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of things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
4. Will it be BENEFICIARY to all concerned?

PURPOSE AND GOALS OF ROTARACT

The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

The Goals of Rotaract:

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

Message from the **Editor's Desk**



It is another month of the year and another opportunity to continue make positive changes to ourselves and our community. I must say I was overwhelmed by the grand acceptance the last edition of this publication got, especially with loads of positive comments, though it was a very tough task pulling that off. And so, I cannot go forward without appreciating the ever-committed and selfless members of the editorial committee and everyone who in one way or the other contributed to the success of the last publication.

The month started off with the grand celebration of the change in leadership from the Opportunities to the Changemakers. It was indeed an evergreen event that will linger in our memories for a long time to come. As we know, August is specifically for membership growth and development in our different clubs and clubs are definitely rising up to the challenge to make it happen. Zones aren't left out as well. And most importantly, the District in its own way has challenged all clubs in making membership development their watch word this period.

We are hopeful and optimistic for the best of all Rotaractors, Rotarians and friends as we continue making our different clubs strong and render selfless services to our various communities.

Please take out time to read and digest each column and find inspiration in them.

Remember, there is always an opportunity to change lives while also making a difference.

**Tiamiyu Adetayo
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DISTRICT ROTARACT REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



Tick-tock the time says it is a new month. Welcome to the second month of Rotary Calendar. The month of August is designated to the development of Rotary family.

Rotary itself can never keep its place unless it is constantly growing; so also each individual clubs can not afford to stand still.

Dear Changemakers, permit me to remind you the desire of The Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta to grow Rotary and has encouraged everyone to key into his vision through each one, bring one.

Rotaract Clubs are encouraged to develop membership by adopting strategic approach to get more new members and also retain the existing members. At District level, there shall be activities geared towards membership. Updates shall be circulated through the District membership Development Committee at the appropriate time and I want to encourage all Rotaract members/clubs to partner with the District.

In the bid to improve on membership data, the District Administration is working towards updating the District website to have a section for membership data where all club presidents shall have access to add newly inducted members to their respective clubs' database or remove members that bow out from club. The presidents will have access code which will be transferable to the successor and I am so optimistic that this idea will gradually phase out the rigorous process of District requesting members data every year since all that is required is just for the president to handover the access code to the successor. I urge you all to show cooperation with our District webmaster as we work on improving our membership records.

The first month of Rotary year was a fulfilled and eventful month for the District. The District encouraged Rotaract

members to commemorate the first day of the year by donating as little as 2Dollars each to The Rotary Foundation. The exercise that yielded amassing an excellent donations. Also, in the same month, the District established a juicy partnership with various organizations and businesses for The Rotary Foundation; we launched The Foundation box at Excellence Hotel, Ogbia and we shall launch the rest as soon as we finalize the rest the deals.

As part of activities for The Green projects, on Saturday 31st July, 2021 there was also tree planting exercise at African Church Grammar School, Ita Eko, Abeokuta. A joint exercise with Rotaract Club of Abeokuta and Omole-Golden. I want to appreciate these two Clubs for partnering with the District.

As I conclude this address note, let me officially invite you all to the anticipated epoch making event where yours truly will be installed as the 38th District Rotaract Representative of Rotary International District 9110 tagged: **EVERGREEN**. The event is holding at Lagos Airport Hotel, Ikeja and colour of the day is Emerald Green (Monochrome), I look forward to your support and presence. It is going to be forever green.

The new wave COVID-19 has been confirmed; we can stop the spread and protect our friends by adhering to the Government directives.

Kindly stay safe!

Happy new month of August!

Cordially yours,

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am

very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you grow more, you will be able to do more. Let us keep empowering girls through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education – there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to Serve to Change Lives.

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we Serve to Change Lives, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

It is a common saying that 'Time waits for no one'. In my New Year message around this time last month, I said, "We kill time. We save time. We rob and get robbed of time, we lose time, and we have all the time in the world. But no one is powerful enough to stop the march of time or slow it down, hence we say, 'how time flies.'" If we deconstruct this statement, it simply means we can not afford to play with time.

May I therefore request we make the best use of the moment as time waits for no one.

On this note, I welcome you to August, the 2nd month of our Change Maker Year. I am happy to address you again in keeping with my promise of bringing you up to speed and giving insights into what you should expect – both at international as well as local levels of Rotary in our world of service to humanity.

