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"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today"

- Malcolm X -

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THE EDITOR`S NOTE



Dear reader,

I welcome you to another week of Service. We appreciate the support you have given the Downtowner since its launch. In our previous issue, we received a lot of feedback and we encourage you to keep it going.

Last week started on a sad note, we lost a son, child to Rtns. Stella and Jonathan Wagubo. The mood is still sombre! The Club condoles with the bereaved family and May Jesse`Soul in Peace.

The Downtowner continues to advocate for Rotary and all the activities that are organized at various levels; therefore, we have shared a lot of Rotary Information in this issue. With a remarkable attendance, the club also held its first Board meeting and some of the resolutions have been shared in this issue. The Maternal and Child Health month is still on and I encourage us all to support the cause. Also included are fun and informative articles, please check them out and don't forget to give us feedback.

I wish you a fruitful week ahead and God bless you all.

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Rtn. Beatrice Nannozi Kasirye
Club Public Relations Officer/ Editor

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1. URSB Registration Certificate of Incorporation
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3. Proof of Payment of District Dues for RY2024/25 in full
4. Audited Accounts for RY 2023/24 before 30th Sep 2025 and RY 2024/25 thereafter
5. Club Assembly Resolution approving the Audited Accounts
6. Evidence of filed returns for 2024 (URSB form A10)
7. Club Financial Management Guidelines
8. Signed MOU between President and President Elect (Rotary format)
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Dear fellow Rotarians, it is with deep sadness that we started the year. Our Past Presidents, the Wangubos, Rtns. Jonathan and Stella lost their son – Jesse Muwanguzi (2yrs). On behalf of the Rotary Club of Mukono Central and friends, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time.

I also thank everyone who trekked the journey to Mbulamuti Village, Bugweri district (Eastern Uganda) for the burial. Thank you for your presence and support during this very difficult time. Your kindness and unity is deeply appreciated. Thank you for being there for our own. Your support means a lot! For Rtns. Jonathan and Stella - you are in our prayers and we are here to support you. May Jesse's soul rest in peace.

Unite for Good is this year's Rotary International message and this was exhibited during this trying moment. Let us also continue to unite for the success of our projects, other social engagements and Club fellowships, Let us make a positive impact in our community!

In the same spirit of uniting for good, I thank the Board of the Rotary Club of Mukono Central for showing up on Wednesday 9th of July 2025 for our very first board meeting to review and pass the updated Club bylaws, strategic plan and other club businesses we had . It was an awesome experience having nearly the entire board, very active with contributions and ideas. Indeed this is a strong foundation we are building for our club and let's keep focused on the goal.

Our Board is in the process of designing an annual fundraiser which will be held in august to benefit community projects. This year we are looking forward to a significant contribution to the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, and I am counting on your support in these areas. Service projects, and so much more will be possible because of your generosity. I call upon all of us to unite and support the cause.

I encourage all Rotarians to utilize training opportunities and events offered by Rotary District 9213. Many in-person and virtual training opportunities are offered to help you learn more about Rotary. By attending district events you will meet other Rotarians, network, share resources, and build lasting friendships that will unite us all.

Lastly today 14th- July, 2025, we will be holding our first Club Assembly, to review the resolutions of the club board and I encourage all of you, our lovely members to participate; get engaged and make your contribution towards the growth of the Club. On Saturday 19th let us join other Clubs at the 5-ASIDE sports tournament, participate and bring the trophy home.

My Board and I look forward to serving with you during this Rotary year and we welcome your ideas and feedback. It will take all of us to Unite for Good.

Rtn. Isaac Ssamba
Club President – 2025/2026



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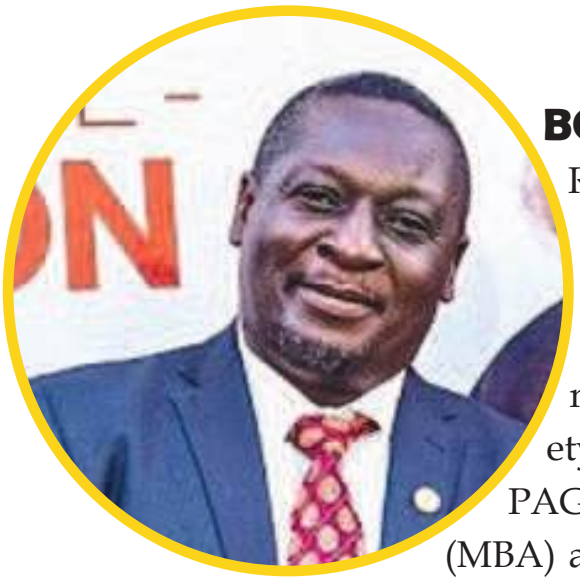
BOARD MEETING-RESOLUTIONS

