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Dear Reader,

hope this issue finds you well and provides you food for thought as we mark **World Polio Day** on Thursday 24th October.

It is not too late to make what could be your most important financial contribution to the Polio eradication campaign.

Rotarians around the world have over the years contributed generously to end polio, a reason we have special attachment to this day.

In that spirit, there will be an Inter-district **D9213** and **D9214 Mega fellowship** on World Polio Day, hosted by RC Kampala springs.

This issue carries take-aways from last week's presentation. Also, get to know more about our prospects in this edition of the Naalya Food Bulletin and subsequent editions.

Our guest this Tuesday is **Rtn Barbra N. Kimbowa**, a Financial Literacy Specialist and Membership Director, Rotary Means Business. **We invite you to Join us at Ndere Cultural Centre**, **7pm**

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President's Message

RTN SYLVIA JAGWE OWACHI Club President 2024-2025



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

▼ he Magical Rotary year is moving rather first!!! We have just passed the 100 day mark and this is a good time to take stock of what has been achieved so far. First and foremost, I want to thank members of RC Kampala Naalya, the Board members and Advisors (past presidents) for their participation and involvement in various club activities to date. Each one of you is making a unique contribution to the club and I'm really grateful.

As Rotary Club of Kampala Naalya, for the first quarter we focused on some of our goals such as membership growth, giving to the foundation, having governance structures and documentation in order and improving membership **experience** through the various activities we have engaged in. We have made good progress; we have

a good number of prospects awaiting induction next month, we are a few dollars short of hitting our rotary foundation giving target for the year and our governance documentation is in order hence we were qualified to apply for global grants.

This month being economic and community development in last week's meeting were joined by Senior Economist Bob Twinomugisha. His presentation was an Economics masterclass detailing various aspects of the Global economy and the current

status of Uganda's economy. He highlighted the various risks to our economy such as the geopolitical tensions disrupting trade, the climate change and its effects, and the policy measures globally and how these have/will affect us.

Uganda's goals include sustainable inclusive economic growth, job creation and human capital development, industrialization and value addition, regional integration and trade and natural resource management and environmental sustainability. There are however challenges such as weak governance,

over reliance on agriculture, exposure to commodity price infrastructure gaps, skills gaps and youth **unemployment.** Rotary therefore should focus on supporting SMEs Entrepreneurs, vocational training and job creation especially for marginalized groups, promoting financial inclusion and capacity building, skills development to

fluctuations, mention but a few.

This week we will be joined by Rtn Prossie Kimbowa a financial literacy specialist and membership director of Rotary Means Business. "Learning never exhausts the mind" and I must say in rotary every week you get to learn something

Enjoy our bulletin and you are welcome to join us for our weekly meetings.

Be blessed!

Uganda's goals include sustainable and inclusive economic growth...









JOINT MEGA FELLOWSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE WORLD POLIO DAY

HOSTED BY: RC KAMPALA SPRINGS



THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2024 TIME: 5:30PM

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ou're invited to a **Mega Joint**Fellowship hosted by Rotary Club
of Kampala Springs in celebration of
World Polio Day on Thursday, 24th October
2024 at Silver Springs Hotel, starting at 5:30
PM.

Join us for Polio immunization activities,

inspiring presentations from awesome speakers, and a chance to make a real impact in the fight against polio.

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests, come in big numbers and carry your club branding to represent your club proudly. **Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a global cause!**

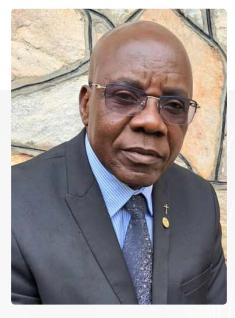
Learning through Continous Engagement

BY IPP GODFREY OKELLO OMODING Club Training Facilitator

an continuous engagements of members be learning? A person cannot stop learning as long as there is life, a common saying. To Rotarians, their continuous engagements in various rotary activities is part of continuous learning. The more activities or events one participates in, the more one learns. Let it be the commissioning of a project, fun event, any kind of fund-raising activity, presentations at rotary meetings or any rotary gathering. Learning lies on the way one perceives it.

