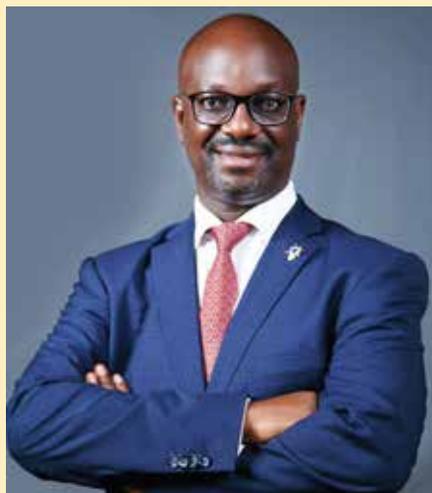


From the President's Office

Dear Amazing members of the RC Muyenga,

Perfect timing, if I must say, to have Past District Governor Stephen Mwanje presenting to our Club on the Art of leading Volunteers, during the first month of the Rotary year, all aimed at ensuring that the leadership of this Rotary year focuses on that all important aspect – serving the less privileged in our communities. This was an amazing week, which ended with our Club participating in the 5A-side football tournament on Saturday.

I must share with you what indeed was a remarkable display of skills and team work, at the recently concluded 5 A side football tournament. The tournament was organized and hosted by RC Kwatule, who were raising funds towards the construction of a maternity ward, at Anamwany Health Center in Amolatar District. For the first time, we had on our team, a lady member of the Club – PP Florence Mukibi, disproving the theory that football was a game for the male gender. As a spectator, I was awed by the grace with which she was allowed



to dribble the ball, not to be compared with the numerous tackles that the team captain – PP David Sekiziyivu and the rest of the team received. Indeed Women are a fairer sex! Heartfelt gratitude to each and every one that contributed to the success registered, and encouragement to all of us to participate, when such opportunities come our way.

Writing of 'such opportunities', Saturday 3rd August 2019, presents one such opportunity. We are scheduled to meet as a Club, to afford the Board the chance to formally present their plans for the

year, and to seek your approval of the corresponding budget. Don't miss the chance to influence what is to play out in the year ahead. The Board is super excited to hear from you, on how to improve all facets of the Club. We intend to keep it short – 9a.m to 2p.m....we all know what they say about short stuff. Come and let us continue **connecting**.

Even more exciting, is our Guest Speaker this evening – the Ambassador of the United States of America to the Government of the Republic of Uganda, yes, Ambassador Deborah .R. Malac, who will talk to us about Social Services for Humanity; a Universal Responsibility. It doesn't get better than this! Today, we are all **connecting** with the Ambassador of the USA! If you ever had doubt about what Rotary does in an attempt to meet this responsibility, today's talk shall leave you in no doubt that you indeed, are part of the response to the ever growing need for social services for humanity. Join me then, in welcoming Ambassador Deborah Malac, and yes, let us hear the pin drop.

Quotable quotes

Failure defeats losers but inspires winners.

ROBERT KIYOSAKI

The Grace

For what we are about to receive, may the good lord make us truly thankful and ever mindful of the needs of others.

Amen

Program for July 2019

- 3rd Welcoming the President- Guest Speaker – The budget and its implications on the Economy- Powered by PP Mwanje.
- 10th Club Assembly.- Powered by PP Kalali Nkusa
- 17th Powered by PP Herbert.
- 24th Guest Speaker - PDG Stephen Mwanje.-Powered by PP Balaka
- 27th Football Tournament – 5 aside
- 31st Guest Speaker- The Ambassador of United States of America- Powered by PDG Emmanuel Katongole

Bondeko Project Visit Summary

Project Title:	Building Livelihoods, Fostering Community: A Refugee-Led Livelihoods Innovation Hub (Bondeko Refugee Livelihoods Project)
Area of Focus:	Economic and Community Development
Project Tenure:	Multi-year project
Total Project Budget:	\$23,500 (including \$5,000 from Rotary clubs).
Project Manager:	Paul Kithma (0781 131 375)
Sponsored by:	Rotary Club of West Seattle (US), Bellevue (US), Oxford (London, UK) and Vancouver (Canada); Finish Refugee Council, InterAID Uganda (periodic), Finish group of individual (case by case) and Xavier Project.
Date of Visit:	Saturday, July 20, 2019
Participants:	PP Mukasa Francis, Rtms. Brigitte Mukasa and Andrew Kyambadde (Project Services Director)