The Club held a successful Board meeting on the 9th of July 2025 at 6:00PM. It was a hybrid meeting to accommodate members that could not make it physically to Star Gardens Mukono, the home of the Rotary Club of Mukono Central. Also in attendance was the Club Advisor, Rtn. Sebuliba Isaac. The board agreed on several issues including but not limited to;

- Changing the Administrative Bank Account signatories
- Opening a new Project Bank Account
- Ratifying the Club Bylaws
- Passing the three year Strategic plan for the Club
- Initiation of the District Governor`s visit preparations.
- Passing the annual work plan and budget.

The resolutions made in the board meeting await presentation to the Club Members during the Open Club Assembly that is scheduled for today the 14th July 2025 at Star Gardens Mukono.

MEET THE CLUB ADVISORS



BOB KIBIRANGO, Rotarian for 26 years, joined Rotary on 18th August 1999 following an invitation by Charter President, James Mwebesa of Rotary Club of Mukono. Rotarian Bob is a past president of the Rotary Club of Mukono, past Assistant Governor District 9211 in 2017-18 and a Paul Harris Society member.

PAG Bob holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelor of Procurement and Logistics Management (BPLM) from Uganda Christian University; a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from USA. He worked with the work`s Department from1991-97, Mechanical works in the USA from 1998-99 and the National Agricultural Advisory Services from 2013- 2020. Currently, he is an Entrepreneur, commercial farmer of Kibs Farm Enterprise and Founder of Kyaggwe country resort.



ISAAC SEBULIBA, Joined Rotary Club of Mukono in 2009 where he has served in different capacities. He was the President of the Rotary Club of Mukono in the RY 2012/2013. He served as an Assistant Governor in RY 2021/22 but also in several other positions at the district. He is a Paul Harris Society (PHS) member, Benefactor & Major Donor level 1 to the Rotary Foundation

Prior to that, he was a Rotaractor in the Rotaract Club of Mukono where he served as President in the year 2003/ 2004 and beyond the Club level as the Assistant District Rotaract Representative for Uganda in district 9200.

Isaac is Biostatistician with a Bachelors of Statistics, a Masters in Statistics and a PhD. Currently; he is a Commercial farmer and works with Makerere University School of Public Health



KATAMBA GODFREY KATAH, a former Rotaractor and proud Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Seeta since 2016, Katah has served as a Club President and in several other positions in the Club. He holds diplomas in Civil Engineering, Graphics & Animation, and Law; and is currently, pursuing a Bachelor of Laws degree. He works with Katamba & Co. Associates, a legal firm specializing in bailiff work, debt recovery, and auctioneering. He has worked with several institutions including Hiance Engineering Company, Red Pepper Publications, Hurricane Estates, and later founded Katah Prints Media, a printing and publishing enterprise. He is also a board member of Charol Steels (a manufacturer of chain link fencing) and Namiryango High School–Gulama.



The Volunteer Misconception in Rotary.



Many times Rotarians are heard priding in being volunteers which is reasonably true. However, with volunteerism comes a huge obligation to actually do more, be more, care more and more importantly, give more. Volunteers give more in terms of what's material and immaterial.

Essentially, volunteerism is presumed to be out of extra love and care for a particular thing and that's why for the spirit of volunteerism, we can recall Solferino of the famous Red Cross Movement, Mother Theresa and so many others – and guess what, Rotary still stands a hundred years later because of the spirit of volunteerism that is EXTRA.

Extra in the sense that Paul Harris, together with friends saw the need to do something extra beyond friendship and business which drove them into building a public toilet, (the first Rotary project in history) such and more, forms the foundation of the Rotary you and me are so proud to be part of.

Without doing some extra during your stay in Rotary, you clearly don't understand what volunteerism is, you basically communicate that you are misguided. Your presence during club meetings is not a favor to your club president but a testament to the first object of Rotary of developing acquaintance as an opportunity for service."By not being present you deny others the opportunity to develop acquaintances"- PDG Francisco Ssemwanga, an honorary member of where I come from, the RC Mukono once put it.