Last week, I had a chat with a Rotarian who attended annual wine tasting fundraising event organized by the Rotary Club of Kampala **South.** He had a lot to talk about what he saw and felt. For sure, if you read his mind, he got a new experience. You can tell he got a fulfillment somehow out of the evening he spent tasting various wines. This engagement alone gave him unique feeling and an exposure to a new experience. From his talk, no doubt, come next year's function, he will there. The engagement gave him an opportunity to learn some new things and, at least, gave him a new exposure.

Continuous engagements are a Rotarian's another avenue of learning. The Club, by extension, plays a facilitating role. The more members get into several and different



rotary engagements, they in turn make their Club what they ought to be proud of. As they interact with other Rotarians especially those from other clubs, they are learning. This learning should also be for the betterment of their Club.

Continuous engagements of members with a purpose to learn is where the real difference comes from within the Club.

When members abscond from engaging in activities even of their Club, learning is lost. Instead, the Club operations are left to the few, other members remain occupied with complains. You ask, "where are you to bring a difference?" The answer always is another complain. Remember, you who is complaining, your absence from any Club engagement is answer to your complain. Your contribution may be the missing link.

A Club provides space, place, time and an environment that all members can learn from, and use to engage. Deeply when one reflects, for instance, the themes of the months are engaging enough; bringing in new learning from speakers. Speakers, of whatever kind and subject matter specialists, they bring new knowledge and insights. These speakers take time off to prepare. Attending prepared topics from speakers definitely one learns something. Such is the learning that enriches with different knowledge. Since you belong to the Club, then pick up your learning opportunities. Let each one of us get into a learning mood and take advantage of available rotary engagements in the Club and outside the Club.

Whenever I think about the time the president takes sourcing for speakers or organizing activities, I shy away from missing any. It reminds me not to be that missing link. Think about this! Does your missing tell you something about your responsibility to the Club? What other way can you view this? Does it make you think about what you ought to do?

For sure, be a Rotarian of action; keep engaging and learning. May the magic of rotary cause us to ponder and engage as we learn.

Fellowship Takeaways; Rotary's Future Focus for Economic Growth in Uganda



BY RTN SYLVIA NANKYA

Rotary can enhance Uganda's growth prospects by expanding programs that support youth and women in startups and entrepreneurship and empowering these groups to become key drivers of economic development.

Bob Twinomugisha, a senior economist (macroeconomics and trade) at the Uganda Development Bank, gave the advice during the weekly fellowship of the Rotary Club of Kampala-Naalya held at Ndere Centre on Tuesday, October 15. The fellowship

sought to understand the Role of Rotary in fostering economic growth, fitting within the economic and Community Development theme for October.

According to Dr Twinomugisha, Rotary's work in economic development can ably complement the country's economic goals, especially those related to skilling the youth and promoting financial inclusion.

Twinomugisha also encouraged Rotary Clubs to build Stronger Public-Private Partnerships. He said that by collaborating with the government and private sector, Rotary can drive larger economic initiatives that benefit entire industries. Another possible avenue is investing in innovation hubs that encourage creativity and entrepreneurship, which will help shape the future of Uganda's economy.

Earlier, he explained in detail the trends and outlook of the Ugandan and the Global economies indicating that the global growth is projected to remain steady at 3.2 per cent this year despite geopolitical tensions and high interest rates. The Growth is supported by modest expansions in trade and investment. A slight decline is expected in 2029.

But, he added, that volatile commodity prices, trade disruptions, persistent inflation, and climate-related disasters present a risk to the projections. Specific challenges, such as attacks on commercial shipping in the Red Sea and climate extremes affecting the Panama Canal, could disrupt global trade flows.

UGANDA'S ECONOMIC GOALS

- a. Sustainable and inclusive economic growth:

 b. Job creation and human capital development: development. especially for youth.

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 Promote industrialization, value addition, and diversity the concerns.
- d. Regional integration and

 Leverage Uganda's strategic location for regional trade and expression integration.
 - Sustainable management of resources, climate change mitigation, and environmental protection.



