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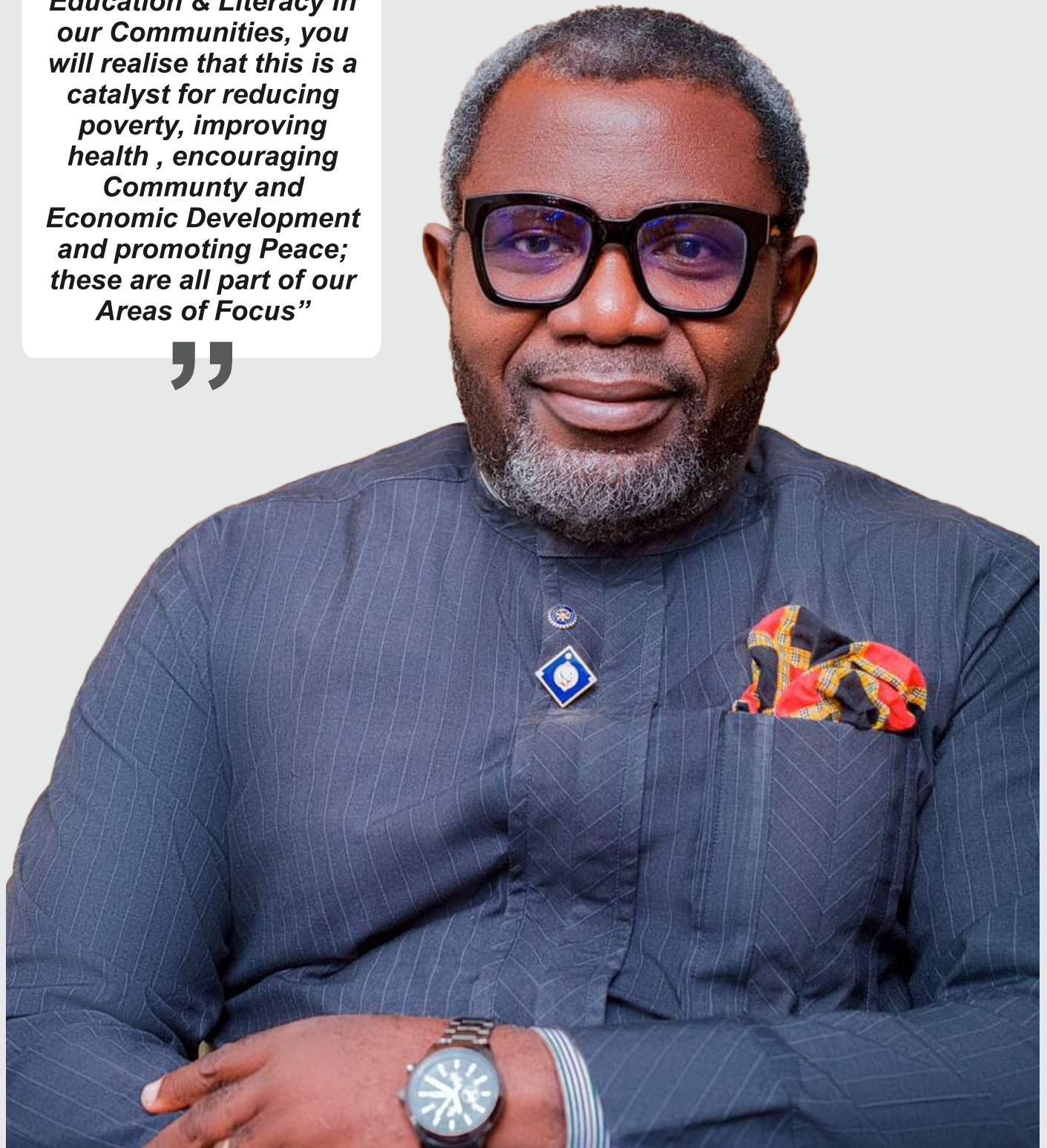
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month speaks volumes and really shows our commitment to making our communities a better place for all and we are specially grateful to our indefatigable Club Presidents, our ever-supportive Club members, Assistant Governors and various leaders who keeps leading from the front in propagating the Visions of Rotary in our District. You may take a look at the activities from page twelve up to page thirty-five and you will agree with me that as Rotarians, we are indeed People of Action.

Let us remember that October is here, when we analyse our efforts in the fight against polio so far and also celebrate the gains and achievements of our efforts in keeping Polio at Zero in our Communities.

Together, let us continue to Create Hope in the World.

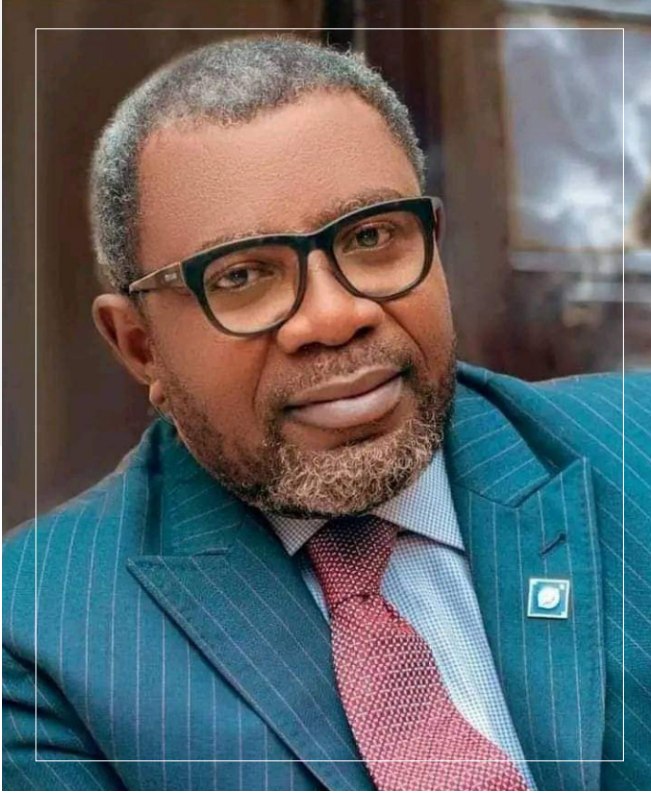
Best wishes!

Chinwe Ede

Greetings!

Beloved Rotarians and Friends, September it is - "The Literacy Month". The special month when Rotarians all over the world undertakes inspiring projects by sponsoring the education of numerous under-privileged children, supporting schools with academic materials and even building or giving some of the schools a face-lift in many communities across the globe. This is indeed a vital undertaking for Rotary, our District in particular and we are motivated to do much more as we continue to Create Hope in the world this Rotary year.

The projects and activities of this



Every new month comes with a renewed opportunity and hope to break new frontiers, while appraising the past!

As Rotarians, we should be appraising our contributions to our Clubs and Communities since we began this Rotary Year! How effective have we been as Rotarians in our Clubs and how have our Clubs impacted our Communities? Remember, we are a gift to Humanity and we must always engage in Acts, that will help us Create Hope in the World.

September is the Basic Education & Literacy Month. There is absolute need for us and our Clubs to support activities that will help build Basic Education and Literacy in our Communities.

Basic Education is a necessity and it is designed to meet the basic learning needs of not only children but adults! Literacy in the other hand, is simply the ability to read and

write.

So when one considers the importance of Basic Education & Literacy in our Communities, you will realize that this is a catalyst for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging Community and Economic Development and promoting Peace; these are all part of our Areas of Focus.

So I enjoin us as a People of Action, to embark on Programmes and Projects that will greatly assist in Increasing Adult Literacy, Working to reduce Gender disparity in Education, Supporting Studies for Career minded professionals related to Basic Education and Literacy, Provision of School Desk to Schools, Sponsorship of Vocational Trainings, Scholarships for students and many more.

Team Members, YES , it's possible and we can do it !

Above all, let us continue to make our Clubs exciting, increase our membership and contribute to our Foundation. Remember, our Foundation is the vehicle we use in reaching out to the Communities of the World.

I celebrate all of you.

Thank you very much and have a rewarding month.

Akan Emah
Team Lead



Welcome to the **EMBER MONTH**

Dear friends and partners in service, This month, we're diving into the theme of Basic Education and Literacy.

Let's embark on a journey to make a difference by providing access to quality education.

Together, we can

empower minds and shape futures. Here's to a month filled with impactful projects and meaningful connections. Let's spread knowledge and light up lives!

Welcome to September!

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In President Gordon McNally's September 2023 Message, he reminds us that Sept 21 is the International Day of Peace and urges us to aggressively wage peace through our projects. He says that any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold and gives us examples from Pakistan Rotarians. He asks us to try virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible and that these online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies.

PEACE IN PRACTICE

To Everyone in our Rotary Family, The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of nonviolence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as people of action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to Create Hope in the World, we must aggressively wage peace. Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around

the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless.

My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration. In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to

continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.

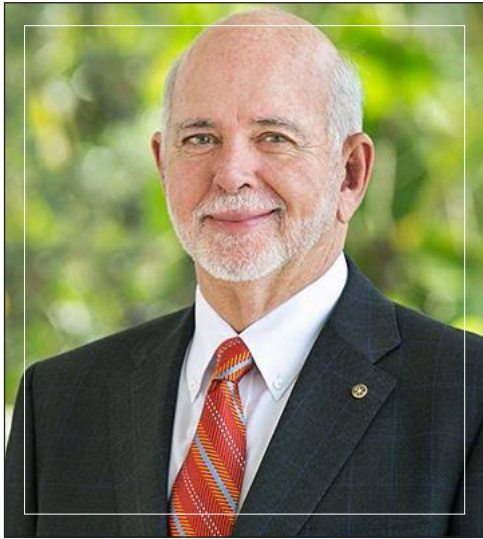
The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact.

