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### A Month of Unstoppable Action!

Rtn Josephine Jean Anying (PHF), Chief Editor

ctober was nothing short of phenomenal for our Club — a month bursting with energy, purpose, and undeniable impact. Action followed action, and every moment told a story of commitment, connection, and community empowerment.

As Chief Editor of the October issue of The Trumpet Magazine, I am thrilled to present this special October edition - a reflection of the vibrant spirit that defined our month. Within these pages, you'll relive the moments that brought us together, the friendships we deepened, the laughter we shared, and most importantly, the lives we touched.

The crowning highlight of the month was our recognition at

the District's 100 Days of Action Celebrations — a proud moment that reaffirmed our dedication to excellence and service above self.

As we turn the page into a new month, our resolve remains steadfast: to keep telling the stories that matter, to celebrate the change makers among us, and to inspire even greater action. The Trumpet team remains committed to documenting this journey of impact — with heart, gratitude, and passion.

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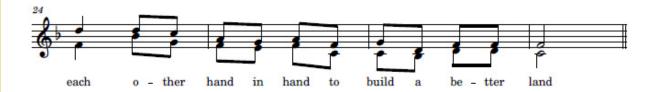
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### Doing Good in the World, Together One Act at a Time

ear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Friends of Rotary.

November, our focus turns to our Rotary Foundation. the cornerstone of Rotary's global mission of doing good in the world. The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into sustainable projects within Rotary's seven areas of focus by changing lives across the globe. Through it, we empower communities with clean water, auality education, accessible healthcare, support our environment, peacebuilding initiatives. continued efforts towards the eradication of polio, as we recently witnessed on 24th October 2025, during World Polio Day.

October was a month remarkable activities and collective achievements throughout District 9214, marking 100 Days of Impact during our tenure and commemorating World Polio Day. Your dedication made a tangible difference not only in the communities we serve but also in strengthening the unity and spirit of our Rotary family across Tanzania and Uganda.

The 100 Days of Impact Celebration was graciously hosted by the Entebbe Road corridor clubs led by Rotary Club of Garuga. They showcased outstanding innovation and teamwork among clubs and leaders. The Western Mega Fellowship further reinforced the importance of connection. reminding us that relationships are the foundation of lasting service.

We joined Rotarians worldwide in celebrating World Polio Day on 24th October, reaffirming our shared commitment to ending polio. From community walks to



Christine Kyeyune Kawooya District Governor 2025/2026 **Rotary International District** 9214 (Tanzania & Uganda)

media engagements and local outreaches, clubs across our district demonstrated purpose, passion, and unity in action.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to Ecobank and Heart and Soul for gathering us into an evening of Soul and RNB music to support Mengo Hospital Rotary Blood Bank. We crowned the month with the 5th Edition of the Africa Peace Concert at Speke Resort Munyonyo, an event that brought us together across the continent in harmony and purpose. Through music, we united for sustainable peace and raised funds for the Sam Owori Peace Fund, which supports the Africa Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University. This celebration reaffirmed our shared commitment to advancing peace at every level of society.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to all clubs, leaders, and teams that

organized and participated in these events. Your commitment, creativity, and follow-through were instrumental these successes. congratulations to the clubs and presidents recognized during the 100 days celebrations. Your achievements are a source of pride for our district. Let us sustain this positive momentum.

As we move forward, I encourage every club to stay focused on growth through engagement, innovation, and partnerships, while amplifying your support to The Rotary Foundation. Contributions can be made via the Rotary website, the District Fundraising App, or any other convenient channel to you.

The months ahead present new opportunities to elevate our impact. I invite each Rotarian to set a modest weekly target, say \$15. This small consistent contribution fund grants, life-changing scholarships, and projects and collectively can make a big difference.

Let us use this month to renew our commitment, contribute generously, learn more about the Foundation's programs, and invite others to give. Our goal is 100%-member participation in giving, with each Rotarian contributing at least \$100 by December. Together, we can achieve more.

Giving to the Foundation is more than a donation, it is an investment in a better future. Every dollar counts. Every act of generosity creates ripple effects far beyond what we can see."We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Sir Winston Churchill.

Let us continue moving forward with commitment, unity, and purpose as we serve with excellence.

With sincere appreciation

### **Assistant Governor: What A** Month It Has Been!

ctober was kind to us. We had an opportunity to have a moment of reflection on our journey so far.

Indeed, we had quite a number of aspects to celebrate, but also, we realised certain aspects where we still need to put more emphasis.

I want to call upon the Munyes not to be moved by the awards we won in the first 100 days.

Let's remember what we agreed on during the AG's visit. Indeed, the first 100 days painted a picture of success a moment that should ignite more fire in us to envision the last milestone.

President Debbie has been very fundamental in inviting us to give, and indeed, a number of you have responded positively, a sign that should be celebrated and also be thankful to all those that have given

This, however, was proven not to be enough in terms of per capita giving. This, therefore, means that for the Munyes to boost the per capita giving, we all need to adhere to the DG's call of giving \$100 by 31st December 2025, a move that I see very possible to attain.

celebrated membership growth, a very strong pillar in our organisation. Nineteen new members in the first 100 days meant a lot, and we thank all the sponsors. However, our ambition is clear on the wall, RC Nalumunye is now a magnetic movement, implying it attracts, and many would wish to associate with this particular brand. We therefore stand higher chances of inducting more than twenty new members before 31st March 2026. Rtn. Didas,

AG Bob Nsereko, Lake Victoria Cluster 6, D9214, Zone 22.

the membership Director, and Rtn. Emily, we talked. Please support the president and take a strong lead in

About membership extension, I must say we are on the right track, delivering RC Nalumunye Heights in the first 100 days sent a signal that there's more potential to even sponsor a second or more new clubs before 31st March 2026.

