



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL—DISTRICT 9200



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## District Governor's Newsletter

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

#### Towards World Understanding

We all belong to different cultures, and whether we think about it in microcosm in our countries, or macrocosm around the world, each culture has a different value system that leads to uniqueness in the definitions of right and wrong, moral and immoral, acceptable and unacceptable. These differences, if not understood, combined with differences in language and its use, lead to suspicion, resentment, mistrust and hatred, and often escalate into conflict.

How often do we sub-consciously, and indeed consciously ascribe certain characters and motives (very often negative) to people we have never even spoken to, based purely on tribe, race, nationality or religion? When you look at the world through red glasses, everything looks red.

And yet, when properly examined, all the people of the world have got a commonality in the basic elements of their value systems that can be a strong basis for establishing sameness and appreciating difference. We have the same

basic needs and wants, and, on any scale, our sameness weighs much more than our difference.

The last part of the Object of Rotary calls upon all Rotarians to advance World Peace and Understanding, and this is actualized through activities in the International Service Avenue. We carry out activities that reach across our borders, our Rotary Districts, to reach Rotarians and communities elsewhere. We send out Group Study Exchange teams and Ambassadorial Scholars. We develop and implement humanitarian grants with clubs from other parts of the world. And yes, we financially support the Rotary Foundation so that all these can be funded.

While all these activities and programmes deliver specific benefits to individuals and to communities, the high level motivation is to underscore, explore, and demonstrate sameness while at the same time appreciating and understanding differences among races, cultures, and religions so that together, we can make the world a more peaceful place.

Let us reflect on this during this month. Let us examine

ourselves as individuals so that we can start removing those personal mental biases that stop us understanding those around us:

Let us remove the colour from the glasses through which we look at other tribes, cultures, races, religions and countries. Let us then move as individuals and clubs to take more active role in the activities that promote World Understanding and by so doing, help others remove the colour from their glasses.

*DGTusu*

### NEENA HANDA DONATES \$250,000 TO D9200

#### THANK YOU NEENA!



Rtn Neena Handa, current President of the Rotary Club of Nairobi East, has made a bequest of \$250,000 in her will to be used for higher education for kids from District 9200. We congratulate her for her generosity on trying to make a

difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

**Geeta Manek**  
**District Annual Giving Officer**

**MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT**

Dear President-Elect,

On behalf of the District Team, I welcome you to the 2007-08 Leadership Team of our great District. Great District because of our healthy diversity of culture, colour, creed; the vast geographical expanse and the numerous community service projects by the membership of our Rotary Clubs and the partners-in-service Clubs.

As we look forward to taking office starting July 01, 2007, I would like to remind you that this is the time to plan and prepare for the task before you, so that come July you hit the road running. You must start preparing your plans now. Remember: *"Failing to plan is planning to fail."* Start with Club Team Building (CTB), getting your Club Leadership Team together.

A Rotary Club exists because of and to serve the community. In this regard, I am emphasizing the need to enhance community participation in programs and projects of your Club. In the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) program, RI provides Clubs with a great opportunity of working with and within the community. I therefore suggest and request you to give RCC special focus in your programs for the year.

RIPE Wilfrid J Wilkinson has challenged you to introduce and induct a new member in your Club before PETS slated for March 2007; and I am very sure that this is a very good starting activity in your planning process.

Communication is key to leadership and lack of it is tantamount to functional illiteracy. Please sharpen your art of effective communication; you will simply sail into success.

Therefore, let us get working on increasing Club membership to build capacity for greater community service with increasing community participation through RCC's. I challenge you to plan to lead and leave a mark of excellence in the history of your Club leadership.

**DGE Chris Mutalya**

**CHANGE FOR A CHANGE**

**CHANGE FOR A CHANGE** is an ongoing community service project implemented by the Rotary Club of Bahari in Dar-es-Salaam. Change bags were distributed to all Rotarians and participants to collect any loose change to make CHANGE for a CHANGE. The Club has joined hands with British Airways (BA) and their campaign "Change for Good". Money collected by our Club is donated to "Change for Good" for their projects around the world. The money has directly benefited UNICEF's work to improve the lives of children in over 50 developing countries.