The year began on July 1 with special and well attended prayer session led by the Chief Missioner (CM) of Nasrul-lahili Fathi Society of Nigeria (NASFAT), Engr Morufu Onike Abdul-Azeez. The CM who was once a Rotarian shared his experience of Rotary and its ideals. He commended the foresight of the founding fathers of Rotary and juxtaposed it with the Islamic position on acts of Charity. He prayed for the Change Maker District Governor, Rotarians of the District and the nation at large.

Our highly revered PDG Tunji Funsho who was in attendance at the session gave a goodwill message and pledged his support and that of the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee for a successful 2021-22 Rotary Year.

A full page sponsored congratulatory colour advertisement by some Rotarian friends of the Change Maker Governor was published on page



15 of The Punch newspaper's edition on July 1, 2021. Apart from celebrating the District Governor, the advert was also a public image tool for Rotary. It is evident that the advertisement achieved its objective because of the enquiries that we received.

A tour of The Rotary Centre was conducted and guided by the Transition Committee Chairman, PAG Lanre Kasim of RC Gbagada. This was followed closely by the meeting of the District Staff and the District Executive Committee

DG message contd.

(the DG's Core Team).

My first official assignment was on 2nd July, 2021 when I attended the investiture ceremony of Babawale Agbeyangi, the Change Maker President of the Rotary Club of Lagos. The next day on 3rd July, 2021 it was my installation as the Change Maker District Governor of our District. It was a colourful ceremony that was brilliantly packaged by the Installation Committee Chaired by PAG Henry Akinyele of RC of Maryland, Ikeja.

The installation ceremony was witnessed by the Governor of Oyo State who was represented by the Deputy Chief of Staff. It was a well-attended event by Rotary leaders led by Past Rotary International Vice President and Director, PDG Yinka Babalola; other District Governors from the three districts in Nigeria, the Doyen of Past District Governors in Nigeria, PDG Juli Adelusi-Adeluyi, Past District Governors and their spouses.

The Royal Fathers of the Day were led by the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo, Okukenu IV. Others included the Oba of Ojodu and the Elegushi of Ikateland who was represented by a Prince from the palace. Also in attendance were captains of industry, family, friends, well-wishers and the media. The Chairman of the installation ceremony was Asiwaju Solomon Kayode Onafowokan, OON while Chief (Mrs) Nike Akande, CON was the Mother of the Day.

The District team has since settled down to work with the commencement of the statutory District Governor's visits to clubs. As at the end of July, I have visited 16 clubs: RC Ikeja, RC Lagos, RC Ikeja South, RC New Magboro, RC Maryland, RC Gbagada, RC Falomo, RC Mushin Metro, RC Ojodu, RC Ikoyi, RC Ikoyi Metro, RC Agege, RC Ogba, RC Gbagada South, RC Ikeja-Alausa and RC Igbe Midland.

The visits have been quite successful as clubs are living up to expectation. DEWEF received a big boost during the visits and the amount raised so far is N17,250,000. It may be necessary I mention that an individual donation of N2.0m by PDG Niji Raji and his wife in the name of LARAADE Foundation is included the amount stated above.

Clubs have also been generous with their support for RYLA during the visits and this is quite commendable. Out of a target of 1,500 participants, commitments have been received from various clubs for

574 RYLARIANS so far. I thank you all.

As you may be aware, August is 'Membership and New Club Development Month'. RI President, Shekhar Mehta, has charged us to DO MORE AND GROW MORE. We are required to do more of projects, do more of community engagements, do more of collaborations, do more of partnerships, do more of public image and, more importantly, GROW MORE in MEMBERSHIP. The summation of this charge is what has resulted in the name given to the year as CHANGE MAKER Year. We are to be the change we want and the change we want is to increase membership.

At the heart of our change making efforts is our goal to grow membership by 1,600 by chartering 36 new clubs and increase efforts in attraction and engagement.

Clubs that are able to induct a MINIMUM of TEN (10) MEMBERS or CHARTER at least ONE (1) ROTARY CLUB, ONE (1) ROTARACT CLUB AND ONE (1) INTERACT CLUB in the month of August will be given a Special Recognition and Award by September 2021. Names of the ten (10) inductees must reach the District office on or before 31st August, 2021 while the document for the New Rotary Club Application must be submitted to Rotary International on or before 31st August, 2021.

I am pleased to report the formation and charter of the Rotary Club of Alakuko while application for Rotary Club of Ajao Estate is awaiting charter any moment from now. In line with the District's Strategic Plan, a club with 100 or more members is a Mega Club.