These online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies. Taking that knowledge and using it to better the lives of our fellow human beings is the next step.

Let's see where it takes us.

Gordon McNally
President, Rotary International



When was your Rotary moment? It's when you realize that being part of Rotary means more than just showing up for a meeting, when you discover you are part of something that changes the lives of others as it changes yours.

I will never forget the moment when I learned about Daniel, a Haitian child. Rotary Foundation Trustee Greg Podd, who at the time was serving with me on an RI committee, had been trying to get Daniel on a plane for urgent heart surgery through the Gift of Life program. But Daniel couldn't get the visa to travel, and doctors had given him only months to live.

When Greg told me this, I remembered that Gift of Life was operating in Haiti and we

could do the surgery there. This was on a Wednesday. Greg helped get ahold of Daniel's medical records. The Gift of Life surgeon I knew — who visited only once or twice every month — happened to be in Haiti. By Thursday, the surgeon had looked over the medical charts and told us that he could repair Daniel's heart but said he was traveling soon. We had to get Daniel to a medical facility by Friday morning.

Daniel and his parents rode 90 minutes on a scooter through the bumpy roads of rural Haiti to get to the facility, and the surgeon successfully performed the procedure. Thankful, Greg and I moved on to other projects.

A few months later, I got an email with a picture of Daniel. I will never forget his smiling face, despite the foot-long scar running down his chest, and what he wrote: "I know you helped me. You saved my life. Thank you."

On behalf of Daniel and countless others, I am passing along that gratitude to all Rotary members who have helped or will help this year.

The beauty of Rotary, especially with The Rotary Foundation, is that we can create these Rotary moments anytime. Just reach out to others in Rotary and discuss our work. Our caring network, our dedicated volunteers, and available resources will take care of the rest.

If two people can make such a difference, imagine what we can accomplish by working together in larger groups through The Rotary Foundation. Picture the impact of clubs within a district joining forces for a Foundation district grant to boost literacy, or two districts from different parts of the world transforming a community through a water, sanitation, and hygiene global grant.

If you haven't discovered your Rotary moment yet, keep searching. Serving Rotary through our Foundation is a great place to find it, and it will change your life.

Barry Rassin

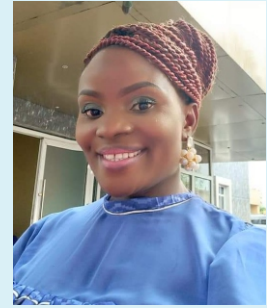
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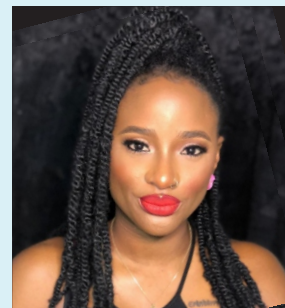
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"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"



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ROTARY DISTRICT 9142 PARTICIPATES IN THE 5TH ALL AFRICA INSTITUTE IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA



Preparations for the Fifth All Africa Rotary Institute in Zambia started with my appointment as the Chair Institute Promotion and the subsequent creation of a WhatsApp platform opened to all interested institute attendees from the District 9142.

The platform served as a channel where all information concerning the Institute were



disseminated. This facilitates participants registrations, hotel accommodations and flights bookings, visa arrangements, getting uniforms for attendees, etc.



Our journey to Lusaka commenced with most participants travelling on 3rd September, 2023 from Enugu via Ethiopia Airways, while others subsequently flew from Lagos courtesy of Kenya Airways.

The institute began on Monday the 4th September, 2023 with On-site registration which runs concurrently with other programs throughout the Institute. The event started with the meeting of "Trainers" which was immediately followed by the training of, DGEs, DGNs and their Spouses/Partners, which ran for three days.



On Wednesday being the 6th of September, 2023 recorded another set of training, which was that of the Districts Committee Chairs.

Some important topics tackling issues concerning Membership, Finance, Foundation, etc where treated.

The next day, being the 7th day of September 2023, marked the beginning of the trainings



that were opened to all participants. The Rotary Foundation Regional Leader, PDG Stella Dongo started the business of the day with an opening remarks. We had a filled day with lectures on The Foundation and its latest updates and challenges, etc. There were also Discussion panels on Rotary Membership, Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

The high point of the day was the Foundation Giving and TRF Cadre Support Donor Luncheon which was solely based on invitation. This was followed by free evening outing tagged “Enjoy Lusaka at Leisure”.

Friday 8th September 2023 was the official opening ceremony of the 5th All Africa Institute. Delegates from District 9142 were the envy of all participants on this day as we stepped out with our well tailored uniforms. We were simply outstanding and beautiful. The day started with lots of discussion panels covering: Club Visioning, Public Image, Cervical Cancer, Rotary Family Health



Programmes. And at 14:00, the Institute was officially declared opened by Her Honourable Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, Mutale W. K. Nalumango. After the ceremony, participants were asked to go to reconvene at 19:00 for the cultural evening. A very colorful event marked with traditional dances and traditional meals from Zambia.

Saturday the 19th of September 2023, was another eventful day for the Institute



attendees.



Training started early with different life changing topics on Environment/Renewable Energy and health, Rotary and Cooperating Organizations, and much more. The day also witnessed the various promotions of upcoming Rotary events, such as:

The Inter Country Committees, The Singapore International Convention, Mauritius Institute, etc. The afternoon was declared opened for leisure. Participants were given opportunity



to participate and support in various sporting activities, as well as carry out business networking. I participated as one of the chair leaders in a football tournament between Team Nigeria and the rest of Africans. We drew the match with them on a three goals to both sides. The fun was simply unqualifiable.

The evening session recorded the official closing of the Institute, with the Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally giving the closing remarks.

This report will be incomplete if I failed to mention the elaborate hospitality given to all Nigerian delegates by the Nigerian High Commission to the Republic of Zambia Amb. Ominyi Nwannebuike Eze

on Sunday the 10th day of September 2023. He lavishly entertained us with different Nigerian delicacies as well as assorted drinks to water them down.

In all ramifications, Lusaka experience was worth the while. We had world class trainers, life changing topics, Participants were well taken care



of, The environment was splendid and the hall was perfect.

I wish to conclude by appreciating our Team Lead, DG Akan Emah for finding me worthy to serve in this capacity, the wonderful delegates of District 9142 for their support and cooperation and finally my two most reliable, Rtn. Arinze Joseph and Rtn. Johnny Nwakoby for being my pillars of support all through the process. May the Almighty Father bless you all.



Yours in Rotary Service,

PAG Rita-Stella Nwojiji

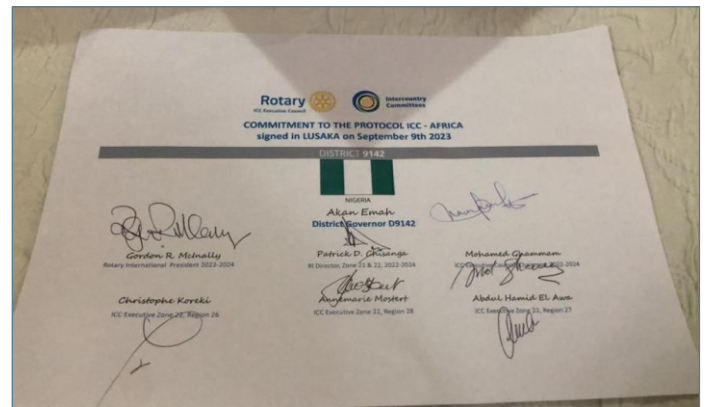
Chair Institute Promotion 2023/2024 Rotary year

A DISTRICT REPORT FROM THE INTER-COUNTRY COMMITTEE:



History was indeed made at the just concluded Rotary Institute zone 22 held at Lusaka, Zambia where our District identified itself with other Countries of the World through the Inter-Country Committees (ICC) being ably led by our District Governor Rotn Akan Emah - MD and our District chair Rotn Biby Kalakala.

On the 9th of September, 2023 at the just concluded 5th African Institute, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed as featured in the Rotary African Magazine (page 19th) with the RI President Gordon McNally, the RI Director PDG Patrick D. Chisanga, the Inter-Country



District Governors and the ICC Chairs. Flag off of Outbreak Response (OBR) with the Ebonyi State Hon Commissioner for Health, Executive Secretary, State Primary Health Care Development Agency, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Health, World Health Organization, USAID and other Partners such as Breakthrough Action Nigeria, Integrated Health programme and others.



executive council members, PDG Ghammam Mohammed, PDG Anne-Marie Mostert, Abdul Hamid El Awa, PDG Christophe Koreki with the Districts in Nigeria being represented by the



DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINARS IN ABA



Enyimba City was agog with the Presence of Rotarians who came from the different States of the District to participate in the Membership Development/ Public Image Seminars.

The Plenary Sessions was anchored by various Seasoned speakers who took turns to enlighten participants on the different topics assigned to them.

Speakers at the Seminar includes but not



Okonkwo expantiated on what Rotarians can do to encourage Rotaractors to join Rotary.



limited to; PAG Chibuzo Asogwa who spoke on how to Propose new members to our Clubs, PAG Nneka Ewenike took time to explain what our Rotary Dues pay for per Rotary year. Our District Rotaract Representative Okwuchukwu



PDG Ndukwe Chukwu highlighted on our Brand Management just as PDG Okey Okonkwo took participants through the Impact of Social Media on our Mental Health.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR



Other speakers at the Seminar were: PDG Emman UDE-AKPEH, PAG Mayen Inwang, Prof. Jude Njoku, PARPIC Onyinye Ralph-Nwachukwu, PDG Dan Ajawara, DGN Kaycee Anyanwu and a host of other seasoned speakers.

