our attendance this year involved fellowships, make ups, escorting our loved ones, the two(2) visited projects joined by the District Governor Rotarian Louise Horne, District 7820 from Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside, Canada and E-meetings adding up to a 70% so far.

In this good year I cannot say it was 100% smooth, NO. We had massive challenges like losing our great members of the Club which gave us a setback in Club programs.

Then here came the Epidemic killer (COVID-19) this led to a virtual DCA and RI Honolulu Convention, Installations and Club Projects.

However, it has moved us to E-meeting which has some challenges to most of us who are not well conversed with IT but can we have E-projects programs.

Leading to missing out physical and social connection thus, associating with fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors.

Therefore, coming Rotary year 2020/21 theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities more E-learning about information technology (IT) will be implemented to enable Club members upgrade online Rotary information and maintaining the E-meetings which will definitely increase attendance of our club meetings whether in the country or in the diaspora enable travelling

members to participate in the ongoing club meetings.

We need to engage more with better presenters or entertainers to enable other Rotarians feel like they cannot miss any fellowship at any time. ( i.e. IT experts)

For big clubs like RCM, I wish to call back our name tags for easy identification and roll call of club members attendance and for easy clarification by other visiting Rotarians, Rotaractors and interactors.

Thank you for reading my article.

Outgoing attendance officer  
2019/20 "ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD"

Incoming SAA 2020/21 "ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

**Steven Musoke Sekindi**



# Muyenga Youth Corner

“Wisdom Beyond”

Rtn Nsubuga Mukedi

## HOW TO WIN A JOB INTERVIEW

Clear wisdom is mandatory from us all towards our beloved youth in the struggle to transform their livelihoods for sustainable development. The Month of September is increasingly a Rotary dedication to the youth the world over.

When you are shortlisted for a job interview in today's competitive job market, always remember to be armed rightly as follows:

- **Keep time.** Some companies use time management reports as part of the interview score card. Be there in good time and immediately you arrive register with the designated officer.
- **Be smart.** Always remember to dress decently. For a man always remember to put on a jacket and neck tie, for a woman look out for a decent office dress and put on. Always remember that first impression is lasting impression and so, can win or deny you a job.
- **Be clean.** Wash well, trim your hair so well, brush your shoes well, iron well, brush your teeth well and if possible have some mild spray on your body. Some people are too dirty and untidy and this problem alone can make you lose an interview at first glance. Nobody is interested in associating with a disorganized person starting from the way he/she looks.
- **Keep around.** Don't loiter around places. Stick to the venue where you are designated to sit or wait for instructions. Some waiting rooms have readable materials; keep yourself busy reading until you are called to face the panel. Remember that someone or some system may be monitoring you and your patience levels for consideration in your final interview score.
- **When called for interviews, always knock the door first** before you are



allowed to enter the interview room. Never sit down before you are shown where to sit by the ushering officer or Panel chair.

- **When you sit down, wait for instructions from the chair.** don't start any discussion or debate before you greet the chair and the panel as a whole.
- **Always listen to the instructions or questions put to you carefully before you answer.** Never answer a question when an interviewer is still asking. Always ask for clarifications and repeats where you don't get the question right but don't over ask; this situation always badly irritates the panel.
- **In answering questions, always avoid big words.** Use clear, simple, specific relevant examples and words to explain yourself.
- **Never tell lies to the panel.** Speak out what you know very well and what you don't know always show the panel that you are eager and very willing to learn. The Panel is made up of well knowledgeable persons about the subject matter and so, if you tell lies you will be automatically disqualifying yourself.
- **Speak well.** Don't change your accent to speak like an American, British and so on. Remember that you are a Ugandan made English speaking person and not at all a white person as some people may wish to behave in many times.