Challenges faced by Uganda's economy

1. Limited Diversification

- Heavy reliance on agriculture poses vulnerabilities to weather shocks and market votalility.
- Limited diversification into other sectors challenges sustained growth.

2. Infrastructure Gaps

- Insufficient and unreliable infrastructure, especially in rural areas.
- Hinders productivity, trade, and investment.

3. Human Capital Development

- Challenges in educational attainment, skills gaps, and high youth unemployment.
- Enhancing education quality and addressing skills mismatch is crucial.

4. Governance & Corruption

- Weak governance, corruption, and inefficiencies in public institutions.
- Hinders growth, investment, and public trust.

5. Population Growth and Urbanization

- The rapidly growing population presents opportunities and challenges.
- Managing urbanization and creating employment opportunities are vital.

6. Vulnerability to External Shocks.

- Exposure to global commodity price fluctuations, conflicts, and natural disasters.
- Disrupts trade, investment, and economic stability.

GLOBAL RISK SCENARIOS

	Scenario	Probability	Impact
1	Monetary policy tightening extends into 2024	Moderate	High
2	The green technology subsidy race leads to a global trade war	Moderate	High
3	Extreme weather events disrupt global supply chains	High	Moderate
4	Industrial action spreads, disrupting global productivity	High	Moderate
5	China moves to annex Taiwan	Low	Very High
6	Change in US administration leads to abrupt foreign policy shifts	Moderate	Moderate
7	Stimulus policy failures in China lead to increased state controls	Low	High
8	Israel-Hamas war escalates into a regional conflict	Very Low	High
9	Artificial intelligence disrupts elections	Moderate	Low
10	Ukraine-Russia war spirals into a global conflict	Very Low	Very High

Last Week's Fellowship











Meet our Guest this Tuesday

RTN. PROSSIE N. KIMBOWA

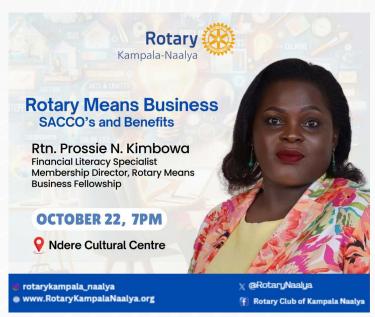
Prossie is a dedicated and passionate advocate for empowering individuals and organizations with the knowledge and tools necessary to achieve financial independence and long-term security. With her extensive expertise in financial literacy, she has been instrumental in educating both the formal and informal sectors about strategic investment options that generate passive and residual income.

She is the Membership Director for Rotary Means Business and actively fosters connections and partnerships, promoting the principles of service and community engagement.

In today's fast-paced and unpredictable world, she recognizes the critical importance of maintaining financial liquidity and freedom.

Prossie specializes in guiding her clients through a diverse range of investment opportunities, including insurance products, unit trusts,

treasury bills, bonds, and other financial instruments designed to promote financial stability and growth. Her mission is clear: to help individuals and businesses build a solid foundation for a secure retirement through informed decision-making and the cultivation of financial liquidity.



My Rotary Leadership Institute Experience



BY RTN BABRA NINSIIMA

Why Rotary Leadership Institute?

better question might be: what are you waiting for to train at the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)? As Thomas Jefferson famously said, "Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government." In the same spirit, informed leaders can be trusted to guide their Rotary clubs effectively.

Who is eligible to attend Rotary Leadership Institute?

The answer is simple: everyone! Whether you're a Rotarian, a Rotaractor, or even a non-Rotarian with an interest in learning more about Rotary,

RLI welcomes you. This training offers valuable insights and prepares participants for leadership roles within their clubs and communities.

In Rotary, we are all leaders. Every year, leadership positions rotate, giving different members the opportunity to contribute their unique skills and perspectives as they guide their club. When I first joined Rotary, my mentors strongly recommended that I use My Rotary resources and take online courses to deepen my understanding of the organization. I followed their advice, yet I still had lingering questions.

