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# EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Friends,

**T**hank you all, for being part of our special day, the Women in Rotary event. A special thanks to the organizing committee. your enthusiasm and positive energy contributed greatly to the success of the occasion.

This issue features recipients of the Women in Rotary Awards 2025 and DG Anne Nkutu's message for March 2025

Join us this evening at Ndere Cultural Centre as Magical President Rtn Frank Neil Yiga talks about creating Impact.

*Keno Lillian - Bulletin Officer*

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# March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Month



## MARCH 2025

In Rotary, March is the WASH Month and that time of the year when we reflect on the essential role that water, sanitation, and hygiene play in our lives. Water is arguably the most critical resource we have after air. As the poet W. H. Auden aptly said, "Thousands have lived without love; not one without water." This profound statement underscores the fundamental importance of water for all forms of life.



**DG Anne Nkutu**  
District Governor, D9213

Clean water and safe sanitation are not just basic human rights; they are essential for good health, education, economic prosperity and social equality. It follows therefore, that communities that lack access to clean water and sanitation, are at a much higher risk of experiencing *chronic poverty* as they are deprived of the resources and capabilities necessary for an adequate standard of living.

I would therefore like to commend all the Rotary clubs and partner organisations advancing WASH initiatives across the country. Your contributions are invaluable, and you are making a positive impact on countless lives. During my club and project visits – I have seen and heard first hand testimonies of how you are changing lives. In Yumbe, I witnessed how the Rotary Club of Yumbe's WASH project is improving



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community hygiene practices by supporting the construction of modern latrines in each homestead. The recently completed RI-USAID WASH programme in Uganda is another

success story. School enrolment figures have risen in those primary schools that benefitted from the construction of modern toilets for boys and girls. Increasing access to clean water in health centre facilities under the same project, has also improved infection control, particularly for newly born babies and mothers in the post-partum period.

But these are only a few of the numerous projects being undertaken by Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs. So much has been done – but much is not known due to insufficient documentation.

So, during this month, I would like your advocacy efforts to include uploading all your WASH projects in Rotary Service Centre and showcasing them on your clubs' social media platforms and weekly publications. Other activities for your consideration include: the Uganda Water Week – which provides opportunities for collaboration and learning on the latest innovations in WASH. There is also the "Run for the Nile" on March 22, 2025 in Jinja.

This is a signature initiative spearheaded by RC Kampala Central that seeks to combat pollution of the River Nile through the planting of trees and installation of plastic trap gates.

March is also Women's Month around the world, and it is the perfect time to celebrate all the incredible women in Rotary. Women Rotarians have brought fresh energy, innovative ideas, and a deep commitment to service that have truly transformed our organization. This year's theme for Women's Day is "Accelerate Action," and that message resonates with us at Rotary, too. As a woman, I take great pride in what we have accomplished so far, but I know we can do even more.

**We need to work harder to increase the number of women in Rotary and boost women's representation in leadership. And we need to do more to support the advancement of women and girls in our communities.**

# President's Message

RTN SYLVIA JAGWE OWACHI  
Club President 2024-2025



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

The past week has been dedicated to the Women In Rotary event. In our meeting last week, the Rtn Flavia Serugo took the meeting through the 10-year journey of Women In Rotary. For the last 10 years we have been gathering to Celebrate, learn and honor achievements of Women Rotarians. There have been many exciting themes and winners over the years each with impactful contributions to society. These can all be found in the [Souvenir magazine](#).

On Women's day 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025 we hosted

approximately 200 Rotarians and guests for the 10th edition of the Women in Rotary event. This year the theme was *Accelerate Action*. We had an exciting panel discussion covering personal stories of impact and leadership as well as economic empowerment. We also awarded different people and organizations that excelled under various categories.

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For the last 10 years, we have been gathering to celebrate, learn and honor achievements of Women Rotarians.”

Our Guest of Honor District Governor DG Anne Nkuutu emphasized the need for Women to be inspired to do more, to increase impact, our reach and increase our ability to adapt to a changing world. She reminded us that as we celebrate 10 years we need to reflect on the Vision of Rotary

where “Together we see World where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in the communities and in ourselves.

The event was well attended and spiced us with some dance by Valentino. It was truly a magical night of celebration, inspiration and learning. A big thank you to everyone who attended and to the organizing committee and sponsors.

