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REACH OUT TO AFRICA NEWSLETTER



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**Happy New Year! In 2014 we provided clean water,
improved maternal health, awarded scholarships,
fought diseases like polio and improved lives around
the world. Lets work together to make an even
bigger impact in 2015**



Happy 2015 Friends!!!!!!

EDITOR'S NOTE

By PDG Geeta Manek
ROTA Newsletter Editor
2014/15



We are on to our second half of the Rotary year 2014/15. It's quite exciting to know that we still have so many exciting activities, dates, projects, etc., ahead of us.

As of this year January is now designated as VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH as revised by the RI board recently. In keeping with the new theme, I hope we can remember to do our best to use our vocations to impact our communities and further Rotary's mission for our needy brothers and sisters.

This month the newsletter team brings you worthy Rotary stories from YOU. I humbly acknowledge past contributions, as well as the feedback from our last month's readers. Thank you my dear friends for keeping us on our toes and motivating us to keep on improving.

NB: Lastly, please note our guideline for submissions. Please send us articles that are *strictly* 200 to 400 words (500 words max) and accompanied by a high quality image/ picture. Email me at Geeta@maneknet.com.

Much has been achieved, but more needs to be done!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The new ROTA Executive Committee has just concluded our first six months in office, following our appointment by President Garry, in July 2014. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of my team, for your commitment and dedication to Rotary and to Africa in particular, since we took office.

Everyone has served with tremendous enthusiasm, which has enabled us to inject a new spirit into ROTA's activities across the Continent.

We have managed to build upon the foundations that our predecessors had so ably laid. We have set new goals, which have given each of our

nine regions a new and revitalized focus. There is little doubt that during our first six months in office, much has been achieved, but I believe that much more, remains to be done, going forward.

My brief message therefore, as we enter the New Year, and the second half of our tenure, is to ask each one of us, the Rotarians of Africa, to hit the ground running, in January 2015. I want us to leave behind an indelible footprint in Africa, by the end of this Rotary year, on 30th June 2015.



PDG Patrick D. Chisanga
ROTA Chair 2014/15

Together, let us re-dedicate ourselves to lighting up Rotary in Africa even more, in the months ahead.

Mark Your Calendars:

-  Rotary's 110th Birthday, February 23rd 2015
-  2015 RI Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil – 6-9 June, 2015
-  RI Zone20A Institute, Mombasa, Kenya – September 2015

**PDG Lawrence Okwor**

ROTA Secretary 2014/15

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Our avid readers, will it be appropriate for me to say “Happy New Year?” I am conscious of the fact that the Rotary year just entered the second half. We all know that it starts on 1st of July and ends on 30th of June every year. So technically speaking, Rotarians shall be celebrating their new year on the 1st of July 2015.

Nonetheless, this is a brand new calendar year and an opportunity for us to take stock of our activities in 2014. We need to identify the areas we did very well and areas that we were unable to venture into in our everyday lives and in our Rotary ideals. Usually in January we make New Year resolutions. We undertake to

Just Say AMEN

To These

Prayers

put a halt to our bad manners. We vow to change our old habits. We crave to indulge in only positive and result yielding activities. In most cases, we plan our personal and family budgets for the year albeit mentally. My fervent prayers for us are that our resolutions shall manifest real in our lives this year. Those bad manners of ours that push us to quarrel and cause disaffection in our Rotary Clubs shall come to a halt. The old habit of attending meetings late or staying away completely shall change for the positive. The attitude of not inviting prospects to join a Rotary Club shall stop henceforth. I am praying that Rotary and The Rotary Foundation shall form an integral part of our budgeting this year. Rotary and our Foundation shall rank among our top priorities this year. Those of us who are in the habit of paying dues late shall have a rethink. You will amaze your Club members by inviting friends, relations and

acquaintances to join your Rotary Club very soon. Those who have not been supportive of our Foundation will have good reason to do so. “DID I HEAR YOU CHORUS AMEN TO THESE PRAYERS?”

