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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

One of the earliest stories I read was about an old Muganda man who turned up on the wrong date for the King's birthday celebration (a very important day in Ganda culture in Uganda) because of his failure to interpret the written word in his language correctly. This is the only funny-sad story I know about illiteracy.

I know many more that are closer to, or indeed real tragedy: fatal overdose, or equally fatal under-doses of drugs due to inability to decipher instructions on medicine bottles; people swindled out of their land and property; people denied their rights; opportunities denied; reliance entirely on rumours, the written word coloured and interpreted for those who cannot read; people unable to find their directions even with well-marked streets. It is like walking through a minefield with a blind-fold: you are always scared; you are always hesitant; it is safer to stay where you are than to move in any direction.

It is human nature that we normally take for granted what we have, or our abilities. Because of this, it is again

human nature to cast in submissive form, and indeed often derisive form, those who do not possess the abilities that we have. One such ability is the ability to read and write – literacy.

How many times have you heard, in the different languages that we use, people saying that "He or she is an illiterate", meaning "He is or she is stupid, almost sub-human"? More often than not, unfortunately, because we often fail to factor in two elements: opportunity, and affordability, the twin barriers that keep a major section of otherwise intelligent people within boundaries that keep most other opportunities out.

Oral tradition that was common in many of our communities as a means of passing on knowledge, cultural identity, learning, and wisdom has given way to the written word. Modern society works within a paradigm that is based on the presumption of universal ability to read and to write. Illiteracy, in our unfortunately convoluted world, means total or near-total exclusion. It is the greatest of inequities.

This then should be the continuing challenge of... (to page 2...)

RC NAIROBI CELEBRATES IN STYLE!

Various Clubs have celebrated World Peace and Understanding day, the anniversary of Rotary. Rotary Club of Kampala West had a grand dinner for all clubs combined with a celebration of their charter night. This was crowned by a grand quiz where Rtn Ben Waira emerged as the national winner. Kampala North, working with other clubs in Kampala, together raised almost U shs 30m/= in a 15 km charity walk that still has many Rotarians limping around.



HE President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya and former President Daniel arap Moi shake hands as a very happy Rtn Diamond looks on

Rotary Club of Nairobi really went for it – hosting the President of Kenya, HE Mwai Kibaki, and the former President Daniel arap Moi as well as ministers and diplomats at their lunch time meeting. Not to mention a five page supplement on Rotary in the

Kenya leading daily! Thank you President Diamond of RC Nairobi, Sam of RC Kampala West, and Bob of Kampala North!



The finalists in the RC Kampala West Grant Quiz face the examiners

DG'S MESSAGE..From Page 1

Rotarians, that we identify those sections of our communities who are excluded by illiteracy; that we work with them to formulate ways of combating illiteracy through suitable programmes, like the concentrated language encounter – programmes that step beyond mere literacy, which can be a mockery, to functional literacy; that alongside that we also tackle innumeracy, the twin to illiteracy. Let us be holistic in our approaches and also bring new opportunities, through a combination of skills, inputs and micro-finance, because the horizons those we train will have expanded, their expectations increased.

The challenge of illiteracy is great in District 9200, but we can defeat it, one person at a time, one community at a time, if you and I Lead the Way.

DG Tusu

Breaking News - RC Karen admitted 30th January 2007. Congratulations!

RI APPOINTS PAG MARTIN KIYAGA

PAG Martin Kiyaga, the Chair for the 82nd District Conference, has been appointed by Rotary International (RI) to serve as an Area Coordinator of the Youth Services Resource Group for the period 1st July 2007 to 30 June 2008. The Resource Group will provide information and support for Rotary clubs and Districts in programmes, projects and activities that serve youth in their communities. It shall promote and grow Interact, RYLA and Youth exchange at the local level. Congratulations to you PAG Martin.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

Preparing for PETS and Country Committee Building Session

As we the 2007-08 District, Country and Club leadership continue to plan for the year ahead of us, I would have wished that we all move at the same pace of planning and as a team, but I know and respect the fact that we are unique individuals capable of doing things differently even if the end result may be the same. In that respect therefore, my utmost delight will be to learn that all AG's have been able to conduct Club Team Building sessions, including sessions on the Planning Guide for Effective Clubs, with every in-coming Club Board under their responsibility.

And that Clubs have completed review of their

bylaws to prepare for implementing the new Club Leadership Plan, and to review the Club Strategic Plan for those Clubs that have adopted a strategic plan. The deadline recommended for this was February 15, 2007. Any AG who has not helped a President-Elect to go through these steps must now know that they have a President-Elect who will not be able to effectively participate at PETS, slated for March 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2007 at Addis Ababa, Nairobi, Dar es salaam and Kampala respectively.

For the President-Elect who has successfully gone through those steps, I would like to be assured that you, together with your Board, are now working on your Planning Guide for Effective Clubs, putting your Goals and implementation plans together. At PETS we shall discuss the 2007-08 RI Theme and Presidential Emphases and how these translate into and influence our District and Club Goals. This will therefore only provide you with information to sharpen your Club Goals and implementation plans. This should enable you to present your completed Planning Guide for Effective Clubs at the District Assembly at the latest.

