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# EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

As we celebrate the Rotary Fellowships month, the final month of the rotary year, I encourage you to indulge in fellowship activities. Fellowship is such an important part of Rotary.

Last Tuesday the Club was hosted by Out-going President **Sylvia Jagwe Owachi** Thank You Magical President for your hospitality.

I am also delighted to share the good news that the Rotary Club of Kyadondo Rugby has received its Charter certificate. Special thanks to **PP Denis Jjuuko** and team for supporting this journey.

Our guest speaker this Tuesday is Rtn **Peter Odoki** - District Chair Rotary Fellowships. Please Join us

I wish you all a blessed week.

*Keno Lillian - Bulletin Officer*

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# President's Message

**RTN SYLVIA JAGWE OWACHI**  
*Magical President 2024-2025*



## Dear Rotarians and Friends,

At about this time most clubs installing new leadership and installations attract non-Rotarians who often ask why should I join Rotary. Rotary was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905 and this year celebrated 120 years of Service.

Rotary currently unites over 1.2 million people worldwide and we value diversity and the contributions of all people which fosters a sense of inclusion and belonging. Throughout the years Rotarians across the World have been engaged in various service projects transforming lives and bringing people together to make a difference in our communities.

There are many benefits of joining Rotary ranging from making new connections and friendships, giving back to the community, fun and entertainment. Rotary also helps in business

development, personal growth and development, continued learning and travel opportunities. The list goes on and on depending on what is important you as an individual. I must also add that once you have joined Rotary you have to be involved to enjoy it more. There are quite a number of ways to be involved such as;

- Through your Rotary Club by serving on a Committee. Clubs have various committees (e.g., fundraising, membership, public image, Rotary Foundation) where you can utilize your skills and contribute to the club's work.
- Volunteer under Club projects by participating in your club's projects, which

are often community-focused initiatives.

- Organize Social Events and help plan and host social events that promote fellowship and raise awareness about Rotary.
- Through Rotary Fellowships and Action

Groups where you can join groups that share your passions, hobbies, or vocations, allowing you to connect with like-minded Rotarians and contribute to service projects.

- Participating Youth Service Programs such as Interact and Rotaract.
- Vocational Service where you use your profession to contribute to society by upholding ethical standards and addressing societal needs.

The Rotary theme for the month of June is Rotary Fellowships. Rotary fellowships are groups of individuals who unite around a common interest, vocation, or recreational activity with the primary purpose to network and further friendship.

**For our meeting this week we are honored to host Rtn Peter Odoki the Rotary Fellowships Chair District 9213. Please join us for the meeting and enjoy the bulletin.**

Be Blessed.



**There are many benefits of joining Rotary ranging from making new connections and friendships, giving back to the community, fun and entertainment.”**

## *Breaking News!*

# *Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo Resigns*

**R**otary International has announced the resignation of President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo, who was slated to serve as the global organisation's president for the 2025-26 Rotary year.

In a letter dated June 8 to Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick, de Camargo cited personal reasons and business obligations as the basis for his decision to step down from the role. The Brazilian Rotarian, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André in São Paulo, later confirmed that despite stepping away from the presidency, he remains committed to Rotary and will continue serving as an active member of his club and community.

De Camargo, who has been a dedicated Rotarian since 1980, was selected as Rotary International President for 2025-26 by the Nominating Committee for President in August 2023. His nomination was a point of pride for the Rotary community in Brazil and across the globe, marking a significant moment for Latin American representation at Rotary's highest leadership level.

In response to the announcement, President Urchick expressed gratitude for de Camargo's decades of service.

“We greatly appreciate Mário's 45 years of leadership and service to our organisation and the tremendous pride his nomination created among Brazilian Rotary members,” she said in a letter to Rotarians. “I am certain that Mário will leverage his experience and will continue to contribute to the growth of Rotary in Brazil and around the world. I want to thank Mário and Denise for their hard work and dedication to Rotary over the past 20 months. We wish Mário well.”



Rtn. Mário César Martins de Camargo

**The Rotary International Board of Directors is expected to convene shortly to determine the next steps and establish the process for selecting a new president for the 2025-26 Rotary year.**



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# RID Daniel Urges Clubs to Retain Members, End Zero Giving

BY RTN SYLVIA NANKYA

**R**otary International Director (RID) **Daniel Tanase** has issued a heartfelt rallying call to all clubs across Africa: "Retain every member. Give something to our Foundation. Charge towards the finish line!"