This is the most appropriate time to sell the tenets of Rotary to our acquaintances. Many prospects are not aware of what Rotary is all about. They do not know who Rotarians are and what Rotary does. For you to market Rotary effectively you must have basic information and be passionate about it. May all your life resolutions (Since Rotary is a way of life) this 2015 come to pass in GOD’s name. I am unable to resist the temptation to ask you to do GOD’s bidding this year. That is the best way to “light up Rotary” in our lives. BONNE ANNEE! (Happy New Year.)



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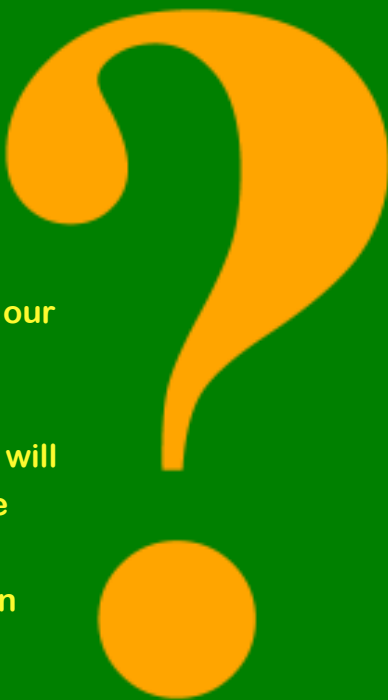


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Arising from an invitation to address the 2014 Zones 30 and 31 Institute in Kansas City about doing projects in Africa, Past District Governor of District 9370, Nick Phillips, decided to compile a booklet showcasing all the Rotary districts on our beautiful continent.

Every month the ROTA editorial team, will serialize this booklet and highlight one Rotary district in Africa. Rotarians in Africa are spread across 15 districts in 9 regions, out of 55 countries.

This Month we focus on District 9101.



ROTARY IN AFRICA

District 9101:

Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Liberia & Mali.



OUR DISTRICT

District 9101 arose from the split of D9100, in two, on July 1st, 2013 and presently comprises 71 clubs. The first D9101 District Conference & Assembly was held on April 8th to 12th, 2014 in Mindelo, Cape Verde.

To learn more about partnering with D9101, contact 2014-15 District Governor Martin Ouédraogo at martinnot@yahoo.fr. He will direct your enquiry to the correct club or district committee.

PROJECT SUCCESSES

A donation of medicine by the Rotary Club of Abidjan Cocody to deprived children in Daloa:

In November 2013, RC Abidjan Cocody, understanding the risks of anaemia incurred by children in the District of Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire, led a project where 1000 doses of iron rich medicine and deworming medication were distributed, resulting in great improvement in the physical well-being of the children.

A donation of prostheses to handicapped children at the University Hospital of Yopougon:

In association with the NGO "Vivre Debout", RC Abidjan Cocody, offered prostheses to

D9101 cont'

handicapped children on February 2014 in the University Hospital of Yopougon (Abidjan). The enjoyment was visible on the faces of the children aged between 2 to 17 years old (and their parents).

A donation of a cold room by the Rotary Club of Mali to the Ministry of Health and the Health service of Mali:

On the occasion of the launch of the JNV (Synchronised National Polio Immunisation Days) in May 2014, the Rotary clubs of Mali provided a 100M3 cold room to the National Center of immunization. This donation of 40,000,000 West African CFA Francs (XOF) or US\$82,000 was financed by the Rotary Foundation.

PROJECT WISH LIST

Our district incorporates ten countries in West Africa all of which have urgent needs that fall into every one of the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus. In order to provide exposure to these project needs an annual project fair is held. It brings Rotarians from West Africa in contact with Rotarians from North America and other parts of Rotary world to promote friendship while cultivating partnerships for the implementation of service projects in West African communities.



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KENYA Remba Island WASH

(D9212): Project

By Rtn. PAG Ogombe

When the Remba Island WASH project was launched on 11th October 2012, it sounded like fiction because most people could not understand who an island situated in the middle of Africa's largest fresh water lake could lack clean drinking water.