**CHANGE for a CHANGE** has been a very successful project

in bringing the "family" of Rotary together. The children of Rotarians collected 30 kilograms of change which was then given to the Change for Good Project.



**Children of Rotarians presenting change to British Airways personnel**

We hope that other Clubs take on this easy project. All you need to do is collect change!

**Rtn. Zulobia Dhala**  
**RC of Bahari**

**TOP CLUB - PER CAPITA GIVING 2005/06**

Warm congratulations to the following clubs that topped the Per Capita Annual Programme Fund Giving in District 9200 for the year 2005/6.

- RC Arusha - \$530.56
  - RC Arusha Mt Meru - \$497.04
  - RCI Muthaiga - \$429.46
- Thank you for your generosity!

**DISTRICT 9200 DIARY OF CLUB VISITS BY DG**

Date	Morning 8.30am-2pm	Afternoon 2.15p.m-8pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 07		Meet with RC Arusha (5pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Travel Arusha

		Nairobi
21 <sup>st</sup>	Travel	Maralal
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Travel	Naivasha
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nakuru	Travel to Eldoret
24 <sup>th</sup>	Eldoret (Up to 12noon)	Kakamega (from 4pm)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Vihiga (Up to 12noon)	Kisumu
26 <sup>th</sup>	Homa Bay	Rotaractors (from 5pm)
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Kayunga	Seeta
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lira	Gulu
7 <sup>th</sup>		Travel to Addis Ababa
8 <sup>th</sup>	Travel	Bahir Dar
10 <sup>th</sup>	Debre Markos Eye Hospital	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Arua	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Travel to Arusha	
16 <sup>th</sup>	District Strategic Plan Retreat, Arusha	
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	DTTS, Arusha	
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Kyotera	Kalisizo
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Karagwe	Bukoba
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Travel to Mwanza	Mwanza
Mar	Remaining clubs in good standing; Additional visits as agreed	

**THE NEW CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN (CLP) IMPLEMENTATION**

Dear Club President-Elect, you must by now have realised that the Club Kit you received provided information for Club Officers based on the New CLP - under committees of Club Administration, Membership, Service projects, The Rotary Foundation and Public Relations.

The newly developed CLP is designed to allow Rotary Clubs, through long-term planning, to become successful and effective clubs. It also places new importance

and emphasis on club administration, membership and public relations in addition to our essential service projects.

Please note that our four avenues of service have stood the test of time and the new CLP does not affect these fundamentals. It emphasizes consensus for decision making, leadership continuity, project management and involvement in Service, Fellowship and Training. It provides a direct Extension of the District Leadership Plan to the Club level, provides list of steps Clubs should take to implement the plan, and fosters continuity and consensus among leaders in the Club. It is supported by the District Structure and new Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws.

As you embark on the preparation of your Club plans, you will realise that it is easier to align the plans to the new CLP, rather than the four avenues of service. It is therefore highly recommended that you review your Club Bylaws as part of your Club Team Building process to enable you implement the new CLP. Please note that the new CLP can be implemented at any time, and in my view, the time is now.

Assistant Governors, please take time with every President-Elect and their Board to lead them through the new CLP and The Planning Guide for Effective Clubs before February 15, 2007 to help them plan better.

*DGE Chris Mutalya*

**2007 SALT LAKE CITY CONVENTION ALL AFRICA BREAKFAST**

Please be informed that only 250 tickets are available for the Annual All Africa Breakfast at the 2007 Convention which will take place as follows:

**Venue:** Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel, 75.s West Temple, SLC Utah 84101, Tel: 801-531-0800, Fax: 801-532-3978

**Date:** Tuesday June 19, 2007

**Time:** 7am-9am

**Cost:** \$30 per person.

The District Governor has requested for 50 tickets for District 9200. Please register your interest with him at [tusu@dicts.mak.ac.ug](mailto:tusu@dicts.mak.ac.ug) and be ready to pay before the end of March 2007.