However, for now, we congratulate CP Lydia, NCA, CP Christine, PoP Debbie, and the entire mother club for steering Nalumunye Heights to charter. Let's continue mentoring them as they strive to become stronger.

About innovation, let us popularize the "Parenting Mentorship sessions." We have an opportunity to make it a district series as advised by the DG. Please let's handle this initiative by the horns.

My PR director, amazing work you're doing with your team. My task to you is to find out what stopped us from leading in that space. Once we fix that gap, the sky will be limit for us.

In terms of service projects, let us embrace more joint projects. Remember the call from the DG of partnerships, embracing the power of three is still her call. We therefore need to work with others in order to excel in that docket.

Through the family of Rotary office, please allow me to join other Munyes in passing on our deepest condolences to all our members who lost their loved ones in these first hundred days, and in the same regards, we celebrate all those members who have succeeded in the different spheres of life.

Finally, we thank the leadership of DGE Daniel Mukasa Ddamulira for considering RC Nalumunye as a club fit to send an ambassador to serve at the district in the capacity of an assistant governor. We congratulate you AGE MD Paddy Lukwago.

May God bless you all.



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### Action October: Broadening Impact, Empowering Communities

reetings to all Friends in Service - Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, and friends of Rotary. I congratulate us all for closing October on a high, both personally and in service to humanity through our great global movement - Rotary.

A special salute to the Members of the Rotary Club of Nalumunye who continue to embody People of Action. The "Munyes" truly rock!

As our Rotary year unfolds, our focus remains clear — to Broaden Impact and make the world a better place through intentional service. October was a truly fruitful month as we advanced our theme of Community Economic Development while celebrating the First 100 Days of the Action Year.

In these first hundred days, leadership has been redefined - not as a title, but as a rhythm of vision, people, and purpose that turns intent into impact. Guided by our Strategic Plan and the Governor's direction. we sought to:

- Strengthen membership,
- Give generously to the Rotary Foundation.
- 0 Embrace innovation, and
- Tell our story through visible, meaningful service.

This commitment was reflected in the awards we scooped during the District 9214 First 100 Days Celebration — congratulations to the unstoppable Action Munyes of the Mighty Club of Nalumunye!

October also brought a deeper pulse to our service. In partnership with FINCA Bank Uganda, we launched a transformative Financial Wellness **Program** to empower the economic backbone of our community. The first of three Financial Literacy sessions reached market vendors,



boda boda riders, and women's development groups - teaching how to grow income, invest wisely, separate personal from and business finances.

The results were inspiring: community members opened bank accounts, organized their income, and began to see their hustle not just as survival, but as enterprise. FINCA's helped partnership demystify finance, proving that banking and economic empowerment are for everyone. This is Rotary in motion impact that transforms homes and builds hope.

As we look ahead, the next hundred days will build on this momentum deepening engagement, sharpening focus, and ensuring no member or partner is left behind. We'll refine systems, nurture leaders, and pursue excellence in every act of service.

Our story is one of compassion, action, and transformation known not by our name, but by the difference we make. Let's remain **United for Good**, delivering *One Act* 

To our family in service - Rotary Club of Nalumunye Heights and Rotaract Club of Nalumunye let's keep the pedal down and keep making a difference. To our friends and prospective Rotarians, our doors are always open; come experience the Munye Moments!

Here's to a fruitful November - the **Rotary Foundation Month!** 



Rotary International Director Elect Emmanuel Katongole appreciates Action President Deborah Kakande & RC Nalumunye for their great contributions to RI. This was during the Major Donor's Dinner held in October at Kigo. Witnessing the appreciation is our Honoray Member, PDG Ken Mugisha.









Rtn Josephine J. Anying, **Public Image Director** RC, Nalumunye

### Reaching Every Child: Rotary Club Of Nalumunye's Fight Against Polio Through Community Immunization

powerful show of community service and compassion, the Rotary Club of Nalumunye recently organized an Immunization and Health Awareness Programme aimed at protecting children from the dangers of Polio and other preventable diseases. The outreach, held in partnership with the Government of Uganda and a local health facility, not only brought vital healthcare closer to the community but also reignited hope among families with limited access to health centers.

The initiative was designed to raise awareness about the importance of immunization and ensure that no child is left behind due to distance or lack of information. Through this effort, 108 children

successfully immunized against Polio, while an additional 37 received vaccinations against other preventable diseases, including deworming services.

The program's impact extended even further pregnant mothers also turned up for antenatal immunization services, highlighting how communitydriven initiatives can address multiple health needs in one setting.

#### **Fathers Step Forward for Child Health**

One of the most inspiring moments of the day was the active participation of fathers—a rare and commendable sight in community health outreach programs. Several fathers personally brought their children for immunization, a reflection of growing awareness and a positive shift toward shared responsibility for family health. Their involvement symbolized a deeper cultural change, proving that protecting children's health is a collective effort that requires both parents' participation.

#### **Reaching the Unreachable**

During the exercise, health workers encountered children as old as four months who had never been immunized. Many of these cases were linked to long distances to health facilities and limited knowledge about the benefits of immunization. These stories reinforced the urgency of taking healthcare services directly to the community, where they are most needed.

In total, the event attracted 188 participants, including caretakers, local leaders, Rotarians, and Rotaractors, with 145 children benefiting directly from the immunization services provided. The turnout reflected both community trust and Rotary's growing role in advancing public health and awareness.