However due to a serious problem of inadequate sanitation caused by defecation into the lake, Remba island was in dire need of help.

Remba has a population of 10,000 inhabitants whose economy depends entirely on fishing. In 2011, a Rotarian sent an SOS to Water And Sanitation Rotarian Action Group WASHRAG to save Remba. As a result, through the Rotarian Global Partnership development, over a dozen Rotary clubs in the US and The rotary Foundation raised USD 165,000.

RC Nakuru, RC Great rift Valley (both from D9212) together with RC Olympia WA

(D5020) provided WASH expertise that has been working on the project for the past 2½ years. An ultra modern water purification system from Sky Juice Australia has since been installed and today the residents of Remba enjoy clean drinking water.

In the last one year, Rotarians have been working on the construction of environmental friendly toilets dubbed Urine Deviation Dehydration Toilets (UDDTs) or Ecosan toilets. These were completed and are now in use. It's amazing to see what Rotarians from different divides can do to transform communities.



KENYA

Eradicating Rural

(D9212): Blindness

By Rtn. Gideon Akwabi

The first 2014/15 Eye Camp hosted by the oldest Rotary club in Kenya, Rotary Club of Nairobi, took place over the last weekend of November 2014, marking 30 years of ongoing commitment to the eradication of Rural Blindness. Thanks to countless donations free Cataract operations were carried out, whilst free bus transport to Hema Hospital by Easy Coach, made it possible for patients from as far as Siaya, Nandi Hills, Kapsabet and Kericho to make it to the camp and back to their homes, with their sight restored!

Thanks to Hema Hospital for use of their facilities and the leadership Rotarians led by President Kamal R. Sanghani, Immediate Past President David Hastie, Rtn Salim Fazal, club members; as well as lead project Ophthalmologist Dr. Mukesh Joshi and entire management and staff of Hema Hospital.

The surgeon's team comprising amazing ophthalmic crew, with theatre equipment set up a makeshift operation theatre for the



The surgeon's team comprising amazing ophthalmic crew, with theatre equipment set up a makeshift operation theatre for the cataract operations. Operations took place in Eldoret, Mukumu, Aga Khan Hospital in Kisumu, Kericho, Kaptagat, Nyeri, Thika, Kabras, Eldama Ravine, Chogoria, Kapenguria and Kisii.

Over 10,000 free cataract operations have been undertaken in the past. There still

Committed to eradicating ... Continued from previous page

remains over 100,000 patients awaiting cataract operations.

Keratoconus Problem In Kenya

Apart from cataracts, Kenya has perhaps the highest incidence of Keratoconus, which is very common in young patients. The normal shape of the cornea is similar to that of a soccer ball, however, in a patient with Keratoconus, the cornea tends to be similar to the shape of a rugby ball. If this condition is not treated in time, the cornea perforates leading to corneal blindness. For the last four years, RC Nairobi has facilitated regular Keratoplasty operations in Kenya. This is made possible courtesy of the Eye Bank (Tissue Bank International, Baltimore, U.S.A.), that send free corneas, enabling doctors to in turn perform free grafting operations.

The cost of a single eye camp is Kshs 1 million. This is an average of 180 operations or Kshs 5,500 spend per operation.

ETHIOPIA Localize Rotary

(D9212): Ethiopia (LRE)

By Rtn. Abe Coster



It is indeed a great pleasure and honor to share with you the great achievement made via our Localize Rotary Ethiopia (LRE) project. Rotary Club Of Addis Ababa Central Mella, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club Of Raey, Zare Project and Timret Lehiwot, Ethiopia, successfully conducted a two day recruitment and orientation workshop to two high schools and university students of Hawassa City on the concept and application of Rotary International, Rotaract and Interact clubs. As a result, two interact and two Rotaract clubs are currently in formation and shall be chartered within the coming few weeks.

LRE Project... cont'

Taking this opportunity, I would like to particularly congratulate Rotaractor Medhanit, Eddris, Hezekias, and Rezene and their team for demonstrating exemplary leadership! And to TLH staff, who have been there lending a hand, for a successful first round LRE campaign of the year!