Background: Under the sponsorship of several Rotary clubs, entities and individuals, the Bondeko project is a non-profit organization created to address refugees' most pressing needs for livelihoods and self-reliance. Most of the refugees served by the Bondeko project come from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The project is located along Busabala road (Masajja village - with two premises close to Masajja Modern primary School – shortly after the tarmac section on your right/adjusted to government placed security camera). The project provides emergency shelter to newly arriving refugees, hosts English classes to increase integration ease, implements other trainings and activities to enable refugees create their own livelihoods. Early this year, the project relocated to the current premises that are being refurbished to allow for reasonable living standards.

One of the rotary conditions for providing funding to Bondeko project was identifying a reputable rotary club that would serve as a funds flow conduit and also serve as a responsible entity in monitoring the effective utilization of disbursed resources. Therefore, the Rotary Club of Muyenga (RCM) graciously plays that role. RCM is not expected to provide any funding to the project but must ensure that proper accountability for all disbursed funds is presented (project and accountability reports). To date, \$8,400 has been released based on an invoice presented to the club in April 2019.

Project activities aligning to submitted invoice worth released \$8,400:

Below is a set of selected project activities that were verified firsthand during the visit:

- Support project beneficiaries across multiple skills
- Support the operationalization of four SACCO groups under the project.
- Renovation of new premises- almost complete
- Furniture for the center.
- Jerseys for Bondeko football club.
- Two fulltime staff (cleaners)
- Mushroom growing project; renovation is almost completed

Summary Project Status:

From the project visit, it is very clear that the funds are being disbursed for the set activities in the invoice. There are a few adjustments that might come into play while spending the funds (unforeseen expenses on site), but overall – they are within acceptable budget limits.

Conclusion:

The utilization of released project funds worth \$8,400 is on schedule based on what we saw at both project sites (main office and mushroom/tailoring block).

The art of leading volunteers

Rotary is a volunteer organisation and even though members have volunteered to give of themselves, their time and their resources, some of them can at times be unreliable, inconsistent, and can easily become disengaged. If one is an active member in Rotary, one will at some time or other get into a position of leadership. Being a leader in Rotary; as a Committee Chair, a Club President, as a District Governor or even the RI President; whatever the position, it will be a volunteer leading a group of volunteers. The task for such a leader is to harness the energy, talent and time of the volunteers and to direct their desires and intentions towards

maximum engagement, reliability and contribution. This, quite often, can present significant challenges that need to be handled with utmost care.

Our guest speakers PDG Stephen Mwanje's topic last week was on the art of leading volunteers. He gave insights on what it means to be in a position of leadership, and gave some very useful tips on how to be an effective and successful leader, especially when leading volunteers. Some of the old notions and beliefs about relationships and attitudes were dispelled, to the surprise and amusement of many. The guest speaker was able to capture fully

the attention of his audience and to sustain it throughout the evening.

It came out quite clearly in his presentation, that leadership was not a position to take up and be glorified, but an opportunity to serve others, with humility; that a good leader tries to work with everyone looking out only for the good in every person, and engaging them based on their capacity to perform.

A successful leader it seems, is one that nurtures others to become leaders, so that at the end of his term, he will step down confidently, and with a sense of satisfaction, knowing that there is someone else ready and able to take the reins.

Geeta Manek – how Rotary has changed my life

Nalongo PDG Geeta Manek was the District Governor for District 9200 in 2012-2013. She handed over not one but two chains of authority to two new District Governors, DGE Emmanuel Katongole and DGE Harry Mugo thereby giving birth to District 9211 and District 9212. For this reason the Rotarians from Uganda called her Nalongo, a title given to a mother of twins. Nalongo PDG Geeta has done so much in Rotary and for Rotary, and says Rotary has indeed changed her life.

When Geeta Manek's husband joined Rotary, she didn't know what it was, and she didn't understand why he would drop everything and run off to Rotary.