This week we will be hosting Magical President Rtn Frank Neil Yiga who will be talking about creating impact under an interesting topic “I see you I hear you”. Please join us for the meeting and enjoy our bulletin.

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# Women in Rotary Awards 2025: Honoring Female Changemakers



BY **RTN SYLVIA NANKYA**

In a grand celebration of female leadership and impact, the Women in Rotary Awards 2025 recognized outstanding women and organizations driving change in their communities.

The event hosted by the Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya honored exceptional contributions in leadership, innovation, community empowerment, youth mentorship, and gender equality advocacy.

The event, held on International Women's

Day, highlighted Rotary's commitment to gender equality and community development. It was a momentous occasion that showcased how women in Rotary are not just breaking barriers but building bridges for others to succeed.

As Rotary continues its mission of Service Above Self, these awards serve as an inspiration for even greater contributions toward empowering women and transforming communities.

## **Innovation and Entrepreneurship award**

In one of the awards, women breaking barriers in business and innovation were recognized for creating opportunities for others through the Innovation and Entrepreneurship award.

This award went to Rotaractor Marjan Zenab Ismail from the Rotaract Club of Kampala Kibuli – for leading projects such as Waste-to-Wealth (glass recycling), homemade

detergent production, and baking training, impacting over 1,500 women.

The runner up for the award was Rtn. Nulu Naluyombya from the Rotary Club of Kampala Impala and Founder of Boss Babe Community, an initiative that equips women with financial and business management skills.

## **Leadership Award**

The second recognition was for women who are empowering Leadership in Rotary and it specifically targeted current female Rotary Presidents excelling in membership growth, fundraising for The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and impactful projects.

The award went to Rtn. Marion Muyobo from the Rotary Club of Kampala Central who has Achieved a record-breaking \$41,857 in contributions to TRF and led impactful initiatives, including skills training at Luzira Women's Prison.

Also recognized in this category were Rtn. Nulu Naluyombya for leading the Make Impala Great Again campaign, growing her club's membership from 8 to 22 and personally donating \$9,900 to the Rotary Foundation and Rtn. Milicent Bulafu from the Rotary Club of Kira who Mobilized members to raise over USD 15,000 for TRF and

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implemented literacy and WASH projects in schools.

The other recognition in this category went to Rtn. Juliet Janet Kariisa from the Rotary Club of Kampala Kibuli for increasing club membership by 159 percent and championing projects on sickle cell awareness and peacebuilding, as well as Rtn. Rosemary Mutyabule from the Rotary Club of Kampala for spearheading a health camp and the Bake for Life project to empower women and girls.

### Community Empowerment Champion Award

Also awarded were Community Empowerment Champions in an award which recognised those who have dedicated themselves to uplifting communities:

The award went to Rtn. Maureen Birungi from the Rotary Club of Kasangati who Led vocational training for 77 women in Kisenyi and initiated a crisis center for domestic violence survivors.

Recognitions in this category included Rtn. Maria G. Musoke from the Rotary Club of Kiteezi for providing swift leadership in responding to the Kiteezi Landfill disaster, mobilizing relief and support for affected families and Rtn. Edith Munube from the Rotary Club of Entebbe- An 80-year-old retired nurse, who has spent over a decade training women in entrepreneurial skills.

The same award recognised Rotary Club of Kampala Central for implementing Global Grants in maternal and child health, education, and livelihood projects and the Rotary Fellowship for Empowering Women for mentoring teenage mothers, agricultural empowerment, legal aid, and advocacy against gender-based violence.

### Youth Champions Award

Also awarded were Youth Champions, who were celebrated for inspiring the next generation:

This award was won by CP Maureen Kawoombe from the Rotary Club of Naalya States for leading the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards -RYLA 2025, equipping over 250 young leaders with leadership and entrepreneurship skills. Her passion and enthusiasm in promoting the event during, before and after is outstanding and infectious.

Also recognised was Ruth Amber Bagunda from the Rotaract Ladies Initiative Chair 2024/25 – who was recognised for advocating for female Rotaractors’ mentorship and skills development.

### Advocating for Gender Equality

Organizations championing gender equality and social impact were recognized in this category.

Girls 4 Girls emerged winners for empowering women for leadership and management roles, impacting over 1,000 women.