PAG Chinwe Ede who spoke on Promoting Rotary as People of Action on Social Media displayed various kinds of action pictures that clearly depicts who we are as People of Action.

She encouraged our Clubs to always showcase their activities on Social Media using the relevant hashtags in order to get attention of the target audience.



She also used the opportunity to implore our Club Presidents and Public Image Directors to always be mindful of the kind

of photos sent out to the public while showcasing our Club activities in order to uphold and protect the Public Image of our prestigious organisation.

While our Team Lead, DG Akan Emah engaged Participants on the District Goals and Emphasis.



Highlight of the event was the birthday celebration of a wonderful Rotarian and the Induction of a new Rotarian into the Rotary Family.

It was indeed an impactful event - all thanks to the HOC and the entire Aba Rotarians who brought their Hospitality energy to the fore and gave the participants a swell time at Enyimba City.



POLIO IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Centers where we monitored and supervised on-going Immunization and also went for house to house mop up. By the end of the day, all data collected was recorded using the ODK.

The mop up continued next day, till later in the day when we went for a courtesy visit to the State Commissioner of Health- Dr. Emmanuel Obi and the State

Enugu State was graced with the presence of Nigeria National Polio-Plus Committee Chairman - PDG Joshua Hassan who joined us on 19th Sept, 2023.

Upon arrival, he guided our team on the use of ODK Collect. We shared fellowship with some Clubs to celebrate his presence in our Zone.



The next day, we took off to Health



Commissioner for Agriculture and Agro Industrialization - Hon. Patrick Nwabueze Ubru respectively who expressed their happiness to see us.

Hundred (100) pieces of Immunization Campaign Aprons were donated to the State Ministry of Health because we noticed that the Field Agents were not properly dressed and needed to be identified more.



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to PDG Joshua Hassan for his support and making me be part of the team that save lives and make history, PDG Okey Okonkwo, Enugu Club Polio Chairs and Enugu Rotarians who supported this movement.

Together, We Will Make Our World A Better Place

Rtn. Uchechi Ogbuwa
Enugu State Rep.



Flag off of Outbreak Response (OBR) with the Ebonyi State Hon. Commissioner for Health, Executive Secretary Primary Health Care Development Agency, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Health, World Health Organization, USAID and other Partners such as Breakthrough Action Nigeria, Integrated Health Programme and Others.



“MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB GROWTH” With Kaycee



TIPS FOR ENGAGING AND EXCITING YOUR CLUB MEMBERS:

The greatest way to attract and retain new members is to meet the diverse expectations of the club members and guests alike. Here are some tailored views that can excite and keep club members yearning for another fellowship or project activity:-

1. Keep Meetings Interesting:

Making your meetings worthwhile is the key to engaged and active membership. There are several ways to keep your meetings fun and your members engaged. Try hosting a club meeting off-site at a new restaurant or bar, Hotel poolside or even a member's office or residence. Consider adding a fun activity for your members to work on during the meeting, like having some Rotary quiz with and giving rewards for good answers. My Immediate Past President at Enugu GRA adopted the “fastest finger” , where the fastest person to recharge called PINs gains the call credit. Inviting relevant speakers based on your members' interests is also a great way to shake things up.

The idea here is to avoid boring the fellowship with

so much reports devoid of fun.

2. Choose Projects Your Members Care About

Are you doing projects because they are “tradition”, or because your members are truly passionate about them? One of the number one reasons why people join Rotary is because they want to give back to their community and support projects that they care about. Survey your members using online tools like Doodle Poll or Survey Monkey to get a sense of what type of projects matter to them. Rotary has already given us a list of areas of focus to choose from. If your club has been doing the same projects for years, make sure those projects are still relevant, and your club members are still interested in them. If not, ask your club members what would excite and ignite them to give back to their community. Do a community survey to find out where the holes in your community are, and work together to make plans to plug them. Bring some innovation to your regular club projects and be sure that everyone is carried along.

3. Congratulate Successes:

Are you recognizing, celebrating and congratulating your members on the local level for things big or small? Proper recognition goes a long way. From pats on the backs to a year-end certificate, no show of gratitude is too small. Don't rely on International pins, plaques or milestones only. Recognize club members for work they may think goes unnoticed like showing up at every project for a year, coming up with an innovative idea, or even simply carrying out a few small tasks to help another member. Share these stories on your club's social media pages, in your club newsletter, and especially during club meetings. Get together and come up with unique or funny awards that can be given out at meetings to celebrate member accomplishments. Have a club member be in charge of sending birthday, anniversary or condolence cards. At the end of the year, consider hosting a member appreciation

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and officer installation banquet to let your members know just how much you truly appreciate all of their hard work.

4. Have Fun with Fellowship:

Are you intentionally planning for your members to have opportunities to fellowship with each other, either during your club meetings or at additional events? Consider your member demographics, and plan fun and relevant fellowship experiences they will appreciate like a tennis or golf outing, trip to a sporting event, Fitness Workout etc.

5. Help Members Create their “Why”

Do your members remember why they are Rotarians? "What's Your Why" centers on a philosophy taught by world-renowned author

Simon Sinek. So often people know what they do, they know how they do it, but rarely do they break it down enough to realize why they do it. Understanding your why and being able to share it with others can help members connect better with each other and reach out to potential members. Knowing your why and being willing to share it can make you vulnerable and can force you to be transparent. However, in doing so, we reach more people around us. Our "why" is our motivation; our <driving force behind all that we do, and it *inspires* us to act.

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Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with Rotary Clubs and Districts in Nigeria, Ministries of Health, Private Sector and NGOs. will be having its Annual **FREE** nationwide Health service event tagged **ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAYS**

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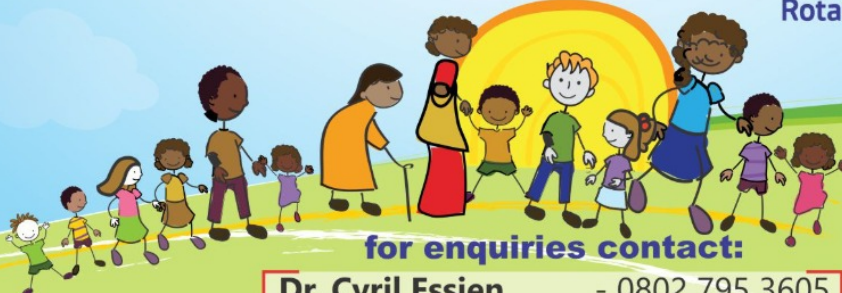
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Members of Rotary Club of Umuahia North led by Rtn. Ibiloye Jonathan renovated a three classroom block at St. Vincent De Paul, Centre for Mentally and physically Challenged Umuafai Ndume Ibeku Umuahia which was commissioned by the District Governor Rtn. Akan Emah on the 27th September 2023.



The event had the presence of Rtn. Grace



Chiboagui Okaro Immediate past District Governor, Rtn. Uchenna kalu AG zone 4, Rtn. Ugochukwu Ajawara Assistant Governor, Zone 6, Rtn. Uboe Uboe Assistant Governor, Zone 27 and Rtn. Chinedu Brown amongst others.

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REPORTS FROM ANAMBRA STATE

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE 40TH PRESIDENT - ROTARY CLUB OF AWKA



The Installation Ceremony of the 40th President, Rtn. Chika Ibeneme held on the 23rd of September, 2023 at Mr. Smith Lounge (JAZZ HALL), Awka was a successful one. The event was covered by the Anambra State Broadcasting Service



(ABS) and people of goodwill gathered from all corners of the state and outside.

In a remarkable step towards community engagement and promoting goodwill, 6 new members (Francis Moneke, Chidolue Obidiegwu, Bibiana Nwankwo, Igwe Chukwuebuka

Nnadozie, Nelson Obinna Omenugha & Ifeyinwa Fidelia Nzekwe-Chinwuko) were officially Inducted into the club making it a total of 70 currently active members in the history of Rotary Club of Awka.



Interestingly Awards were giving to four honourable people of goodwill (Chief Tony Chuma Oli, Chief Tony Collins Nwabunwanne, Mr. Canice Chizoba Ifedioranma & Dr. Paul Maduabuchi Ufoegbunam) for there services to humanity at large.



REPORTS FROM ANAMBRA STATE

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF AWKA



Rotary is doing globally taking into cognizance that she has been hearing about Rotary on television, radio set but to the glory of God, her members came visiting live.

Staff of the school also appreciated the Rotary Club of Awka for remembering the community in this great Back to School Project pointing that some



The Rotary Club of Awka carried out a Project at Uwana Primary School ward III, Ebenebe & Eziogbo Primary School, Amansea both in Awka North Awka Local Government Area of Anambra State where the Nigerian school children in these schools, received a total of 500 copies of Rotary club of Awka branded exercise books and pen.

The Head mistress of Uwana Primary school, Ebenebe and Eziogbo Primary School, Amansea upon receiving us with joy appreciates the good works



school pupil return back to school without exercise books. They encouraged we remain steadfast in our services to our communities and the

world atlarge.

