



THE RCKC MIRROR

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Note



Dear Readers,

It is exciting to release the first issue of the Rotaract Club of Kigali (RCKC)'s Newsletter. This issue will cover activities that took place during the first half of the Rotary year 2019-2020 (June 2019- December 2019)

The RCKC Newsletter shall be called '*The RCKC Mirror*', recounting the various projects and activities that the members of the Rotaract Club of Kigali City implemented or participated in through the period. This issue covers activities that took place between July 2019 - December 2019. You will also find information about the Rotaract Club of Kigali City, Rotaract Rwanda, and Rotaract in general.

Thank you to everyone who took their time to contribute to this issue, writing the wonderful and inspiring articles, without which, this newsletter would still be a dream unrealized. You'll are awesome humans! Thank you for unleashing the writers in you.

Let's keep the spirit!

Norryn Gloria Busingye
Charter President & Asst PR Director (2019-2020)
Rotaract Club of Kigali City



Leading By The People, For The People

To prepare any meal, one must first understand which ingredients to apply for a tasty meal.

In the same way, as Rotaract leaders, we are challenged with understanding the dynamics between time, community needs, and the teams we lead. Once we do this, then we can channel our activities towards service for our people and the society.

In the Rotaract Club of Kigali City (RCKC), we are all leaders. Everyone is skilled at something and with that, we are all armed to lead teams in acts of service along the six (6) areas of focus of Rotary International.

And by so doing, we are leading teams of fellow leaders, reaching out to the needy members of the community, and nurturing each other's professional and leadership skills as well as ethics, yet allowing for sustainability, independence and fun for all.

We reflect the core purpose of serving the society honorably, a value for which the club stands.

Through teamwork, inspired membership and partnerships, we have been able to successfully implement great activities through the first half of the Rotary year.

Through the year, we have been able to connect with different clubs both within and out of Rwanda through partnership in service and friendship. My appreciation goes to all Rotaract and Rotary Clubs that have been part of our journey in the first phase in the different ways.

We are looking forward to connect with even more clubs across the world in the future as we strive to inspire community change in this connecting year, 2019-2020.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dennis Otangocinge
Connecting President,
Rotaract Club of Kigali City
2019-2020

About the Rotaract Club of Kigali City (RCKC)

The Rotaract Club of Kigali City is a community based service club serving under the global umbrella of Rotary International and the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga.

Since 2013 at its charter, the club has engaged in various Community Development Projects, creating an impact in communities. Through its mentorship of leadership and professional skills, the club has also produced young professionals in Rwanda, nurturing responsible citizens.

The club has progressively seen the leadership of 8 Presidents who have all tremendously served the club and Rotaract in Rwanda in general. Because of their respective teams' efforts, the club is where it is today.

The club currently boasts about 30 energetic, and motivated members with an outstanding passion for Rotaract and service.

We are still open to new members that wish to join us as we strive to be the change we want to see in Rwanda, the region and world over!

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About Rotaract

Rotaract is a global service-minded organisation that empowers young professionals between 18 - 30 years to influence positive change in their communities.

With a membership of youth between 18-30 years, Rotaract boasts of young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. It's membership is the most resourceful, motivated and creative young men and women from diverse backgrounds with a heart to influence change on communities around the world. Currently there are over 250,792 Rotaractors in 10,904 Rotaract clubs all over the world. Rwanda has 5 Rotaract clubs and still counting. Rotaract relies on 3 pillars; Leadership Development, Professional Leadership and Community Development for its members.

Rotaractors, through their respective clubs and partnerships with other clubs organise Service Projects that impact the community as they also impact their members' personal and professional development by nurturing their leadership and professional skills.

Rotaract's policies fully embrace diversity and inclusion as it is not biased along religion, political affiliations, race, gender or culture. Rotaract clubs are open to new members all year round.

The Goals of Rotaract

- To develop professional and leadership skills.
- To emphasize respect for the rights of others, ethical standards and the dignity of all useful occupations.
- To provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world.
- To provide opportunities for working in cooperation with sponsoring Rotary clubs;
- To motivate young people for eventual membership in Rotary.

Earlier this year, the Rotary International 2019 Council on Legislation amended the constitutional documents of Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs as a membership type. The Rotary International President, Mark Malone appointed the Elevate Rotaract Task Force, composed of Rotaractors and Rotarians, to recommend updates to policies to better reflect Rotaract's newly elevated status.