We have planned 10 similar workshops in the remaining six months of the Rotary year 2014/15. Our goal: to form 10 Rotaract, 6 Rotary and 10 Interact clubs!

Good Job LRE!



Two-day orientation in session

SOUTH AFRICA **(D9270):**

Recently, Rotarian Alef Meulenberg and his Babuyile Community Development project, proudly opened the Hope IT Centre, a skills development centre at the Bophelong community centre in Diepsloot. Alef said that he realised one of the main issues affecting disadvantaged communities, is the huge unemployment of the youth.

Imparting Skills to Diepsloot's Youth

By Kristie Hansen, RC Morningside

With the help of President Salman Khan, Alef came up with the idea of a skills development centre to increase employment opportunities for the youth in Diepsloot - people between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

The newly established HOPE IT Centre was funded by donations from Experion and the Morningside Rotary Club, with support from Rivers Foundation and the South African National Council on Alcohol and Drugs (SANCA) with which it now shares premises.

Your stories continued...

Diepsloot's Youth



Before (above) and after (below): Previously the centre was a "library" with collapsed shelves and a miscellaneous selection of books. Now it has first world computers and professionally trained IT facilitators.



The Centre will offer courses in career readiness, fashion design, information technology and enterprise development. The courses are fully accredited, and Alef says that he and his staff will follow graduates along their careers to make sure they are contributing to society.

President Salman said that the skills development centre would also function as an employment centre where youth would be connected with suitable job opportunities. Rotarian Nuska Zwane, who is also the head of Rivers Foundation, explained that her journey with Diepsloot's youth started in 2002 when she met young men from Diepsloot who were incarcerated at Leeuwkop Prison. She said, "I asked myself, "what makes young boys like this end up in prison?"

"They committed petty crimes because of poverty, but keep repeating these crimes – this centre is about breaking this cycle, because with some skills under their belt tomorrow is sure to be a better day."

Alef is looking for more partners to come on board to help both the centre become sustainable and the youth who will no doubt use it to reach their potential.

For more details:

contactus@babuyile.com or 011465 9556

UGANDA (D9211):

Hospital Brings Hope to the People of Mukono

By Rtn. Doris Mitti Kimuli, RC
Kampala



A midwife attends to a pregnant woman at a health facility. (Daily Monitor, File photo)

25-year old Olivia Nakanwagi was brought to Kyampisi Health Centre III in critical condition. She had just had her sixth child, with the help of a traditional birth attendant in her village, but soon the birth attendant realized that Olivia was bleeding profusely and there was nothing she (the birth attendant) could do to stop the bleeding. That is when they decided that Olivia had to be rushed to the nearest health centre, which was 30km away from her home. On arrival at the centre, the only nurse on duty

already overwhelmed with the number of patients awaiting her attention. There was no senior health personnel in sight and the nurse did not have the expertise to save the situation hard as she tried. Olivia bled to death right there, with her hapless husband looking on and a newborn in her bosom.

There are countless stories like this across Uganda; stories of accident victims dying from seemingly minor injuries that could be treated if attended to in time, children wasting away due to malnutrition or as a result of birth-related complications, among others. It was these and more harrowing tales of similar nature that drove the Rotary Club of Kampala to embark on a hospital project in Mukono District.

Mukono is located 27km east of Kampala City and is one of Uganda's fastest growing urban areas. With a population of about 600,000, Mukono has no fully-fledged hospital. Hence, the first contact for someone living in a rural village in the area would be a community medicine distributor or a member of a **village health team (VHT).**

The decision to build a modern hospital was, therefore, driven by the need to contribute to the provision of quality health services in the

District and enhance the wellbeing and quality of life of the people of Mukono. On 26 July 2014, the, Uganda, the Rotary Club of Kampala broke ground for the construction of a modern hospital on the 10-acre plot of land that was donated to the Club by one of its members, Rtn. George Kasedde-Mukasa.