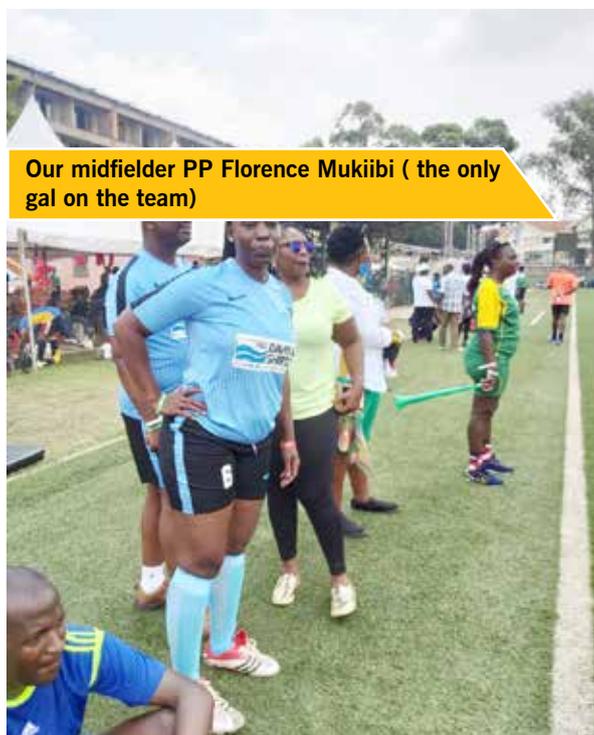


"For a while, I thought Rotary might be another woman," she confesses.

A few months later, Manek joined the club.

These days she recruits young Rotarians, who ask what keeps her in Rotary. Manek tells them that in a country where national politics is very divisive, Rotary is completely non-political. She tells them it's a place where, as a minority, she is fully accepted. She tells them that Rotary allows her to "reach the heights I would not have reached if I was not part of it."

Has Rotary had any impact on your life in any way? Please do share your story, through the Club Bulletin.



Our midfielder PP Florence Mukiibi (the only gal on the team)



5Aside – The gallant members of the RC Muyenga Football team.



Halftime moments with the cheering team

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular;

FIRST; The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND; High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD; The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH; The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

July Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3rd Jul - Rtn Dr. Catherine S. Kimbowa
- 14th Jul - Rtn Mathew Lule
- 16th Jul - Rtn Lawrence Kyazze
- 16th Jul - Rtn Evelyn Nondo Kironde
- 16th Jul - Rtn Christine Musoke
- 23rd Jul - Rtn Paul Banadda Kiyingi
- 27th Jul - Rtn Andrew Paul Kyambadde

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3rd Jul - Rtn Robin Kubuuka
- 15th Jul - IPP Steven-Mubiru Kalenge
- 20th Jul - Rtn Prof. Augustus Nuwagaba
- 20th Jul - Rtn Lillian Nuwagaba
- 20th Jul - Owek. JB Walusimbi (Eng)
- 20th Jul - Rtn JB Luyima

RCM Fellowship Programme, 31st July 2019

Overall	Coordinator PDG Emmanuel Katongole	
6.30 - 6.33pm	The Invocation	PP Steven. Kalenge
6.34 - 6.37 pm	National Anthems Uganda & USA	PP Sam Mwanje
6.38 - 6.40 pm	Four Way Test	PP David Balaka
6.41 - 6.44pm	Object of Rotary	CP Margaret Rwemisisiro
6.45 - 6.48pm	Rotary Song & Honolulu Video	PP David Ssekiziyivu
6.49 - 7.06 pm	Rotary Transformational Projects	PDG Kenneth Mugisha
7.07 - 7.11 pm	Introduction of Guest Speaker	PP Prof. Semakula Kiwanuka
7.12 - 7.32 pm	Topic: The US Mission's work in Uganda	Ambassador Ms. Deborah. R. Malac
7.33 - 7.43 pm	Q & A	
7.44 - 7.49 pm	Vote Of Thanks	PP Dr. Peter Kimbowa
7.50 - 7.55pm	SAA	PP Dr. Edward Ddumba
7.56 - 7.58pm	Final Toast	PP Remmy Kasule



Appreciation of our Guest Speaker, PDG Stephen Mwanje by PDG Emmanuel Katongole on behalf of the Club.



PP David Balaka receiving RC Namasuba's token of appreciation, from President Douglas Kabenge.



Our Jajjas closing fellowship.



Blessed is the man who finds a good woman- hearty congratulation to Rtr. Robert and Anita.

The Four way test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Save the date

**3rd
August**

Club Retreat.
Las Vega Hotel, Bunga
9:00am - 2:00pm

**7th
August**

DCA Regional launch
Hosted by RCM

**14th
August**

**District Governor's
Official Visit to RCM**

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