#### A Step Forward in the Fight **Against Polio**

This outreach not only strengthened the fight against Polio but also deepened community engagement in promoting health education. By bringing services closer to families and sparking conversations about the value of immunization, the Rotary Club of Nalumunye continues to uphold Rotary's global commitment to End Polio Now and to build healthier. more resilient communities.

The success of this initiative is a testament to what can be achieved when communities, government, and Rotary come together proving once again that every vaccine given is a step closer to a polio-free world.

According to Action President Deborah K. Kakande of the Rotary Club of Nalumunye – who also serves as President of Presidents for the Rotary Action Year — even though polio cases are no longer commonly heard of, the fight is far from over. She emphasized the importance of continued immunization to ensure that no loophole allows the virus to



reverse the tremendous progress achieved over the years.

Rtn. Zalwango, a dedicated health practitioner who runs a local clinic in Nalumunye, echoed this call. She urged parents to remain vigilant and adhere to their children's immunization schedules, reminding them that these life-saving vaccines are offered free of charge, and so there is no reason why children should miss their scheduled doses.

Community Harriet leader Kabaliisa expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Nalumunye for bringing essential health services closer to the people. Her appreciation was shared by several mothers who noted that, in the past, they often had to travel long distances to access such services from Health Centres surrounding Nalumunyea challenge now eased through Rotary's outreach efforts.

### My Rotary Journey As A Polio Officer: A Year of Impact, Challenge, and **Purpose**



Rtn Lydia M. Bitamazire, Polio Officer, RC **Nalumunye** 

hen I joined Rotary, I was eager to serve - but I never imagined that my very first role, as a Polio Officer in this Action Year, would touch my heart so deeply. I am still new in Rotary — not even a year old — yet the experiences I've had have been nothing short of transformative.

At first, the title "Polio Officer" sounded daunting. I knew about Rotary's global fight against polio, but I hadn't grasped the scale, the coordination, and the human connections that lie behind every single vaccinated child. That changed the day I stood in the field, watching tiny arms stretch out for their drops of protection.

Seeing children get immunized knowing that in that small moment, their lives were being safeguarded from a crippling disease - was profoundly moving. It wasn't just about vaccines; it was about hope, future, and humanity.

But the journey wasn't without challenges. Mobilizina communities to come for free immunization services was harder than I expected. Convincing parents, organizing logistics, ensuring vaccines arrived on time - it demanded patience, persistence. and teamwork. Some days were exhausting, but every smiling child made it all worthwhile.

Through it all, I learned that building trust is everything. Working closely with the Village Health Teams (VHTs), local leaders, and officials like the District Health Officer of Wakiso and the Wakiso Hospital

> team taught me that real impact happens when communities feel seen and heard. Rotary didn't iust show up with from vaccines Ministry of Health we showed up with compassion.

#### Lessons from the field

This experience has reshaped how I view community service. I've learned that:

#### Community engagement

isn't optional — it's the heart of success. When people feel ownership, they show up.

Collaboration makes everything possible. Without our internal teamwork as Rotarians and our partnerships with government and health workers, none of this would have happened.

**Adaptability** is essential. In the field, plans change quickly weather shifts, turnout varies, supplies delay – but the mission must go on.

Commitment is powerful. I now understand why Rotary International has stayed committed to ending polio for decades — and why Rotarians willingly contribute over \$100 each year toward this cause. It's a legacy of love and service that transcends time.

My deepest gratitude goes to my fellow Rotarians, the District Health Officer (Wakiso District), the Wakiso Hospital, the Village Health Teams, and all the local



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leaders who made this mission possible. Together, we've shown that partnership truly is the backbone of progress.

#### My Vision as a Polio Officer

When I dream of the future. I see:

Communities completely free of polio, with zero reported cases worldwide.

Stronger healthcare systems, especially in hard-to-reach areas.

**Every child** – regardless of background or location receiving their full immunization.

**Empowered mothers and** caregivers making informed decisions about their children's health.

#### Ongoing research and innovation to sustain eradication and

respond to new challenges.

Above all, I long to see children growing up healthy, happy, and free from preventable diseases a future where no parent has to fear polio ever again.





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#### My Call To Action





### A Guide for Rotary Members: Inviting Friends to Join

let us grow together-one converssation at a time



#### Why Invite Friends to Join Rotary?

- · Share the benefits of Rotary membership
- Grow our community of changemakers
- · Strengthen our club's impact

- Expand opportunities for service and leadership
- Build a legacy of friendship and transformation



#### Tips for Inviting Friends

- Share Personal Experiences Talk about how Rotary has shaped your values, skills, and friendships
- Highlight Benefits Mention leadership development, global connections, and meaningful service
- Showcase Club Activities Invite friends to service projects, fellowships, or speaker events
- Emphasize Fellowship Share how Rotary creates lasting bonds and a sense of belonging
- Use Visuals Share photos or videos from past events to spark interest



#### **Conversation Starters**

"I've found Rotary to be a place where I grow and give back—would you like to see what it's all about?" "We're hosting a community event next week. I'd love for you to come and meet some of the members!" "Rotary has helped me connect with amazing people and make a difference. I think you'd enjoy it too."