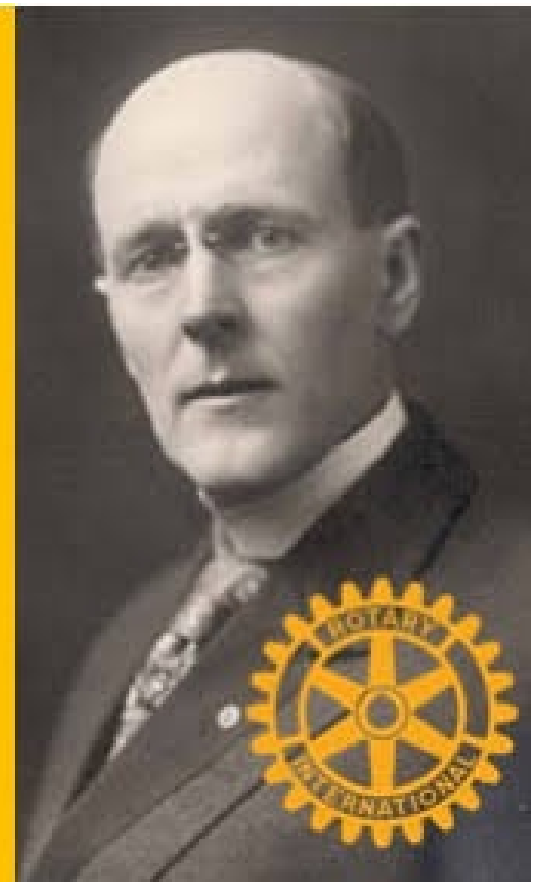
Interestingly, the Nigerian school pupil's at Uwana was very happy receiving the branded Rotary Club of Awka exercise books and pen. Copies of the branded writing materials and the Rotary monthly magazines were also given to the staff of the school to know what Rotary is all about and what we do in Rotary.

Indeed, it was a wonderful visit at Uwana primary school, Ebenebe & Eziogbo Primary School, Amansea as the project was carried out successfully.

*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.*

*I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



REPORTS FROM AKWA IBOM STATE

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF UYO SHELTER AFRIQUE



The Rotary Club of Uyo Shelter Afrique embarked on their Maternal and Child Health, Disease Prevention Project on the 26th of September, 2023 at Primary Health Center, Akpan Udo, Ikot Abasi Local Government Area. The project was in collaboration with Ikot Abasi Local Government Area, aimed at achieving a healthier health care service to Mothers and Children and to prevent maternal mortality rate in the community.

The project focused on the major causes of maternal, newborn, and child mortality at the primary health



facility level as experienced Rotarians in the health profession took turns in Educating the mothers and the health workers on practical ways to prevent maternal mortality rate.

In a welcome address, Rtn. Aniefiok Udonte, the President, Rotary Club of Uyo Shelter Afrique applauded the Mothers, health workers and Rotarians for turning out enmass for the project. The President extended special appreciation to Ikot Abasi Local Government Council ably led by Rt. Hon. Elder Joshua Affia, Executive Chairman, for the

collaboration aimed at Creating Hope in the World. Rtn. Udonte assured the community of Rotary International commitment in providing health interventions assistance to the community and the world at large.

At the project, the Club Ambassador Disease Prevention and Treatment, Rtn. Ememabasi Basseyy noted that every child deserves a healthy start in life, and every mother must have access to quality healthcare during pregnancy and childbirth. Rtn.



Ememabasi further stated that Rotary International envisions a world where all women, newborns, and children survive and are healthy during and after Birth. He called on mothers to align themselves to the Do's and Don't during pregnancy after pregnancy.

In a brief remark, Rt. Hon. Elder Joshua Affia, Executive Chairman, Ikot Abasi Local Government Area applauded members of the Rotary Club of Uyo Shelter Afrique for Creating Hope in the community, an intervention that will help strengthen the medical sector while protecting the lives of children and pregnant mothers. The Executive Chairman assured Rotary Club of Uyo Shelter Afrique of his willingness at all times to partner and bring value to Ikot Abasi LGA. He prayed God to continually strengthen Rotarians as the continue in their culture of rendering selfless services to Humanity.

Highpoint of the event was the conferment Excellence Award on the Executive Chairman, presentation of Maternal and Child Care kits, foods and beverages to the Mothers.

REPORTS FROM AKWA IBOM STATE

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR - ROTARY CLUB OF UYO SHELTER AFRIQUE



The Rotary Club of Uyo Shelter Afrique keyed into the calendar of activity for the month of August designated as Membership and New Club Development by Rotary International. The fellowship which was presided by Rotn. Aniefiok Udonte, the President, was in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Akwa Ibom State University led by her President, Rotr. Blessing Aniefiok.

In recognition of Rotary membership growth being the engine room that powers the vehicle of Rotary, the Club organized a Membership Development Seminar on the topic: Gaining Public Recognition for Membership Growth. At the seminar, the resource person, Rotn. Eno-Obong Akpan, a Past Assistant Governor and First Female President, Rotary Club of Uyo charged Club members on the need to grow in membership strength while creating hope in the world.

PAG Eno-Obong Akpan who served as the First female Chairman, Nigeria Bar Association, Uyo Branche gave



practical examples on how to Gain Public Recognition. She laid emphasis on Building and Sustaining a Good Public Image, Implementing Life Changing Programmes that would positively impact on communities, living the 4-Way Test while relating with people, a lifestyle that present Rotarians as men and women of conscience, avoiding sentimental choices that focuses on fame or money hereby creating division and embracing segregation among Rotarians, Organizing Conferences/Seminar/Workshops that address contemporary issues and meets the needs of beneficiaries, Having a strong Media Visibility using different channels like the TV, radio, social media, print media etc.

She noted that Membership Growth in Rotary is important because it brings about new ideas of



service and new interests which reinvigorate the club—bringing in new energy and future leaders. PAG Eno-Obong Akpan charged Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Uyo Shelter Afrique to build confidence in citizens or members of the global village, a workable act that will definitely translate into membership growth in Rotary International.

The strategic seminar witnessed the presentation of a new member by Rotn. Mercy Edet, Club Membership Chair which brought about a gain in membership for the Club.

The well attended seminar had in attendance all Rotarians in the Club, Rotaractors from Akwa Ibom State University, Guest and friends of Rotary.

REPORTS FROM ENUGU STATE

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF ENUGU GRA



The Club President-Rtn Dr Arinze Udechukwu while addressing the students admonished them to continue studying hard to show themselves approved. The School principal-Mrs Judith Nweke was full of thanks to Rotary International for remembering them in the textbooks donations

In a bid to continue ensuring that the community feels more impacts that Rotary International makes, The Rotary Club of Enugu GRA in partnership with Rotary of Wyndham Australia gave a boost to her Area of Focus on "Basic Education and literacy " by donating hundreds of textbooks to Queens Secondary school Ogui New Layout, Enugu on 21st of September,2023.



BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF NEW HAVEN



On September 26th, 2023, the Rotary Club of New Haven Enugu in partnership with Odera Ugo foundation and Rotaract Club of New Haven gave a boost to Rotary's Basic Education and literacy Project by donating White boards , Makers, pens and dusters, to students of Government Technical College, Enugu



REPORTS FROM ENUGU STATE

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF ENUGU GRA



In demonstrating her capacity in impacting more lives in the society. The members of Rotary Club of Enugu GRA on September 29th, 2023 visited Umuode Health Centre Ngwo in Enugu North L.G.A to distribute Pregnancy kits to the nursing mothers in the Center .

The Club President, Rtn Dr Arinze Udechukwu led other club members to the Health Centre, among members present includes: PP Chinyere Onyia, Rtn Daniel Nwafor and Rtn Amiglobal.



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF MARYLAND, ENUGU

Rotary Club of Maryland, Enugu put a smile on the faces of Teachers and Pupils of Maryland Primary School, Enugu during her Basic Education and Literacy Project.

This project led by the Club President, Rtn Innocent Asonye done on 26th September saw the Club paying school fees for some indigent pupils and education materials donated to the school and to the Teachers to appreciate their efforts to the academic growth of the pupils in their care.

This project was done in conjunction with Rotaract Club of Maryland, Enugu.



REPORTS FROM IMO STATE

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI NEWTOWN



Rotary Club of Owerri Newtown were at Girls Secondary School Akwakuma On 29th Sept 2023 to commission the Renovated School Library and also had Some discussions with the students

Topics:

1. Carrier Plan



2. Character Education

3. Sex Education and Protect a Girl Child

Lastly, the library was Commissioned by CP Cajatan Osuagwu and the Club Project Service Chair Rtn. Dr. Mmasi Ugochukwu, our beloved PAG Uche

Oguwuike with other Rotarians, Teachers, Interactors and students Present.

Some Rotarians present were, PDG Victor C. Onukwugha, CP. OJB, President of Owerri Sunrise Rtn Ogochukwu okpalaji, CP Joy Ezeala, Rtn Juliana Ukah of Rotary Club of



Owerri.

Rtn. Chinwe Njemanze and other Newtownians.

This ended with Commendations and Appreciations from the Principal, Interactors, Teachers and students

It was indeed a great outing and we will not relent in doing our best to Create Hope in the World

REPORTS FROM IMO STATE

INSTALLATION OF THE 2ND PRESIDENT - ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI ROYALS



Yes, we came, we saw and we conquered...the Investiture of Dr Sylvia Anthony-Eweputanna(Nee Agbugbaeruleke) as 2nd President of Rotary Club of Owerri Royals atThe Place Event Centre New Owerri”.

The event was awesome, highly entertaining and educative.

As part of the activities lined up for the day, the President was decorated with the Paul Harris Fellow



Pin by PDG Okey Okonkwo (D9142) holding the brief of PDG Andy Uwejeyan (D9141) while Rtn Rt. Hon. Dcn. Chike John Okafor presented the PHF certificate.