The project, a first of its kind in Uganda and in Africa, envisages a fully-fledged modern hospital with and Outpatients Department, Administration Block & Private Clinic, Special Clinics Block, Operating Theatre, Female, Male and Children's Wards. A partnership with the Uganda Christian University, Mukono, is also in the offing in the area of training. The University recently opened up a faculty of health sciences and this hospital will provide the training ground for medical students.

The first phase – an outpatient clinic - is expected to be completed by June 2015 at an estimated cost of US\$ 230,000, and will comprise, a minor operating theatre, treatment rooms for dental, eye and general clinics, offices and a waiting area. Contributions from Rotarians alone total about US\$ 77,000, leaving a funding gap of US\$ 153,000.

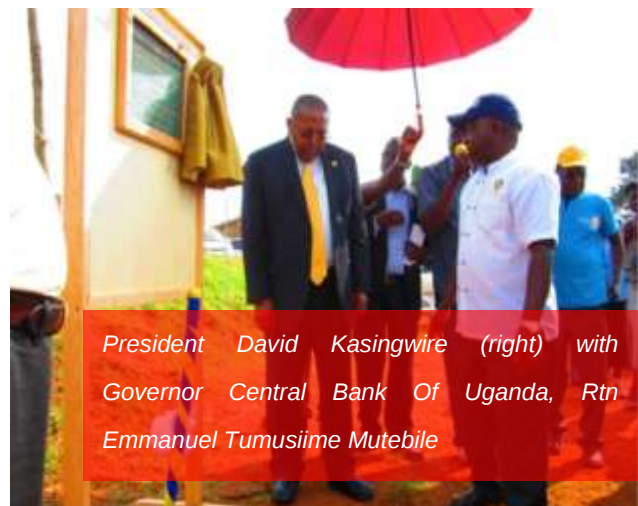
Our Rotary theme this year is "Light Up Rotary"; In this, our RI President asked all Rotarians to light up the world with the work Rotary does, - He said, **"It is better to light**

Hospital Brings Hope to the People of Mukono

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a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness because there are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help, yet many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark".

We have chosen to do something about this darkness. Will you join us?



President David Kasingwire (right) with Governor Central Bank Of Uganda, Rtn Emmanuel Tumusiime Mutebile



President David speaks to journalists after the laying of the foundation stone in Mukono

District 5500 Grant Funds National Healthcare Summit in Uganda

PRID Phil Silvers

On November 3, 2014, 35 delegates convened in Kampala, Uganda, to identify critical healthcare issues facing patients and to recommend/prioritize action steps in response. Delegates included patients, nurses, physicians, administrators, epidemiologists, Rotarians and Rotaract, Rotary Family Health Day clients, and representatives of the CDC and the Uganda Ministry of Health. The grant supported transportation and overnights of “upcountry” (rural) delegates, as well as training-related expenses.

The Healthcare Summit utilized a ‘charrette’ process of sequential breakout groups and reports back to obtain a consensus and clearer focus on national priorities. Prior to the Summit, delegates were given a briefing paper which summarized the Uganda Ministry of Health Strategic Plan, the paper *Gone Too Soon* on under-five mortality, and the evaluation findings from Uganda’s Rotary Family Health Days in 2013 and 2014. Priorities, which emerged from the one-day event were:

Uganda Rotary clubs, with support from

healthcare hospital or clinic in the 70-percent underserved areas—without creating a dependency.

Sponsorships might include better diagnostic equipment and supplies, access to training for staff, internet connectivity, and advocacy for patient referrals and transportation to hospitals.

- Training and resources in Nutrition for expectant and new mothers.
- Strengthening Uganda’s healthcare resource and referral networks.

Now, one might ask: why was a **District Grant** sponsored by the Rotary Club of Valle Verde in Green Valley, Arizona, used to support this event in Uganda? Quite simply, Rotary Foundation staff have advised that this is *the only* TRF mechanism currently available to support community needs assessments prior to applying for a Global Grant. This Summit was deemed an outstanding success by the participants and by TRF staff. Districts 9211 and 5500 are now well positioned to obtain a Global Grant to help address the needs identified by the Summit.