#### **Persistent Engagement**

- Multiple Touchpoints Invite friends to different types of events—service, social, and learning
- Regular Check-ins Keep the conversation going with casual follow-ups
- Share Relevant Content Send inspiring stories from Rotary's global impact or local successes
- Introduce Them to Friendly Members Help them build connections early—familiar faces make first visits easier
- Celebrate Small Wins Acknowledge their interest, attendance, or questions with encouragement



#### **Best Practices**

- Be Authentic Speak from the heart—your passion is contagious
- Listen Actively Ask what they care about and connect Rotary to those interests
- Follow Up Send a message after their first visit to thank them and invite them again
- Respect Their Pace Some people need time—stay supportive without pressure

### Strengthening Prospective Members Through **Engagement And Learning**

Didas Kumwesiga, Membership Director, RC Nalumunye



embership is the heartbeat of Rotary - it fuels our service projects, sustains fellowship, and is a cornerstone of impact in our communities. This year, the Rotary Club (RC)of Nalumunye has embraced the "Each One, Bring One" initiative, encouraging every Rotarian to invite at least one new person - a colleague at work, a friend, a member of the community - to experience the spirit of Rotary and join our mission of "Service Above Self."

In October 2025, the club embarked on a four-week mentoring programme for the second cohort of prospective members to ensure that trainees begin their Rotary journey with knowledge and confidence. The club prepared a well-structured mentorship training program designed to prepare potential Rotarians before they are formally inducted.

#### **Preparing prospective** members

An introductory session takes participants on a journey through Rotary's purpose, structure, and impact, highlighting Rotary's origins, mission, vision, values, and evolution into a global force for good. The session on the Global Structure and Hierarchy of Rotary helps participants appreciate how Rotary International, zones, districts, and local clubs work together toward shared goals. Also, at the club level, participants are guided through the Club's Structure and Leadership roles, understanding how each position or role contributes to effective service and fellowship. The session on benefits and obligations of being a Rotarian opens a window for participants to understand the opportunities for personal growth, networking, and leadership, balanced with the responsibility to uphold Rotary's ideals through active participation and ethical service.

#### **Understanding Rotary dues** and financial commitments

A key part of Rotary membership is understanding the financial obligations that sustain both the club and Rotary's global work. To ensure transparency and accountability, participants are provided with a clear breakdown of Rotary dues to help prospective members understand how their contributions directly support Rotary's mission, from local projects to international humanitarian efforts. While exact amounts may vary by club, dues typically include:

Rotary International Dues that support global operations, programs, and initiatives such as polio eradication, grants, and leadership training.

District Dues and country dues **which** fund administration, training, and country and district-level initiatives.

Club Dues that cover local club operations, meeting logistics, communication, and community service activities.

The Rotary Foundation voluntary contributions to The Rotary Foundation and local service funds, amplifying Rotary's impact worldwide.

A session on Rotary's areas of focus connects members to the broader vision, from promoting peace and fighting disease to protecting the environment.

The importance of The Rotary Foundation is also emphasized, illustrating how members' contributions help fund projects and transform lives globally.

Another key component of the training focuses on Service Projects - "heartbeat of Rotary." It is through these projects that Rotary's values come alive, translating goodwill into tangible community impact. The session on Rotary's Public Image and Branding reminds members that every Rotarian represents Rotary's values through their words, actions, and service.

#### **Building True Rotarians**

Through this thoughtful training approach, the club is nurturing informed, engaged, and passionate Rotarians who understand what it means to serve above self. The "Each One, Bring One" initiative is more than an invitation; it is an opportunity to share the joy, purpose, and fellowship that define Rotary. As each of the club members reaches out to bring in new members, we strengthen the fabric of our club and ensure that Rotary's legacy of service continues to grow.



"Together, through learning, engagement, and shared purpose, we are building a Rotary that is vibrant, inclusive, and ever ready to create lasting change in our communities and the world".





Rtn Apollo Munghinda

### RC Nalumunye Celebrates 100 Days of Action in Style

resh from Rotary District 9214 celebration of the first 100 days of the Action year held on October 17th, 2025, the Rotary Club (RC) of Nalumunye, in the same spirit organised a colourful celebration to mark its first 100 days at Hotel La-Vena in Seguku, Katale off Kampala-Entebbe Road.

It was a fun filled night, punctuated by band music, feasting and drinking as 'Munves' celebrated the accolades won at the district celebrations where RC Nalumunye was well represented. The Club President who is also the President of Presidents (POP) played a key role in directing the celebration event.



district celebrations. RC Nalumunye (Munyes) won 8 awards including: Giving at least USD10,000 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF); The Leading Club in Net Membership Growth with 19 new members; Per capita giving of at least USD 20 and above to Polio Plus Fund (Runners Up); Public Image Award (Runners Up); TRF per capita giving Award of at least USD 200 and above among others.

The Club has contributed over USD 20,000 to the Rotary Foundation and more than USD 6,000 towards the Polio Plus Fund.

For the 'Munyes', the sky is the limit and members are more than ever before energised to make the next 100 days even more impactful and memorable.

According to the Club President Deborah Komugisha Kakande (DKK), the first 100 days have been more impactful and action oriented with active member participation, crowned with fun filled memories.

"We remain action oriented and focused on achieving our set targets and the ultimate Rotary goal," she said.



The Club President Elect (PE) and Chief Executive Officer, Rotarian (Rtn) Moses Oteng described the first 100 days as a wonderful experience. He said the club has demonstrated exceptional performance in various areas, adding that the club will now focus on sustaining its momentum and improving service projects implementation and reporting. It should be noted that the club did not win awards in joint projects excellence and club service innovation categories.

"Learning from other clubs especially the overall award winner in the club service innovation category will be crucial in driving further growth and innovation," said Rtn Oteng.

Reminiscing about the first 100 days of RC Nalumunve. Rtn Natuhwera Maureen said it was nothing short of outstanding.