In a message carried in Rotary Africa, RID Daniel described the past year in one powerful word; MAGIC. He celebrated the resilience and service spirit of clubs in Zone 22, which spans all 20 Rotary districts on the continent.

"This magic wasn't just in words," he wrote. "It was in your kind actions, your true compassion, your service, your giving to our Foundation. Each of you has brought hope, healing, and transformation to communities across Africa and far beyond, and I applaud you."

RID Daniel added that this year saw African clubs unite in powerful humanitarian action: clean water was delivered to rural communities and schools, diseases were fought with strength and solidarity, and peace was promoted through dialogue and partnerships. Through it all, the Rotary spirit of Africa grounded in kindness, courage, and unity shone through.

RID Daniel also placed strong emphasis on member retention, calling it the heartbeat of Rotary's continuity and success. He urged clubs to reach out to members who may be at risk of leaving.

"Reach out to someone your club may lose and create

some magic to keep them in Rotary," he said.

He reminded clubs that June is Rotary Fellowships Month, a time to deepen friendships, strengthen club bonds, and celebrate the joy of belonging.

"Fellowship is not just about fun, it's the secret ingredient to member happiness, retention, and long-term impact," he noted.

## Final Push: Two Goals, One Spirit

With only days left in the Rotary calendar, RID Daniel called on all clubs to CHARGE TOWARDS THE FINISH LINE! by focusing on two non-negotiable goals:

- Retain all members
- Ensure no club ends with \$0 (zero) giving to The Rotary Foundation

These final targets are not just checkboxes; they are a reflection of how deeply clubs commit to Rotary's mission and sustainability. "Let's end this year on a high note," Daniel urged.

## Eyes on Calgary and Brussels

As we wrap up the current year, the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada (21-25 June) offers another moment for the global Rotary family to connect and reflect. Daniel reminded members that this convention taking place in Rotary Fellowships Month is more than an event; it is a celebration of Rotary's diversity, unity, and shared purpose.

Looking ahead, the spotlight shifts to Brussels, Belgium,



RID Daniel Tanase

where from 25-28 September 2025, Africa will converge for the Fusion Rotary Summit. This multi-zone institute promises to be a landmark moment of learning and collaboration, especially for incoming leaders DGEs, DGNs, and their partners who will undergo their mandatory training seminars.

Zone 22 is already seeing record registrations, and RID Daniel encouraged members to register early. "It will be a beautiful opportunity for you; Africa, the heartbeat of Rotary to come together, share your stories, and show the world the true strength of this magical community," he said.

## United for Good

**"Let's continue to serve together with love and purpose; and UNITE FOR GOOD in 2025-2026!" he added.**



# Getting set and go



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

**F**ellowships are about nurturing, furthering, and sharing passion and interests. And using them to get set and go. Going for something shared in passion, conviction or belief. Therefore, this month, we are being rallied by this theme-Fellowship. What are you fellowshiping for or about? Is one question you may ask yourself. Are you just following others? This is a defining time for each one of us to deeply reflect

our being in rotary. It is such a ripe time to have since we are entering into a new rotary year. There are basic things expected of every Rotarians. You are awakened to those obligations like dues payment in the spirit of fellowship. By the end of this month, the expectation is that Rotarians should be fired for actions; actions with passion and conviction.

The month of June is such a remarkable time. Time to appreciate what has been achieved over the year. It is the time new leadership teams are sharpening their tools, ready to hit the ground running. The time members must be getting set to go. The time, together, conscientiously plans are shared among club members. Besides, it is a worthy time to

see the whole new year in perceptive. Giving no chance to hope; plan, plan and plan. Therefore, it is the time to forge an intersection between reality and imagination. Here fellowships give plans a striking push.



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**Here fellowships give plans a striking push.”**

As members devote time to fellowships this month, let us be asking ourselves, individually, what has been my contribution to my club? Have I been a passive or an active member? What I'm taking to the next rotary year? These are very essential questions to ponder about. Success of a club is an aggregation of members'

contributions. Let the Four Way Test be the pole that stands in front of you; every time reminding you of your duty and contribution.

Fellowships requires devotion. Devotion that radiates from the mind and



heart, enabling setting a side time and commitment. Very often when you are devoted to something, excuses cease. Excuses don't stream in where there is a commitment and passion. The theme of the month is torching into your commitment in the rotary ideals. Are you there partially or wholesomely?