- **Understand your CV very well** because it is always the first question to be asked in an interview, to describe yourself.
- **Be ready for any form of interview.** Some companies now days use action oriented interviews to capture skills instantly than the traditional desk interviews of question and answer approach.
- **When asked to talk about the appropriate** Monthly salary you may require, always refer this question back to the panel to determine it based on their financial plan and work load for the post. This is because you are looking for a job and not money at this time. Money issues come in later when you have been successfully placed.
- **When asked when you will be available to start work, never say now.** Give the Panel atleast a week or two to wind up your past endeavors and to resort to theirs without any interruption. This shows great faithfulness, commitment and good organisation in a person every employer is looking for.
- **Always be steady,** don't shy, don't fear and look straight into the eyes of the interviewer as you answer his/her questions.
- **Don't forget to ask the panel the appropriate time established to communicate feed back** to you after the interviews; it's very important to prepare your mind for change and for new work if any.
- **FINALLY, always remember that an interview panel is not a Court session designed to prosecute and sentence you to prison.** It's merely a committee of different professionals brought together as a team to identify a super star or change agent suitable for that post in question. Therefore, always be confident and well prepared before it, don't fear but rather respect it at all times because it makes the final decision for employment destiny.

Thank you all and together, let's connect to the World!

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# Understanding the Impact of Corona Virus



**Prof Augustus Nuwagaba (PhD)**

Since December 2019, the Global Economy has been on tenterhooks, resulting from the outbreak of Covid-19, the fatally viral infection caused by Corona Virus. As we all know, this infection started in Wuhan, a remote city in China. A number of conspiracy theories have been advanced to explain the outbreak, but this is not the time to engage in such speculations. As I pen this article, the global death toll from Corona Virus has reached 50,395!!! And over 1,000,000 infected cases with epicenters in Italy in Europe and New York in the United States of America. Interestingly, China is experiencing dramatic recovery!

The health sector in all countries including Uganda has therefore been stretched beyond their capabilities and must be commended for selflessness as they treat the overwhelming number of patients. The pertinent questions for every head of state, government and economists are: 1) Has Corona virus plunged our countries into a recession? 2) Who are the most economically affected people? 3) Which sectors of the economy have been hit hardest? 4) What is the most viable response from government? 5) How did different governments respond to similar global crises such as the world

global financial crisis? 6) What immediate safety nets can the government put in place to mitigate such devastating impacts of the Coronavirus? 7) What lessons have we learnt though in a hard way from coronavirus pandemic?

## 1) Has COVID-19 pandemic plunged Ugandan Economy in recession?

The answer is technically No, but practically a big Yes. For a recession to be declared, an economy must have contracted for two successive quarters, which has not happened of recent, at least from available data. Therefore, a myopic person can take refuge in these technical narratives, but the reality is self-revealing: there has been closure of businesses; unemployment surge; failure for many borrowers to meet loan obligations; tax defaults; failure for tax body to meet targets and a general fall in consumer demand. The struggling lower income population has reached tipping point where they are unable to pay rent; meet utility bills and are calling for relief supplies from government. When you reach such a threshold, you do not wait for technical definitions to define economics realities.

## 2) Who are the most economically affected people?

The coronavirus has hit every one but it has devastated informal sector operatives, wage earners and those in the tourism sector. The latter are hit hardest because corona virus is foreign linked. In Uganda, it has been proved that most infected persons had travelled from Dubai, United Kingdom and other countries. Tourism will suffer for some time from low external demand, largely due to depressed global economy which will affect hotel industry and similar services. On the other hand, the informal sector economy (boda bodas,

small retail business) will agonize due to abrupt closures but this is temporary. Once the corona virus pandemic is subdued, this sector will pick immediately. The suffering within this sector is therefore short-lived

## 3) Which sectors have been hit hardest and what are the macroeconomic implications?

As already explained in the foregoing, the tourism sector has been hit hardest because this sector depends entirely on extend demand, yet the corona virus epicenter is in countries which constitute the very source of financial flows including US\$ 1.8 Billion from Ugandan Diaspora (BOU, 2019). The contraction in inflows will lead to volatility in the domestic foreign exchange market, hence negatively affecting our current account and Balance of Payments. The other sector to be hard hit will be the financial/banking sector, largely resulting from reduced appetite for loans due to collapsing business enterprises. There will be loan repayment defaults with subsequent surge in Non-Performing Loans (NPL). This will further contract the economy due to decline in aggregate demand, dearth of economic activity and contraction of private sector credit all resulting into general poor economic health.