A few changes were adapted to Rotaract's Code of Policies, **effective July 1, 2020.**

- Rotaract clubs will be able to establish a new club with or without a sponsor.
- Rotaract clubs will be able to choose other Rotaract clubs as their sponsors.
- Rotaract clubs will be open to all young adults at least between 18 years old.
- "The Standard Rotaract Club Constitution and the Recommended Rotaract Club Bylaws will be amended to reflect these policy changes.
- Rotary districts are encouraged to include Rotaractors in every district committee.
- Rotaractors will pay per capita dues in the future, and details on this will be communicated.

Rotary International's Goals for Rotaract.

- Increase the number of Rotaractors reported to Rotary by 100 percent by 2022.
- Increase the number of reported Rotaractors who join Rotary clubs by 20 percent by 2022.
- Increase the number of reported Rotaractors to 1 million by 2029.

RCKC's 8th Installation: What Happened at Lake Muhazi Didn't Stay There!



The day was 22/06/2019 and we all set off for Rwesero, Lake Muhazi for the RCKC 8th Installation. It was an outdoor event. The agenda was simple. A combination of change of leadership, fun, food and fellowship. The goals had been set earlier, and we greatly achieved, probably overachieved.

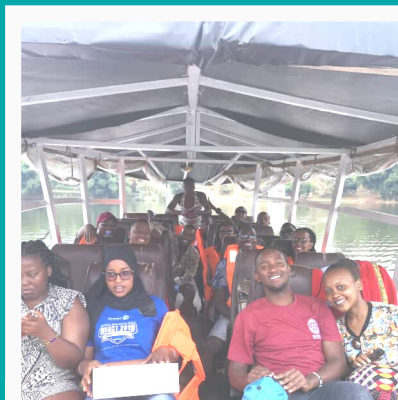
As you may know, Rotaract top leadership, and in this I mean the Presidents – lead the clubs for one year. There are no second chances, if you do great, it's amazing. If you ruin it, then that's it! And the days run so fast, I mean it was just the other day when IPP Gisele Iradukunda was being crowned for this same chair. Anyways, so the club had planned for months, weeks, and days to change their leadership. And on this particular day, we were to see off IPP Gisele Iradukunda and usher in Connecting President Denis Otangocinge. This' the 9th in a line of Past Presidents of the club.

Everything started off on Friday evening as the first crew hit the road for Lake Muhazi to ensure that everything at the venue was in the right place and ready by the time only to find them later the following day. On D-day, as the rest of us set off to L.Muhazi for the outdoor installation, the excitement and vibe from Rotaractors was everything you could ever need for an event like this one. Preparations were underway even as our shuttle landed. Kudos to the Friday team's efforts!

It didn't take us so long to have the event started. IPP Gisele took us through the recap of the year, and she also gave out goodies to the most support supportive Rotarian of the year. Rtn. Amb. Adamu Shuaibu Onoze scooped the award. Meanwhile Rtr. Halima Mohamed walked away with with the award for the "Most Active New Member" of the year. Both were equally well deserved. After the installation of Connecting President, Otangocinge Denis, 9 new members were inducted into the club. And it has been a big happy family since.

“ I am humbled to step into these shoes taking on the leadership of the club. I am certain that with my capable team, we are capable of sustaining what the club has achieved over the years and even leave it in a better position. And to all the clubs that joined us for this event, thank you for the support always!! ”

RCKC President 2019-2020
Denis Otangocinge



Behind The Scenes of the Nyacyonga Phase 2 Project



Written by;
Alice Mutesi,



In 2018, the Rotaract Club of Kigali City kickstarted the Nyacyonga Project to support students at the Nyacyonga Primary School, located in Jabana sector, Gasabo District. The first phase of the Nyacyonga Project was in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Nairobi Parklands, aimed at improving literacy at the school by providing scholastic materials to the students, painting blackboards, tree planting to create a friendly environment for the students to excel in their studies, as well as donating sanitary towels and sensitising students on menstrual and general hygiene.

The second phase happened to be the missing piece of the puzzle when the Rotaract Club of Kigali City, in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Kibuli-Kampala supported the school to curb the water shortage that was affecting the students' hygiene practices. The 10,000-litre water tank for safe drinking water, dustbins, portable handwashing sinks, and sensitisation on general hygiene were the magic that saw this into reality. But to say this was a one-man's success would be underestimating the energy and motivation of Rotaractors exhibit when they put their hands onto something.