That's where RLI made the difference for me. While it provides a wealth of knowledge about Rotary International (RI), the true value lies in the personal interactions with fellow participants. Through these conversations, I learned about the diverse cultures, challenges, and successes of different clubs. I began to see how, as informed leaders, we could not only appreciate these differences but also find ways to address the challenges they faced.

Throughout the three modules of RLI, several topics stood out to me: engaging members, effective club communication, attracting new members, strategic planning, building a stronger club, and creating impactful service projects. These topics helped me understand that while we all operate under the guidance of Rotary International, each club is unique. Differences in culture, membership composition, and leadership styles contribute to this diversity, making each club its own special entity.

I was also amazed by the number of Rotaractors who attended the training. Some participants came from clubs information, clubs that made RLI a prerequisite for membership, while others were from clubs where attending RLI was required for taking on any leadership role.

The biggest takeaway from RLI is this: before you can ask for accountability, you must first be informed. This training equips you with the knowledge and understanding to lead effectively, appreciate your club's uniqueness, and contribute meaningfully to the greater Rotary community. So again, what are you waiting for?



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A Listener, Lowa, Respectful, Reliable, Proactive, Honest, Passionate, Energetic, in Accomplisher, Strategic, Helpful

Improve your Rotary Knowledge and Leadership Skills









28th INTAKE UNDERGRADUATE

MODULE 1 Topics - 26th Oct 2024. 8AM

- · Introduction to RLI
- Insights into leadership
- · My Rotary World
- · Foundation 1: Our Foundation
- Ethics Vocational Service
- Engaging Members

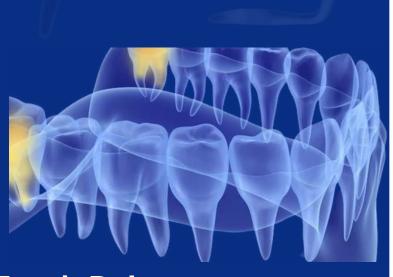


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Meet our Prospects BETTY KASAIJA

Betty Kasaija, CEO of The Redeemed of the Lord Development Agency (RODA) has implemented child development projects for over 31 years.

She has worked for several NGO's and is the National Director of the **Dreamaker** Sponsorship Program in Kanungu, Uganda. She also oversees the development and running of 4 Nursery and Primary Schools in Masaka District, (Kaswa Day and Boarding Primary School), Adullam Primary School in Mbarara District, Munteme **Junior School in Kikuube** District, and Bussi Junior School on Lake Victoria Island. Betty is also deeply involved in Rescuing, Rehabilitating, and Reintegration (RRR) of former street children.

In her own words, "I am very passionate about children development and care. I have a strong belief in children. I have experienced many beautiful stories where children's dreams have come to reality", she notes.

Betty has a genuine heart of compassion and caring for those she serves. She has taken into her home several marginalized and needy children, providing them a future and a reason to hope.

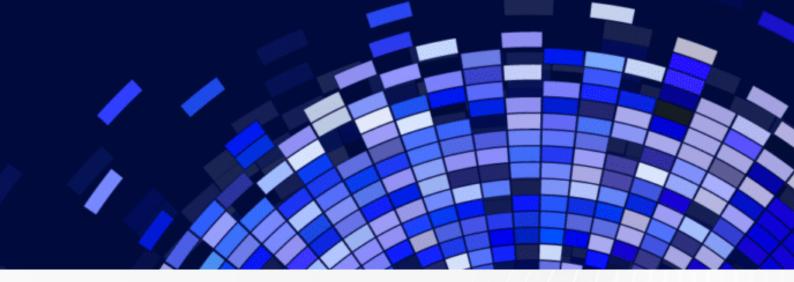
Betty's formal education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (Uganda), a post graduate Diploma in Management (Uganda), and a Diploma in Child Development (Petra College, South Africa). She is currently pursuing a Master of Theology, specializing in Counseling Youth and Children from the South African School of Theology.

Betty is a Trainer of Trainers, a facilitator, and a mentor for people reaching out to children.