"With our Action President DKK, the club has truly demonstrated the spirit of Rotary through impactful action and visible results. Winning 8 awards in such a short time is a testament to our commitment. teamwork and excellence," said Rtn Natuhwera.







Some of the awards we received during the 100 Days of the Action Year Celebrations

She highlighted some of the successful projects of the Club including; WASH project at St Josaphat Nalumunye and Maternal Health Care initiatives at Kitebi health centre which have directly touched lives and strengthened the club's connection with the community.

Other notable activities include: Partnering with RC Mutundwe in renovating and furnishing Bunamwaya police post, buying mattresses for expectant mothers in Masaka and organizing a blood donation drive with other clubs to showcase the club's dedication to service and collaboration. Equally the home hospitality event was a perfect blend of fellowship, warmth and unity.

Indeed, these 100 days have been a story of passion, service and achievement, laying a solid foundation for the 'Munyes' to strive for greater milestones ahead.

# RC Nalumunye's Journey in Economic and Community Development



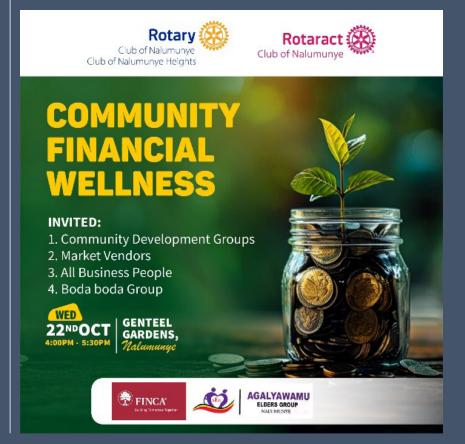
By Rtn. Godfrey Muhwezi, CEO Emeritus

ctober Rotary International's month dedicated to and community developmentone of the seven pillars that define Rotary's mission to create lasting change. This focus area emphasizes building the capacity of entrepreneurs and community leaders, creating opportunities for productive work, reducing poverty underserved communities. and supporting careerminded professionals through scholarships and mentorship. For RC Nalumunye, this theme is not just a seasonal highlight-it is a guiding principle that shapes every project and outreach effort.

From health facilities to places of worship and schools, RC Nalumunve consistently has demonstrated its commitment to uplifting communities. At St. Josaphat Church, the club recognized a pressing need for safe sanitation. Under the leadership of Action President Deborah Kakande, the church's washrooms were renovated and equipped with running water, restoring dignity and improving health for hundreds of congregants. In the same spirit, the club's planned water source projects will soon bring clean water to entire villages, reducing waterborne diseases and allowing children—especially girls—to return to school. As Rtn. Frank Rutebarika aptly put it, "Clean water is not just a resource; it's a right. And when we deliver it, we deliver life."

At Kitebi Health Centre III, RC Nalumunye is constructing a triage facility to provide comfort and care to patients, particularly expectant mothers. This simple yet powerful initiative reflects the club's deep concern for maternal

health. Through the "Mama Kit" initiative, expectant mothers have received essential supplies for safe deliveries—items that are often taken for granted but have proven life-saving. Youth Services Director Rtn. Sherifa Kamya captured the spirit of this effort when she said, "When a mother feels supported, a generation is empowered." The club also contributed to malaria prevention by planting mosquito-







repellent plants around the health centre, addressing a disease that claims over 16,000 Ugandan lives annually. Looking ahead, RC Nalumunye plans to purchase a delivery bed for the health centre, further enhancing its capacity to serve the community.

Education has always been at the heart of RC Nalumunye's development strategy. Through scholarships, school supplies, and mentorship programs, the club has empowered learners to dream beyond their villages. One of its most ambitious projects is the ongoing construction of a classroom block at Bandwe Church of Uganda Primary School. Once completed, this facility will offer a safer and more dignified learning environment for children who previously studied in overcrowded or makeshift classrooms. Rtn. Philemon Mukisa captured the essence of this initiative, saying, "A classroom is more than walls-it's a launchpad for dreams." The club's partnership with the Rotaract Club of Nalumunye continues to inspire youth to pursue meaningful careers and grow as leaders, echoing Rotary's commitment to sustainable development.

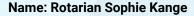
In its efforts to strengthen resilience. RC Nalumunye organized a financial literacy program that hundreds of participants-from small-scale traders to large business owners and first-time entrepreneurs. Held in partnership with FINCA Uganda, the event emphasized the importance of financial literacy not only for business success but also for managing household income and expenditures. Action President Deborah Kakande underscored this message, noting that financial literacy is a foundational skill for both personal and community prosperity.

Across District 9214, Rotary clubs are transforming economies one village at a time. In Yumbe, Village Savings and Loan Associations have empowered local entrepreneurs—especially women-to start businesses, save money, and invest in their futures. RC Nalumunye plans to adopt similar models by supporting a village, ensuring that economic development is rooted in empowerment rather than dependency. Rotary International reminds us that nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Through vocational training, microfinance, and entrepreneurship support, Rotary clubs worldwide are lifting communities out of poverty. RC Nalumunye proudly aligns with this mission, proving that even small acts—like building a triage or donating a mama kit-can ripple into profound change.

As we continue this journey, RC Nalumunye invites every Rotarian to reflect deeply: What more can we do? How can we deepen our impact? Let us dream boldly, act compassionately, and build communities where every person has the opportunity to flourish.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT**





Classification: Conflict Resolution and Organisational Development

Hobbies: Cooking, travelling and making new friends- for in every new

connection I find a new and unique blessing.