A lot of activities had to be considered if we were to meet more needs of these children at the Primary School, implying that we also had a super high budget. At some point I thought this was just too much for our dear club members. So there and then we decided to split the project into phases where we made 3 phases so it could match with our capacity instead of giving up on the students of Nyacyonga Primary School.

I used to see Rotaractors run up and down throughout different projects and it looked cool and very helpful of them. During phase 1 of the project, my main contribution was ideas. I thought that was the coolest until I was nominated as the Community Service Director and by default, the coordinator of this year's phase! Oh Boy, it was the scariest feeling ever! But with my able Assistant, Rtr. Rogers Nsubuga, we pulled it off!

The project was slated for 2nd November 2019 and preparations started right away in August with the able organising team. Teamwork was at it's best as some members took up drafting the required documents and others volunteered to distribute letters requesting for sponsorship to respective recipients. All that remained was to follow up on these potential sponsors and then sit back and cross fingers for positive feedback.

Though some sponsors that were contacted confirmed their support for future projects, a few of them supported our Nyacyonga Phase 2. And to Bank of Kigali, Unimoni, the Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Kigali as well as our partners, the Rotaract Club of Kibuli with other clubs from Uganda, we are grateful.

A Few Lessons to Share With You!

Lesson 1: Start planning early.

Lesson 2: Master your crisis management skills.

Lesson 3. Pick your team wisely.

They are the core of any project's success.

Without the people that attended other club's fellowships, the fundraiser organisers, those who kept brilliant ideas coming, this project was about to be disaster! Kudos to everyone that came through for the Nyacyonga Phase 2 Project.

The writer of this article is also the Community Service Director for the Rotaract Club of Kigali City (2019-2020)

Expanding our boundaries to strengthen the Rotary New Generations



Written By;
Roger Gasore
(Past President, RCKC & Paul Harris
Fellow)

When an opportunity comes knocking, you can only open for it to enter. The same happened when the opportunity to start an Interact club in Nyanza TVET showed up.

On the 1st November 2019, we were up on a mission, heading to Nyanza and in our company, were Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kigali Virunga; President Jenipher, Vice President, Peter King Oloo and Youth Director, Rtn. Amb. Adamu Onoze Shuiabu and Rotaractors. We were all excited for this first official visit and the students we were going to meet. After a warm reception, the Emcee of the day, Rotarian Peter King Olo took us through the formalities and then we got to work. The provisional Interact Club was named, club leaders were voted for, and prospective charter members' names registered.

For us, a new Interact or Rotaract Club implies growth of the Rotary family in Rwanda. It means we are mentoring and raising more professional leaders and equipping them with the skills they need to inspire positive change in the world and for that we are proud.

Through Interact Clubs, high school students connect with school, community and world leaders from whom they draw an inspiration to make an impact in their school, discover new cultures and promote international understanding, and nurture their leadership and professional skills as they prepare for eventual Rotaract membership. During the visit, we sensitised students and the administration about Rotary, Rotaract and Interact. In an interactive session, both students and the Acting Head Teacher were equally excited to have an Interact Club in the school.



About Interact

Interact is a Service club for youth ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities and learning about the world.

When Rotarians and Rotaractors play an active role in the life of the Interact clubs they sponsor, they help Interactors develop leadership skills, build connections in the community, and become part of Rotary's family.

Inside the Rotaract Club of African Leadership University (ALU)'s Book of Life



The journey of the Rotaract Club of African Leadership University (ALU) started on one fine Saturday after RCKC's 2019 Board Training. We were then privileged to have Rtn. Geoffrey Rugege, a Professor and Vice Chancellor at the University during our board training.

During the lunch break, what was merely a conversation between our Past President & currently Vocational Service Director, Faridah Kamwesiga, with the Rotarian became a rendezvous to go and speak to the university students about Rotaract.

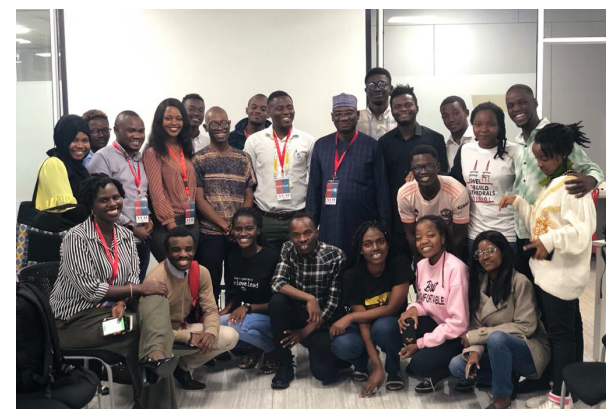
1st Meeting

With Rtn. Geoffrey's assistance, we had our first meeting with the prospective Rotaractors at the African Leadership University on September 19, 2019. It was a big one for a first meeting, we had a number of Rotaractors and Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga, our mother club.