## 4) What is the most viable response from government?

The response needs different targeted policies because the corona pandemic has significant economic fallout, reflecting shocks to supply and demand. There is need to support the economy through the pandemic, keeping a web of economic and financial relationship between the workers and employers; suppliers and consumers. The aim is to prevent a health crisis turning into an economic and financial debacle, which can permanently harm

people and firms through jobs losses and bankruptcies. The following fiscal actions from the supply side are pertinent;

- The first priority is to keep people healthy and as safe as possible. This means spending more on health supplies and equipment in hospitals and other health facilities
- Ensure food supplies to the most vulnerable
- Quantitative easing to business enterprises aimed at preventing total collapse of business activity.
- Intervening in Loan renegotiations to support borrowers to manage their loan obligations
- Supporting tenants to renegotiate with their landlords for rescheduling on rental charges.
- Direct cash payments to vulnerable people especially the elderly.

On the demand side, there is need for appropriate monetary policy. The first is for reduction of interest rates. The Bank of Uganda has correctly responded by reducing the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 0.5% although previous experience has shown that the CBR is not a sufficient monetary policy transmission mechanism in this regard. Therefore, there is need to invoke other monetary policy transmission tools aimed at stimulating demand and economic activity in the short and medium term. This is even what the FED in the United States has already done, reducing interest rate by 50 basis points. There is need to defer tax payments and expedite tax rebates to business enterprises where possible. Others are; defer utility bill payments.

## 5) How did different foreign governments respond to similar cases such as the global financial crisis?

The global financial crisis was different from the corona pandemic because the latter, though has significantly affected the financial system, came outside the financial

system itself. In this case, it will be relatively easier to deal with. What government needs to do is to provide adequate quantitative easing to help cushion business enterprises from total collapse and bankruptcy. This is crucial because all other interventions depend on the capacity to government to finance the initiatives under the stimulus package but also it is from vibrant business enterprises that government will be able to get revenue. The Obama administration in the United States (2008) provided the mother of all stimuli to American business enterprises and this prompt response alone averted the entire global financial crisis which otherwise could have plunged the American economy into a depression. The banks and insurance companies were rescued and America was back on rail.

## 6) Are there safety nets Uganda can put in place to mitigate the impact of such crises?

- There is need for strategic food reserves. This is crucial in contingency situation such as the current need for food stuffs by people who have been rendered jobless due to closure of business and general lockdown.
- Need for improved foreign exchange reserves position. Currently, our foreign exchange reserve position is equivalent to 4 1/2 months import value. This is reasonable in normal circumstances but in a situation like of corona virus pandemic, it can be a drop in the ocean.
- In the medium and long term, there is urgent need for enhancing export sector performance and support for any activity aimed at improving financial flows including establishing diaspora bonds.

## 7) Are there lessons that we can learn from corona virus pandemic?

- That an economy cannot sustainably depend on external

demand and supply. This is because both are adversely affected by the depressed global economy. Tourism can abruptly halt while foreign manufactured goods can be in short supply or out of reach due to astronomic rise in prices.