Thereafter, the outgoing President of the Club Rtn Vivian Obasi handed over the working tools(insignia, bell and gravel and Charter Certificate) to the new President.

The colourful event featured cultural displays, induction of new members and award presentation

to 19 distinguished sons and daughters across the nation.

Earlier in her inaugural address, she welcomed all and pledged her commitment to provide a leadership that will build on the good works of her predecessor, with a view to moving the Club forward as service volunteers.

Acknowledging supports from all and sundry, she however solicited for greater assistance to execute



the Club's listed projects for year 2023/2024 in the areas of

- * Disease prevention/treatment;
- * Peace Building/ Conflict Resolution;
- * Water/ Sanitation/ Hygiene;
- * Protecting The Environment;
- * Maternal/ Child;
- * Basic Education/ Literacy;and
- * Community Economic Development.

Responding after receiving the award for his wife Dcness Okafor, Rtn.Rt.Hon. Dcn Chike Okafor was very forthcoming. Not only did he announce cash donation, he pledged to work in synergy with the Rotary President for enhanced humanitarian development.

At the close of event, Rtn. Anthony-Eweputanna, a Senior Registrar with the Federal University Teaching Hospital Owerri, an active unionist with deep passion for Service, thanked all for being a part of the success story and prayed God to grant them journey mercies back home.

REPORTS FROM IMO STATE

DISTRICT GRANT PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI CENTRAL



Rotary Club of Owerri Central commissioned Four (4) Rooms Toilet and Water retculator at Orogwe Community Secondary School, Owerri.



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI



leaders highly represented by the President of the town Union thanked Rotary Club of Owerri for the kind gesture.



Rotary Club Of Owerri carried out Basic Education and Literacy Project at JF Kennedy International Secondary school Obibiezena. They were lectured by the Chair, Basic Education and Literacy who doubled as a Principal of Senior Secondary School and also a dedicated Rotarian, Rtn Nnenna Chukwueke.

We donated reading and writing materials to the pupils in SSC and SS3, the community



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT - ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI CENTRAL



- Rotary Club of Owerri Central embarked on a Mental Health Awareness at Orogwe Community Secondary School. The Project featured
- Brief lecture and sensitization on Mental health



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT - ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI CENTRAL



- Rotary Club of Owerri Central donated and distributed Baby Diapers with Maternal and Child Health materials at Imo Specialist Hospital, Umuguma and Owerri Municipal Council to Nursing Mothers





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WHAT IS THE “FAMILY OF ROTARY?”

In pursuing the first Object of Rotary, Rotary seeks “to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.” Friendship and fellowship was the foundation, the bedrock on which Rotary service was built.

“WHY IS “FAMILY” A FOCUS OF ROTARY?”

Because Rotary is about community. The community we live in, the worldwide community, and the community of Rotarians. When we share in community, your problems become my problems and your joys - my joys.

Therefore, Rotary families matter to Rotary, the family of Rotarians, and the Rotarian's family. If we are to live out the Rotary ideal, to create a better world, we must start with the family. We need to care for all the members of our Rotary family, because without each other there is no community. Because we want to increase Rotarian satisfaction, improve retention, involve more people in Rotary events, make service projects more successful, and have greater support for The Rotary Foundation and International projects, we place emphasis upon:

- Enjoyment

- Retention
- Recruitment
- Foundation support

“WHO COMPRISES THE “FAMILY OF ROTARY?”

Rotarians (Active and Honorary) Spouses, widows/widowers, children, grandchildren and other relatives of Rotarians, Group Study Exchange Members, Rotary Youth Exchange Students, Rotaractors and their sponsors, Interactors and their sponsors, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) participants.

“WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE FAMILY OF ROTARY COMMITTEE?”

To promote the understanding that:

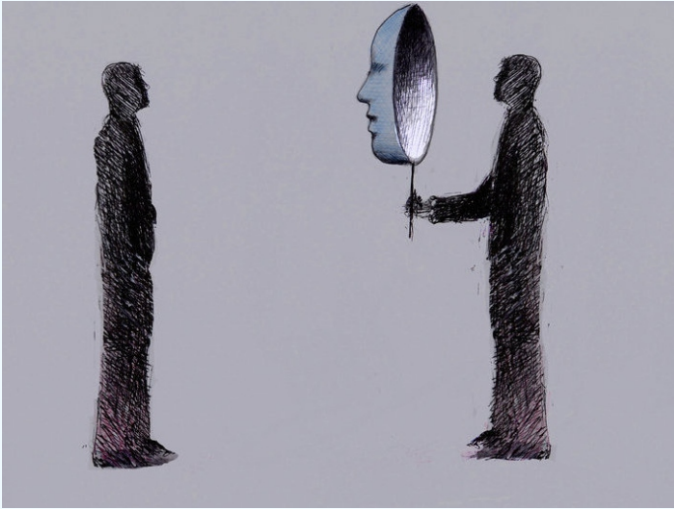
- Rotary is a family
- Families of Rotarians are important
- Encouraging generations of Rotarians is an important part of Rotary's future
- Encouraging clubs to share joys of being a Rotarian with their families is key to retention, and
- Encouraging clubs to share joys of families in their Rotary activities and events is vital to our future.

Dear friends, as the year gradually draws to the Christmas Holidays, let us plan to celebrate our families in grand style this year

Together, we serve to make the world a better place.

- AG George Clifford

Lie Vs LIAR



An 83-year-old elderly woman, lying on the bed, said to her 87-year-old elderly husband:

"Listen.....I just looked out the window and thought the garage light was on

Will you go and turn off the garage light ?"

The old man got up from the bed with great difficulty, opened a window and saw five or six thieves trying to break into his garage door

The elder called the nearest police station from there:

"Look.....write my address. We're the only two elderly husband and wife at home

Right now five or six burglars are breaking into our garage door

Send a police team quickly

From the other side came the dispatcher's voice:

"We've written your address. We don't have any free teams right now.

As soon as we get in touch with a team, I'll send them to your home"

Hearing this, the elders were disappointed but on the other hand, thieves were still engaged in breaking the lock of the garage.

Two minutes later, the elder again called the police station:

"Listen....there's no need to send anyone now. I've shot all five thieves."

There was panic on the other side of the line.

Within five minutes, a police team, along with a helicopter, a paramedic, three doctors and two ambulances, reached the old man's house.

The 5 thieves were soon overpowered and arrested.

Later the officers in-charge of the police team reached the elder and said:

"You said that you shot those five thieves, but we caught them alive ?"

The old man replied:

"And you also said that none of your teams were free."

Don't underestimate Senior Citizens !

- **Cyril Aquanfon PHF**

ARE EGGS HEALTHY OR NOT?



Let us talk about eggs. Eggs are low-carb, high-fat, and high-quality protein. Eggs are the best protein source you could eat, if not one of the

best foods you could eat.

In six clinical studies, it was found that eggs were not associated with heart disease in healthy people.

Eggs are high in cholesterol but also contain lecithin, choline, and vitamin B3, which help combat cholesterol.

Eggs are the best source of protein other than breast milk. Just one egg has seven grams of high-quality protein and is packed full of nutrients. Eggs also have a complete amino acid profile, and the nutrients and amino acids have high bioavailability.

Eggs are a unique source of protein because they are not just muscle protein—they have a lot of additional factors to support your health. They even have potential anticancer effects and immunomodulation effects.

Eggs contain important nutrients and their top benefits includes:

1. Egg yolks are super concentrated in fat-soluble vitamins, including:

Vitamin A - supports the skin, eyes, and immune system

Vitamin D supports the skin and reduces inflammation

Vitamin E - protects against UV radiation and helps break down scarring

Vitamin K1 and vitamin K2 - Vitamin K1 is involved in blood coagulation, and vitamin K2 benefits bone and heart health.

2. Eggs are loaded with choline, which helps support your Liver, Brain, Nerves, Mood, Memory, helps prevent a fatty liver, and helps combat high cholesterol

3. Eggs are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which support the skin and have anti-inflammatory properties

4. Eggs are loaded with lecithin, which helps counter excess cholesterol

5. Eggs have B vitamins, which are great for your hair and many other areas of your health

6. Eggs contain minerals, iodine, and selenium to support a healthy body

7. Eggs are rich in lutein and zeaxanthin, which are carotenoids that support the skin and eyes. Lutein and zeaxanthin are very powerful phytonutrients or antioxidants to repair any potential damage that occurs in the artery walls or the eyes.

8. Eggs contain Sphingomyelin which helps prevent plaquing in the arteries.

9. Eggs contain Phospholipids which helps reduce inflammation and helps build cell membranes.

10. Eggs contain essential nutrients for repair, muscle building, and helping to prevent sarcopenia.

Don't just consume egg whites. Egg yolks actually have more protein than egg whites, and the yolks contain essential nutrients.

Depending on your size, age, and how much muscle you have, you may want to consume two to four whole eggs to satisfy your body's nutrient requirements.

Personally, I love eating them and it has been the best source of my daily protein intake.

Do you love eggs?

NOTE: Eggs increase the good cholesterol (HDL) and lower the bad cholesterol (LDL). When next you are testing for cholesterol, ask them to tell you which type is high

© Facebook group.

You Are a Unique Part of Me! I Just Have Not Figured it Out!



Covid deserves our gratitude even though it ravaged our societies and put the whole world in a cage.