During the meeting, we introduced Rotaract to the students, talked about the goals of Rotaract and the benefits they would later reap from being part of the club. We also went through what it would take them to sustain the club, how to attract membership, and how to groom their own members to reflect the values of Rotaract.

2nd Meeting.

On September 26, 2019, we held our second meeting with the prospective Rotaractors. During this meeting, we selected the board members and generated the list of students interested to join the club.



The Rotaract Club of ALU was chartered on the 24/09/2019 under the leadership of Charter President, Jeremiah Thoronka. It currently boasts of 50 members who are passionate about Rotaract and service to the community.

The Club meets every Tuesday, 7pm - 8pm at the University Premises. The University of ALU is located at Kigali Heights, 4th Floor.

THE COWBOY HANGOUT



Written By:
Rtr. Vivian Kabanyana



It was a bright sunny day! A smooth ride from the start to the end! Scratch that. We were to meet at 10 am at PopConn but you know what they say about African time, right?

Well, it's a term that I hate but one that keeps manifesting itself somehow. Anyhow, some human beings arrived late and by some, I mean like almost all! Frustration of waiting for one more person and making sure we don't leave one soul behind was almost draining the excitement for the day. I haven't started on the arrival at Fazenda and peeps aren't decided on whether they'll do horse riding, zip lining, archery or bungee! But then registration happened, and all was done and settled!

That's when I realized that they had pulled off the cowboy dress code; in their professional opinion! The ladies rocked the belly bottom and others made the day even more colorful with hats and boots; debatable if that's cowboy attire too, but who cares?! We're not from Texas after-all. Duh!

The activities begun from the Ziplining section. We had a group of the 'we-know-it-all-done-it-before' show offs who were just having a great time; these are the ones who would try some fancy poses mid-air for the photos; they literally let go of the rope just for the picture!

Then we had the first timers who are brave and ready to do this; no fear really, just something they'd never done before. Excitement and a yearn for adventure written all over their faces. And of-course the we had the first timers who were scared for their life; these kept pushing each other to go first. For them it was a challenge to self like Kipchoge. Ok, maybe not exactly but you know what I mean. The next activity was horse riding or is it horse trolling? You basically sit on a horse and it walks as they hold the rope for you. No major excitement here, just for the pics really! :)

Then Archery, a few guys who thought they're better than others chose to do this. Guys who stayed back just to ask if they can group themselves to do this because horse walking is too boring for their fired-up hormones.

This activity is actually fun, you aim and shoot. Sounds easy but not really. You must stand in a certain position, with your back straight and your legs apart, close one eye, aim and shoot and you keep trying to see if you do it better! I know who to have in my corner for protection. For some, I left assured they'd end up shooting me instead of the one aimed for. Smh!

The writer of this article is also the Assistant Club Service Director for the Rotaract Club of Kigali City, (2019-2020)

OUR VISIT TO THE JORDAN FOUNDATION CENTRE

On November 10, 2019, a few of us visited the Jordan Foundation Centre, a home to visually impaired children between the ages of 3-9 since 2015 identified from poor families in Rwanda. The Visit was in part a joint project with the Rotaract Club of K.C. College (Churchgate, Mumbai) RID 3141, India, "Happiness Hour". The Project required various Rotaract Clubs to celebrate an hour of happiness with less fortunate children.

Jordan Foundation was founded after the founder, Vanessa Bahati gave birth to a blind baby (Jordan) with a purpose of extending support to other blind and visually impaired children from poor families. The Centre is home to over 52 children with visual impairments below 9 years. We managed to meet 10 children (below 6) before they could return to their homes. At the centre, the children are offered a safe place to live and given access to medical care and eye treatment, and other health service such as counselling, physiotherapy, and nutrition.

The centre faces challenges like insufficient nutrition, high medical costs, and school fees and scholastic materials to support their school. The Rotaract Club of Kigali City will continue supporting the centre through advocacy and regular visits to the children.