Also recognised was Magenta Girls Initiative – A nonprofit

formed by Rotary Peace Fellows to tackle gender norms, poverty, and trauma among young women and Psalms Food Industries Ltd – A market leader employing 193 women, 15 of whom hold leadership positions.

### Male Champions for Women’s Empowerment

The final award of the day went to men who are supporting women’s advancement in Rotary:

The award was won by Rtn. Michael Nuwagaba from the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere-Namboole for implementing economic empowerment projects at Don Bosco School and Bombo, donating livestock and planting a coffee forest for income generation.

Also recognised was Rtn. John Tumusiime from the Rotary Club of Kampala Central for leading the mentorship of Rotaract Clubs and initiating two new Interact Clubs.

**The event was supported by Rela Dental Clinic, Stanbic Bank and Atacama Consult. Each of the winners received a Plaque from Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya, a Bouquet of Flowers and a special package from Rela Dental Clinic.**

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# Women in Rotary Awards 2025



Guest Speaker, DG Anne Nkutu emphasized the need to address barriers that prevent women from taking up leadership positions.

Some of the barriers are not external but majorly internal - *“when called upon to take up leadership we often say we do not have the time, we say we can not manage, we do not have money, we have family, we have husbands...”*

She called for mindset change and appealed to more women to join Rotary.





# WIR Winner Profiles



## 1. Community Award Winner- **Maureen Birungi, President RC Kasangati.**

She has led a project to train 77 ladies in Kisenyi in various Vocational Skilling who have all graduated with a DTI junior Certificate in(Tailoring, Bakery, Catering and Hairdressing).

Mobilized funds to pay school fees for 130 children in various schools in Kisenyi.

Currently she is a project team lead for vocational training of 105 adolescent mothers in Masunkwe Ziobwe District. Taking them back to school and vocational training under Fashion and Design, Hair Dressing and Cosmetology, catering in partnership with Magent Girl's Initiative.

Has provided Mama kits to 100 expectant mothers in Makukuba Village. Economic Empowerment of the wives of Boda Boda riders along the Gayaza rd corridor to make them financially independent in things like Soap making, catering, baking etc President Over 200 ladies benefitted.

In conjunction with KCCA model farm and RC Kasangati, Rtn. Maureen Birungi executed an economic empowerment and skilling program targeting known destitute in the communities of Kisenyi.

Set up a Crisis centre to support for women undergoing Domestic Violence issues to provide them with support.

Supported of MCH for the Wanale community with Mama Kits during the 7th edition of the Wanale Climbing Challenge Fundraiser.



## 2. Innovation- & Entrepreneurship- **Rotaractor Marjan Zenab Isamil, Rotarar Club of Kampala Kibuli**

She has developed and implemented innovative solutions that address the economic challenges women and girls.

### Projects Include:

- Waste-to-Wealth Initiative (Recycling Glass Bottles into Marketable Products)
- Homemade Detergent Production for Economic Independence
- Baking and Pastry Training for Business Startups
- Impacted over 1,500 women have launched small-scale baking businesses, catering for events and local markets.



### 3. Youth Champion Award - CP Maureen Kawombe, RC Naalya States

She was the Chair of RYLA 2025, an event that got to empower over 250 young leaders between 18-30 years with leadership skills as well as an entrepreneurial spirit. She has inspired many youth to participate in the program.

She's commended for running a very active mobilization campaign and awesome training for RYLA 2025



### 4. Leadership Award- Marion Muyobo, President Kampala Central

Under her leadership the Club is at the top of the

leaderboard for TRF \$41,857 and will be in the top 10 for EREY by March 2025 hitting its 50k\$ target.

The Club is training women at Luzira women's prison in Soap Making and over 50 twenty litre Jerry cans have been produced for using in the prison, selling and is a livelihood for those that have been released.

Executed MCH in 79 health centers around Uganda with reduced mortality birth rates, sanitary pad making at Butiti Primary School in Kyenjojo.

### 5. Equality Organization Award- Girls for Girls

Empowering women for leadership in management and boards. G4G program Empowering young ladies and women among others over 1000 women Empowered through her programs.



### 6. Male Champion- Michael Nuwagaba, President RC Bweyogerere Namboole

He has carried out economic empowerment projects at Don Bosco school in Kiira and Bombo. He donated 4 fresian cows to the school that give the school at least 500ltrs of milk and the milk is given to the pupils and the balance is sold for the school to gain income.