HAND JANUARY: Hand washing for Elementary Schools

The Rotary Club Of Techiman, District 9102 is undertaking Hand Washing Project for Elementary Schools in the Communities around Techiman Municipality, to improve Sanitation and Hygiene the Schools. We think this can reduce or irradiate Cholera in these schools. We have about 450 Elementary Schools to supply this hand washing buckets projects to.

One Project cost USD 150 and as a young Club, which is one year old, we invite Friends, Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the world to partner with us to execute this laudable Project to LIGHT UP ROTARY.

Interested in partnering with RC Techiman on their hand washing project, contact President Joseph Owusu Yeboah on djeabour@gmail.com



GHANA (D9102):

**Rtn Joseph Owusu Yeboah,
President RC Techiman**



Hand washing project participants



CHANGES TO MONTHLY CALENDAR

AMMENDED: The RI Board recently modified Rotary's calendar of special observances to designate specific months highlighting the Areas of Focus. The new special observance months are:

- **September:** Basic Education and Literacy
- **October:** Economic and Community Development
- **December:** Disease Prevention and Treatment
- **January:** Vocational Service
- **February:** Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- **March:** Water and Sanitation
- **April:** Maternal and Child Health
- **May:** Youth Services



No Cases of Wild Polio in Africa

POLIO HEADLINES

- **Africa:** For the first time ever, no cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in Africa in the last 4 months. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 11 August in Somalia.
- **Madagascar:** In the north of Madagascar, supplementary immunization activities are currently underway in response to the outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1. National Immunization Days are planned for 19 – 23 January.

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The Rotary Foundation – What is It Really About?

By TRF Cadre Tusu Tusbira

FOUNDATION CORNER

Uganda has been running a vibrant Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) programme through the dedicated leadership of one Andrew Muguluma, fondly known as Headmaster. What I have found very interesting is that even among the veteran RLI faculty in Uganda, there is a general avoidance of dealing with topics related to our Foundation, the Rotary Foundation. And who can blame them? TRF has been presented to most of us in such complex and confusing terms that it takes on the appearance of some scary god-beast in our minds. We are then harassed to give this beast money in ways that make it sound like sacrificing to a deity for our Rotarian wellbeing and recognition. If you fail to sacrifice to this god, you are apparently less than a Rotarian. Do you feel like this about TRF? Do not worry – you are in very good company.

I must admit that this was my own perception of TRF for a long time, trying to figure out the Share System and Matching and suchlike. I heard about Major Donors and the Arch Klumph society before I even had a car. I heard about the Bequest Society when I did not have anything to my name. I was confused by investment cycles, percentage this and percentage that. TRF sounded like an exercise in mathematics, economics, and the stock market. “Triple PHF George Kasedde-Mukasa” was mentioned with awe and reverence: he had given \$3,000 to TRF! Wow! I was struggling just to keep up with my dues, and if I could find \$3,000 somewhere, I would buy a fourth-hand car (which incidentally I eventually did – a smoky Violet that required one foot across both the accelerator and brake pedals simultaneously to function, and which my family absolutely

loved. UXM 983) and be saved from the Gayaza road matatus (14-seater public transport vehicles characterized by the reckless abandon of drivers who all have a death wish. At that point in time, you could see the murram of Gayaza road – and indeed get to taste it because the dust gusted into the vehicles through gaping holes in the floors of the matatus).

Then I had one of those rare opportunities in life: when I was club president, then DG Nelson Kawalya identified me to the TRF as someone who could carry out an advance site visit to be the eyes and boots on ground for the TRF staff and Trustees in evaluating a proposed 3H grant (Yes, I know – Health, Hunger, and Humanity, or 3H, was the name for the largest grants TRF gave at the time, with grant-amount ceilings of

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\$300,000 if I remember correctly). Excuse me DG Nelson, I asked my Rotary mentor: What is 3H? What is the work of an Advance Site Visitor? Don't worry, he assured me: TRF will send you all the literature you need to understand what you are supposed to know and do. And this I got in large volumes and, academic that I was, read diligently. And this, my friends, is how I became a volunteer for the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors, but more of this in another article.

