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Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

First things first, thank you for supporting the Naalya Food Bulletin. Your support and love have put us on top and graciously gave us an award for publishing the best regular bulletin that is informative and widely circulated this Rotary Year. A toast to all our readers and contributors.

As you may be aware, the last week has been extremely busy for the Rotary Fraternity in D9213 as we gathered in Munyonyo for yet another District Conference. It was especially busy for the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya as we prepared to present to the world the newest District Governor Anne Nkutu.

Please join me in Congratulating her for taking over leadership and accepting the push to lead this mighty district into its 100th year of service to humanity. I also congratulate Immediate Past District Governor Edward Kakembo Nsubuga for a very successful year.

In this edition, we bring you highlights of the installation and the Conference featuring the One Love, Caribbean and Great Gatsby themes. If you missed Munyonyo, we have your back.

Enjoy

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Message from the President

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Dear Rotarians and Friends,

It was phenomenal; history was made at the District Conference. The conference was marvelous, to say the least. Thanks to the District Governor, Edward, and the organizing committee. Thank you, Rotarians, for such turn up and ushering in a new leadership. It was a great celebration to be remembered. Everything was uniquely designed, organized and spot on. Execution was at its own class apart. Great success was recorded.

Our Club, not only received the first female District Governor but won two golden wards. Congratulation members of the club and our friends. Continue to shine. We have not yet reached the pinnacle.

Having witnessed what happened at the conference, one notes the great expectations from Rotarians on the new District Governor (DG). The key puzzle is how to meet these various expectations. No doubt, DG Anne Nkutu, seems have weighed the task head and ready for it. As a Club, we stand knitted with her. We clearly know that her success is our success, leave alone our pride. We, therefore, see ourselves succeeding together; success in success.

Succeeding together has its basic tenet; shared and owned vision and ideas. Three years ago,

the Club started governorship journey. This makes us have ideas on the depth and breadth of the things involved. As of now, there is no twist or a point of return but to work to achieve the results. Success remains our only major goal.

Our measure of success begins from our path to greatness that we ignited in the district conference. Moving over the valleys and climbing through different terrains is journey we have put on our boots. Our lenses of seeing and focusing are anchored on succeeding as the way to our only goal.

We do know that success comes with keeping learning, unlearning, and being dynamic and flexible as well as taking lessons. I call upon our members to continue with the path of learning more and more and applying what is the best. For other rotary clubs and Rotarians, our call to you is to continue to be partners to the new DG. Through this, together organizationally, we shall give the new DG opportunity to serve us to her best. There is still a lot to deliver to humanity and equally needs many hands. Together, the load becomes lighter. Where there is cooperation, defined and shared purpose and good intentions, there dwells success.

We may need to relieve ourselves from the "syndrome" of



comparison. Every leader has his/her leadership style and different challenges to address. And every year has its challenges though the areas of focus remain the same. Minimizing generating pressure to the leaders opens more avenues and gives the leaders opportunities to widen their horizons.

As Create Hope Year comes to an end, we celebrate achievements registered. Many of these achievements are foundation stones for "Magic Year" to realize magic results. Either the planting, weeding, clearance or sowing has been done but waits for the new leaders to either to harvest, consolidate or pick up from there. This moves clubs forward. It is useful to remember that the course and cause are the same. It is only the approaches that may defer. Very importantly, we need to keep encouraging each other.

Moving from the sharing of joy of district conference, let us make ourselves more available to serve humanity. Let us remember that we have been reenergized to go out to service our communities.

Let us set new plans which are focused. Let us have a deeper reflection of our past as we forge head.

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Rtn Anne Nkutu installed Governor of Rotary District 9213

Hundreds of Rotarians gathered on Saturday, April 20th to witness and celebrate the installation of the new Governor of the Rotary District 9213 Rtn Anne Nkutu at a glamorous event held at Speke Resort Munyonyo.

Rtn Anne Nkutu, a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Kampala-Naalya received the instruments of power through the Rotary International President Representative and TRF Trustee Brenda Cressey during the Great Gatsby-themed night of the three-day District Conference. She will officially take over office on July 1, 2024.

Rotarians were welcomed to the evening festivities by Rtn Dr Mitch Egwang from the Rotary Club of Kampala Sesse Islands and entertained by various performers, among them Sheebah and Bebe Cool. It was a night characterised by elegance and glamour as delegates dressed to the nines with a dazzling display of style to match the day's theme.