He also mobilized the club to plant a coffee forest ar Don Bosco school in Bombo. The forest has over 30,000 coffee seedlings where the school sells to other farmers and gain income through this program.

Constructed a classroomblock for Kiwale CU in Buikwe district and has equipped the classroom with desks. through scheduled talks in clubs, workshops and training.





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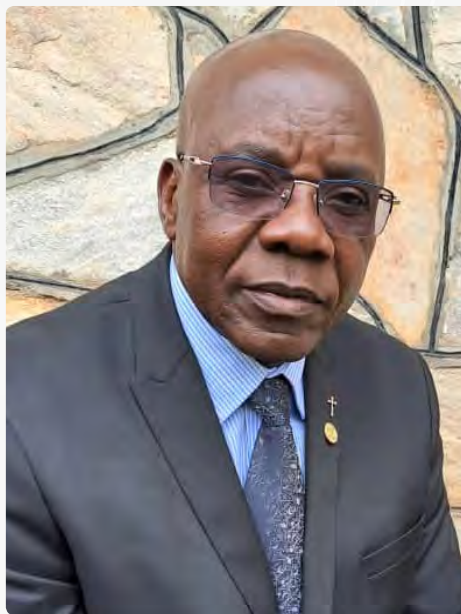
# A Glimpse of Sanitation in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area

BY **IPP GODFREY OKELLO OMODING**  
*Club Training Facilitator*

**W**hen it comes to some social and health concerns, there is a tendency to assume that it is for a certain segment of society. It is for them not us. Since the majority of Rotarians work and live in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (GKMA) - Kampala City, Districts of Wakiso and Mukono, including Entebbe, it would be good to have a picture of what sanitation is where they work and live.

As it is the case, most Rotarians in Uganda live or work in urban or semi urban areas. This may equally apply to other Rotarians living in other urban or peri urban areas in the country.

Overall, in urban Uganda, as pointed out in the Water and Sanitation Sector Report of 2014 (Ministry of Water and Environment), is characterised by inadequate sanitation services. It is estimated



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that 98% of the domestic resident population, institutions, commercial and industrial areas in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area use onsite sanitation facilities and systems. Onsite sanitation facilities are pit latrines and septic tanks. Literally saying, we retain “stuff” within our compound and live with it. Unfortunately, for some people, the pit latrines are

also used for solid waste. Some end up emptying the pit latrines directly into the environment posing deleterious condition to both health and environmental.

A number of reasons have been given for the poor sanitation in the GKMA. They range from the poor physical planning, long distances (transporting of the faecal sludge), inadequate infrastructure, and affordability of services. It is also observed by the National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) that the majority of the urban poor in the GKMA cannot afford proper faecal sludge collection and disposal.

In the GKMA, there has been only two public faecal sludge treatment plants (Bugolobi and Lubigi) with the recent addition of Nalukolongo, making it three. Their capacities, though, cannot handle amount of faecal sludge generated. This goes with the treatment of wastewater also done in Nakivubo Plant. Sewered infrastructure is currently limited with it being concentrated in the





Central parts of; Kampala City (Central Division mainly) and Entebbe Municipality.

It is true that the faecal and wastewater treatment plants and sewer infrastructure are heavy investments which Rotarians cannot directly participate. However, that said, Rotarians have an opportunity to participate at onsite level facilities/systems; improving on the state of the infrastructure and changing users' behaviours. In any case, the waste generated in these facilities have to be collected and taken for treatment. This, therefore, requires that these facilities are built well, and properly and rightly used for the purpose meant for.

Rotarians, we need to join a call for improved water and sanitation. We can partner in our individual capacities or clubs with the local authorities or institutions to increase the building and use of lined pit latrines, reduce on sharing

of toilet facilities, participate in hygiene and handwashing campaigns at the households, schools, health centres and public facilities, and campaigning for stopping of open defecation. Also, those living or having properties in areas where there is sewer network to connect to the system.

**The theme of month points to us a challenge of living. That, if even you kept off, its effects can catch up with you by omission. Take your magic of service to your neighbourhood. It is rewarding to stay in a good environment. And, it's better to be healthy. Keep preventive and unnecessary diseases away.**

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## Rotary Announces Fusion Summit to Drive Global Collaboration

BY RTN SYLVIA NANKYA

The Rotary summit scheduled to take place in Brussels in 2025 will be named **FUSION**, according to Rotary International.