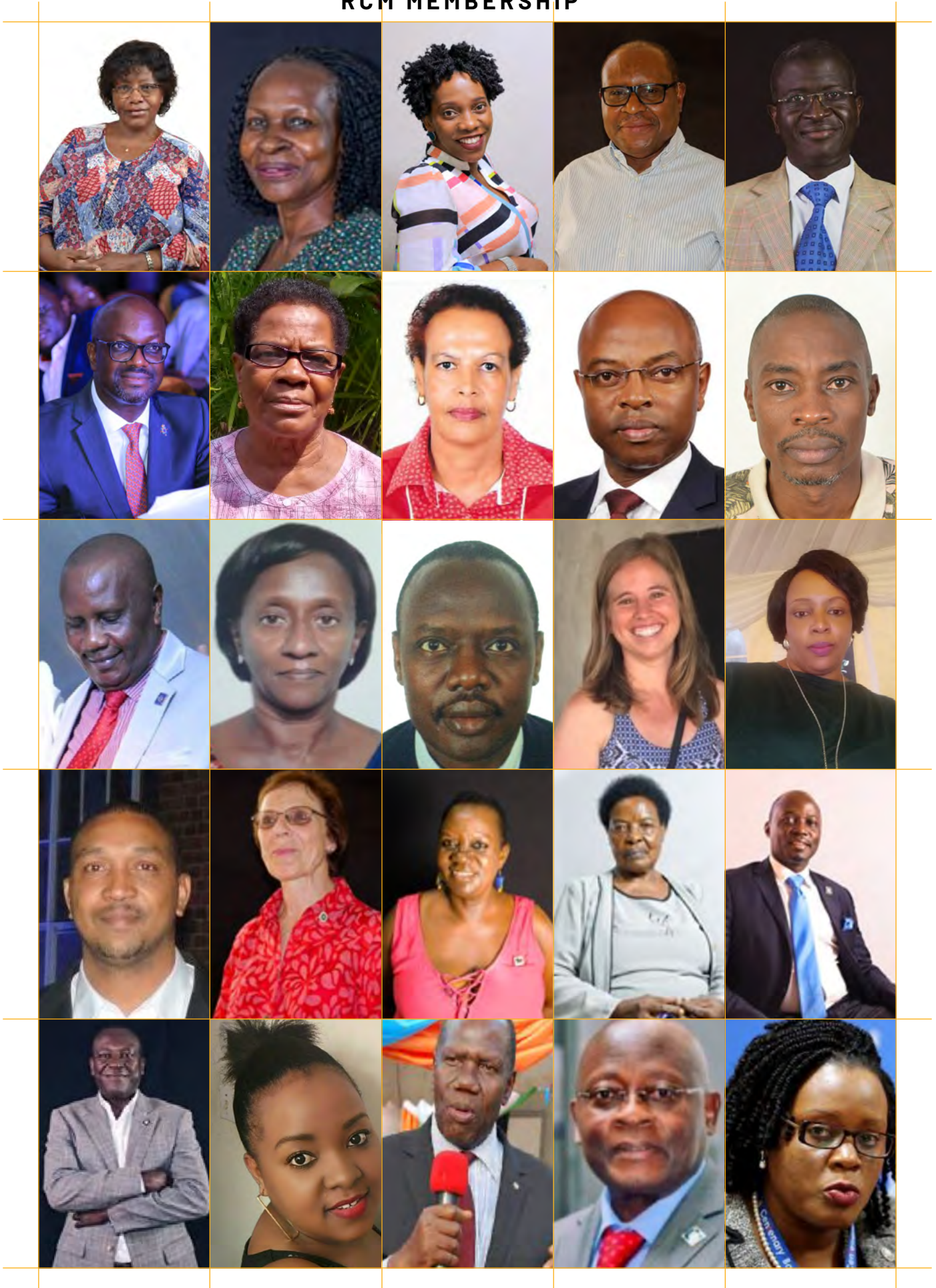
- Adoption of digitalization such as internet banking, mobile money transactions, and automation in industry production are all opportunities that enhance productivity, efficiency and profitability.
- Education institutions should exploit the prevailing digital applications as bulwark for Business
- Continuity Planning (BCP). This entails online teaching and financial transactions in order to keep business operations.
- It is better to develop our internal capacity to manage pandemics, have ICUs and improve quality of health care in the country. Also public health behaviour such as hand washing should continue even after the corona virus.
- Biosecurity has also been vindicated as one critical area that needs attention and mainstreaming

Whether conspiracy or not, the corona virus pandemic is here, we need to support government to eliminate the spread of the infection.