President-Elect, please remember you are on notice from RI President-Elect Wilf to have introduced and inducted a new member in your Club to qualify to attend PETS! For the AG's, District and Country Officers, You are all invited at PETS where a parallel session has been prepared for you to have a team building session

and discuss strategies and set Goals for your respective Country Committees. This is a very good opportunity for your networking. This is therefore to invite you all President-Elect, Assistant Governor, District and Country Officers to prepare to effectively participate at PETS. It must be emphasized that a President-Elect who fails to attend PETS will not be installed as Club President.

DGE Chris Mutalya

TRF - BIG SUPPORT!

Friends, we set the undeclared ambitious target of raising \$250,000 as giving to both the Annual Programme and Permanent funds. Thank you for your generosity - we now stand at \$172,832! Of course we still have to raise another \$80,000, but we know we shall do it. We are District 9200 after all. I will not thank individuals, but would like to recognize the following clubs that have to date given at least \$10,000 this Rotary year:

Dar es Salaam	\$21,000
Kampala West	\$11,000
Kampala North	\$15,285
Langata	\$10,000
Muthaiga	\$12,000
Muyenga	\$23,970
Nairobi	\$18,200

Current per capita order is Kampala West, Muthaiga, and Muyenga.

We thank AG Geeta, Annual Programme Fund Chair, PDG Yusuf, Permanent Fund Chair, and all the generous Rotarians.

Asante Sana!

Tusu

MORE HANDS FOR ROTARY



Four new members inducted in Kampala North as President Bob happily looks on as if to say, "Fifty-one now! Eight more hands on the job!" Congratulations Harriet, Mark Sam, and former Rotaractors Stephen and Joseph .

SCHOLARSHIPS

The deadline for both the **Ambassadorial Scholarships** and **World Peace Scholarships** is approaching - 1st May 2007 - for all applications to reach the various Country Chairs. Both scholarships are for graduates only.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

This normally limits the candidate to a 1-year Masters programme at a university of their choice. Emphasis is placed on humanitarian courses that will benefit the community on the recipient's return.

World Peace Scholarships

This is a two-year post graduate course in any one of 7 universities throughout the world that run these special courses. Candidates should have a suitable degree and some experience in working in Conflict situations.

World Peace & Conflict Studies Program.

This is a six-month post-graduate program held at the Rotary Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. It is held twice a year.

All information is available on the Rotary website (www.Rotary.org) in the Foundation Scholarships page. All forms must be completed carefully and candidates must be interviewed.

**John Kirkwood
District Scholarships Subcommittee Chair**

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN ON COURSE

The February 16th, just before DTTS, saw PDG Mohamed and the District Strategic Plan Committee in a full day of deliberations based on SWOT returns from the Rotarians in the District. The committee is on course to complete the District Strategic Plan framework in time for discussion and approval by the delegates to the 82nd District Conference and Assembly in Kampala.

CLUB ATTENDANCE

Club Name	% Attendance	
	Nov	Dec
Addis Ababa	74	59.4
Addis Ababa-Bole	-	-
Addis Ababa East	80.5	77.6
Addis Ababa Entoto	-	-
Addis Ababa West	64.2	-
Arua	-	-
Arusha	-	-
Arusha Mount Meru	-	-
Asmara	-	-
Bahari-Dar -es-Salaam	90	-
Bahari-Mombasa	-	-
Bugolobi	91.4	70
Bukoba	-	-
Bukoto	-	-
Bushenyi	-	63
Bweyogerere-Namboole	-	59.03
Dar-es-Salaam	54.22	66.25

Dar-es-Salaam Mzizima	72	-
Dar-es-Salaam North	-	-
Diani-Mombasa	-	-
Eldoret	-	-
Entebbe	42.4	-
Gaba	49.2	-
Gulu	-	-
Homa Bay	-	-
Hurlingham-Nairobi	-	-
Ibanda	62.5	-
Iganga	57	44
Iringa	-	-
Jinja	98.2	-
Kabale	-	-
Kabarole	-	-
Kajjansi	63.25	68.5
Kakamega	-	-
Kalisizo	77.2	54
Kampala	-	65.75
Kampala-Central	67	57.3
Kampala-East	70.42	59.8
Kampala-North	85.5	85.4
Kampala-South	51	49
Kampala-Ssese Islands	-	53.5
Kampala-West	68	77
Kamuli	-	-
Kasangati	63	67
Kasese	58	56.3
Kayunga	-	-
Kibaale	-	-
Kilifi	35	14.58
Kilindi-Mombasa	-	-
Kisumu	67	-
Kiwatule	-	-
Kololo-Kampala	-	-
Kyambogo-Kampala	59.2	44
Kyengera	71	-
Kyotera	-	-
Lira	-	-
Machakos	98	100
Makindye	73.7	88.7
Malindi	-	-
Maralal	-	-
Masaka	-	-
Masindi	40	44
Mbale	-	-
Mbarara	59.8	49.3
Mbarara-West	50	-
Mengo	65	-
Milimani	-	-
Mityana	52	73
Mombasa	29	27
Mombasa Central	62	53
Mombasa North Coast	-	-
Morogoro-Central	69.6	69
Moshi	-	-
Mpigi	-	-
Mubende	89.9	68.7
Mukono	66	-
Murang'a	-	-
Muthaiga	-	60
Muyenga	74	65
Mwalimu Nyerere-Dodoma	-	-
Mwanza	-	-
Nairobi	-	-
Nairobi Industrial Area	59	-