Clubs are enjoined to explore new membership models to expand the range of potential members. Junior membership is for Rotaractors and people below the age of 30. This will encourage age diversity. Family membership is for spouses and children of regular members. Corporate membership targets corporate organisations having Rotary Clubs mainly for employees within their organisations.

I regret to inform you that seven of our clubs were terminated by Rotary International during the month for failure to pay dues after a long grace period. Members of the terminated clubs have been advised and encouraged to join other clubs.

The DG was invited by the Lagos

State Government for the tree planting exercise for the year 2021 which took place on July 14 at Muri Okunola Park, Victoria Island. The DG was represented by PAG Kayode Odebode at the event.

To underscore the importance of training, remedial PETS and DTA were organised for the second time for about 12 formed clubs that were formed towards the end of the last Rotary year. The trainings were held on the 15th and 22nd July, 2021. The Public Image Seminar and Grant Management Seminar were also held during the month.

In preparation for the proposed visit of Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta, to Nigeria between 1st and 7th September, 2021, a Presidential Reception Committee was set up and inaugurated on the 23rd July, 2021 under the Chairmanship of RRFC Deinde Shoga and PDG Jide Akeredolu as his Vice Chair. The Committee has already started work.

In the spirit of the Muslim festival of Eid-el- Adha, the District organised an Eid-el-Kabir Feast for Rotarians. It was a well-attended event. We are in the process of renovating and outsourcing the management of J. B. Majiyagbe Guest House. We hope this will be concluded within the first quarter of the 2021-22 Rotary Year. The Restaurant at the District is being considered for upgrade to a standard that will be acceptable to Rotarians to encourage patronage.

The 3rd All Africa Rotary Zone 22 Institute 2021 will hold between 24th and 28th August, 2021 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Registration fee can only be paid after you must have registered online at www.rotaryinstitute2021-cm.org.

Arrangement has been concluded with UBA to accept payment in Naira for registration at the rate of 420.00 to USD. Registration assistance can be obtained at the District office and Nigerians do not require visa to enter Cameroon. Please come and enjoy the tourist attractions in Cameroon and network with Rotarians and other dignitaries from around the world.

Please permit me to use this medium to request that we fold our sleeves as we intend to Do More and Grow More for Rotary.

In August, we shall continue our quest to Serve to Change Lives. God bless you.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9110 HOSTS INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR AYODEJI SOBOWALE

- As He Becomes New District Rotaract Representative



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Rotaract members of Rotary International District 9110 on the 7th day of August 2021, organised an unforgettable investiture, fundraising and launch of service project for the District Rotaract Representative, Rotaractor Ayodeji Sobowale. The colourful event began with the Rotary grace and introduction of guests after which the formal investiture ceremony was held where Adeleji Windapo, the immediate past DRR passed on the mantle of leadership to Ayodeji Ezekiel Sobowale, a Past President of Rotaract Club of Omole-Golden. Filled with so much confidence, the new

DRR in his acceptance speech promised to steer Rotaract Clubs in the district to great heights. The fun-filled Saturday also saw the presentation of awards to eminent individuals for their support of youths in the society and Rotaract as a whole. Awardees included: Bamidele Onalaja; MD/C.E.O Revolution Plus Property Development Company, Funke Doris Salau (Phf); Senior Manager WEMABOD Estate Limited, Rotarian Isichei Osamgbi; Deputy Director/Head Public Relations (NIMASA), Goni Zakari; (EDF Officer, NIMASA) and Chris Alabi; MD/C.E.O Chrisgate International Limited,

Pastor Tola Jordan Adebiyi, Chairman The Ringfield Global Services, Otunba Adeshina Koiku; Chairman Chessington Montessori Schools, Philanthropist Princess Olanrewaju Osibote; Tolu Onalaja, Group Executive Director, Revolution Plus Property Development Guests at the





event included District Governor, Rotarian Remi Bello FCA, District Governor Elect, Rtn Omotunde Lawson, The first female District Rotaract Representative Juliet Ubaka Sobanjo, amongst others. The event

had a remarkable and evergreen closure with empowerment project; the District Governor Remi Bello, FCA presented a brand new grinding machine to a community woman.

involvement in the preparation of the requirements and their roles towards the club activities for the 'Serve To Change Lives' rotary Year. Each board member answered in their capacity and how they plan to successfully carry out what they have been delegated to do. Proposed budget and plans of the club was discussed extensively and recommendations and suggestions was made where necessary. Comments, suggestions and advice was dished out from dignitaries present, such as IPDR; Rtr. Ayodeji Windapo, President RC Gbagada South; Rtr. Uchenna Okwuego, ADRR Lagos Central; Rtr. Abdulazeez Adenekan, IPADR; Rtr. Afolabi A Abiola. They gave their opinions and suggested appropriately on various identified setbacks. They advised the board members on how best to have a successful rotary year.