Covid broke the boundaries of our vision and enlarged our scope. Now we see that everyone around us matters. We now see that when our neighbour is unsafe, we too are unsafe. We now realize that our eyes should not be transfixed forward and our necks should turn to the left and right helping us to see the world around us.

Covid made us wish for eyes at our backs .. hahaha. Unfortunately your back is the responsibility of your good neighbour behind you.

What an Eureka moment! When you realize that not only do you need to care about your left and right, you also need others to care for you. Covid made us see everyone and everything we had closed our eyes to for so long.

Covid, Hiv etc has made it quite easy to understand today what William Budd, a physician meant when he wrote about typhoid in 1931, noted:

"This disease not seldom attacks the rich, but it thrives among the poor. But by reason of our common humanity we are all, whether rich or poor, more nearly related here than we are apt to think. The members of the great human family are, in fact, bound together by a thousand secret ties, of whose existence the world in general little dreams. And he that was never connected with his poorer neighbor, by deeds of charity or love, may one day find, when it is too late, that he is connected with him by a bond which may bring them both, at once, to a common grave"

Now that our visions are broadened. Let us observe

the pertinent issues in our society.

Can you see the girl child who is left at home because she is a girl and paying her school fees is seen as a waste?

Can you notice the classes and days off from school a girl child misses because she is on her period?

Have you observed that more young boys are walking aimlessly and acting strangely on the streets because of mkpurummiri (crystal meth) and other illicit drugs?

Do you see the little kids who come to fetch water for their families before and after school which in turn affects their academics?

Do you see the unsightly heaps of waste on the streets? Have you noticed that families, communities, tribes and countries are mired in conflicts with dire consequences to our society? (Remember we sit at home on Mondays) I could go on and on.....

Neil DeGrasse Tyson, an acclaimed Astrophysicist notes that "We are all connected; To each other, biologically. To the earth, chemically. To the rest of the universe atomically".

We need to adopt the Covid vision and turn our necks to observe and bring change in the best way we can. We need to pick up the resolve to inspire others around us to do so. We need to army up and make a change in society today. Let us beware when our neighbour's house is on fire, a little flame can put ours in danger.

Though Covid hurt us a lot, let's be thankful for the lessons learnt and use them to provide solutions to the numerous problems ravaging our societies.

What is unsolved in an individual, becomes unsolved in a family, if the individual becomes governor, it becomes a State problem and if He/She becomes a President or a high ranking official, it becomes a national problem.

We cannot afford to be transfixed forward.

We are all connected so we have to care if not for anything else but for our own good.

by :

Dr Jacqueline Ezie-Shiweobi



A recent visit to the departure hall of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos was a beehive of activities with thousands of Nigerians leaving the country. From findings, majority of them were going with a one-way ticket, which means that they have no intention of coming back soon, if at all they would return.

This is the reality of the moment as the japa syndrome that has hit the country's fabric has continued unabated, with thousands of Nigerians leaving the country on a daily basis in search of what is usually known as the greener pastures in Europe, America and other countries, where they believe there are opportunities.

The founder of a medical facility in Lagos recently complained how he lost virtually all his personnel (doctors and nurses) to the Japa syndrome, leaving him virtually stranded and unable to cope with the number of patients trooping to his clinic. This is the case in other sectors as citizens flee the country while the country's human resource is badly depleted.

In the first half of 2023, the United Kingdom, which is unarguably the first country of destination by many Nigerians, especially those going for further studies with their dependents, said it issued some 132,000 visas to Nigerians.

According to Jonny Baxter, British Deputy High Commissioner in Lagos, "In the first half of the year we granted approximately 132,000 visas, which include visit, work and study.

"In the previous full year before that, we issued about

324,000. In that year, the United Kingdom issued about three million visas, and of the number, 324,000 were issued to Nigerians, which is about 10 percent"

Apart from the United Kingdom, those going on irregular migration through the Sahara desert are also in thousands despite the risk involved as shown in the figure of evacuation. In the first half of 2023, no fewer than 4,000 Nigerians were stranded in different countries, especially the Middle East and were evacuated by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in different exercises.

The IOM, through its Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme, also repatriated over 3,000 Nigerians from Libya alone in 2023, with majority of the returnees languishing in Libyan detention camps before the help of the IOM came. They were arrested after failed attempts to cross to Europe through the Mediterranean Sea.

While this migration, whether regularly or irregularly, otherwise known as Japa, has continued, some foreigners are not seeing an entirely hopeless situation in Nigeria as many of them also troop to the country on a daily basis for businesses.

Foreigners find solace in Nigeria

Findings by Daily Trust on Sunday indicate that many foreigners from China, India, Lebanon, United Kingdom, among others, have also found Nigerians as home, leveraging on opportunities in the country in oil and gas, construction, telecommunication sector, among others.

Our correspondent gathered that foreigners trooping into the country for businesses have virtually tripled in recent times, with China leading. Also, Indians, Lebanese, among other nationals have made Nigeria their homes, working in various sectors.

From Ikeja GRA to Victoria Island, the Lebanese community in Nigeria has grown over time, becoming one of the largest diaspora communities in Nigeria with about 75,000 people. The existence of blue chip companies owned by Lebanese, as well as construction sites belonging to their nationals, has seen some of their kinsmen playing significant roles in their operation.

Similarly, the Chinese community has grown in leaps and bounds owing to the various construction projects handled by Chinese construction giants in Nigeria like the China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation (CCECC) handling various railway projects. The CCECC constructed the Lagos-Ibadan standard gauge railway, Abuja-Kaduna rail, Kaduna-Kano rail, the four new international airport terminals, among other projects.

In addition, findings by our correspondent showed that many Chinese are working at various quarry sites across Nigeria.

Our correspondent recently visited the popular Chinese Village in Lagos, which has become a marketplace for their nationals in the state, where they live and ply their trade.

According to an official of the village, more Chinese nationals troop into the village on a daily basis.

“If you need any special Chinese attire or product, you see hundreds of China Town vendors in this village. They are here making a living and contributing to the economy of the state and Nigeria in general,” the manager said.

India is another big community in Nigeria spread across the South and northern part of the country. According to India's High Commissioner in Nigeria, Gangadharan Balasubramanian, there are no fewer than 60,000 Indians who have made Nigeria their home. In all, there are estimated 90,000 Indians in Nigeria working in various

industries, especially the manufacturing sector.

In most cases, they are filling vacancies in management and technical positions, especially where the expertise is lacking in Nigeria. But many Nigerians have also raised questions about the abuse of expatriate quota.

Daily Trust on Sunday reports that expatriate quota policy enables foreign companies to recruit foreign employees to work legitimately in Nigeria.

“In Nigeria, we have about 60,000 Indians who have made Nigeria their home for the last three to four decades. There are more than 135 Indian companies manufacturing and working here in Nigeria for the past three to four decades, just to mention a little more about Indians in Nigeria,” the Higher Commissioner said in an interview earlier this year.

Recently, there was a report alleging that Dangote Refinery neglected Nigerians and other African youths and employed more foreigners, especially Indians and Chinese, to build the complex.

Refuting the report, the management of the refinery clarified that over 30,000 Nigerians were employed while 11,000 foreigners worked on the site.

In justifying the large presence of foreigners at the site, the spokesperson of Dangote, Anthony Chiejina, explained that the magnitude of the project required a specialised skilled workforce from all over the world. He said over 30,000 Nigerians were engaged among the skilled workforce at the peak of construction in the refinery complex. He added that they were engaged along with 6,400 Indians and 3,250 Chinese workers.

With the growing Indian and Chinese companies, job opportunities for foreigners have grown, especially in

areas where their technical skills are required.

Visas-on-arrival doubled

Checks by our correspondent revealed that the number of visas-on-arrival (VoA) issued at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos has doubled since the policy was implemented in line with the ease of doing business policy of the federal government.

From 38,000 VoAs issued at the busiest airport alone in 2018, the number grew to 53,644 in 2022. While efforts to get this year's figure were futile as the immigration declined to release it, our correspondent learnt that more people are coming into the country for businesses.

The Nigeria Immigration Service also introduced the Business Trust Visa to enhance foreign investments in Nigeria and eliminate concerns about fraudulent business partners.

It was gathered that with more foreigners showing interest in investing in Nigeria, the Business Trust Visa was designed to facilitate businesses by foreigners. According to a recent data, the number of foreigners in Nigeria as at 2020 stood at 1.3m with more trooping to the country.

Opportunities abound in Nigeria – Foreigners

Some foreigners who spoke with our correspondent said opportunities still abounded in Nigeria despite the Japa syndrome. An Indian who has made Nigeria his home said there were opportunities for the people to explore,

especially in the technology and start-up ecosystem.

The Indian businessman, Anil Rai, who resides at Ilupeju, Lagos said, “Nigeria is known for having many different cultures and lots of good things to offer. One important thing is that there are various opportunities for both people and the environment. People in Nigeria are friendly to one another and show a lot of respect to their bosses at work. They are also eager to learn new things and use new technology.

“Nigeria offers numerous avenues for business, entrepreneurship and investment. With a substantial and expanding population, it stands as one of Africa's largest consumer markets, providing prospects across multiple industries.

“The tech and start-up landscape in cities such as Lagos is thriving, attracting an increasing number of tech innovators and investors keen on the African market. Additionally, Nigeria's demand for infrastructure enhancement, encompassing roads, transportation and energy creates attractive investment opportunities.

“In my view, therefore, Nigeria is in a phase of development and is shifting towards enhancing its core sectors like manufacturing that would help the country grow.

“Nigerians have a reputation for their genuine warmth and hospitality, frequently extending a heartfelt welcome to guests and making concerted efforts to ensure their comfort and sense of belonging.

