A word from the President

“The journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step”
Chinese proverb.

Dear friends, I am greatly honoured and privileged to lead Kampala North as your President for Rotary Year 2012-13. Kampala North is a great Club with a proud tradition of excellence which I intend to build upon. I observed during installation that the assuming office was the easy part – the hard part is getting into the ‘trenches’ to deliver our promises and planned outputs.

Our ‘journey of 1000 miles’, or more aptly 365 days, begins today with the first step. It is a journey which will take time and require patience. We cannot accomplish everything in one day. Indeed we will not be able to

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**Good News**

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Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am part of the first generation to grow up in Japan after a terrible war. I think it is natural that my countrymen now place a great priority on peace. We saw where militarism brought our country, and we also saw the great economic growth that came when our nation made the choice to embrace peace.

This was the decision that allowed Japan to grow and thrive. It allowed generations of children to grow up in safety, to become educated, to improve their lives. It fundamentally changed the Japanese attitude toward other countries and cultures. It caused us to open our minds, to become more tolerant, to seek greater understanding.

And it allowed us to redirect our energies toward positive goals. In Japan, it is traditional to prioritize the needs of the society over the needs of the individual. This has always been part of our culture. In the weeks and months following the great earthquake and disaster of March 2011, this was what helped us to survive and rebuild.

This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs – when we focus on a shared goal that is for the good of all – this changes everything. It changes how we relate to the world. It changes our priorities. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace.

In the 2012-13 Rotary year, peace will be our focus and our goal, and I will ask all Rotarians to actively work for Peace Through Service.

A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we become more generous with our time and resources, and more open to new ways of thinking.

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accomplish everything we set out to do, thus the need to prioritize activities and aim for realistic targets. Each step that we take will bring us incrementally closer to our final destination.

I take courage in the knowledge that I do not undertake the journey alone. I have a competent and time tested Board – a ‘dream team’ that represents one of the most dynamic Boards the Club has ever had. I have supportive Past Presidents who are well organized in their Forum and ready to give advice. I have the wise counsel of PP John, Presidential Advisor. I have the formidable resource of the entire membership of Kampala North with their diverse classifications and talents. Men and women who have excelled in their respective fields and have volunteered their time and resources to serve humanity.

Like every journey in life we are going to face challenges. We may find features and roadblocks along the way that were not visible on the ‘route map’ we used for planning. We will find that members are undertaking the journey at different speeds – while some are jogging, others are walking at a leisurely pace and yet others are limping along tediously with walking sticks. We will need to agree on what is a comfortable pace for all of us (and the joggers may occasionally be requested to carry the limpers on their backs for a few miles!). We are going to meet crossroads and forks in the road and members will have different ideas about the direction to take! We need to consult and reach collective consensus.

My target is simple – hand over a better Club to the next President. Details of what the new Board and I intend to achieve in the Rotary year are well spelt out in workplans of Directorates and the Club’s budget. We are going to recruit a Club Administrator to handle day to day management of the Club. We intend to embrace technology to increase efficiency and reduce on paper usage. We have lined up exciting speakers. We will publicize and raise the profile of the Club and our projects. We will implement projects and make new project proposals. Our biggest asset is our members. We plan to increase membership from 72 to 79. We intend to hit the 100 million shilling mark in WUP Charity Walk fundraising. We shall have a memorable singing and dancing competition.

Friend’s we can only achieve our targets if we work as a team. This year I ask that we all play our part in taking the Club forward to the next level. Let us not just attend fellowship and leave all the hard work to ‘the usual suspects’. Let us strive for “Peace Through Service”.

Nigel Frank Othembi
President
Greetings!

Friends and fellow Rotarians, I wish to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your District Governor for the year 2012 – 2013. I am truly honoured and look forward to all the new service opportunities and numerous new friendships and partnerships we will forge in 2012/13. This past January, Kaushik and I had the opportunity to attend the week long DGs training that was held at the International Assembly in San Diego. I can’t help but mention how inundated and inspired I was by all the representatives from all over the world united in one voice of ‘Service above Self’. I have no doubt in my mind that Rotary International (RI) embodies truly amazing men and women from all walks of life and vocations. Mine is to encourage us in the district to continue our forward march. We are indeed headed in the right direction.