Caution: Always keep smiling

**Quote:** I am inspired by Mumbejja's zeal and focus. In her simple actions with dedication and commitment, she has impacted the lives of the unborn, born, young and old people. This aligns with our action year focus. So u

modify for a better quote for us



Name: Rtn Godfrey Muhwezi

**Classification:** Education Services **Role in the club:** Charter Member

Hobbies: Traveling, Reading novels/books, Watching movies, Watching

football, Playing chess

Quote: I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to

always reach my destination, "Jimmy Dean



Name: Rtn Everest Byarugaba Guyz

Classification: Insurance

**Hobbies:** Adventuring, Touring, Making friends. **Quote:** It always seems impossible until it is done



Name: Rtn Felix Bareebe

**Classification:** Education Services **Role in the club:** Charter Member

Hobbies: Making friends, traveling, farming

Quote: If the plan doesn't work change the plan but never change the goal\_



Name: Rtn Naiga Josephine Musisi

**Classification:** Education Services

**Hobbies:** Listening to inspirational music **Quote:** Whosoever walks uprightly will be kept



Rtn Scovia Bwambale (R), accompanied by members of RC Nalumunye after receiving the awards for RC Nalumunye Heights



Lydia Walusimbi Charter President, RC Nalumunye Heights

### Spotlight on Rotary Club of Nalumunye Heights

reetings from the Charter ■ President - Rotary Club of Nalumunye Heights

Warm Rotary greetings from the Rotary Club of Nalumunye Heights!

We take this opportunity to thank Rotary International, the District Leadership, Country leadership, our Mother Club, The Rotary Club of Nalumunye, President of Presidents Rtn Debbie K. Kakande, Members and the board of RC Nalumunye, Rotaract Nalumunye, RC Nalumunye Heights, the New Club Administrator of Nalumunye Heights - CP Christine, and all the Rotarians and friends that have walked with us this inspiring journey.

On 3rd October 2025, we proudly received our Charter Certificate from Rotary International, marking a new chapter of service and fellowship.

#### **Our Journey of Service**

From the start, our club has actively participated in impactful community projects. Together with our Mother Club, the Rotary Club of Nalumunye, we have implemented the Raising of Parents Series, we are already done with season 2 and looking forward to many more

We also participated in a Blood Donation camp at the Bunamwaya Trading Centre; Partnering with Entebbe road corridor clubs, including RC Nalumunye, Lubowa, RC RC Mutundwe, and RC Bunamwaya on 9th October 2025. We managed to collect

113 units of blood to help in saving a life.

Additionally, we partnered with Rotary Club of Nalumunye in a Financial Literacy Training Session to empower families and small business owners in our Nalumunye community. This training was sponsored and facilitated by FINCA UGANDA to create awareness to



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the local business owners, on how to invest, save, manage loans, and also proper management of their Finances.

Further still, we carried out a needs assessment at Kiyimba Health Centre IV and Kajuna Church of Uganda Primary School, identifying priority areas for future Rotary interventions, were we intend to partner with Rotary Club of Nalumunye, Rotaract Club of Nalumunye, and RC Masaka, before the close of the Year 2025.

#### **Vibrant Fellowship**

fellowships have Our been vibrant, educative, and inspiring. A major highlight was the Charter Presidents' Round Table. where several CPDs shared their experiences in chartering Rotary clubs. It was a night of laughter, lessons, and renewed motivation.

We continue to attract and engage new members, ensuring that our club grows in both numbers and impact.

#### **Recognition and Awards**

During the District 9214 100 Days Celebration held at Kisubi Brothers Gardens, the Rotary Club of Nalumunye Heights proudly received two awards for creativity and Innovation for new clubs, and Joint Club Projects where we participated in a Joint Blood Donation Drive. These recognitions remind us that passion and teamwork truly drive results.

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we enter The Rotary Foundation Month in November, we reaffirm





CP Lydia and members of RC Nalumunye Heights gifting guests after one of the fellowships

commitment to our service above self. We plan to engage our members and partners in more projects that transform lives and strengthen our community.

Finally, we extend a warm invitation to all Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends of Rotary to join us for our Charter Celebration. Presidential Installation. and Induction Ceremony on 21st December 2025 at the Sheraton Kampala Hotel, Rwenzori Ballroom. It will be a day of celebration, reflection, and renewed purpose.

Together, we continue to rise serving with passion, growing with purpose, and inspiring with action.

#### UNITED FOR GOOD

With gratitude



#### **PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB OF** NALUMUNYE HEIGHTS





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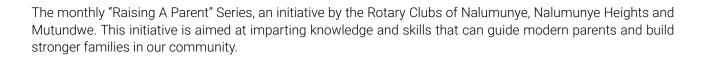
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### OCTOBER: A Month of Purpose, Passion & **Powerful Impact**



President Jamilah Mutaawe





month October was nothing short of remarkable for the Rotaract Club of Nalumunye – a time filled with purpose, connection, and celebration. From hosting distinguished Rotary leadership to achieving international recognition and gearing up for major projects, our club truly embodied the Rotaract spirit of Service Above Self.

One of our biggest highlights this month was the official visit from the District Rotaract Representative (DRR), Rtr Alebar Kanyonza. The visit was more than a formality - it was a celebration

of growth, accountability, and renewed purpose.

proudly showcased our ongoing projects, shared our vision for the year, and received invaluable quidance and encouragement from our DRR. Her presence reignited our passion to keep pushing forward — reminding us that every single project, big or small, plays a part in transforming communities.

And as if the moment wasn't special enough, we also inducted seven new members into the Rotaract family! The excitement in the room was contagious - a true reflection of our ever-growing commitment to serve and lead with heart.