This, replaces the Zone Institute.

The event that aims to foster unity and innovative collaboration across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA), will take place from September 25 to 28, 2025, at the Square Brussels Convention Center.

By bringing together Europe, Middle East and Africa, the summit aims to strengthen intercontinental ties, foster mutual understanding, and promote collaboration on shared challenges such as sustainable development, peace, and economic prosperity.

The name FUSION represents the union of three regions with unique cultural and historical

richness. The theme also underscores the importance of combining strengths to create transformative solutions, and reinforces Rotary's commitment to addressing global challenges.

The summit aims to be a groundbreaking event where innovation meets integrity, bringing together youth and experience to create transformative solutions.



**This vision termed 'Fusion' emphasizes the belief that only by combining our strengths can we address the world's most pressing challenges."**

"Fusion is more than just a gathering; it's a movement to shape a brighter future," a statement from the organizers reads.

The summit comes at a time when Rotary International is issuing a powerful call for unity and action. This vision, termed "Fusion," emphasizes the belief that only by

combining our strengths can we address the world's most pressing challenges.

The choice of Brussels as the summit's location is strategic. As the home of the European Union, NATO, and



global financial institutions, the city serves as a key hub for international collaboration. Its multicultural and multilingual environment is expected to provide an ideal backdrop for fostering global partnerships.

The event will feature breakout sessions, discussions on sustainability, and networking opportunities with influential leaders. Organizers are calling on Rotary members, professionals, and change agents to participate and help build a future defined by unity and progress.

**Registration for the Rotary Fusion Summit 2025 is now open. For more details, visit <https://rotary-fusion-summit.org>.**



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# Interact District Learning Assembly charts a new path for youth leadership

BY RTN SYLVIA NANKYA

For years, many Interact clubs have struggled with leadership gaps, mentorship challenges, and weak ties with their sponsoring Rotary clubs. But that is about to change. A groundbreaking resolution from the just-concluded Interact District Learning Assembly now requires that all Interact Club Patrons become honorary members of their sponsoring Rotary clubs—a move set to revolutionize mentorship and strengthen the bridge between Interactors and Rotarians.

Held at Kyambogo College School, the assembly brought together 168 Interactors from across District 9213, both physically and online, to discuss ways to strengthen the Interact

movement. District Governor Anne Nkuutu led a highly engaging session where young leaders voiced their concerns, ranging from leadership transitions and training gaps to mentorship and club sustainability.

## Key Resolutions to Strengthen Interact Clubs

After insightful deliberations, the assembly agreed on several transformational steps:

### 1. Club Patrons to Become Honorary Rotary Members

This initiative will deepen mentorship and ensure direct Rotary support to Interact clubs. By integrating Patrons into Rotary clubs, the leadership gap between Interactors and Rotarians will significantly shrink.

### 2. Adoption of a Standardized Rotary Monitoring Template

A new monitoring tool will help assess how well sponsoring Rotary clubs support Interact clubs,

ensuring consistency and accountability in mentorship

### 3. Annual Training for Rotary Youth Chairs and Club Patrons

To equip leaders with essential skills, all Rotary



Youth Chairs, Club Patrons, and Interact District Leaders will undergo annual training sessions focused on youth leadership and Interact affairs.

### 4. Structured Leadership Succession Plans

To ensure smooth transitions, every Interact club will now have a President, President-Elect, and President Nominee. This framework guarantees that clubs always have a trained leader ready to take charge.

**These resolutions mark a turning point for Interact clubs, promising stronger leadership, better mentorship, and greater collaboration with Rotary. The assembly ended with a renewed commitment to nurturing future leaders and building a vibrant, sustainable Interact movement across District.**



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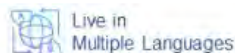
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# Why improving sanitation matters



BY RTN PETER SIMON NYANZI

“Jajja Jane lives in Kanyanya, a densely populated suburb on the outskirts of Kampala City, with her three grandchildren.

In the dry season, the old lady and her three girls enjoy what they call a ‘normal life.’ But the moment the rainy season starts, life becomes unbearable. Because they live in a swampy area, the entire neighborhood often experiences severe flooding, which affects many houses and pit latrines.