Another aspect of fellowships is about demonstrating sharing. Sharing is important in sustaining cohesion. It comes in different forms; right from a mere presence, fun, gifting, to caring. Often, these "small" things mean a lot. They are an outward glimpse of what is inside of a person. It goes with appreciating what service

could mean if in fellowships there is sharing.

Rotarians, having a meaningful and fruitful Rotary fellowship requires knowing a purpose of service. Fellowships are rallying grounds for service. They bring common interests and passion, and then transform them into vessels for service. Interests have ways of holding members together and stirring them for service. There is a lot to gain in return when members are galvanized along their passion and interest lanes. They are sustainably engaged. They keep reenergizing the spirit of service within their fellowships. Together, members get drifted with a spirit of serving and readiness to serve.

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Let this month's theme give us a drive to appreciate and recognize the strength fellowships bring.”

Fellowships too come with partnerships building pivoted around willingness. Willing partners serve better. They bring a rare spike to service; new ideas, new innovations, new outlook and additional resources. The magic of this is; it comes with satisfaction.

Let this month's theme give us a drive to appreciate and recognize the strength fellowships bring. May they be enhanced for serving humanity. May they be used for meaningful sharing of passion and interest. May the togetherness of fellowships light up rotary.

**Let the magic of rotary be realized through strong and profitable fellowships- getting set and go.**



#Featured

# Rotary's *Work is Biblical* ~ Archbishop Kaziimba

BY RTN. SYLVIA NANKYA



Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, His Grace Dr. Samuel Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu, has described the work of Rotary as biblical, noting that its commitment to serving others aligns with Christian teachings.

Speaking at the burial of Mzee Fred Wilson Kabuye in Bbira, along Ssentema Road in Wakiso District, the Archbishop emphasized that the Bible calls on believers to care for their neighbours, help the needy, and tend to the sick, principles that Rotarians uphold through their seven areas of focus and community service initiatives.

"Mzee Kabuye lived a full life, and today we celebrate not only his 97 years on earth, but also the values he passed on to his family," the Archbishop said. Quoting from Psalm 90:10, he reminded the mourners:

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He commended  
the Rotary  
community  
for their  
continued role in  
transforming lives  
across Uganda.”

“Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.”

He praised God for the long life Mzee Kabuye enjoyed and urged his children to emulate his example and uphold his legacy. Mzee Fred Wilson Kabuye was the father of Rotarians Fred Masadde

Kabuye (RC Kampala Ssesse Islands), Kalungi Kabuye (RC Lugogo Mango Tree) and Father-in-Law to Rtn Goretti Masadde (RC Kisugu Victoria View).

Archbishop Kaziimba, himself an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Kampala Ssesse Islands, commended the Rotary community for their continued role in transforming lives across Uganda. He led the service with the Bishop of Mukono Diocese the Rt Rev Enos Kitto Kagodo.

**Following the burial rites, Rotarian Fred Masadde Kabuye was officially announced as the heir to his late father.**

# Our Speaker this week - Rtn Simon Peter Odoki

**R**otarian Peter Simon Odoki's name rings with quiet strength, enduring commitment, and boundless fellowship. Hailing from the historically rich region of Bukedi, now Busia District in Eastern Uganda, PO's journey is defined by service, connection, and purpose.

A proud member of the Rotary Club of Kiwatule, Rtn. Peter brings more than 20 years of experience in Education Management, shaping minds and institutions with the same dedication he brings to Rotary. He currently serves as Fellowships Chair for District 9213.

PO's Rotary life is one of active engagement. He has served on the Rotary Cancer

Run Team, contributed to the District Conference (DISCON) Organizing Team, and remains a vibrant part of the Rotary Morning Crew.

He is an alumnus of Nakasero Primary School, King's College Budo, and Namilyango College, and he is the Vice President Emeritus of the Namilyango College Old Boys Association (NACOBAs).

Beyond the titles and service projects, Peter is a man of many hats, a devoted father, a passionate farmer, an enthusiastic walker, and a loyal supporter of Liverpool Football Club (He Never Walks Alone). PO finds joy in playing and watching darts, and in forging lifelong friendships like the one he's cherished since childhood



with Magical President Sylvia and her husband Jerry Owachi.

The firstborn among four siblings, Peter carries a natural leadership spirit grounded in humility, resilience, and vision.