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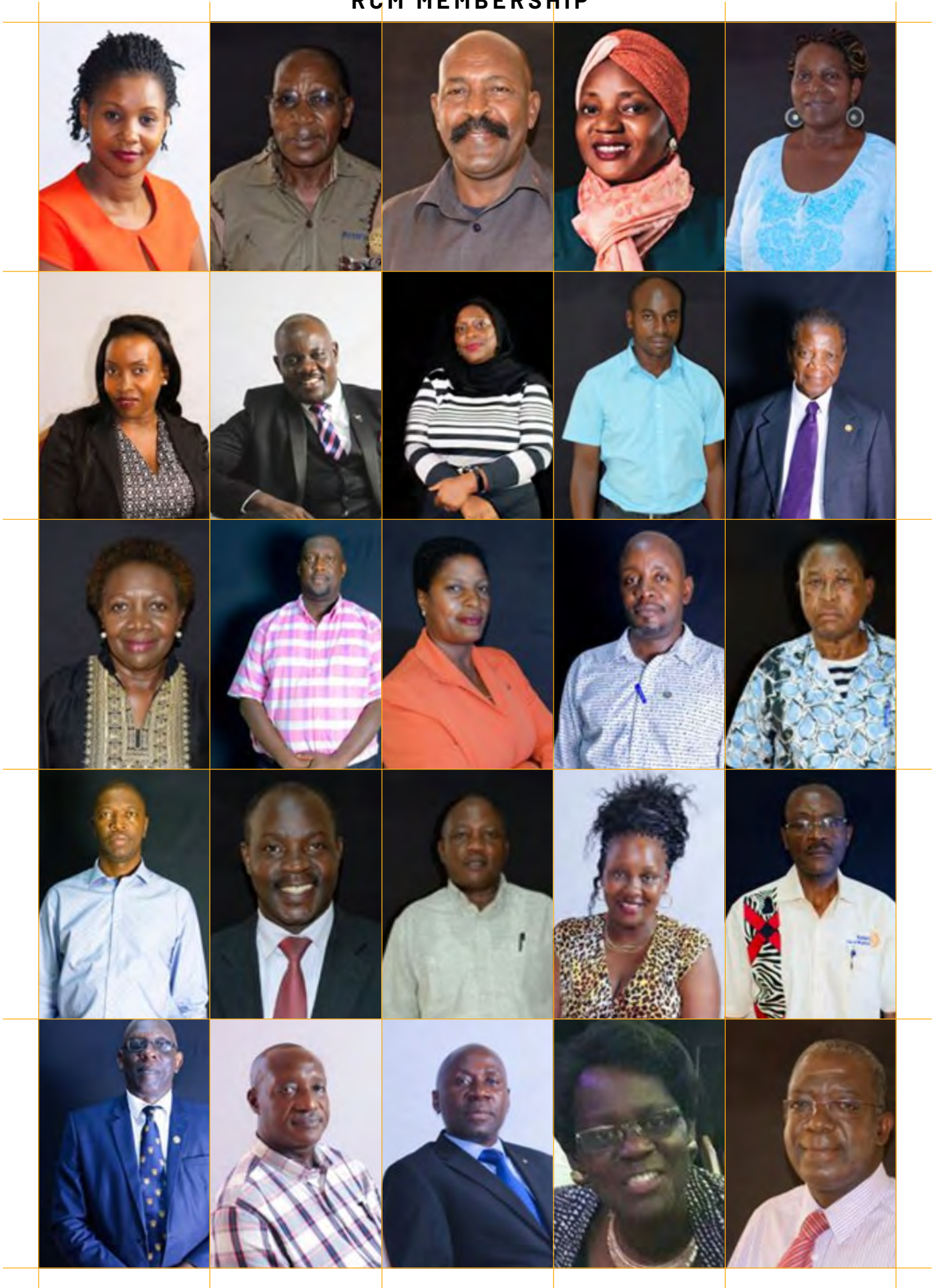


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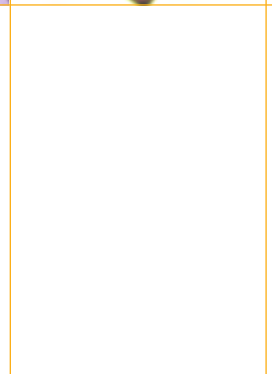


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