Dancing to the tunes of Timi Dakolo's Everything

(Amen), members of the Rotary Club of Kampala-Naalya led a red-carpet procession through the isle of the marquee tent erected at the resort accompanying the Incoming Governor to the podium following a special introduction by the outgoing Governor Edward Kakembo Nsubuga.

She reflected on a story shared by Akin Alabi in his bestselling book, *Small Business Big Money* of a wealthy King who subjected men to a swimming test to win his only beautiful daughter's hand in marriage. The story tells how the eventual winner of the contest was someone who was just pushed into the pool by others who had spotted crocodiles in the water.

Equally, Governor Anne commended all those who pushed her through her career path and Rotary journey,

mentioning among others former District Governors Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa, Stephen Mwanje, Shamilla Bhat, John Magezi Ndamira and Mike Sebalu, among others. She also commended her friends Justice Patricia Basaza and Shem Nagenda for not giving up on their pursuit to help her join Rotary.

DG Anne shared that she is committed to supporting each club and club president to help achieve their goals by consolidating their projects from previous years but most importantly through strengthening governance structures.

The cache will also be through an innovation dubbed plant your balance. Through this, Governor Anne is asking Clubs to subtract their age from 100 and multiply the resultant number by 100 to get the number of trees.



Pictorial - The Great Gatsby



OUR AWARDS

Congratulations! Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya received two Golden Awards, at the just concluded 99th District Conference. The DISCON Attendance Award and the Club Bulletin Award.

The DISCON Attendance Award is given to a club with the largest percentage of Club members attending DISCON, while the Club Bulletin Award goes to a Club that has published the best regular Bulletin that is informative and widely circulated in each Rotary year.



Here's what you need to know about Earth Day in 2024

What is Earth Day and what is the theme in 2024?

Earth Day is an international day devoted to our planet. It draws attention to the environment and promotes conservation and sustainability.

Each year on 22 April, around 1 billion people around the world take action to raise awareness of the climate crisis and bring about behavioral change to protect the environment.

Participation in Earth Day can take many forms, including small home or classroom projects like planting a herb garden or picking up litter. People also volunteer to plant trees, join other ecological initiatives or take part in street protests about climate change and environmental degradation.

Official Earth Day campaigns and projects aim to increase environmental literacy and bring together like-minded people or groups to address issues such as deforestation, biodiversity loss and other challenges.

The global theme for this year's Earth Day is 'Planet vs. Plastics', which recognizes the threat plastics pose to human health and with campaigners demanding a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2040.

From 23 to 29 April 2024, governments and NGOs from around the world will gather in Ottawa to continue negotiating the terms of the United Nations Global Plastic Treaty.

How did Earth Day begin?

Millions of people took to the streets of US cities and towns on 22nd April 1970 in mass protests over the damage being done to the planet and its resources.

Amid the demonstrations, protesters brought New York City's usually bustling Fifth Avenue to a halt, while students in Boston held a "die-in" at Logan Airport.

The environmental impact of the post-war consumer boom was beginning to be felt at that time. Oil spills, factory pollution and other ecological threats were on the rise, with little if any legislation in place to prevent them.

The protests brought together people from all walks of American life – accounting for about 10% of the US population – to demonstrate and voice their demands for sustainable



change. The Earth Day website calls it the birth of the modern environmental movement.

What led to the street protests in 1970?

Concerned about increasing levels of unchecked environmental destruction, Junior Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin suggested a series of “teach-ins” on university campuses across the US in 1969 to raise awareness of environmental threats.

Nelson was joined by Congressman Pete McCloskey and activist Denis Hayes to organize the teach-ins, but the group soon recognized an opportunity to broaden the event’s appeal beyond student populations.

The newly named Earth Day protest events attracted national media attention and support from around 20 million Americans across age and political spectrums, occupations and income groups.

When did Earth Day go global?

Earth Day went beyond the US in 1990. Around 200 million people from 141 countries joined efforts to boost recycling

around the world that year, paving the way for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Why is Earth Day important today?

As the millennium loomed, the Earth Day movement turned its attention to the growing reality of the impending climate crisis with a clear message for world leaders and business: urgent action is needed to address global warming.