THE ROTARACT EARTH INITIATIVE

REI is an acronym for Rotaract Earth Initiative, a by Rotaract Uganda (District 9211)'s annual project implemented in different regions.

In this Rotary year, on September 28, 2019, the project brought together different clubs from both within and out of Uganda to participate in the project's main activities; Tree Planting in Kalinzu Forest, Seedling Distribution, and Menstrual Hygiene Training at Kampala International University (KIU).

RCKC was privileged to have our International Service Director, Halima Mohamed Abdulrahman represent at the massive project.

I had a chance to represent the club and to interact with other Rotaractors as I participated in their annual project. The icing on the cake was the matching band that kick started our day. the band led us to the point where we took the bus to the Project Venue"

Rtr. Halima Mohamed Abdulrahman





Cliff Mbuya
Birthday: 03/02 | Inducted:

Profession: Accountant with PWC Rwanda

(Previously, Private Sector Assurance, People and Change Project Consultant and Finance Analyst).

I am a Kenyan national currently living and working in Kigali. I work with PwC Rwanda, offering Government and Public Sector Assurance services.

I joined Rotaract club through the Rotaract Club of Kigali City in January 2019 through recommendations by a colleague. My first attended fellowship was intentionally to familiarize myself with fellow Rotaractors and understand how the club works including their mission and core values.

I was challenged by the time I was attending the second fellowship when I learnt about how Rotaract thrives on strong values of **Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity** and **Leadership**, all of which match with my personal values and aspirations. This has since been my motivation to participate and contribute to Rotaract's activities through Rotaract Club of Kigali City as well as collaborations across different clubs all over the region.

My experience so far has been stupendous as I have been part of projects that have made the society a better place and to me this is total satisfaction in my heart that through Rotaract we are living the club slogan "Service above Self".



Umutesi Kellen
Birthday: 31/12

Inducted on;
Profession: Marketing

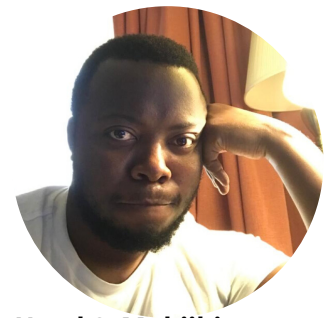
Cool, and sometimes funny.

Hobbies: I love making new friends, Traveling, food and watching soccer, and Sleeping, (especially when it's raining). I spend my time with family and friends, Rotaract activities & fellowships. I spend my money on clothes. I love helping people in need. My nightmare is seeing someone in need of help and I am not able to help them. I dread seeing someone hungry and they can't afford a meal.

How I joined Rotaract: I was invited by Past President, Faridah Kamwesiga, who invited me. I never liked it then, but later, I saw different friends updating their social media statuses about the "Cancer Run". When I asked, I realized they were all Rotaractors. I started reading about it so I could learn more about it. I really liked it.

My highlights

- Opportunities to be involved with community and international projects.
- Teaming up with other volunteers to make difference.
- Contributing to the world without expecting to be refunded.



Hood S. Mukiibi
Birthday: 11/09

Inducted on: 29/09/2019

Profession: Engineer

Hobbies: Video Gaming, Reading, Scrap-booking, Listening to Music.

How I joined Rotaract: I am not necessarily new to Rotaract. I was an active member of my high school Interact Club. I always heard contrasting stories about what Rotaract was all about. When I moved to Kigali, a friend of mine from high school Younis Sebagala (Rotaract Club of Kampala North) once invited me to a Rotaract fellowship in Rwanda but wasn't able to attend. Little did I know the fellowship he was inviting me to was for RCKC! I later got to learn that another colleague of mine Clovis Wanziguya was a member of Rotaract Club of Kigali City who also invited me to a fellowship and from then on, as they say, the rest is history.

Why I joined Rotaract: I joined rotaract because we often don't realize the privileged positions we are in and what sort of impact we can do collectively. Now the word privileged positions here is a placeholder for so many things that I won't go into details now. DM me for that 😊😊.

My Highlights: Getting to meet new people who care about a common cause. One that stands out is the commitment in making the Nyaconga Project Phase Two a success. Sadly, I was out of the country at the time and couldn't attend.



Tumwine Edgar Bitarabe
Birthday: 09/05 | Inducted

Profession: IT Security

How I Joined: I was a member of the Interact Club back in High School. When I heard of Rotaract gatherings in Kigali, I started visiting the different clubs and eventually decided to settle with RCKC.