With each handshake, step, and story shared, Rtn. Peter Odoki continues to live the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self" with a heart that walks the talk.

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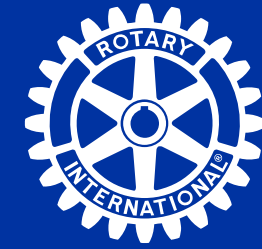
**RTN PETER ODOKI**

**District Chair- Rotary Fellowships**

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# Kyadondo Rugby, Uganda

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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*In witness whereof* the signatures of its officers, being duly authorized, are subscribed hereto this **fourth day of June 2025**.

*Admission to membership in Rotary International recommended by*



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*Stephanie A. Michich*  
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# Fun Facts

## Why would one be called a *slugabed*?

The term *slugabed* is a playful and humorous way to describe someone who enjoys their slumber a little too much!

It combines “*slug*,” meaning slow or lazy, with “*abed*,” meaning in bed.

“**Slug:**” This part of the word comes from an obsolete Middle English

word “*slugge*,” meaning a lazy person or slothfulness.

It’s related to the modern use of “*slug*” to describe slow-moving animals.

“**Abed:**” This is a shortened form of the Old English preposition “*on*” (meaning on or in) combined with “*bed*”.

“**Slugabed:**” The combination of these words perfectly captures the image of someone who is slow and lazy, especially when it comes to getting out of bed.

The word dates back to the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and was used by none other than William Shakespeare! In *Romeo and Juliet*, Juliet’s nurse says:

“What, not a word? You take your pennyworths now; Sleep for a week; for the next night, I warrant,

The County Paris hath set up his rest, That you shall rest but little. God forgive me! - Marry, and amen! How sound is she asleep! I needs must wake her. Madam, madam, madam! Ay, let the County take you in your bed; He’ll fright you up, i’ faith. Will it not be?”

While the actual word “*slugabed*” appears in other plays and writings of the time, the spirit of it complaining about someone oversleeping was common.

**Modern usage:** Though rare today, it’s sometimes used humorously or in literature to describe someone being a bit lazy, especially in the morning.

## Related terms:

- *Sleepyhead*
- *Layabout*
- *Laggard*
- *Couch potato* (if they get out of bed just to sit on the couch!)

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# Canadian visas and what Africans must do to avoid humiliating rejection

BY RTN. DENIS JJUUKO



I recently applied for a visa to Canada to attend a Rotary conference in Calgary and thereafter visit a few of their attractions like the Niagara Falls and return to Kampala. The application was rejected on grounds that I didn't have enough assets and therefore I might not return. I thought that the visa officer had missed something, so I appealed and I attached some more assets.

I thought no sane person would have such assets, get a visa to Canada, fly for 2-3 days, reach an airport and then disappear into mountains of snow! But the Canadian visa officer sent back my application rejected with the same reason. I believe they never read anything I attached.

I don't know anyone entrepreneurial like myself who would spend nearly Shs10m on an

economy class air ticket to Calgary and then decide to disappear into thin air instead of returning home. I am also too old, lazy and highly educated to directly wash cars, clean airport bathrooms and such other menial demeaning jobs the majority of people who disappear in Canada do to survive.

Some of my friends urged me to appeal again. I refused. I am not desperate to fly for a few days to Calgary or anywhere in north America, western Europe or anywhere anyway. I thought I could invest the money I would have spent in Canada on starting a new business venture whose profits could pay for the next Rotary convention in Taipei in 2026 or even

donate it to charity. I actually donated some of it last week.

**“I thought no sane person would have such assets, get a visa to Canada, fly for 2-3 days, reach an airport and then disappear into mountains of snow!”**

Anyway, I hadn't realized that I had become a statistic until I read a recent story by CNN that Africans lost nearly US\$70m in 2024 in denied visas. That is a lot of money. If the US\$70m is the annual average, in just a decade, the continent has lost US\$700m. If you think of the interest that could have earned when compounded, it is

in billions of dollars.

Since the release of that report, many Africans have taken to social media platforms such as X to argue that the continent should become reciprocal. Charge westerners same rates they charge us and then give flimsy reasons to deny them



# VISA STATUS

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access after all many that travel to Africa have no real assets to talk about. The argument is popular but lacks thorough thought. African countries actually are as discriminatory only that they do so to fellow Africans. Many people from the west can fly to any airport and access a visa on arrival with zero chance of rejection. Africa's richest man, Aliko Dangote, says in a popular TikTok video that he needs 35 visas to cover the continent while most Europeans don't need any. Why doesn't the African Union copy the European Union and ensure that there is no need for visas to travel anywhere in Africa by a citizen of any member state? That would spur a lot of growth when Africa becomes borderless like Europe is.