Her effort blends with the Rotary mantra of service above self, evident in larger causes service projects. Let's look closely at her healing touch below:

The Amagara Masya Centre in Mbarara City gives access to rehabilitative education. health care and alternative shelter for street children. It runs outreaches in spaces where the children converge, counsel and appeal to them with continuing their education. The Centre pays their school fees, and children supported by the project receive support such as transport to and from school, books, uniforms, personal effects and medical assistance.

On arrival at the Centre, children are academically assessed. Nearly all children do not have interest in pursuing academic dreams as displayed in short concentration spans



that last no longer than 10 minutes. They are grouped into 5 classes where caregivers court them for a period spreading over 8 months and get more than 580 academic lessons. Initially, they progress through writing and spelling their names, express themselves in basic English phrases, identify all alphabetical elements, attain elementary numeracy and literacy.

In 2023, it enabled rehabilitee Children enroll in school where they can access educational services freely. A total of 56 Children (M:37/F: 19) were able get formal education. By December, all the 56 children were promoted to new academic levels, 11 children sat national exams at several levels. Five children (M: 4/F:1) Primary leaving Certificate, O-Levels (M:2/F:1) and A-levels (M:0/F:3).

The Centre further provides vocational and livelihood skills for children in and out of the centre. Some youth turn up to get a skill for survival. In August 2023 one child completed training by Local artisan apprenticeship support in motorbike repair. This mode of training was chosen to suit his advanced age and limited support from his home. All the rehabilitated street

children get vocational skills in gardening, art and crafts design, and industrial tailoring. Before reuniting with family, children can use the sewing machine, show masterly to make measurements, threading, and stitching.

Other the other hand, the RODA Sustainable Schools Initiative Education Program (SUSIEP) runs 4 Nursery and Primary Schools in Masaka District, (Kaswa Day and Boarding Primary School), Adullam Primary School in Mbarara District, Munteme Junior School in Kikube District, and Bussi Junior School on Lake Victoria Island. More than one thousand children attend school in the RODA learning centers.

The children come from households in communities where they have dropped out of school or struggle to continue with an education due to poverty, infirm parents or guardians. Some children run out of homes citing torture, burdened single parents, inadequacy for their menstrual hygiene, influence of the 'bad groups'...

Initially, the main attraction is a **regular Meal** (break time porridge snack and lunch) served across the RODA schools, ample space for children to safely play and

extracurricular activities. Close Parent-Teacher collaboration enable children to bear their hurt, scale-up mental, and psychosocial support.

Children get empowered with Health Education with more than 200 girl children attest to confidence in the management of menstrual health.

They learn from diverse scenarios to build confidence in taking responsible decisions. They conduct exercises and role plays to differentiate between personal rights from their responsibilities. Weekly club activities across the schools enable children to start on the course of character and talent building as they progress in their academic career.

RODA organizes a tournament competition in football, netball and debate that have attracted each area primary schools. More than 2,500 children and 1000 adults take part. The community -based organisations working in related child promotion initiatives also participate in the events, enriching the experiences of gatherings with testimonials, stories of change, and smiles of hope.



Betty is a professional with over 18 years of experience in Business Development of Agricultural value chains. She currently serves as a Business Development & Partnership Assistant at the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) – Kawanda, focusing on promoting the use and commercialisation of Agricultural Technologies and building impactful partnerships among other personal engagements.

Throughout her career, Betty has held leadership roles in organizations such as **Uganda Cooperative Alliance (UCA)**, **TechnoServe Uganda** and **VECO Uganda**, among others. Her work has centred on transforming farmer groups into thriving business entities, enhancing financial

literacy, and fostering sustainable partnerships and business linkages. She is also committed to gender and youth empowerment, striving to ensure equitable participation in agribusiness.

In her words, Betty says, 'I am excited to join the Rotary Club of Kampala-Naalya because my passion for community empowerment and my commitment to serving humanity align perfectly with Rotary's mission.'

She believes that her experience in building strategic partnerships and fostering innovation will contribute significantly to the club's efforts to create positive and impactful change.

Wine Festival organized by RC Kampala South













RC Abim Charter Celebration.