Nairobi -East	-	-
Nairobi -Langata	-	-
Nairobi -North	-	-
Nairobi -South	-	-
Nairobi -Utumishi	-	-
Naivasha	-	83
Nakuru	63.39	64.29
Nebbi	-	-
Ntinda	65	-
Port-Bell	-	-
Rubaga	83	96
Rwampara	67	49
Seeta	-	-
Source of the Nile	71	58
Tanga	98	-
Thika	83.7	-
Tororo	-	-
Vihiga	-	-
Webuye	60.6	49
Westlands -Nairobi	-	-
Karagwe	-	63
Langata	86	-
Sunrise	79	77

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DISTRICT TRAINING PROGRAMME

Date	Training	Place
10 Mar 2007	PETS	Addis
17 Mar 2007	PETS	Nairobi
24 Mar 2007	PETS	Dar
31 Mar 2007	PETS	Kampala
14-15 Apr 2007	RYLA	One per country

82nd DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 82nd District Conference and Assembly is scheduled to take place on 16th to 19th May 2007 at the Speke Resort and Conference Centre Munyonyo in Uganda. Register now online or at the Kampala Rotary Office to be benefit from the discounts on the registration fee as indicated below.

	Before 31 st Mar 2007	On Site
Rotarians	US\$120	US\$150
Spouses	US\$120	US\$150
Guests	US\$120	US\$150
Rotaractors	US\$120	US\$150
Interactors	US\$20	US\$20

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PETS

The President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS) will take place on the scheduled dates (see above) in the respective countries. The Country Chairs are requested to make all the arrangements for the PETS in their respective cities. They must ensure that all the clubs are notified and attendance confirmed. The Incoming Club President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer MUST attend. Other committee members may attend. The AGs and Country Officers MUST attend the PETS

Abdulhamid Aboo
District Trainer

2007 SALT LAKE CITY CONVENTION

Head to the mountains of Salt Lake City for the 19th annual RI Convention, slated for 17-

20 June 2007. There, you will join family, friends and fellow Rotarians from around the world at Rotary's largest annual get together. Special events will include, among many others:

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

Register now online at www.rotary.org to benefit from the discounted rates that will only prevail until 31st March 2007.

2007 DISTRICT TEAM TRAINING SEMINAR

The District Team Training Seminar (DDTS) was held on 17th - 18th February 2007 in Arusha Tanzania. It was well attended by more than 50 participants including 8 Past District Governors, the DG Tusu, DGE Chris, DGN Kaushik, Assistant Governors and current and incoming District Officers.

It was a wonderful meeting where participants exchanged ideas and information on improving the operations and impact of activities undertaken in the four avenues of service within D9200 through effective leadership.

The DGE shared the RI theme for 2007-2008 which is "ROTARY SHARES". All Rotarians should share Rotary with the people Rotary Service

has not reached yet, he explained. We must work together to share responsibility for Rotary's growth and to make all our clubs stronger and more viable. The Presidential Emphases for the 2007-08 are:

- Water
- Literacy
- Health and Hunger
- Family of Rotary
- Youth Services
- Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)

DGN Kaushik shared information about the role of District Leaders in promoting club effectiveness and by extension, district effectiveness. All Rotary Clubs are encouraged to adopt the new Club Leadership Plan to enhance effectiveness before the beginning of the next Rotary year.

Rtn Stephen Mwanje emphasized the need for all clubs in the district to sponsor RCCs as this would help in identifying REAL community problems and help the clubs develop projects that responsive to the specific needs of the communities. Presently, District 9200 has only 70 RCCs sponsored by 28 out of a total of 108 Rotary Clubs! All clubs should target to sponsor 1 RCC for clubs that have a membership of less than 25 and 2 or more RCCs for larger clubs during 2007/08.

PDG Varinder Sur indicated that all clubs in the district should put in place a Club Rotary Foundation Committee before 1st July 2007. The responsibility of this committee is to achieve club Foundation goals; educate

members about the Foundation and encourage them to participate in Foundation programmes and make financial contributions.

There were several other speakers and very interesting breakaway sessions. The days were crowned with fun of all sorts that made the DDTS a worthwhile event to participate in.

LIGHT CORNER

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- You turn off your modem and get this awful empty feeling
- All your friends have an @ in their name.

From the doctor's anecdotes.

An alcoholic goes to see a doctor:

Alcoholic: "Doctor, whenever I get drunk, I see pink elephants"

Doctor: "Have you ever seen a doctor?"

Alcoholic: "No, only pink elephants"

Send your articles to Rtn. Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga at rosseti.nabbumba@finance.go.ug; nabbumba@yahoo.com or call on 256-772487225

We need especially brief articles and good photographs covering Rotary activities.