Why I Joined: To give back to the community through service above self, as I get connected to friends from different walks of life in different capacities. Connections are important.

Highlight: Sharing a table with the Nigerian Ambassador to Rwanda, Rtn. Adam. I am truly inspired by his passion for Rotary and his humility.



Vivian Kabanyana
Birthday: 07/05 | Inducted: 22/06/2019

Profession: Accountant

Hobbies: Reading, Adventure, Hanging out with friends.

How I joined Rotaract: I was invited by Rtr Allen xx and Anthony Muragu.

Why I joined: To be able to impact community through projects. Networking platform.

Highlight: Visit to children living with HIV in Bunyonyi (Uganda). The joy and smiles they had on their faces when we sat with them were uplifting. There is more to life than we usually make it. It's the little moments that make a whole difference. And sometimes what people need is someone to see them and show that they care. At that moment they were just children.



Joseph Wanjohi Mwangi
Birthday: 29/05

Profession Accountant,

Hobbies: Reading and exercising.

How I Joined Rotaract: A friend at work invited me to give it a shot in an unrefusable manner.

Why you joined: For fun, I guess. And 'plots'. Like that Nyacyonga gig.

Highlights: At Nyacyonga Phase 2, I met small kid called Patriq (**Take note of the accent by the way**), who we got close after he tried teaching me a Kinyarwanda traditional dance move...i still pull the move, in memory of the small lad.



Clovis Wanziguya
Birthday: 12/07

Inducted on: 06/06/2019

Profession: Educator / Software developer

Hobbies: Football

How I joined Rotaract: I got invited by one of my friends, Rtr. Alice Mutesi.

Why I joined: Aspiration to give back to society.

Highlights: Nyaconga Phase 2 Project



Nicole Mutimukeye
Birthday: 11/08 | Inducted on: 29/11/2019

Profession: Communications.

Hobbies: Travelling and Charity Work.

How I Joined: I was invited by a friend. Rtr. Kellen Umutesi to one of RCKC's gatherings.

Why I Joined: I liked their happy and positive energy as well as their projects so decided to become a member. I wanted to join a team willing to help people in need, have a network of young hard workers and mainly be part of Peace Project team (upcoming Project in February).

Highlights: My Induction, Nyacyonga Phase 2 Project, and the happy dollar time when everyone finds something or someone to be grateful for.



Gabiro Norman
Birthday: 09/09 | inducted: 02/11/2019

Profession: Businessman

Hobbies: Sports (Workouts, Running, Cycling, Swimming); Music, Travelling, Volunteer Work, Interacting with friends, and spending time with computers.

How I Joined RCKC: I joined Rotaract after Vivian told me about it. I had always heard about Rotary but this time she gave me the details about the club and I was very interested.

Why i joined; I always love being part of a positive change in the community. So when i got to know about what exactly Rotaract does, I had only one option, joining.

My Highlight: Nyacyonga Phase 2 Project



Name: Gichuru Wachira
Birthday: 25/08

Inducted: 10/2019

Profession: Accountant

Hobbies: Swimming, watching movies, reading books.

How I Joined RCKC: I was invited by Rtr. Vivian Kabanyan and Rtr. Antoine Muragu.

Why I Joined: To make a difference in the community around me.

My Highlights:

Nyaconga phase 1, Networking with different people.



Name: Manzi Ceasar
Birthday: 12/06

Inducted: 14/12/2019

Profession: HR Consultant

Hobbies: Playing Cricket

How I Joined RCKC: I was invited by Past President Faridah Kamwesiga.

Why I Joined: I was compelled by the the common cause of doing good and helping the needy that Rotaract stands for.

My Highlight: The RCKC End of Year Party (Looking forward to new favorite moments though).



Name: Dickson Murage
Birthday: 18/08

Inducted: July Installation

Profession: Finance

Hobbies: Reading, Swimming, Mentoring teenagers, Ardent Formula 1 fan.

How I Joined RCKC: I was invited by a colleague, Rtr. Meshack Amwata, *aka* Sunshine and since then, I've never looked back.

Why I Joined: Nyacyonga Project Phase 2.

My Highlight: My Induction at the Lake Muhazi installation.