Just when we thought October couldn't get any better, our club was honored at the District's 100 Days Celebration, taking home the TRF Giving Award! This recognition was more than iust a plaque – it was a testament to our members' dedication. generosity, and shared belief in the power of The Rotary Foundation to change lives. And we're not stopping there — our goal is to give even more, because giving back is at the core of who we are.



October also saw us take our service beyond Uganda's borders. Through the Rotaract Earth Initiative in Kenya, we joined hands with Rotaractors from across East Africa to champion environmental sustainability.

It was an unforgettable experience - planting trees, sharing ideas, and learning new cultures, all while contributing to a global cause: protecting our planet. The friendships and collaborations forged there reminded us that service knows no boundaries.

Other remarkable activities included the launch of our first Annual Cultural Gala Fundraiser - the **Annual Cultural Gala**, scheduled for 15th November 2025 will showcase Uganda's rich cultural diversity — from traditional foods and dances to attire and storytelling while raising funds to support our upcoming projects and strengthen our TRF contributions. The launch was vibrant, full of passion, pledges, and promise. It was proof that when we come together as one Rotaract family, impact follows.

#### What's Next: November **Highlights Ahead**

With October setting such a high bar, November promises to be even more exciting!

We kick off the month with Phase One of our Signature Project — the

Namengo Uplift Program in Budaka District on 1st November 2025. This project focuses on empowering rural communities through education, health, and sustainable development - one of our proudest undertakings yet.

- Then comes our **First Quarter Celebration Awards.** where we'll recognize the most outstanding members and celebrate the spirit of excellence that fuels everything we do. After all, what is excellence without recognition?
- And of course, 15th 0 **November** will bring our much-anticipated Cultural Gala Fundraiser, followed closely by a truly special milestone - our **First** Charter Anniversary on 18th November 2025! Yes, Rotaract Nalumunve is turning **one year old** — a year of service, growth, and lasting impact. And we're ready to celebrate it in style!

In conclusion, October reminded us why we serve - to grow, to connect, and to make an impact. It was a month that tested our creativity, strenathened bonds, and reaffirmed our belief that together, we can achieve the extraordinary.

As we march boldly into the next chapter, we carry forward the same energy, passion, and unity that made October unforgettable.

Because at Rotaract Nalumunye, we believe in changing lives -Together, One Act at a Time.

**Theme:** Because a community rises when its children do

### Igniting Purpose, Empowering Impact — The Mighty Munyes In Action



Rtr. Kizito Rashid, Rac Nalumunye

#### The Spirit of October

October stands as a defining month in the calendar of the Rotaract Club of Nalumunye – a period of compassion, service, and transformation. Every activity painted a new stroke on our canvas of impact, reminding us that "Service above self is not just what we say - it's what we live." From local mentorships to national recognition and global representation, the Mighty Munyes demonstrated what it means to be People of Action. Each project, visit, and conversation reflected our core belief: that when we touch one life, we uplift a community.

#### Freedom in Action -**Celebrating Independence** through Service



As Uganda celebrated her 63rd Independence Anniversary, the Rotaract Club of Nalumunye chose to join the Entebbe corridor clubs in a Blood Donation Drive at Bunamwaya Trading Centre. This selfless gesture symbolized true freedom - the freedom to save lives, to give without expecting, and to serve with love. "Every pint of blood donated is a heartbeat restored." That day, as donors lined up and smiles spread across faces, we were reminded that patriotism is best expressed through compassion.

#### **Shaping Tomorrow -**Mentorship and Young Leadership



The Charter President of Rotaract Club of Nalumunye speaks to the Early Act Club of Brain Buttons P/S, Nalumunye



In the heart of Lunguija, a dream planted by the Rotaract Club of Nalumunye continues to grow the EarlyAct Club of Brain Buttons Nursery and Primary School. Founded and implemented by our club, and proudly sponsored in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lunguija, this initiative nurtures young learners into future leaders grounded in kindness, empathy, and service. During World Polio Day, the Early Actors demonstrated the spirit of Rotary through creative classroom activities - learning the value of teamwork, leadership, and giving. "When children learn kindness, they learn leadership." The EarlyAct Club stands as proof that when service starts early, change becomes generational.

#### **Learning Beyond** Classrooms - Skills for the **Future**

Education does not end in the classroom - it continues through experience. That truth was echoed during the Pathfinder D9214 Online Session, led by POP Deborah K. Kakande, Action President RC Nalumunye. The topic, "Skills Every Employer Wants but School Didn't Teach," encouraged young professionals to prepare for the real world through creativity, adaptability, and interpersonal growth. Members left the session renewed and empowered — ready to learn, unlearn, and relearn in their pursuit of excellence, both in service and in their careers.



#### A Visit of Compassion -Standing with Family in Service

The bonds within Rotary extend beyond meetings - they are rooted in family, empathy, and care. This was beautifully demonstrated when the club visited the family of our Honorary Member and President-Elect. Rotarian Rotaractor Moses Ronald Otena. and his spouse Rotarian Josephine J. Anying, who had been unwell. All buddy groups united at their home, offering prayers, gifts, and encouragement. The air was filled with laughter, warmth, and genuine fellowship - a moment that captured the essence of Rotary love. "Fellowship is not about meetings - it's about moments that remind us we are family." That evening, service took a softer form - not in projects or speeches, but in presence and compassion.







#### **Global Footprints - The Rotaract Earth Initiative**

As the month unfolded, our impact reached beyond borders. Through the Rotaract Earth Initiative, our Action President, Rtr. Jamilah Mutawe, represented the Rotaract Club of Nalumunye in Kenya. She joined environmental leaders from across Africa to advocate for sustainability, climate action, youth-led environmental and innovation. This international participation showcased our club's commitment to global citizenship - proving that the call to serve knows no boundaries. "When one of us rises, the whole club soars - because service knows no borders."