The DRR advised the president to reach out to his predecessors for guidance and advice, he also urged club members to work cooperatively with the president and subsequently with the district towards achieving the goal of the club.

The President, Rtr. Edu Azeez thanked everyone for their advice and promised to work on those identified setbacks.

Distinguished personalities present included; Rtr. Ayodedi Sobowale (DRR, D9110), Rotarians; Rtn. Uchenna Okwuego (President, RC Gbagada South), Rtn. Sanni Biliamin (RC Gbagada South), Rtr. Raheem Rashidat (DS), Rtr. Adedeji Windapo (IPDR, D9110), Rtr. Isaac Ebunoluwa (DT.), Rtr. Taiwo Oladosu (DA.), Rtr. Susan Adefisayo (DDA.), Rtr. Ayomide J. Egbeolu (P. A to DRR), Rtr. Abdulazeez Adenekan (ADRR Lagos Central), Rtr. Afolabi A. Abiola (IPADR Lagos Central), Rtr. Akinlade Abdulwahab (IPDT), also present was Change Maker president of other clubs and league of past presidents.

The club was inundated with lots of love, as the club meeting had in attendance several other club members, Change Maker president, league of past presidents, guests and friends of Rotaract.

At exactly 6:30pm, the meeting was called to an end. The event couldn't have ended without entertainment and merry making, which was appreciated.

The DRR visit was undisputedly a success.



DRR VISITATION TO RAC GBAGADA SOUTH



The Rotaract club of Gbagada South, after which the main agenda was graced with a visit by the Change of the day was promptly and immediately dealt with. Required documents necessary to Representative (DRR.) Rtr. Ayodeji Sobowale. The meeting commenced at exactly Rtr. Edu Azeez and the document was provided by the Change Maker President.

The meeting commenced at exactly Rtr. Edu Azeez and the document was 4:20pm, with brief introduction of the district scrutinized and assessed critically. Club board members and board members of RAC board members were quizzed on their

"A Leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way"
- John C Maxwell



The District Governor Remi Bello, FCA (Right) and immediate Past District Rotaract Representative Adedeji Windapo (left) inducting Rotaract Ayodeji Sobowale (middle) as the 38th District Rotaract Representative District 9110. (From Right Back) PDRR Juliet Ubaka Sobanjo, PAG Saheed Rasheed, The District Governor Elect Omotunde Lawson and The District Governor Nominee Ifeyinwa Ejzie



Cross section of Rotary Leaders at the Investiture of 38th District Rotaract Representative Ayodeji Sobowale. (From Left) Immediate Past District Rotaract Representative Adedeji Windapo, Changemaker President Corona Ifeoma, The 38th District Rotaract Representative Ayodeji Sobowale, The District Governor Remi Bello, FCA, Assistant Governor Taiwo Sonubi, PAG Saheed Rasheed, President of Rotary Club of Omole-Golden Favour Madu and Changemaker President Raheem



The empowerment project at the Investiture of The 38th District Rotaract Representative. Presentation of grinding machine to empower community people. (Right to Left) The District Governor Remi Bello, FCA, The Beneficiary of the empowerment and the District Rotaract Representative Ayodeji Sobowale during the presentation of the grinding machine