AG Herbert Oloka joined RC Abim during the Club's Charter celebrations, Saturday October 19

Building Resilient Communities:

Aligning Pillars of Positive Peace with Rotary's Economic and Community Development Focus

BY **TIJANA RISTIC**RAGFP Chair Elect
Positive Peace Activator

n today's interconnected world, sustainable peace and thriving economies go hand in hand. The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) has developed a framework for understanding peace known as Positive Peace—the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies. Positive Peace is based on 8 key pillars that help build societies that are not just free from violence but are also capable of sustaining economic stability, social Peace is based on 8 key

International, but also capable of Community economic stability. Economic Development is one of its seven areas of focus, emphasizing empowering commulocal communities to become govern

economically self-sufficient.

cohesion, and

growth.

For Rotary

This alignment between IEP's Positive Peace framework and Rotary's efforts in economic development presents an opportunity to build resilient, peaceful, and prosperous

communities around the world.

Each of IEP's pillars directly or indirectly supports economic growth and community development.

Well-Functioning Government

pillars that help build

societies that are not

just free from violence

Good governance is the bedrock of economic development. Governments that uphold the rule of law, provide security, and foster a stable business environment encourage investment and economic

growth. Rotary's economic development initiatives often focus on strengthening governance at the local level by encouraging transparency, accountability, and citizen participation.

Rotary collaborates with community leaders and governments to support policies that facilitate sustainable economic practices and create inclusive opportunities for marginalized groups.

Sound Business Environment

Economic development is impossible without a healthy business environment. The IEP's focus on a sound business environment highlights the importance of entrepreneurship, innovation, and ethical business practices. Rotary's work in Community Economic Development helps foster this by offering vocational training, supporting entrepreneurs, and providing microloans to small businesses. Through these initiatives, Rotary helps communities build robust economies that can thrive independently of external

Equitable Distribution of Resources

Economic inequalities can fuel conflict and destabilize communities. Positive Peace emphasizes equitable resource distribution, which is crucial for long-term social and economic stability. Rotary's economic development projects often target vulnerable populations, ensuring that women, youth, and marginalized groups have

access to education, training, and financial resources. By promoting equity, Rotary helps communities break cycles of poverty and dependence, empowering individuals to contribute to the local economy.

Acceptance of the Rights of **Others**

Social inclusion and respect for human rights are essential to building stable economies. When all members of a society feel respected and have the opportunity to participate, the economy can flourish. Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention initiatives, which often intersect with economic development projects, promote tolerance, diversity, and inclusion, which are key to fostering peaceful, thriving communities. This pillar also underscores Rotary's commitment to gender equity in all its programs, ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.

Good Relations with Neighbors

Rotary's commitment to strengthening communities extends beyond borders. In line with the IEP's pillar of fostering good relations with neighbors, Rotary promotes cross-border cooperation, regional partnerships, and international peacebuilding efforts. Economic development doesn't happen in isolation—by collaborating with neighboring

communities, countries, and **Low Levels of Corruption** organizations, Rotary helps build strong, interconnected economies that are resilient in the face of challenges.

Free Flow of Information

Informed communities are empowered communities. The IEP emphasizes the importance of a free flow of information for fostering peace and stability. Similarly, Rotary's efforts in Basic Education and Literacy help individuals gain access to information and knowledge that enable them to make informed decisions about their businesses, health, and finances. Access to information also promotes transparency in governance and business, fostering a more accountable and productive economic environment.

High Levels of Human Capital

Investing in human capital is essential for long-term economic growth. Rotary understands the importance of education and skills development, offering scholarships, vocational training, and professional development programs. By equipping individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the workforce, Rotary helps communities build a solid foundation for sustained economic development.

Corruption undermines economic development by eroding trust and diverting resources away from essential services. Rotary actively works to reduce corruption through transparency, ethical leadership, and promoting good governance. By fostering accountability and integrity in both local governments and businesses, Rotary helps create environments where economic development can thrive, free from the drain of corrupt practices.