Unless otherwise, your involvement in Rotary activities is directly proportional to your understanding of Rotary. As a future Rotarian or Rotaractor; one thinking about being part of this most prestigious organization, think twice, since being part requires people that do more. With great opportunity, comes along great commitment. This is why Rotary should not be and is not for everyone. It's for the willing volunteer that has understood volunteerism.

Till then,

RTN.PAWULO SSENYONGA.
CLUB ADMIN - RC MUKONO

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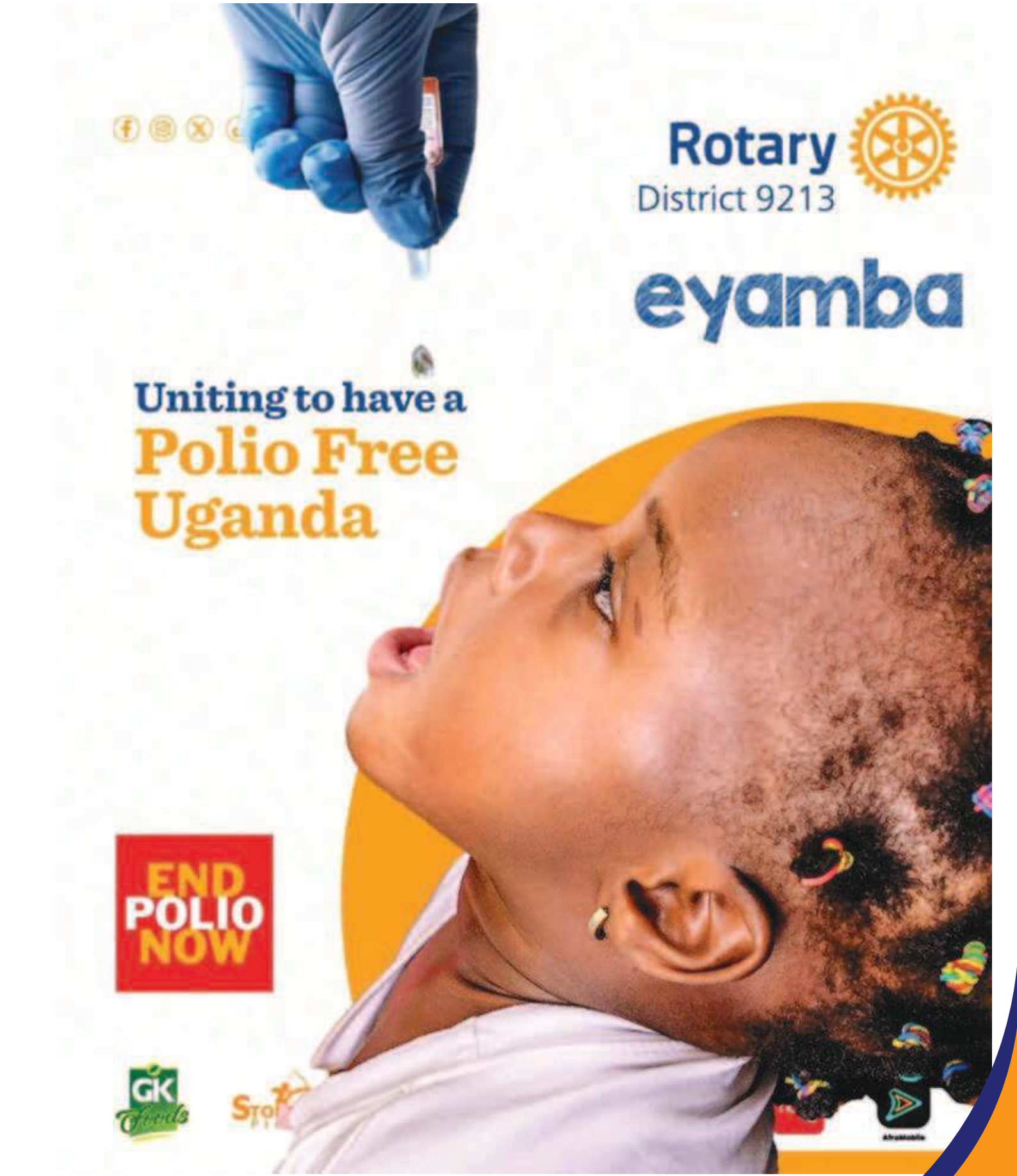
Friends and family joined Rtns. Stella and Jonathan Wangubo of the Rotary Club of Mukono Central to mourn the loss of their son, Jesse Muwanguzi at their home in Ddandiira Mukono. Jesse was later laid to rest at his ancestral home in Iganga on the 8th of July 2025.