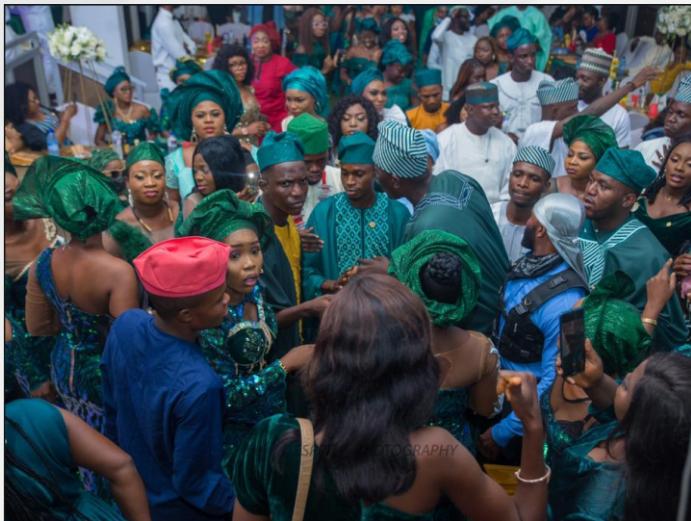
The 38th District Rotaract Representative with Council of Past District Rotaract Representatives at the investiture. (From Left to Right). PDRR Muyiwa Fadairo, PDRR Abayomi Shobowale, PDRR Constance Jaiyeola, PDRR Tunde Ojo, IPDRR Adedeji Windapo, PDRR Juliet Ubaka Sobanjo, PDRR Seun Bangbose, PDRR Muftau Adelotan and DRR Ayodeji Sobowale (middle).



Cross section of Rotary leaders and Dignitaries (from left to Right) Rtn Kamal Opoola, PDRR Constance Jaiyeola, Rotary District Secretary Ehi Braimah, Rtn Adedayo Akinbobola, DGN Ifeyinwa Ejzie, DGE Motunde Lawson, IPDRR Adedeji Windapo, DRR Ayodeji Sobowale (middle) District Governor Remi Bello, Yeye Folashade Koiku, Princess Osibote, PDR Juliet Ubaka Sobanjo, PAG Busola Satyui, PDG Deinde Shoga, Matron Funke Salau



The 38th District Rotaract Representative Ayodeji Sobowale with Changemaker Presidents of Clubs across Lagos and Ogun State



The grand entry of the 38th District Rotaract Representative in person of Ayodeji Ezekiel Sobowale at Oranmiyan Hall, Lagos Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.



Awardee: Rtn Princess Olanrewaju Osibote



2021-22 Matron of Rotaract District 9110 Rtn Funke Salau



Awardee: Rtn Goni Zakari



Awardee: Rtn Isichei Osamgbi



Group Managing Director, Revolution Plus Properties Bamidele Onalaja

DRR VISITATION TO RAC IKORODU GOLDEN

At exactly 5:09pm the District Rotaract Representative called the board meeting to order. And Rotary grace was taken.

The DRR welcome the board members to the meeting and urge us to see the visit as a way to chart a good course for the club and the District at large.

The DRR starts by introducing his board members present, likewise the president of Rac Ikorodu Golden introduce his board members present in no particular order.

The District Secretary in person of Rtr. Raheem Rasheedat read the criteria/documents that should be available before the visit. Afterwards questions were asked regards to the documents been submitted.

The DRR urge the members of the club to work on increasing the membership strength of the club and try to sustain old members for the betterment of the club.

Rtn. PP Tawa Ayeni the vice president of Rac Ikorodu Golden thank the DRR for the visit, and advice the club members to be up and doing in moving the club forward.

At exactly 6:49pm the DRR call the board meeting to a close.

Furthermore, the serve to change lives president Rtr. Ogunbanwo Damilola call the fellowship to order at exactly 7:10pm.

Introduction of guest and friends present followed.

The president called on Rtr. Akinlade Abdul-wahab to donate a song to light up the atmosphere, followed by Auction sales anchored by Rtr. PP Oladosu Taiwo.

The president called upon the DRR to give his remark, before that the District Secretary read the citation of the DRR. The DRR thank everyone for being at the meeting and he start with introduction of his board members present for the meeting.

He enjoined that club to continue donating to the Rotary foundation. And thank the members of the club for coming to the 38th Investiture ceremony.



DRR VISITATION TO RAC LEKKI PHASE I

At exactly 5:15 pm the District Rotaract Representative called the board meeting to order and Rotary grace was taken.

The DRR began with a roll call of the board members in attendance. He then proceeded to list the requirements that are to be presented during his visit.

The DRR introduced his board of directors and other members from his entourage. He went through our submitted documents, noting areas that were lacking and asking for improvements.

He gave ideas that we could

incorporate in-order to get new members such as carrying out more visible projects, more use of social media platforms and better time management.

Rtn Lucky stated he would work with board members to address all identified issues. Rtn Ifeoma, President of the Rotary Club of Lekki Phase 1, shared the importance of keeping to time and how it can be the first step to and shaping things up.

At exactly 6:15 pm the DRR called the board meeting to a close.