More importantly, I am extremely lucky to be serving our District as DG; a rare opportunity that requires boldness, open mindedness, insight, caution, and a willingness to consistently test my leadership skills. I am not worried though, for I know we are surrounded by committed, passionate, and focused Rotarians who are not only willing to serve on various district committees but also on projects in the district. Friends, I promise you; we are going to have fun [LO2] and as we do this with, we will raise significant amounts of money whilst at it. We will then go back to our communities and give back of our time and our finances most passionately and with dedicated conviction. We will do this bearing in mind Rotary International’s theme of “Peace Through Service” as well as RI’s three main areas of focus, which are: To Support and Strengthen Clubs, To Increase Humanitarian Service, To Enhance Public Image and Awareness

Let’s Get Social!
Finally friends I would like to leave with a sincere call to join me today in pursuit of our district goals this year, which include growing our membership numbers and improving our PR amongst others. One way we are actively pursuing these is via social media. I want to request each one of you to join me and the district team on our facebook and twitter pages as we begin to engage the online community on how to make the world a better place.
So please follow us on:
Facebook: RotaryD9200[LO5] and Rotary9200 DCA 2013[LO6]
Twitter: RotaryD9200[LO7]
We must do this together, for together we cannot help but make it a great year!

Sincerely, Geeta
Medical mission delivers care to Rwanda
By Shaju Peter, past governor of District 3080 (India)

Part of the surgical team operates during the medical mission to Rwanda. Photo courtesy of District 3080

In April, a team of 16 medical specialists and 11 Rotary volunteers from District 3080 left India on a medical mission to Rwanda.

During a 12-day period, our team performed 210 procedures on patients selected in advance by doctors at the hospital in Kigali, the nation’s capital. The team of surgeons removed a gallbladder tumor, performed hip replacements, worked to repair throat and nasal passages, treated gallstones, and even performed facial surgery on a survivor of the 1994 genocide who had been struck by a machete.

As we arrived at the airport, we were greeted by a large number of journalists, who wanted to know the value of the medical services we would be providing. Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo put it best, noting — how do you put a dollar value on the time these distinguished professionals, experts in their field, agree to forgo from their private practices to serve under the Rotary banner? How do you measure the value of the time donated by the business leaders, who also pay their own way in airfare and lodging to provide support and make the mission a success?

The best description: it was the quintessential Service Above Self.

Mission Rwanda: Reach Out to Africa was an extension of Saboo’s idea of sending teams of medical specialists to various countries, which have in the past included Ethiopia, Nigeria, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, the Republic of Congo, and Zambia with the help of grants from The Rotary Foundation.

District Governor Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and Past Governor Rajindar Singh Parmar led the team. They built upon several months of preparation by project coordinator Ranjit K. Bhatia, a past governor; Fred ne Tiabu Tatukila, governor of District 9150 (Rwanda); and Dr. Theobald Hategekimana, director general of the teaching hospital at Kigali.

During the medical mission, the team also took time to visit the memorial to the 1994 genocide. It was a moving experience, and a reminder of the need to work for peace. While in Rwanda, our team found a forward-looking nation of friendly people and clean roads. They have moved on from the tragic events in their past to work on a better future.
As the 2011-12 Rotary year comes to a close, I feel happy and proud to have brought the Rotary message to 68 countries. It’s been an amazing 12-month journey.

India was declared polio free this year, which was a tremendous accomplishment that came from the hard work and efforts of so many. My wife, Binota, and I have seen first-hand the countless and wonderful ways in which Rotary makes a difference in the world. We have witnessed the tireless, selfless efforts, and dedication of the many Rotarians who are willing to help others in improving their lives.

We have been so fortunate in having a wonderful Board of Directors in 2011-12. I believe they were the best Board of Directors ever at Rotary International!

Binota and I would like to convey our thanks to the family of Rotary, which includes the several event organizers, hosts, local aides, and other Rotarians too numerous to name individually. They have made us feel welcome on our trips with their kindness, generosity, and open arms. To the Rotary staff who has worked diligently behind the scenes to make this year a wonderful and memorable experience -- we thank you all!

Finally, whatever we have done in 2011-12, has only been possible because Binota always held my hand and we did it together.

Kalyan Banerjee
**From RI President**

Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and everything has something to teach us. Through service, we become more tolerant of our differences and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others better and to see the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to respect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace.

And so I ask you all to put Peace Through Service at the forefront of your Rotary work this year, and to commit to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

Source: Rotary International News

**Nkondo in pics**
Bana,
The Chair KYENATU and the Board of Patrons NKDU send their gratitude to President Nigel and the RCKN for the arrangements to visit the project with DG Geeta on her first project visit. We cannot take for granted all the donations in cash and kind; we are eternally grateful.

We in NKDU reaffirm our total commitment to the ongoing partnership and look forward to yet another fulfilling Rotary year. Rotary has, as you can give testimony, touched and changed a big number of lives and households. The disabled, the women and the youth are evidently changing from subsistence to income generating chores, while the school children in Immeri Primary School have arrived in the e-domain.

Our family felt highly honoured to host the DG and all the wonderful friends and partners in Rotary.

Regards,
Rtn Patrick

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