Isaiah: 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." May Jesse`s Soul Rest in Peace








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– Celebrating our identity and leadership with pride and authenticity.

#ThisIsRotaract

– A spotlight on the vibrant, action-driven spirit of Rotaractors in D9213.

These hash tags are to be used consistently in all our posts, stories, and engagements to strengthen our public image and inspire others to join the movement.



BOYCHILD CHRONICLES

"Love in action"

Letters to My son



Rtn Catherine Namoma
President Elect

Dear son, last Monday was a dark day as we received the devastating news of the death of one of our Rotakids. Our very own beloved members lost their only child in a quick and unexplainable way. As the day unfolded, there were more questions than answers and majority couldn't comprehend what had happened.

In the course of the storm as the bereaved family went through the overwhelming emotions of the day, Rotarians sprang into action. Some were the first respondents at the hospital where the child breathed his last, others rushed back home to participate in the necessary preparations, while on the group forums messages of comfort poured in through the day. Financial contributions were a welcome act which many did without coercion. It was a beautiful vision to see Rotarians from Mukono Central and other clubs standing together in unity to support our members at their time of grief.

This is truly what Rotary is all about. The object of Rotary was in action as many used their different expertise and resources to navigate this major trial. Many braved the four hour drive to Eastern Uganda to stand with the family as they bid farewell to their beloved child. Neither the traffic nor the rain could stop them.

It was a blessing to witness! Many non-Rotarians at the funeral watched in awe and admiration of the family of Rotary as we stood together. It was love in action. A demonstration of what it means to be family. As we serve above self. It starts with us and the rest of the world will attest to the joys of being a Rotarian.

Thank you Rotarians for your presence, love, support and comfort to our members. We have no doubt that the impact you made will forever be remembered and emulated. To many more opportunities to express love in action.



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"Whom have I in heaven but You? And earthhas nothing I desire besides You." — Psalm 73:25

Dear God,

There is no doubt that You are alive. The stars still bow to You in silent choreography. The rivers murmur Your name in restless praise. The sun still rises each morning not because of cosmic rhythm, but because You, O Eternal One, whispered "let there be day."

And here I am—dust and breath—standing at the far side of youth, leaning heavily on the cane of time. The vigor of my beginning has been spent in tears and toil, in pleading with men, in knocking on locked doors and smiling through rejection. And if I have one petition left before the curtain draws, it is this: Let me not die without seeing the fullness of Your grace. This is not the plea of one seeking silver or applause—no. I have long stopped chasing crowns that tarnish. I have no desire to please men who change with the wind. This is the cry of a soul wearied by begging, weary of performing worthiness before mortals while my heart bleeds silently in midnight prayers.

My God, if I have found favor in Your eyes—not because I am righteous but because You are merciful—then let the remainder of my days speak loudly that You, O God, are with me.

Let every enemy who mocked me know that it was You all along who held me when they pushed. Let those who forgot me remember that You remembered me. Let the tables turn not so I may boast, but so I may fall on my face and say: "Look what the Lord has done!"

I do not ask to be lifted above men, I ask that You be lifted higher—even as I go lower. But even in this lowest, may glory descend. Let my pain preach. Let my scars shine. Let my suffering become the sacred text of Your faithfulness. I want no revenge—only revelation. That in the presence of those who knew me at my weakest, Your power may be made perfect.

Let not my years pass in silence. Let not my grave be dug without the sound of answered prayer. Let the story of my life conclude with a crescendo of divine affirmation;"This one—though forgotten by men—was remembered by God."

Dear God, the oil is running low. But I still have enough to weep at Your feet. Let the heavens bear witness—my soul is tired, but it is not faithless. I have no résumé to show, only this desperate heart that still believes. In the twilight of my earthly breath, let the dawn of Your promise rise.

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." — Isaiah 46:4

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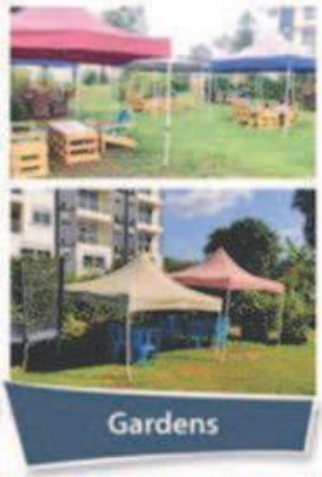


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