Rotary's Role in Building **Positive Peace through Economic Development**

The synergy between IEP's Positive Peace framework and Rotary's focus on Community Economic Development is clear: both seek to create stable, resilient communities where individuals can thrive economically and socially. By focusing on sustainable solutions, Rotary empowers communities to build their own futures, offering resources, training, and support that help people lift themselves out of poverty and contribute to lasting peace.

In many ways, Rotary's work in economic development is a form of peacebuilding. By addressing the root causes of poverty and inequality, Rotary helps create the conditions for Positive Peace—strong economies, equitable access to resources, good governance, and social inclusion. As Rotary continues its work around the globe, its commitment to both peace and economic development will remain essential to creating a world where peace is not just the absence of conflict, but the presence of prosperity and opportunity for all.



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What Africa must do in the next 60 years of independence.

BY RTN. DENIS JJUUKO



any African countries have clocked 60 years since they became independent from the colonizers.

On 9th October, Uganda marked its 62nd anniversary. The anniversary came at a critical time when a government agency revealed that at least Shs25 billion or approximately US\$6.7m is lost to corruption daily.

I think the richest countries in the world are in Africa. Imagine losing US\$6.7m a day and we still exist. The figure may not even be accurate. Government agencies tend to be conservative when revealing these things.

Anyway, the majority of African leaders spend half their time blaming colonialists and western powers while accepting every invitation to the White House, 10 Downing Street and the Elysée Palace. Their public relations handlers and

influencers even brag about such invitations. Photos in the White House are shared with glee.

On return, they tell us the reason why we are poor is because of western powers and vow to fight and defeat them. The African masses, eager to attend the rallies, so that they can get their once in a year doze of protein from the meat being served, clap, clench their fist and vow to fight back. In the presidential mansions, the Africans tell their western counterparts, that whatever they said was just "managing politics." They seek for another invitation to Washington, London and Paris.

How can Africans manage the next 60 years of their independence? At least by not spending half their time blaming the westerners. Africa was not the only colonized continent. The British, for example, colonized many parts of Asia and Middle

I think the richest countries in the world are in Africa. East. How did some countries in Asia and the Gulf managed to develop, some in a little time than Africa?

Take the example of the United Arab Emirates, it only became independent in 1971, a decade after most African countries had become independent. They were a barren desert. Today, Africans go there for honeymoon, medical treatment, university education and some even invest in properties there.

The simplistic story is that UAE had oil. But it isn't the only one with oil. Libya, Sudan, Nigeria, and Angola among others have oil. The countries mentioned above also have access to the sea just like the UAE. However, the African countries had even more favorable weather than the harshness of the Dubai or Abu Dhabi



deserts. But today, Africa almost has no single city that is at the level of Dubai. South African cities are deteriorating at the speed of a rocket.

There are 1.4 billion people in Africa.
They need to see a continent that works for them, not one that talks about issues of the past 60 years.

If the British,
French and
Americans sabotage
Africa like African
leaders and intellectuals
always claim, how come
they didn't do that to
the Asians and countries
like UAE? They were still
interested in oil in UAE.
They were still interested
in access to the sea as
they are today.

If African leaders wished to develop their countries, I believe they would without anyone in the west stopping them. Does the west, for example, stop any African city from finding solutions to their garbage problem? I believe many western powers would actually want their businesses to invest in solving the garbage issue so that

money out of it.

Does a western
power tell a
procurement

power tell a procurement officer to give a contract to the most incompetent company to construct a road? Most road projects,

they can make

for example, in Uganda are so small for any western power to get utterly interested.

I mean, if you are constructing a 21km four lane northern bypass worth a few million dollars, why would the west be so interested in stopping it? The other day, I saw a road agency happy to report that they will construct 6km a year of an expressway. Imagine just 6km a year of a fourlane road! Now, imagine if the country had more ambitious projects, how long would they take to achieve them?