It’s a message that is even more relevant today. The latest report from the intergovernmental panel on Climate Change states that without further immediate action to curb greenhouse gas emissions, the world is on course for temperatures 3.2°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100. This level of warming would be catastrophic for the planet and all life on it, including humans.

The year 2023 was the hottest ever recorded.

The World Economic Forum’s Global Risks Report 2024 finds that environmental risks make up half of the top 10 risks over the next 10 years, with extreme weather

events, critical change to Earth’s systems, biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse being the top three.

Nature is our biggest ally in fighting the climate crisis and has slowed global warming by absorbing 54% of human-related carbon dioxide emissions over the past years. Yet, we are losing animals, marine species, plants, and insects at an unprecedented rate, not seen in 10million years. Threats from human activity for food production and ocean use, infrastructure, energy and mining endanger around 80% of all threatened or near-threatened species.

Earth Day has become a leading light in the fight to combat climate change and nature loss. As we celebrate its 54th anniversary, we must make use of this truly global movement to act, as citizens and governments, as consumers and businesses, and as individuals and communities.

Our survival could well depend on it. Extracted from www.weforum.org

Pictorial - DISCON



Pictorial - DISCON Caribbean & Raggae Night

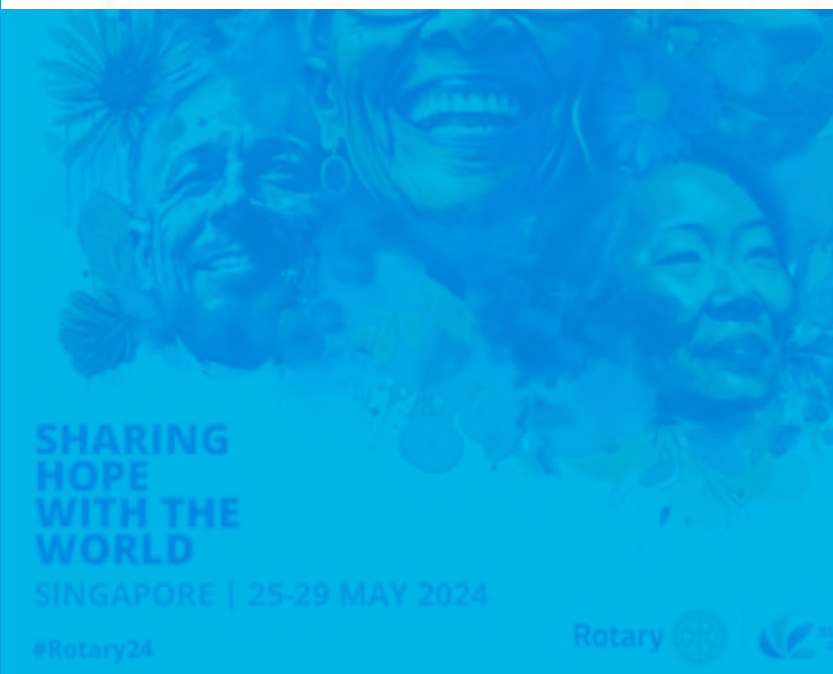




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OutToLunch: Electrical vehicle tax incentives good but prolong them beyond a year



BY DENIS JUUKO

Planned kids of these days may not know this but there was a time when car windows didn't just open or close by pressing a button. There was a winder that you needed to turn to close or open the window.

Apart from the driver's window, you had to stop the car, park somewhere, unbuckle the seatbelt and start the winding process. You couldn't press a button and all car doors locked or

opened. You pressed a door lock one by one to ensure that the car is locked. Or you pulled it to ensure a car door one by one is unlocked.