ARTICLE, POEMS AND INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

The existence of time was before time, scaling through centuries of war and mayhem. Unperturbed by the viciousness of men, constantly evolved through the precedence of men.

Heroes rose and formed an integral part of the narration. Tales of the bravery and ingenuity of the sages were told throughout generations, redefining the violence of men, trailblazing the path for inventions and innovations, orchestrated technology and industrialization.

A new wave of dynamism in the future unknown is a mesmerizing feeling, enthralled by the present realities.

It's almost unbelievable how resilient time is, impacted by the varied decisions of men, yet resolute in its resolve of a better time.

Strive to make an impact for the upcoming generations.

It's an untold duty, an obligation and a service to humanity

"Serve to Change Lives"

Oluwafemi Gbemileke
Rotaract Club of OOU



ROTARACT DISTRICT 9110 HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR FOR 2021

Membership extension and engagement is a key part of the plans of Rotary International and Rotaract District 9110 Nigeria this Rotary year. It has now become more important than ever that existing Members be engaged while also looking out to bring in more quality members into the family.

The month of August as designated by Rotary International for Membership development is a very important month in the calendar of Rotary and to celebrate that, Rotaract District 9110 Nigeria in partnership with 5 other Rotaract clubs (Rac Maryland, Rac Lagos, Rac Orile Iganmu, Rac Gbagada South and Rac Lagos Mainland) within the district, organized a one-day membership seminar to sensitize Rotaractors on how best they can better serve humanity through Rotary by being a better and well informed Rotaractor.

The Seminar which had 58 physical and 9 online attendees, was held on the 21st of August 2021 at the Bank PHB hall, Rotary center, Ikeja GRA Lagos. The theme of the event was Grow Rotaract, Grow Capacities and Grow Communities. The Event featured two seasoned guest speakers who were able to charge all attendees as required by their respective topic of discussion.



The first speaker, The immediate past District Rotaract Representative, *Rtr. IPDR Adedeji Adeoluwa Windapo phf spoke extensively on the topic "With Elevation comes a new Rotaract". This topic is of utmost importance as per the new status of Rotaract and it is very important that we start preparing ourselves for the responsibilities that will accomplish this status. He was able to highlight and explain in detail the policies that will take effect come July 1, 2022. He also charged everyone present on taking Rotaract



as a serious business. One which if done well with all sense of diligence and humility will not just benefit us as an individual but also the world at large.

The Changemaker president of The Rotary club of Mende Midtown, Rtn Raheem Adebisi phf, discussed with the attendees the "essence of Professional Branding" as the second topic for the day. This session deviated away from the usual Rotary/Rotaract discussion but it is also very necessary as Rotary is very much interested in professional development. He was able to explain what professional branding is and how it can positively affect the growth of our individual businesses. The session was really interesting as the guest speaker was able to

communicate and capture the total attention of the attendees.



The Seminar also witnessed the induction of two new Rotaractors into the family and into the Rotaract club of Otta.

Various gift items were given out to the attendees as souvenirs to appreciate them for attending. Umbrellas were given to the early birds, Pen, key holders, and Phone holders were also given to everyone in attendance. The souvenirs were courtesy of Revolution plus Group.

Certificates of attendance and partnership were issued to attendees and the club that partnered.

It was indeed a productive timeout as the attendees both online and physical were able to Learn, unlearn and relearn



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

BOARD MEETING OF THE DISTRICT TEAM HELD ON THE 20TH OF AUGUST 2021

Raheem Rashidat Abiola

The meeting was called to order at exactly 4.50pm by the board chair after which the Rotary Grace was taken by all present. 4way test was taken by Rtr. Aremo and the Purpose and Goals of Rotaract was taken by Rtr. Mufutau of Lasucom.

Attendance

In attendance were the the board chair Rtr. Ayodeji Sobowale, Rtr. Raheem Rashidat, DT, Rtr. Oladosu Taiwo, Rtr. Mujeeb membership director, Rtr. Aremo, Zonal Rep Miftaudeen, Rtr. Kunle Akinde, Rtr. Jessica, Rtr. Egbolu Ayomide.

The board chair appreciated all board members who were able to make it down to the meeting against all odds. He said the first board meeting was disrupted by heavy rainfall on the scheduled date and hence why the meeting didn't hold and that the reason for the meeting is for us to know what is happening in the district that as a board member, wherever we found ourselves, we should be able to give concise and factual information about the district programs as the DRR can't be everywhere and that the board meeting is an avenue to carry everyone along and rub minds together and he urged all boards present to attend the next meeting as he would love to see them and more other faces.