Aha, you will think, all that literature from TRF helped me to understand TRF. I am afraid you are wrong: being an Advance Site Visitor helped me begin to understand what TRF is, but it was not the reading. For the first time, I met Rotarians who were totally dedicated to the service of humanity, and here I refer to Rtn Faye Cran, fondly known as Mama Kuku by the Arusha communities, and that humble mzee, PDG Amir Somji. Of course they were somewhat amazed: they expected a portly PDG with a generous bulge around the mid-riff as the Advance Site Visitor, not an athletic and fit Rotarian of forty who wanted to visit all project locations including going up the lower slopes of Mt Meru. I visited Upendo, a community of former lepers producing crafts and verdant vegetables, wielding hoes with hands that in most cases had no fingers. I had been involved in projects before, but I had never felt deep inside the great impact that TRF funded projects, however simple, have on people we normally never even meet.

This was my first real lesson about what TRF is. It is not the staff in Chicago. It is not all the rules and regulations and policies. It is not the Trustees. It is dedicated Rotarians around the world, pouring themselves into service to help

those who are in need.

Through my volunteer work, I got to see more of this kind of person, and for each location, I felt the human experience, I felt the spirit of great Rotarians. I felt this in the Nandi hills as a post-project evaluation volunteer; as an Advance Site Visitor in the Ethiopian highlands, welcomed and treated to sumptuous feasts by otherwise poor families – and here I remember the warm company of another great Rotarian, Yemane Bisrat; when welcomed like royalty because I was sent by TRF as a Shelter Monitor in Nana Karodia, Gujarat, after the great earthquake that shattered lives in this region – and here I remember the dedication of Rtn Deepak whose only interest was service to communities; in Abia, Aba, Nigeria, with Rtn Ude Ikeotuonye, now himself a member of the TRF Cadre of Technical Advisors.

Once I understood this, the rest was easy. Having felt, and having seen; how could I not give? A person who feels

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other people's needs always has a coin to spare, not once, but always. Having felt and given, how could I not be involved in projects in my club? And yet I believe I am a greater beneficiary of TRF than the communities we serve: Service makes me feel complete as a human being. It gives me energy that I pour into other areas of my life, to my great benefit.

TRF is a thing of the heart, a crystallization of how we feel for other people and reach out to those in need. TRF is about developing and implementing effective service projects on the one hand, and supporting our Foundation through our donations on the other hand. The two march hand in hand. Indeed, as I have said to many, feel TRF first through service; feel the people and the communities we work with as individuals; feel them as part of you, as part of your family. The next step: giving, becomes inevitable, it becomes a habit.

Finally, if you have felt, and you are giving from the heart, try to understand the mechanics of TRF – if you have the time. Like love, our Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, starts with the feeling in the heart, not the giving of things.



TRF Cadre Rtn Tusu Tusubira

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PICTURES SPEAK A THOUSAND WORDS

CELEBRATING A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015



D9212 #TeamKilimanjaro climbers warming up before their 4 day hike up Mt. Kilimanjaro to #EndPolio.



D9212's #TeamKilimanjaro climbers ready to #EndPolio. Climb flagged off by DG Bimal Kantaria



Toys collected from the Carols By Candlelight handed out by RC Luanshya (D9210) President John Bwalya to children in 3 Luanshya hospitals.



Rotaractor VP Andrew Deandre Silungwe also proceeds to hand over Christmas toys to children in three Luanshya hospitals.



President RC Asaba East (D9140) Rtn Shadrack Okonkwo, addressing market women of Cable market. The club supported them with Micro Credit.



RC Onitsha Metropolis elects its President Nominee 2016/17, Carol Nnenne Okwuchukwu & 2015/16 club officers