Also, why do Africans go to the west? It is because we have failed to put in place facilities and create

jobs that we need here. With all the coastline we have, why would anyone fly to resorts in Europe, America or the Middle East? Africans fly there because there is nothing at home to write about. We can sing about lions and gorillas but we can't even build an airfield where planes could easily land.

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**Africa's richest man, Aliko Dangote, says in a popular TikTok video that he needs 35 visas to cover the continent while most Europeans don't need any.”**

Ssesse Islands or Buvuma can be as beautiful as Bali or Ibiza or Santorini. But the infrastructure is lacking.

That is why even when the visas are nearly free for Americans and Europeans, Africa still struggles to attract tourists. You don't want to fly into Entebbe and then drive on the Mityana-Kyenjojo section of the road to catch the elusive

lions in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Hotels are too expensive and poorly done. You can spend a night in a European resort paying only EUR160 or less inclusive of an endless flow of meals,

beers, champagnes and whiskeys. Here? Somebody charges US\$1,000 a night for a hotel room with a floor made of uneven stone slates!

Our universities still teach stuff that one can easily find online and hospitals are in a mess. Can we host international conferences like the one I had wanted to attend in Canada? Only a handful of countries in Africa can.

**But African countries have money for the shiniest military hardware and rigged elections. No ministers fail to get the latest Landcruiser to go launch a pit latrine built with funds from western donors. We must build the kind of countries that we love to see otherwise Canadians and other westerners will continue rejecting us without any care in the world.**



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# Family Matters



BY PASTOR RONNIE MUTEBI

**M**atthew 19:6 (NIV): So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

## A LIFETIME MINDSET-MARRIAGE

Society has conceived marriage as a give and wait to receive again. In a world increasingly shaped by convenience and quick fixes, many approach commitments with a “try-it-and-see” mindset.

This attitude has tragically crept into the way many people view marriage—as though it were a seasonal arrangement, one you can walk out of if it gets too hard or no longer feels good and beneficial.

Marriage, from God’s perspective, is not a trial or an experiment. It is a sacred union where two become

one—by spirit, emotionally, and physically. When two people get together in marriage, Sometimes there’s no defined explanation with an expiration date in mind of what may happen along the way.

I beg not to sound judgmental for those who have experienced a divorce or deep pain in their marriages or relationships. There are marriages and relationships that become so broken or unsafe that separation or divorce becomes a necessary and even life-saving path.

In such cases, God’s grace, healing, and restoration are still abundantly available to all persons in such a state. This Family Matters is not written to condemn, but to reconcile us back to our inner strength and knowledge of God’s heart, love and design—especially for those preparing for marriage or struggling to remain faithful and committed to their relationships. God’s ideal is always rooted in love. His mercy always meets us wherever we are.

Always remember that entering marriage as if it were seasonal is a violation of its very nature. You cannot fully commit if you

have one foot out the door. You cannot build eternal purpose on temporary thinking.

Marriage demands intentionality, forgiveness, sacrifice, and grace. It stretches us, matures us, and shapes us into the very best of who we were meant to be. It is in marriage that we often learn to love,

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It is in marriage that we often learn to love, to lay down our lives for another, and to reflect the eternal covenant or understanding between the persons involved..”

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The world has framed difficulty as insufficiency. This is a misconception, very dark spot of your partner receives light by your light spot. Always look out for the light spot to avoid the dark

spot.

**Take Home : When you treat marriage or that relationship like a season, you’ll give up when it feels ‘dry’. When you treat marriage like a contract, you’ll stay only as long as the benefits outweigh the costs. But when you treat like a covenant, you endure with love, faith, and purpose.**

# Presidential Installation at RC Kampala Central



- The 33<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Installation of the Rotary Club of Kampala Central was graced by the Deputy Speaker of Parliament Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa

# Martyrs' Day Celebrations in Namugongongo



- DG Anne Nkutu joined pilgrims during the 3<sup>rd</sup> June Martyrs' Day celebrations at Namugongongo.

# Home Hospitality

Thank you President Sylvia Jagwe Owachi for hosting us.





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