Patrick Tindyebwa
Birthday: 27/07

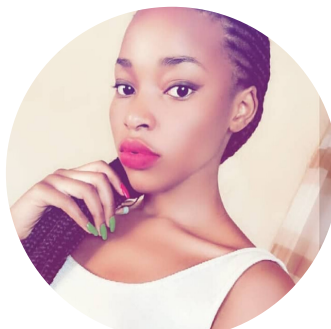
Inducted:

Profession: Architecture (Worked on Projects in Uganda, Kenya & Rwanda).

Personal Values: Reliable, Competent, enthusiastic, Go-getter with work, Team Player & organised.

Hobbies: Camping, Travelling, Playing board games, Table Tennis, VolleyBall, Music, Movies.

How I Joined RCKC: I was invited by Rtr. Michael and Rogers (RCKC).



Uwase Natasha
Birthday: 28/10

Inducted: 09/2019

Hobbies: Dancing, Movies, Writing.

How I Joined RCKC:

I was invited by Rtr. Denyse xxx

Why I Joined Rotaract:

I joined Rotaract because I love doing acts of kindness for others.

My Highlights: RCKC 8th

Installation at Lake Muhazi and Nyacyonga Phase 2.



Ganza Kanamugire Bertin
Birthday: 27/10

Profession: Marketing & event management; Peace building.

Hobbies: Travelling & Reading

How I Joined RCKC: I was advised by Rtn. Jolly Mazimpaka & Rtn. Damien Mouzoun because of my engagement in community development work through Afflatus Africa. I connected with Rtr Elie Nshimiyimana who invited me to my first fellowship. I never looked back.

Why I joined: Connecting with people with the same passion & vision of giving back.

My Highlights: : The day RCKC recognized two Rotarians including Rtn. Amb. Adam for their support towards Nyacyonga projects and the Cacawette gift exchange (*aka* Secret Santa).

What Is Your Leadership Super Power?



There is no mystery in leadership. It's not rocket science. Everything about it can be defined and redefined. So, in this piece, I will give my version.

And just like the common saying that goes, 'a leader is made, not born', there is no perfect 'one-size-fits-all' description of who a leader should be.

Every one of us possesses at least a few unique qualities that make them stand out as a leader.

Think about the great leaders you admire, and think about what really makes them stand out (*Of-course something other than the title or position they hold*).

What makes them tick? And what actually inspires you about them? What is it about them that gets you to contribute to the success of their vision? What keeps drawing you to their personality? And what are you doing about it, adapting it or simply admiring and going on with your life? Before I continue, I will pause here for a second and remind you that any of these traits that you just thought of is their super power. We all have at least one, but that's not the best part.

The best part is in passing on that super power to another leader so they too can pass it on to another. That way, the cycle goes on through generations.

And the other best part is in creating a brand of that super power and nurturing it by empowering our teams with the same, instilling a culture that allows them too, to pass it on to the next team in another generation

If we all commit to do this, the implication is a multiplier effect. Even long after we are gone, there will be something for the people we leave behind, the legacy that we created, along with the impact it created.

A hundred years from now, what will really matter is not how much you have accomplished as a leader, rather the people you connected with in such a way that you added value and meaning to their lives.

What will matter is that you passed the final test of any leader - to leave behind that same power with which you do things successfully.

That way, you will have left behind a pair of wings for each of the people in your team to fly on their own. And fly they will, even long after you are gone. Because you didn't just 'give them fish'. Instead, you took your time to teach each one of them how to fish on their own and how to influence others to do the same. And that my friend, is my current and best definition of Leadership (so far). If it ever changes, I will let you know.

Leadership is not about being the best. It is about making others a better version of themselves as a result of your presence and making sure that the impact lasts even in your absence

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Message From RCKV



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Rotary in Rwanda

Currently, there are 6
Rotary Clubs in
Rwanda.

- RC Kigali -Virunga.
- RC Kigali-Gasabo
- RC Kigali-Doyen.
- RC Mont-Jali.
- RC Musanze.
- and RC Huye.

Dear Rotary Family,

We have had a very exciting year with lots of connections between our clubs.

We have seen all Rotaract club presidents installed on time and kick off with very ambitious projects and energy to serve humanity.

We have opened bank accounts for all Rotaract clubs to better manage their finances.

The Rotaract club of Kigali city recently implemented the Nyacyonga Phase two project which was very successful when a water tank, dust bins and sanitary towels were donated to nyacyonga primary school. They have had very exciting guest speakers during fellowships and this has attracted new members into the club.