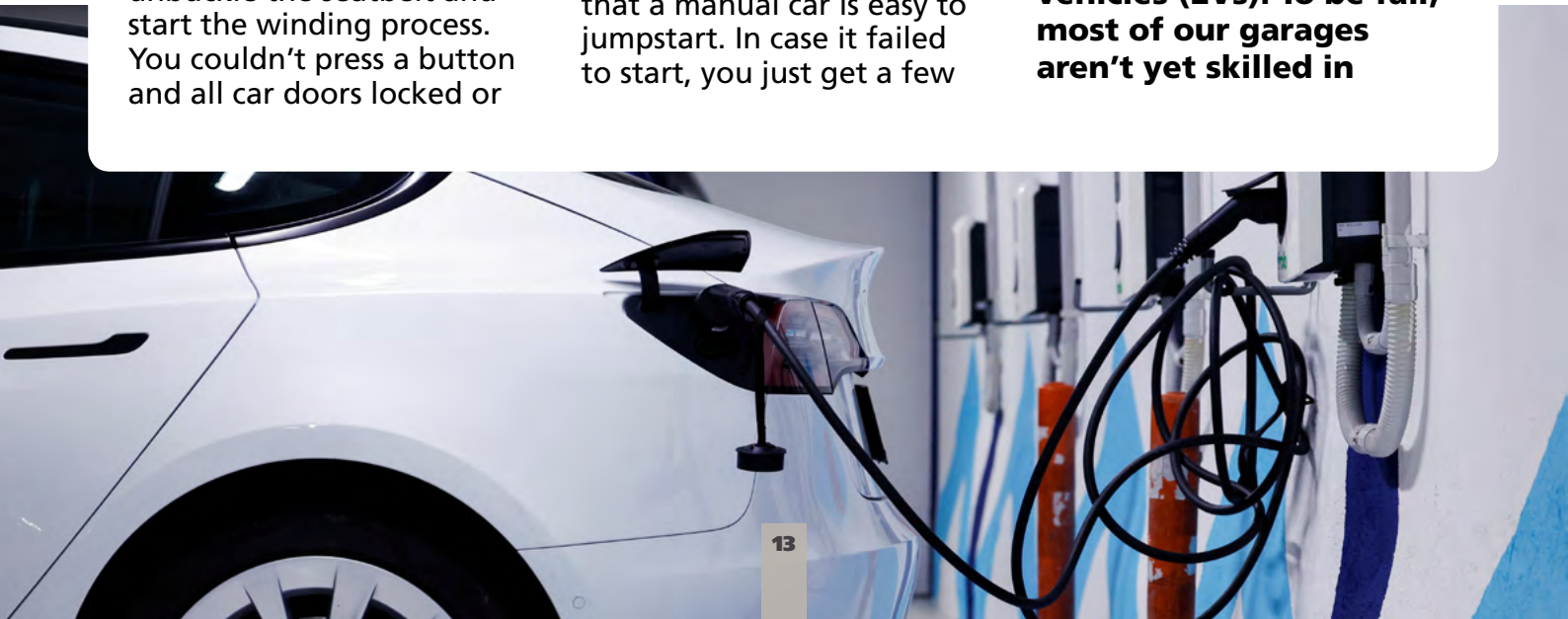
You probably now understand why a Ugandan locks the car today and then tries to open the door to confirm it has locked. That is a result of locking the cars manually. That is by the way not very long ago. Power windows and central locking systems in cars are fairly recent even though the technology may have existed for decades elsewhere. There are still vehicles such as a particular Landcruiser that still come in brand new with such windows.

Same with automatic gearbox cars. Ugandans preferred the manual ones and I know many people who still do. The argument most Ugandans made was that a manual car is easy to jumpstart. In case it failed to start, you just get a few

people to push and once it gains momentum, you release the clutch pedal. Many manual cars with faulty batteries are started that way, which is not possible with an automatic gearbox car. If it fails to start due to a faulty battery, you have to get another battery or vehicle to jumpstart it.

Many Ugandans also argued that power window and door central locking systems in cars could lock you inside when they malfunction and discouraged anyone to buy such a car. Even today, many Ugandans including planned kids fear newer model vehicles. Their mechanics are fond of exclaiming that the vehicles have many electrical components (amasanyalaze mangi nnyo) which is euphemism for lack of skills to repair them. So, you find many people buying old cars to avoid the most recent technology.

The same is said every time you hear of electric vehicles (EVs). To be fair, most of our garages aren't yet skilled in



repairing and maintaining these vehicles. They need to update their skills because there has been an increment albeit small in electric and hybrid vehicles in Uganda since the government removed import duty on them at least for the current financial year.