African leaders are these days summoned to every Asian capital for some

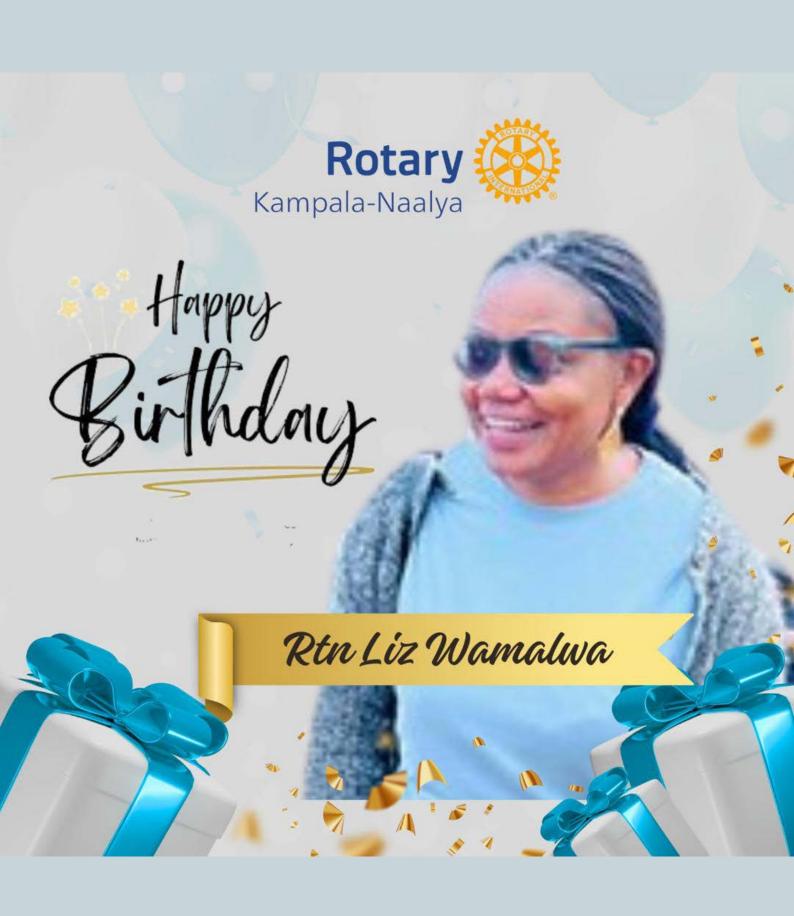
African Summit. The other day I saw poor Indonesia summoning them and they all went or sent their deputies. What is in Jakarta that Africans can't do?

Ok, if they go there, what do they learn? How has Indonesia managed to 'develop' that it can now summon African presidents to go for a summit? And when they return what can they do so the countries can develop?

In the next 60 years,
Africa must be deliberate
to write a new chapter.
The colonialism and
neocolonialism rhetoric has
run its course. There are 1.4
billion people in Africa. They
need to see a continent
that works for them, not
one that talks about issues
of the past 60 years. it is
time to create an enabling
environment that enables
Africans to thrive.

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Family Matters



BY PASTOR RONNIE MUTEBI

alatians 4:1 (NIV): What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.

BEYOND ENSLAVED MINDSET

Who is a slave?

A man may have no restrictions in his physical movements, economic or social relationships and still be a slave.

In the mind of God, anyone who does not understand the laws which govern inheritance.

He may have it all (in his own eyes) and yet have nothing at all.

Our theme scripture says that he may own an entire estate but still be on the same level as a slave.

There is a way slaves offer themselves to their assignments, serve or build. To note, a slave may do all the things that a true heir and son may do but what distinguishes them is in how they do what they do and the mindset with which they do so.

A slave begs, a son is always appreciative for what has already been availed to him by his father. A slave serves with the expectation of a wage without which, they easily look out for alternatives. A son cannot serve for a pay because he knows that everything his Father owns is his. So he needs no pay to protect or progress his father's legacy.

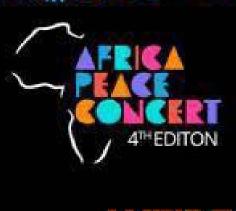
Take Home: A man may have no restrictions in his physical movements, economic or social relationships and still be a slave. In the laws that govern inheritance, anyone who does not understand the laws which govern inheritance is a slave.

Refuse to live through the lens of limitation. Make a deliberate move to learn and acquire knowledge that connects you to your inheritance in every aspect of life.





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