Special thanks to the Youth Director Amb Shuaibu Adam Onoze who has worked tirelessly to support our youth in the various clubs by being there to support whenever called upon.

We have had members from RCKV being actively involved in Rotaract fellowships and activities like say Our Executive Director Rtn Geoffrey Rugege, VP Peter King Oloo and Rtn Vishwadeep Chaliha.

As we end the first Semester of our term, it's my prayer and hope that we keep this relationship and energy up until the end of the rotary year.

A lot has been achieved in all areas of rotary focus and the same momentum Should be maintained as we connect the world through service above self.

About the Rotary Club of Kigali Virunga

The Rotary Club of Kigali -Virunga, chartered in 2000, is one of the longest serving Rotary clubs in Rwanda. It is also the only English speaking Rotary Club in Rwanda and the founders of Rwanda's First Public Library, the Kigali Public Library. The Club meets every Wednesday 7pm, at Iwawe Hotel, Kacyiru.

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PROJECTS COMING UP!

'I am For Peace' Project - February 22, 2020

February 22, 2020: Our first multi-district project dubbed "I am For Peace", the Rotaract club of Kigali City, in Rwanda (Rotary District 9150) is almost here! In partnership with the Rotaract Club of Kampala North, in Uganda (Rotary District 9211) and the Rotaract Club of Nairobi Parklands, in Kenya (Rotary District 9212), we will create awareness on peace in communities and how the youth can contribute to a peaceful community. The Project will be implemented in Gashora Transit Centre which is currently hosting 306 refugees from Libya.

Spelling Bee 2020 - May 2020

May, 2020: Our annual Spelling Bee Project is coming back!

Since 2016, the Rotaract Club of Kigali City has been engaged in activities of improving high school students' Literacy skills through spelling competitions. Spelling improves the students' reading and comprehension abilities.

Our winner last year, Mugisha Abdul Kharim hails from Riviera High School.

We hope to see more schools participating in this project and more students benefiting from it in 2020.

RYLA RWANDA 2020 - March 14 - 15, 2020

RYLA is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It's a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs for Rotaractors around the globe.

Since 2014, RYLA Rwanda has been organised for Rotaractors in Rwanda to nurture their leadership skills. Different clubs

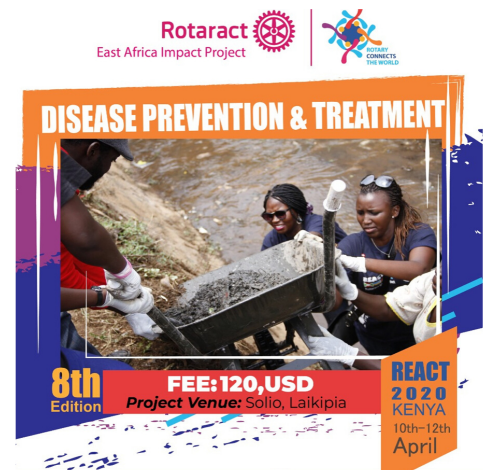
Benefits of RYLA to Rotaractors.

Connect with fellow leaders to;

- Build communication and problem-solving skills.
- Discover strategies for becoming dynamic leaders.
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors.
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action.
- Have fun and form lasting friendships.

REACT 2020 - May 2020

REACT is an acronym for Rotaract East Africa to Create Impact. REACT is an annual project that brings together Rotaract clubs from Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.



The project is a campaign aimed at alleviating household problems like diseases, food security by focusing on communities that are most affected and initiating sustainable solutions.

Every year, project is implemented in one of these countries on a rotational basis and REACT 2020 will take place in Nanyuki, Kenya. **(Details on flyer. Also, follow #REACT2020 on social media).**

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NOTE FROM THE PR DIRECTORATE



Once again, as the PR team we are extremely humbled by the support we have been receiving from all of you in the journey of positioning the RCKC brand.

A business mogul once told me that the word of a sales person is as good as the smile they wear. Our smile as RCKC is our core values enshrined in the 4 way test. Our smile is in the deep friendships we have formed over the years, the commitment for youth empowerment and societal change. This smile is a story worth telling for many generations after us. Thus, the need to call on each and every one of us to be great champions and RCKC brand ambassadors.

Let us take time to tell our neighbors of the exploits RCKC is doing. DON'T shy away from tweeting or sharing that awesome moment you had on Friday during fellowship or IG that project coming up!

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