In the tax proposals for the next financial year, Uganda is to remove Value Added Tax (VAT) on electric vehicles or parts manufactured or fabricated in Uganda and supply of EV charging equipment and services. That would mean that such services, parts and/or vehicles would be 18% lower to ensure uptake. This will certainly see more EVs on the road given the reduction in taxes that are expected to lower the price of such vehicles while leading to the buildup of the critical infrastructure necessary for increased electric mobility.

The mobility industry is one of the largest contributors to the world's GDP responsible for more than 13% according

to McKinsey and Company. In Uganda, in the financial year 2021/22, the Uganda Bureau of Statistics indicated that road vehicles accounted for 25% of our total imports, only third after petroleum and medical supplies. Needless to add that petroleum products (worth USD1.5 billion) are largely used to power vehicles.

By incentivizing electric vehicle manufacturing, Uganda would be reducing its import bill while promoting the nascent automotive industry. Very many Ugandans are involved in the fabrication or making car parts. The guys in Kisenyi who make seats for drones (14 seat taxis), exhaust pipe makers in Nakulabye, brake pad makers in Katwe and the guys who remodel truck beds in Lugazi for the sugarcane industry. That is already a basis to build on.

If the Lugazi guys can reinforce truck beds

and trailers to transport sugarcanes, they can be skilled to make web frames for buses using the right automotive steel and more modern welding systems. Government through Kiira Motors already owns two square miles of land in Kayunga where land can be provided for investors in this sector who may require it.

However, to see significant investments in the EV market, tax incentive proposals shouldn't be just for one financial year. A year is such a short time to invest and recoup the capital. The government can go a step further and ensure that these proposals are for a longer period such as 5-10 years.

That way, investors would know that time is their best ally to invest and make a return on their investment.

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Family Matters



BY PASTOR RONNIE MUTEBI

2 Samuel 24:24 (KJV): And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

THE HEART OF ROTARY

As a Rotarian, I have observed for a while and came to the conclusion that Rotary is a life of sacrifice. We give ourselves, our time and our resources for the transformation of humanity. The heart of sacrifice is not based on half-hearted

giving but giving wholly with intent to change lives.

If you are to truly give, it's important not to give out of your convenience or the crumbs of your excess.

The heart of rotary does not rely on the benefits of giving (The nfunira wa mindset) but in understanding that giving to others is a way of being grateful to God.

THE ROTARY SPIRIT REQUIRES THAT WE GIVE OURSELVES WHOLLY TO THE UPLIFTING OF OTHERS EXPECTING NOTHING FROM THEM.

If you assume for a moment that sharing is about giving crumbs and keeping the rest for yourself, you are badly mistaken.

Luke in his book, Chapter 6:35-36 (MSG) clearly advises us to help and give without expecting a return. You'll never - I promise - regret.

Take Home: The heart of sacrifice is not based on half-hearted giving off the crumbs of your abundance but giving wholly and not from residues.





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PK's Corner: Me or My Shadow Part 3

BY PAMELA KAWADDWA

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3. Be in life instead of capturing it for Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

I don't know about you, but I reject the idea of capturing all of our sacred moments for social media instead of living them. And I battle with this personally.

Recently, I travelled for a weekend away to a place that was tingling to any human eye. On arrival, my friend hurried to take a shot of me in such beauty. "Sometimes I don't. If I like a moment. I mean me, personally, I don't like to have the distraction of the camera. I just wanna stay... in it... right there. Right here." I told her. She smiled as we both made our way to sit at a beautiful pouch and watched the water waves do their thing.

You likely already know why this moment is valuable: it's the only thing that's real. You know exactly what you are losing. The tender touch your lover just gave you that

you absentmindedly ignored. Lost. The book that lays on your lap unread, your daughter having placed it there long ago until she tired of waiting. Lost. Real time, with all its tastes, smells, and sensations, is irreplaceable. You have a choice each moment about who, and where you want to be.



4. Be in nature.

If where you want to be is real, then immerse yourself in the greatest antidote for fake that we have in a social media obsessed, email-, text-, and like-checking society. Leave your phone alone when you are with the mountains, trees, or by the lake, with your beloved, your friends, or your little ones. It is rude and dismissive of their essence and humanity. Besides, in the end, you lose out.

Because there is no amount of screen time that can rival the pleasure of just one kiss, blowing all the wishes off a dandelion, or a deep breath of mountain pine. In all you do, try tapping into the authentic you! Be real!

Let's catch up again!

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