**82<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

It is hoped many Rotarians from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, will converge on the shores of Lake Victoria at Munyonyo on May 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2007 for their 82<sup>nd</sup> District Conference and Assembly.

This year's conference, is organized under the theme "Our Environment, Our future" The topics to be discussed include: Water and our environment, exploitation of the environment and making the environment sustainable. Other issues to be discussed will include: TRF, Empowerment of Life, New Generations, Challenges of Stewardship and the Importance and roles of lady Rotarians.

The Guest of Honour will be The Nabagereka (Queen) of Buganda, **Lady Sylvia Nagginda** and among the main Key Note will be delivered by the **Hon Prof Wangari Mathaai**, our Nobel Prize winner from Kenya.

So far, about 560 Rotarians have registered, taking advantage of the early registration rates. Now the registration is at USD \$120 for Rotarians, spouses and guests. Rotaractors can register at USD\$60 while Interactors can still register at USD\$20. These rates are valid up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. Registration on site will be much higher and for proper planning purposes, it is highly discouraged. Please register NOW

### **The 82<sup>nd</sup> DCA Publicity & PR Committee**

**ROTARY ZONE INSTITUTE  
18<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup> SEPT 2007**

Our District 9200 has been chosen to host yet another important Rotary International event. The next R.I. Institute of Zone 10A will be held in Nairobi from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September this year. Zone 10A covers the whole Sub-Saharan Africa and 50 countries. The meeting will include the R.I. Institute but will also have Rotary Foundation and Membership Development seminars as well as Governors Elect Training.

High powered dignitaries from the Rotary world, among them the then R.I. President Wilf Wilkinson, TRF Chairman Bhichai Rattakul, and senior R.I. staff headed by Ed Futa,

the General Secretary, will attend.

Officially the Institute is considered a refresher course for past and present R.I. officers, District Governors, Assistant Governors, District Officers and Club Leaders. However it is also a fertile ground to breed future leaders both at Club and District level. Since important seminars are organized along with the Institute, the menu will include subjects of interest to all Rotarians and they are all welcome.

The official Institute Hotel is the Hilton in Nairobi but other accommodation will be available. This is only the first and preliminary announcement. It is nine months to the event and as a doctor, I cannot help informing you that within that time frame, usually a baby is conceived, carried and delivered! In due course, registration forms and more details will become available. Watch this space and listen to the traditional African drums for more information.

### **PDG Yusuf Kodwawwala Chairman Organising Committee**

**DISTRICT BOOTH EXHIBITION  
AT THE SALT LAKE CITY  
CONVENTION**

District 9200 has applied for a booth at the Salt Lake City Convention. We would like to use the opportunity to: thank our partners for the support we have received over the years; provide accountability for the Rotary support and rise further awareness of needs in the District.

This is an appeal to every club that has had a matching grant in the last three (3) years to submit the following details of the project for possible exhibition: Name of project; brief history of project; location, number of beneficiaries, Partner club and District; brief assessment of impact; key contact person. Please send the above information to reach the following not later than 28 February 2007.

### **Uganda and Tanzania**

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### **LIGHT CORNER**

A little boy was attending his first wedding function.

After the service, his cousin asks: "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen!" replies the little boy without a wink. His cousin laughed and asked how he had come up with that idea? "Easy, and I conclude you were not attentive during the service" the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up! 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer!"

Send your articles to Rtn. Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga at [rosseti.nabbumba@finance.go.ug](mailto:rosseti.nabbumba@finance.go.ug); [rnabbumba@yahoo.com](mailto:rnabbumba@yahoo.com) or call on 256-772487225

**\*Six-month attendance to follow\***