Matters Arising

District Updates;

The board chair appreciated everyone for the successful installation and that he has received so much credit as regards the installation and that he'll like to direct the accolades to the individual that chaired the program. He said before the installation, the District had a Tree planting exercise in Abeokuta Ogun State in collaboration with RAC Abeokuta and RAC Omole Golden. He added that it's not the normal tree planting as usual and that the existing trees in that environment were tagged for the learning of the students. Not less than 20 new trees were planted and the old trees were tagged with their botanical names and English names to enhance learning.

He said that's the first phase of the project as it is going to be in three phases. And for the phase 2, the chair person is yet to get feedback from the clubs involved and that once she does, we'll swing into action. The phase 3 is a waste wealth project and about 3 waste management companies have been contacted. He asked if all the board members

saw the July edition of the newsletter and that if anyone has any idea or observation, such person should feel free to say it as the August edition is in progress.

He said we'll be having membership seminar by tomorrow with the topic 'Grow Rotaract.....and he urged all board members to attend and that once the chairman is around, he'll give update as regards the program.

As regards DRR visit to clubs, the board chair said he has been able to visit six clubs, they are; RAC Omole Golden, RAC Ikoyi, RAC Amuwo main, RAC Gbagada South, RAC Ikorodu Golden and RAC Lekki Phase 1.

He said some club presidents messaged to tell him they are not on the itinerary and the reason for that isn't far fetched as they don't have president elects as at the time the itinerary was prepared and he told the DS and DA to keep the records of such clubs.

Installation Report

The board chair said it was a successful one but that we still have people who are yet to redeem their pledges, some has paid all while some paid half. He said letters have been sent to some of them and that by next month he'll intensify more effort by calling.

He said the Rotary International president will be visiting Nigeria from September 2nd to September 7th and our district will be the first point of visit and that there are various activities lined up for that day and that he and PDR Jaiyeola Constance are part of the committee. He said the reason why he chose PDR Constance was because she was the DRRE the last time RI president came visiting and that rotaractors will be given 10mins audience with the RI president and within that 10mins, we'll do meaningful thing that portrays Rotaract at large in the district. He said the Rotary District committee wanted us to engage and converse with the RI president but at the same time, they're trying to comply with Covid 19 protocols and as such they won't be able to entertain as many rotaractors as he'll love to. He said about 10 rotaractors would be allowed and at Rotaract level, he has been able to set up a committee who will decide on what gift to present to the RI president and also decide on other officers that'll attend aside him, the IPDR and the DRRE and that he'll work on what topic to speak on which is probably going to be on administration. He said the captain of the president would be there too to represent other presidents.

The Zonal Representative Rtr. Miftaudeen gave update about his plan. He

stated that he structured his plan in such a way that all Rotaract clubs in the Zone will get to host projects which will be hosted by their respective Sponsor clubs. He added that the one at hand is the project of RAC Maryland and that with time, more information will be made available to the District and general public. Rtr. Aremo promised to assist the ZR within his club and the ZRR requested to work with 2 members from the club. Rtr. Jessica said the problem in RAC Ikeja GRA is the president because he doesn't really know much about Rotaract and she has tried all her possible best on him but seems he enjoys Rotary more than Rotaract. Rtr. Mujeeb suggested Rtr. Aremo should be held responsible in reviving the club as he is active at the district level. Rtr. Kunle Akinde also suggested the ZR create a strong committee that will involve the DRR, ADRR, membership chair and the sponsor club to bring back the club on board.

The board chair said he feels the president of RAC Ikeja GRA needs heart to heart talk and he promised to speak with him. The board chair asked the installation chair if report was ready and she said it's almost ready and he told her to get it ready on or before the next board meeting which will be holding at the trek venue.