#### Namengo UPLIFT Project -**Building Hope, One Child at** a Time

At the heart of October's story lies our signature project - the Namengo UPLIFT Project Phase 1. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Nalumunye and Rotary Club of Nalumunye Heights, this project seeks to transform St. Anthony Namengo Boys Primary School in Budaka District, home to over 1,068 pupils. Our needs assessment revealed urgent challenges: poor sanitation, lack of clean water, limited learning materials, and low literacy levels. From October 29th to 31st, we will embark on a journey of renewal through WASH outreach and hygiene kit distribution; tree planting with pupils and teachers; P.7 mentorship and revision sessions; basic literacy and reading activities; and groundbreaking for new urinals and toilets. "When a child can drink clean water, read with confidence, and learn in a safe place, their whole future bends toward possibility." Namengo UPLIFT is not a one-day project - it's a movement of dignity, education, and empowerment.

As the curtain closes on October, we look back with gratitude and forward with renewed purpose. "True greatness is found in humble service, collective effort, and unwavering love for humanity." With every act of service, we write another line in the story of Rotary's mission. We are the Mighty Munyes — People of Action.







Racheal Kisaakye

### Cultural Harmony in Action: Rotaract club of Nalumunye successfully Launches their first ever Annual Fundraiser - The Cultural Gala festival

n 21st October 2025, the vibrant Rotaract Club of Nalumunye hosted highly anticipated and successful Cultural Gala Annual Fundraiser Launch at Genteel Gardens Rooftop, bringing together over 50 enthusiastic attendees from diverse backgrounds.

This joyous event not only celebrated cultural richness but also raised a significant pledges for the forthcoming event which is going to happen for a worthy cause. The event was graciously launched by Chief Guest Andrew Kibuuka. Benon renowned playwright, Director, and President of the Federation of Performing Artists Uganda (FPAU). Andrew Benon Kibuuka brought valuable insight to the event.

The upcoming Cultural Annual Fundraiser, slated for 15th November 2025 aims to:

- Foster Cultural Awareness: Promote appreciation and understanding of various cultures, traditions, and heritage.
- Bridge Cultural Gaps: Encourage unity and cooperation among people from different cultural backgrounds.
- Strengthen Family Bonds: Inspire a sense of belonging and connection to one's family and cultural roots.
- Celebrate Diversity: Embrace 0 and promote the beauty of diverse cultures, fostering a sense of community and togetherness.

The November 15th program is packed with exciting activities, including:

Cultural Performances: Music, dance, drama from various cultures

- 2. Traditional Fashion Show: Modeling traditional attire from different cultures
- 3. Food Festival: Cuisine from various cultures
- Cultural Exhibitions: Displays of art, crafts, heritage from different cultures
- Inter-Cultural Dialogue: Panel discussion on cultural understanding and exchange
- 6. Kids' Corner: Cultural activities, games for children
- 7. Awards Ceremony: Recognizing cultural ambassadors and performers

The Rotaract Club of Nalumunye has once again demonstrated its commitment to creating positive change and promoting crosscultural understanding. We look forward to the success of their upcoming project!





By Rtn Moses R. Oteng, President Elect/CEO, **RC Nalumunye** 

L-R: Rtn Mesach (Kampala South), Rtn Raphael Magyezi, Rtn Moses & Rtn Josephine

### Rotary's Western Mega Fellowship: A Celebration Of Culture, Connection & Service Beyond Self

t was a weekend to remember the Western Mega Fellowship in Bushenyi, hosted at the scenic Tuuza Hotel from October 10th-11th, radiated the true spirit of Rotary: fellowship, service, and cultural pride.



L-R: Rtn Moses, Rtn Josephine & Rtn Ismael

From the moment District Governor Christine and Chief Guest Hon. Rtn. Raphael Magyezi officially opened the event, the energy was electric. What followed was two days of laughter, learning, and legacy - a vibrant blend of tradition, purpose, and pure joy. Below are some of the highlights of this Western Mega Fellowship.

Day two opened with District Governor Christine's powerful address - a call to unity, collaboration, and service. She commended the Western Clubs for proudly flying the flag of culture and community spirit, and spotlighted RC Nalumunye, led by President-Elect Moses Oteng,





Rotarians at the water Hydrant that was commissioned by DG Christine. The purpose is for extinguishing fire at Kabagarame Pork joint in case of a fire outbreak

whose presence embodied the resilience and passion that define true Rotary leadership.

Her message was clear: "Let us strengthen bonds, visit one another, and keep the Rotary flame burning bright."

The fellowship then shifted gears to community impact, with project visits that spoke volumes about Rotary's footprint in the region. At Kabagarame Pork Village, Western clubs proudly showcased a newly installed fire hydrant system — a simple yet life-saving initiative. District Governor Christine officially commissioned the project, symbolizing Rotary's ongoing commitment to protecting lives and livelihoods.

The Western Mega Fellowship was more than an event; it was a reminder of why we serve, why we connect, and why we belong. The bonds formed, the lessons learned, and the laughter shared will continue to inspire long after the drums of Ankole have faded into the night.



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#### **Club Celebrations**





#### **Celebrating Awards**





#### **Celebrating Birthdays**



#### **Celebrating Outstanding Rotarians**



#### Celebrating Peace at the Peace Concert At the Peace Concert in Munyonyo















### **UPCOMING EVENTS**