“Nigeria boasts of a dynamic music and entertainment sector, with genres like Afrobeat gaining global acclaim. Nigerians frequently exhibit a deep enthusiasm for music, dance and entertainment.”

The consul-general of Netherlands in Lagos, Michel Deelen, has been in Nigeria for over 15 years. He believes there are opportunities in the country but the youths must be galvanised through training and skills development to be able to harness them.

He made reference to the recent close-out event for the Work in Progress (WiP) project, which supported 120 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and 138 start-ups in Nigeria.

The project, implemented by Oxfam, is aimed at improving the economic prospects of young people in Nigeria, Egypt and Somalia by building their skills to find a job and stimulate entrepreneurship.

Since 2016 when the project started in three states – Lagos, Nasarawa and Edo – no fewer than 3,135 young women and men have been trained, while 60 per cent of them were linked with employment opportunities.

In a chat with Daily Trust on Sunday, the Netherlands envoy said when there were opportunities and deliberate efforts to improve the economy and tackle the challenges of inflation, high interest rate and unemployment that come with it, Nigerians would want to stay back.

He said, “There is a huge young Nigerian population looking for jobs or how to set up businesses. Every country needs to invest in human capital because it builds your future. We are looking at the next generation of entrepreneurs and leaders. You need to invest in that to ensure that the quality of people you have got to run your country and enterprises is actually good. That is a matter of education, but it can also be a matter of this specific tailor made training (the

WiP programme). It is a combination; you go to school, learn, do extra training and learn more.

“Seventy per cent of Nigerians can be defined as youths. Those are a huge group, and there are lots of potentials in them. If you are a Nigerian man or woman, you want to do something positive. You want to get a job and take care of your family, and for that, you need revenue. So, if there are no jobs and training, you might end up in the streets, and that is what nobody wants.”

How to reduce the Japa syndrome:

On the Japa syndrome, he said that while there are opportunities in Nigeria, there are also challenges.

“The problem is the economic situation, interest rate and inflation. When I talk to people who actually engage in the Japa syndrome, they talk about their children, the education system in the country and other practical things. There are lots of elements but that is up to the new Nigerian government to make sure that these things are tweaked and the economy would be growing again.”

He said if the economy of Nigeria grew, jobs would be created and the Japa syndrome would reduce.

Similarly, the Chinese community has grown in leaps and bounds owing to the various construction projects handled by Chinese construction giants in Nigeria like the China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation (CCECC) handling various railway projects.

The CCECC constructed the Lagos-Ibadan standard gauge railway, Abuja-Kaduna rail, Kaduna-Kano rail, the four new international airport terminals, among other projects.

In addition, findings by our correspondent showed that many Chinese are working at various quarry sites across Nigeria.

Our correspondent recently visited the popular Chinese Village in Lagos, which has become a marketplace for their nationals in the state, where they live and ply their trade.

According to an official of the village, more Chinese nationals troop into the village on a daily basis.

“If you need any special Chinese attire or product, you see hundreds of China Town vendors in this village. They are here making a living and contributing to the economy of the state and Nigeria in general,” the manager said.

India is another big community in Nigeria spread across the South and northern part of the country. According to India's High Commissioner in Nigeria, Gangadharan Balasubramanian, there are no fewer than 60,000 Indians who have made Nigeria their home. In all, there are estimated 90,000 Indians in Nigeria working in various industries, especially the manufacturing sector.

In most cases, they are filling vacancies in management and technical positions, especially where the expertise is lacking in Nigeria. But many Nigerians have also raised questions about the abuse of expatriate quota.

Daily Trust on Sunday reports that expatriate quota policy enables foreign companies to recruit foreign employees to work legitimately in Nigeria.

“In Nigeria, we have about 60,000 Indians who have made Nigeria their home for the last three to four decades. There are more than 135 Indian companies manufacturing and working here in Nigeria for the past three to four decades, just to mention a little more about Indians in Nigeria,” the Higher Commissioner said in an interview earlier this year.

Recently, there was a report alleging that Dangote Refinery neglected Nigerians and other African youths and employed more foreigners, especially Indians and Chinese, to build the complex.

Refuting the report, the management of the refinery clarified that over 30,000 Nigerians were employed while 11,000 foreigners worked on the site.

In justifying the large presence of foreigners at the site, the spokesperson of Dangote, Anthony Chiejina, explained that the magnitude of the project required a specialised skilled workforce from all over the world. He said over 30,000 Nigerians were engaged among the skilled workforce at the peak of construction in the refinery complex. He added that they were engaged along with 6,400 Indians and 3,250 Chinese workers.

With the growing Indian and Chinese companies, job opportunities for foreigners have grown, especially in areas where their technical skills are required.

Visas-on-arrival doubled

Checks by our correspondent revealed that the number of visas-on-arrival (VoA) issued at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos has doubled since the policy was implemented in line with the ease of doing business policy of the federal government.

From 38,000 VoAs issued at the busiest airport alone in 2018, the number grew to

53,644 in 2022. While efforts to get this year's figure were futile as the immigration declined to release it, our correspondent learnt that more people are coming into the country for businesses.

The Nigeria Immigration Service also introduced the Business Trust Visa to enhance foreign investments in Nigeria and eliminate concerns about fraudulent business partners.

It was gathered that with more foreigners showing interest in investing in Nigeria, the Business Trust Visa was designed to facilitate businesses by foreigners. According to a recent data, the number of foreigners in Nigeria as at 2020 stood at 1.3m with more trooping to the country.

Opportunities abound in Nigeria – Foreigners

Some foreigners who spoke with our correspondent said opportunities still abounded in Nigeria despite the Japa syndrome.

A foremost human resource practitioner, Alhaji Ibrahim Abdullahi, also said the seeming hopelessness in Nigeria was driving out the youth in search of greener pastures, and warned this is depleting the country's human resource base. He said one of the best ways to retain the country's human resources was for political leaders to change their mindset from materialism. He said the professionals would find it hard to remain in the country when they see the kind of humongous salaries and allowances by political leaders.

"I always wonder why our political class would get to the system and continue to do what would be inimical to the progress and economic survival of the country. For example, if we have money that could cover about 30 projects and we decide to give the jobs to those we know, not those who have the ability to deliver but those who would give kickbacks, the contracts would be more than doubled and the kickback would come back to those who have given the contracts and the country would suffer for it," he said.

The fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) said that corruption, which has eaten deep into the country's ecosystem, made it extremely difficult for professionals to earn decent wages, while politicians live in opulence.

"There should be a holistic anti-corruption crusade that would ensure that those who are guilty of corruption are greatly punished. I can tell you that our laws are too weak to deal with corruption.

"In Nigeria today, Japa will continue as long as those in public offices are looting the treasury and the law is permitting them to walk freely through plea bargaining. Anybody that steals up to N100 million, if he is in the detention of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) or the court of law, by the time he is able to release N30m, they would write that he could go. As long as corruption festers in Nigeria, Japa will continue, except the government has the political will to tackle it," he said.

He said corruption and uneven distribution of resources had put a lot of Nigerians in a hopeless situation and asked the present administration to address the challenges.

"Yes, politicians are living large because they are the best paid, from councillors

to the president, and citizens of the country are suffering. Those in public offices, especially in the National Assembly, are overpaid, though they denied it. But you all know that the denial is not correct. It is true that their salary is not up to N2m or N3m, but it is a fact that 11 other allowances have been worked to their advantage," he added.

An activist, Comrade Achike Jude, also said the Japa syndrome in Nigeria was essentially about economic migration.

According to him, there is a lot of hopelessness in Nigeria and "that is why it is not only the young people that are leaving, even people who are established in their professions and businesses leave."

He said, "People coming into Nigeria are from Niger, and they are coming to beg, not for opportunities.

"If you are talking of foreigners that are coming here to do business or invest, definitely there is business in societies that are prone to conflict, poverty and the rest. Depending on the nature of their businesses, once they feel that there is an enabling environment for them, they would naturally come here to create wealth. That is not to say that Nigeria's environment is generally conducive for manufacturing and businesses from abroad. It is not."

How foreigners are navigating the business environment—Expert

The Lagos State chairman of the National Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASME), Prof Adebayo Adams, said the local environment was not conducive for investment, noting that the foreigners are not also finding it easy to operate.

He said that insecurity, high cost of energy, multiple taxation were some of the challenges facing businesses

operating in Nigeria.

According to him, many Nigerians, especially the youth, would continue to leave the country in search of greener pastures because the opportunities are not there for them to excel.

He said the few entrepreneurs in the country were being frustrated by lack of patronage.

He said, "The environment isn't conducive for investment. Anywhere you are and there is security threat, the business will not thrive. Our ease of doing business ranking is going down. We are going backward now and that is bad. We are supposed to be moving forward.

"You see the expatriates coming into the country using security operatives to move around. All this is added into the prices of whatever they are producing. When you are also being given unnecessary taxes, your business will not grow.

"The cost of energy to run your factory is humongous. Government should look into this by creating an enabling environment. Let there be energy to assist the manufacturers.

"The environment also affects the foreigners, but let me tell you how they are doing it. You see policemen in their offices and other logistics. So government needs to encourage the patronage of made in Nigeria products to provide opportunities for our citizens to remain in the country. Also, we must eliminate multiple taxation and make the roads motorable because our roads are bad."

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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

The eyes you look with determine what you see!! If you look with the “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” eyes, all you will see are possibilities.

I know that the Nigerian business environment is now filled with more uncertainties than before. This has caused several entrepreneurs to become anxious. I want to encourage you this morning not to give up. When your business is fulfilling its purpose and providing solutions it must surely thrive.