Because of this, the old woman and her girls, of course like many others in

the community, are always falling sick due to malaria, worms, dysentery, among other ailments. Like many other developing countries, Uganda faces significant challenges in the area of sanitation, especially in rural areas and informal urban settlements.

For example, according to the 2024 National Population and Housing Census, only 44% of Ugandan households have improved sanitation facilities, while 7% had no facility at all. Barely 14%



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~Source: 2024 National Population & Housing Census

of Ugandan households—and only 2.4% of those in rural areas—have access to flush toilets.

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines household sanitation as the provision of facilities and services for the safe disposal of human waste as well as garbage.

Indeed, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) is directly tied to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6), which aims to provide all children with access to safe water and proper

sanitation. This is because sanitation is universally seen as a fundamental aspect of public health - playing a critical role in the overall well-being of communities. As Jajja Jane’s situation illustrates, the lack of proper sanitation facilities can lead to a myriad of issues, including but not limited to the following:

**Health Implications**  
As evidenced by Jajja Jane’s case, one of the most pressing reasons why sanitation is vital is its direct link to health. Poor sanitation conditions often lead to the spread of waterborne diseases such as malaria, cholera, dysentery, and typhoid fever. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), lack of access to basic sanitation facilities increases vulnerability to such diseases. And in many cases, these diseases disproportionately affect children, leading to high rates of infant morbidity and mortality.

Access to clean water and proper waste disposal mechanisms can lead to healthier communities and lower healthcare costs for poor households. Furthermore, investing in sanitation infrastructure can help break the cycle of poverty, as healthier individuals



are more likely to be productive and contribute to the development of their communities.

**Educational Impact**  
Sanitation also plays a crucial role in education outcomes. The lack of adequate sanitation facilities in schools poses a barrier to education, particularly for girls. When schools do not have separate and clean toilets and clean water, many girls may avoid attending school during their menstrual period, leading to increased dropout rates, according to UNICEF. So, by improving sanitation facilities in schools, communities can promote gender equality and ensure that all children have the opportunity to learn. Investing in education not only empowers individuals but also leads to broader societal benefits, as educated

individuals are more likely to contribute positively to the development of their communities.

**Economic outcomes**  
Proper sanitation is a key driver of economic development, in terms of lower healthcare costs and productivity of human capital. By investing in sanitation infrastructure, Uganda can enhance its economic potential, attract foreign investment, and improve the quality of life for citizens. Additionally, improved sanitation can boost tourism, agriculture, and trade as it fosters a conducive environment for these critical sectors to thrive and boost the local economy.

For that reason, Government should prioritise expanding access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation

across the country - investing in water infrastructure and supporting initiatives that promote the building of proper toilet facilities, particularly in settlements like Jajja Jane's with a high incidence of open defecation and poor living conditions.

However, overcoming the poor sanitation crisis and enhancing the nation's public health is a collective responsibility that will require sustained dedication and creative solutions from the different stakeholders.

**There is therefore an urgent need for more support from the Public, Private and Civil Society sectors like Rotary International.**





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**Guest Speaker**

**Nalongo Harriet Kebirungi (PhD)**



**SATURDAY**

**15<sup>th</sup>**

**March 2025**

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# Fun Facts

## Why Is a *Wild Goose Chase* Not About Geese?

**H**ave you ever been on a wild goose chase? If you have, you know it's not about chasing actual geese. The phrase "*wild goose chase*" is a colorful way to describe a frustrating and pointless pursuit, where the goal seems to keep moving further away, much like trying to catch a flock of geese that are constantly on the move.

The origins of this phrase are quite interesting. It dates back to the 16th century and was first used in a different context. Back then, a "*wild goose chase*" referred to a type of horse race. In this race, the lead horse would set a course, and the other horses had to follow in a similar pattern, much

like geese flying in formation. If the lead horse changed direction, the others had to follow, making it a challenging and unpredictable race. Over time, the phrase evolved to mean any futile or hopeless quest.

The phrase gained popularity thanks to William Shakespeare, who used it in his play "*Romeo and Juliet*." In Act 2, Scene 4, Mercutio accuses Romeo of leading him on a "*wild-goose chase*" during a witty exchange. Shakespeare's use of the phrase helped cement its place in the English language.