Membership Seminar;

The chair apologized for coming late and he said the major focus of the program is going to be on learning and that 2 guest speakers would be coming one of which who's going to talk on Rotaract Elevation and the other on how to brand ourselves professionally. He added that there'll be a session on my Rotary, how we can navigate on my Rotary and courses that rotaractors can partake in. He said there'll also be an interactive session with the DRR, where rotaractors can ask him questions on any aspect of Rotary that they do not understand well. He said they were able to get the hall for free with the help of the DRR. He said they got some souvenirs from Revolution plus property and that some of the souvenirs might not go round and that the DRR and other board members should suggest how to share it so as to be fair to all concerned and it was suggested that one of the item, umbrella should be given to those who gets to the venue early enough while others like pen, keyrings and phone holder should be given to all. He said he was able to get response from about 5 clubs he wrote for partnership. The clubs are RAC Maryland, Gbagada South, Orile Iganmu, Lagos Mainland and RAC Lagos. He said all the clubs supported with

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#5000 each except for RAC Maryland that supported with #10,000 and that they'll all get a certificate of partnership at the end of the program.

On induction, he said series of messages were sent out so as to know how many starter kits to get before the day and that only RAC Otta complied to it which means that only rotaractors from RAC Otta would be inducted. Rtr. Miftaudeen said the chair should let the presidents know the benefits of having their members inducted at the district level and as such, we'll have more intending members being inducted. The board chair told the membership chair to send out another message stating that all

presidents who have a prospective members should send their names on or before 12am on Saturday for them to be recognized for induction at the seminar.

Trek;

Rtr. Mujeeb said the chair contacted him that he won't be able to make it down to the meeting due to the weather and that he should stand in for him. He said the trek is scheduled for September 17th and 18th in Otto Awori, he said activities like free Medical check, courtesy visit would be done on the arrival day and that registration is #1500, accommodation #1500 also and single to goes for #6000 for those who wouldn't want to share rooms. He urged

board members to register for the program as this would go a long way in encouraging other members to register as well. The DRR made instant payment for registration while the DA, DT, membership Director and Installation Chairperson promised to pay that night.

On RHFD, the board chair said it'll be holding in Ikenne and that other details would be duly communicated.

The board chair thanked all board members who were present and urged them to keep being supportive. Motion for adjournment was moved by the DA while the DT seconded it. The meeting was called to a close at exactly 7.55pm

ARTICLE, POEMS AND INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

THE FUTURE!

Will I be rich? will I be poor?

These questions we all seek answers for. It is for eyes to see what it holds for us all, male and female, big and small.

Day by day untold events unfold, leading way to the era, in which we were once told.

Leaves us to ponder if we have done enough, to reduce our bother 'bout tommorow of course.

Gently it knocks on the door of our hearts and minds,

to help us prepare and to remind, that don't will be lost and never found, while;with success, some's effort will be crowned.

As in the journey to the future, there might be torture, still, remember, what is sown in tears will be reaped in tears for sure!

Yusuf Boluwatife
Abiodun
RAC Laspotech



A word of encouragement from a teacher to a child can change a life.

A word of encouragement from a spouse can save a marriage. A word of encouragement from a leader can inspire a person to reach her potential. A library is not luxury but one of the necessities of life.

Kassim Taofeekah
Rotaract Club of Lagos
mainland



REINVENTING YOURSELF

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REINVENTION.....What does it intakes?. So many people ends up reinventing themselves wrongly by taking overnight solutions which ends up splitting around. Reinvention is a process of changing someone or something so much that the person\thing seems completely new. According to Nicolas Cole 'Whenever you find something about yourself you want to change,you need to look for a way to reinvent it.

No living things on earth stops growing, all it takes is reinventing. Reinvention makes you see the newer part of yourself. Do you have that issue of bad pushing? tried hard to make something work out but it keeps falling back?look deep, reshape yourself, reinvent every aspects of yourself, find what you really need to trigger what you want. Many people see it as an unconquerable task

to undergo, however it does not have to be difficult. You don't need to try to create a new personality from scratch to invent yourself, the power lies in making maximum advantage[leverage] to e v e r y t h i n g y o u ' v e done , good,bad,successes,failure. " It's essential we continue to grow and change in big or small ways, one day at a time "[Caren Merrick].

Here are some ideas in Reinventing yourself regardless of the circumstances:

Find your starting point,figure out who you are.

Think of your core ideas as your foundation: Laying foundation for the life you want comes in when you define your core values. Which will make you have easier time making decisions.

Free up time and energy to get clear clear on your most important goal.

Know your strength.
Muster your courage.
Set realistic goals.

Upgrade your circle: Tag along with friends that can lift you up. Supportive friends and mentors can guide you through hard situations and keep your goal in perspective.

Take risk.

Manage your finance well.

Remind yourself of your commitment everyday.

Accept failure,learn and resume your journey.

Lamina Boluwatife
Rotaract Club of
Ijebu Ode



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