Desperate times call for alternative and creative measures. You should ensure your alternative measures encapsulates these three principles of entrepreneurship.

1. Your differentiation factor - what makes you different and uniquely positioned. This includes your values, ambitions, and assets.

2. Be adaptive: This will help your business not only survive challenging times but to take advantage of limitless opportunities.

3. Build a strong Network: You need a strong network to expose you to different perspectives, a wealth of opportunities, insights, and support.

Also, note that the people around you affect the kind of person you become so be very intentional in your networking and relationship-building.

Kindly show up for your business in a consistent manner while being flexible to the changes that are required for your business to thrive.

We win together !!

Prof. Joy Onyesoh (Iyom)

TABLE BREAKING CORNER



I CAN EXPLAIN

So much contention surrounded the plea to televise the election petition tribunal. 'It will bring ridicule to the integrity of the courts,' they claimed.

Suddenly, there is an urgency to televise the judgement. Because...Reasons should be given. Explanation should be provided.

Technicalities should be explained. All because..Without it, there'll be an uproar.

Because..The judgement is contrary to public expectation. The explanation will douse the risk of a crisis. They need to explain what they did in a manner you'll understand what they didn't do.

This is Nigeria, and it has its own way of working. I go back to what a friend once wrote.

A country only functions by how it is designed. Anything different is just pure pain and foolishness

This applies to us as Rotarians, too. We should all quit the idea of being a pain in other people's necks. As a leader, give everyone their due and know peace. No system works well with so much strife and pain.

Do not be part of the people described as a government foreign to its people.

A relationship where both parties are fighting for each other will out last the relationship where both parties fight each other.

Let us imbibe this culture and grow Rotary in our district.

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Rotary Club of Enugu City Layout

DIRECTORY FOR CLUB MEETING DAYS IN IMO STATE, DISTRICT 9142.

S/NO	CLUBS NAME	MEETING DAYS AND TIME	MEETING VENUE	CONTACT NUMBER
1.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI	TUESDAYS 6PM	IMMACULATE ROYAL HOTEL PORT HARCOURT ROAD.	08037596442
2.	ROTARY CLUB OF ALADINMA OWERRI	WEDNESDAYS 6:00PM	GOLDEN TULIP ESSENTIALS, OKIGWE ROAD OWERRI	08037882711
3.	ROTARY CLUB OF OKIGWE	WEDNESDAYS 5PM	PEGO HOTELS, NO 1 ISIBA LANE, OKIGWE	09028351669
4.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI CENTRAL	THURSDAYS 6PM	IMMACULATE ROYAL HOTEL PORT HARCOURT ROAD.	08037373007
5.	ROTARY CLUB OF IKENEGBU-OWERRI	TUESDAYS 6:30PM	PINEWOOD HOTEL ORLU ROAD.	08021234568
6.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI METROPOLITAN	WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM	VANESSA PARIS HOTEL ORLU ROAD OWERRI.	08033582611
7.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI NORTH	TUESDAYS 5:30PM	GOLDEN TULIP ESSENTIALS, OKIGWE ROAD OWERRI.	08030729866
8.	ROTARY CLUB OF OBOWO	WEDNESDAYS 4:30PM	J.C SUITES/HOTEL, UMULOGHO OBOWO.	08036603662
9.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI COSMOPOLITAN	FRIDAYS 6PM	CITY OF ANGELS HOTEL SPIBAT ROAD, AMAKOHIA	08172670394
10.	ROTARY CLUB OF MBAISE	TUESDAYS 4PM	NODBELLE GUEST HOUSE AHIARA JUNCTION, MBAISE.	08037239251
11.	ROTARY CLUB OF OGWA	2ND SUNDAY PER MONTH 1:30PM FOR 2PM	NDIKPA HALL OPPOSITE ST PETER'S (ANG) CHURCH ALAENYI - OGWA	08163449470/09163027875
12.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI SUNRISE	SUNDAYS 3PM	GOLD CROWN HOTEL PORTHARCOURT ROAD BY CONCORDE JUNCTION.	08033508315
13.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI UPTOWN	MONDAYS 5:30PM	RENTO HOTELS AND TOWERS BY 40/40 JUNCTION.	08033393115
14.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI ROYALS	THURSDAYS 5:30PM	CITY OF ANGELS HOTEL SPIBAT ROAD, OWERRI	08036752635
15.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI GOVERNMENT HOUSE	MONDAYS 5PM	VANESSA PARIS HOTEL ORLU ROAD OWERRI.	07061569603
16.	ROTARY CLUB OF OWERRI NEWTOWN	TUESDAYS 5:30PM	GREATWOOD HOTEL PORTHARCOURT ROAD.	08146637381


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DIRECTORY FOR CLUB MEETING DAYS IN AKWA IBOM STATE, NIGERIA

S/N	CLUB NAME	CHARTERED	MEETING DAYS / TIME	VENUE
1	ROTARY CLUB OF UYO METROPOLIS	26TH FEBRUARY, 2008	EVERY SUNDAY BY 5:30PM	EMJIMM HOTEL, UYO
2	ROTARY CLUB OF UYO MUNICIPAL	22 JANUARY, 2021	EVERY SUNDAY BY 5:30PM	NEW POINT HOTEL, ATIKU ABUBAKAR WAY, UYO
3	ROTARY CLUB OF UYO	10TH JUNE, 1983	EVERY FRIDAY BY 4:30PM	UM-NEAK HOTELS, OSONGAMA ESTATE, UYO
4	ROTARY CLUB OF ABAK METROPOLIS	17TH JUNE, 2011	EVERY THURSDAY BY 5:00PM	TILAPIA RESORT, ABAK L.G.A BY THE VIP BAR
5	ROTARY CLUB OF EKET	2ND NOVEMBER, 1984	EVERY SUNDAY BY 5:00PM	ROYALTY HOTEL, EKET - ORON ROAD, EKET L.G.A.
6	ROTARY CLUB OF EKET GROOVE	15TH MARCH, 2019	EVERY TUESDAY BY 6:00PM	DHREMO HOTEL, IBEKWE STREET, OFF IDUA.
7	ROTARY CLUB OF UYO SHELTER AFRIQUE	16TH MAY, 2018	EVERY MONDAY BY 6:00PM	VENUS HOTEL, SHELTER AFRIQUE, UYO, AKWA IBOM STATE.
8	ROTARY CLUB OF UYO URBAN	12TH FEBRUARY, 2021	EVERY 2ND & LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BY 6:00PM	LUTON PARK HOTEL; UYO AKWA IBOM STATE BY UDO UDOMA AVENUE
9	ROTARY CLUB OF UYO CAPITAL CITY	19TH MAY, 2021	EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS BY 5:30PM	UM-NEAK HOTELS, OSONGAMA ESTATE, UYO
10	ROTARY CLUB OF IKOT EKPENE METRO.	21ST JUNE, 2021	EVERY SUNDAY EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BY 4:30PM	ANIBETO HOTELS, EPHRIAM ESSIEN STREET, GRA, IKOT EKPENE

DIRECTORY FOR CLUB MEETING DAYS IN ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA

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01	RC ENUGU	MONDAYS 5PM	MODOTELS, GARDEN AVENUE, ENUGU	08038686108
02	RC EKULU	MONDAYS 6PM	DE CASTLE HOTEL, EKULU GRA ENUGU	07015456392
03	RC ENUGU CITY LAYOUT	THURSDAYS 5PM (BI-WEEKLY)	HOTEL CORDIAL, NEW HAVEN ENUGU	08036255882
04	RC ENUGU MUNICIPAL	MONDAYS 5PM	PREDIA HOTEL, OTIGBA JUNCTION, ENUGU	08068445368
05	RC ENUGU INDEPENDENCE LAYOUT	THURSDAYS 6PM	TOP RANK HOTELS, ESBS JUNCTION, IND. LAYOUT ENUGU	08037727366
06	RC ENUGU GRA	THURSDAYS 6PM	SILICON VALLEY RESORT, GOLF ESTATE, GRA ENUGU	07031647100
07	RC ENUGU NORTH	THURSDAYS 5PM	PREDIA HOTELS, OTIGBA JUNCTION, ENUGU	08035959796
08	RC EMENE	THURSDAYS 7PM	THE CLUB HOUSE, FOREST CRESCENT, GRA ENUGU	08064048658
09	RC ENUGU CITY CENTRE	THURSDAYS 5PM (BI-WEEKLY)	HOTEL SUNSHINE (ERIC MEETING ROOM) PRESIDENTIAL RD. ENUGU	08033132636
10	RC NEW HAVEN	TUESDAYS 5PM	HOTEL CORDIAL, NEW HAVEN, ENUGU	08033170240
11	RC MARYLAND ENUGU	WEDNESDAYS 5PM (BI-WEEKLY)	CORDIAL HOTELS, NEW HAVEN, ENUGU	08050209709
12	RC ENUGU GOVT HOUSE	WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM	UNIVERSAL HOTEL, ENUGU	08037627489
13	RC ABAKPA NIKE COMM	MONDAYS 6PM	BOARD ROOM 3, NIKE LAKE RESORT HOTEL, ENUGU	08025335456
14	RC ENUGU METROPOLIS	MONDAYS 5PM	HOTEL SUNSHINE, ENUGU PRESIDENTIAL RD. ENUGU	08035566222
15	RC TRANS EKULU	THURSDAYS 5PM	CITIZEN CENTRE, HILLVIEW ST. TRANS EKULU	08036767635
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