Today, we use "*wild goose chase*" to describe situations where we are sent on a mission with little chance of success. It might be searching for a lost item that was never there or trying to solve a problem with no clear solution. The phrase reminds us of the importance of having clear goals and not wasting time on pursuits that lead nowhere.

**So, the next time you find yourself on a wild goose chase, remember its origins and maybe take a moment to reassess your path. After all, life is too short to spend it chasing geese that can't be caught!**



# *DISCON Registration Summary*

## REGISTRATION SUMMARY

**1,078**

Fully Paid Delegates

**103**

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**692**

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**947**

Rotarians (479M / 468F)

**115**

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**16**

Guests (3M / 13F)

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**52**

Rotarians

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Guests





#OutToLunch

# Give school buses same rights as ambulances

BY RTN. DENIS JJUUKO



**T**here is a primary school in Kampala whose bus is seen frequently in towns as far as Mityana picking up kids daily. Another Kampala school bus is seen every day in Entebbe picking up kids. To avoid Kampala’s crippling traffic jams, the buses arrive hours before dawn to pick up the kids so that they are in class on time. Sometimes, the kids are seen dead asleep as the buses maneuver the horrendous traffic jams.

In order for teachers to maximise the children’s presence at school, they teach them till late, which means that the

buses struggle to clear huge evening rush hour traffic jams to drop the kids at home. This means that the kids arrive very late in the evening yet they have homework to do and hand in the next day, leaving them short of enough time to sleep.



**The buses would have to operate within a specific radius of about 5km-10km from which the school to which they are attached to avoid the scenario where they pick kids from all over greater Kampala...”**

lives in Bushenyi but his children attend a day school in Mbarara city.

This doesn’t only affect kids who live in faraway places from Kampala like Mityana and Entebbe. Those who live in Kampala face a similar problem. Vans pick them pre-dawn so they could do several trips picking up kids and dropping them.

It is also common upcountry. I know somebody who

Where the kids are dropped off by the parents or guardians, it isn’t any different. For parents to arrive at work on time, they, too, leave home pre-dawn, drop the kids at school and then proceed to work. And many can’t leave their offices before 5.00pm, which means that they pick up kids late from school.

I think it is against that background that the education policy review commission has recommended that schools should close by 3.00pm to enable children be children. It is a welcome idea that will see kids have time to play and most importantly have time to sleep and develop as normal human beings than programmed chips with the sole purpose of passing national exams.

However, for this to work, there is a lot that needs to be done that the education policy review commission may not have talked about.





The government must be interested in providing high quality education across the country. The only reason a Bushenyi parent may enroll a child in a Mbarara city school is because they are trying to provide the best for their kids. They have looked at what is available in Bushenyi and they think it is not good enough for their children. If the schools in their communities were great, they would have enrolled them there.

In the area where I live near Kampala, there isn't a single public school where I can enroll my kids. If I did, my consciousness wouldn't enable me sleep at night. Yet in the last 10 years or so, more than five big private schools have been built by entrepreneurs. If individuals can build schools, it means government can build even more.

With better public schools near where parents live, government can ban bussing kids across the city or from one town to another

because there would be a good public school where kids can be enrolled. A parent living in Naalya would not have to send their kid to Lubowa by bus. However, they could send them there by private cars. This is the norm in some developed countries.

In many countries, school buses are distinctively designed and painted yellow. Everyone will notice them from a mile away. They enjoy public transport lanes where such infrastructure exists and where it doesn't, they are given the same road right of way as ambulances. That saves kids' time being on the road for many hours.

Distinctive buses would ensure our kids don't have to be piled in Toyota Ipsums like grasshoppers and being driven dangerously in order to arrive at school on time.

Uganda already owns Kiira Motors, which makes buses at their plant just outside Jinja. They can give them the order to make unique school buses and offer them tax free to schools with favourable payment terms. The income from the bus should also not be taxed to make it affordable. If a school doesn't want to offer this service directly, they could make an arrangement with a third-party service provider.

The buses would have to operate within a specific radius of about 5km-10km from the school to which they are attached to avoid the scenario where they pick kids from all over greater Kampala.

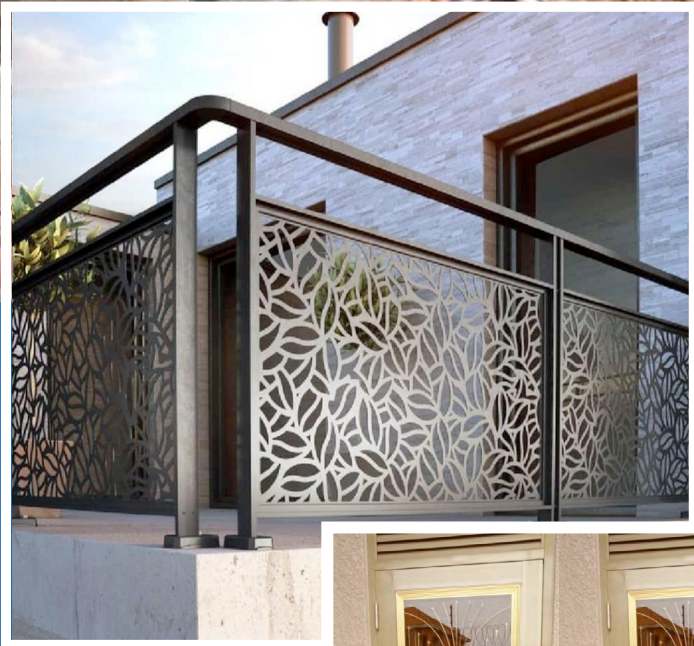
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# Family Matters



BY PASTOR RONNIE MUTEBI

**Corinthians 12:9:**

**2** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities.....

## **BUILDING THE BROKEN PLACES**

It's easy to walk passed a scrap yard of broken debri without a glance of value. God in all His infinite wisdom does not discard broken things—

He rebuilds them. When He is looking to establish something great, He searches for the broken, the weak, and the yielded.

The Holy books are filled with stories of broken people who God used to build greatness in kingdoms. Moses was a fugitive with a stutter, yet God made him a deliverer. Gideon, a fearful and insecure farmer, was transformed into a courageous leader who defeated an entire army. Peter denied his master, but his restoration led to his powerful leadership in the early christian conquests.

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God's pattern is clear: He takes the shattered, the rejected, and the wounded, to build something glorious.”

God's pattern is clear: He takes the shattered, the rejected, and the wounded, to build something glorious. The world may see brokenness as weakness, but God sees it as the raw material for greatness. The baganda have a saying “Nkwesiga nga emmundu emmenye” simply saying “There's so

much trust with a broken gun.” literal meaning a broken gun is harmless.

What is that broken place in you, is it financial or

relationship? Look at the broken pieces positively to see a better version of you. The broken pieces open us to a wider view of possibilities. God does not simply patch us up—He rebuilds us into something new, stronger, and more glorious than before.

If God's greatest work of redemption came through brokenness, then we can trust that our own broken places are not the end of our story but the beginning of a great masterpiece.

Are you feeling broken today? Gather up your broken pieces, believe you can get better. Trust God as the master builder who specializes in building from the ruins.

**Take Home: If God's greatest work of redemption came through brokenness, you can trust that our own broken places and pieces are not the end of our story but the beginning of a great masterpiece knowing well that graves can turn into beautiful gardens.**



# PHENOMENAL WOMAN

A POEM BY DR MAYA  
ANGELOU

**Pretty women wonder  
where my secret lies.  
I'm not cute or built to  
suit a fashion model's  
size**

But when I start to tell  
them,  
They think I'm telling lies.  
I say,  
It's in the reach of my  
arms,  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

I walk into a room  
Just as cool as you please,  
And to a man,  
The fellows stand or  
Fall down on their knees.  
Then they swarm around  
me,  
A hive of honey bees.  
I say,  
It's the fire in my eyes,  
And the flash of my teeth,  
The swing in my waist,  
And the joy in my feet.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in me.  
They try so much  
But they can't touch  
My inner mystery.  
When I try to show them,



They say they still can't  
see.  
I say,  
It's in the arch of my  
back,  
The sun of my smile,  
The ride of my breasts,  
The grace of my style.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

Now you understand  
Just why my head's not  
bowed.  
I don't shout or jump  
about  
Or have to talk real  
loud.

When you see me passing,  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
The palm of my hand,  
The need for my care.  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me...

Till again..

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